

# Greater Things



ARTHUR MENNONITE CHURCH MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | JULY 2024

## ARTHUR COMMUNITY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024 RECAP

### Camp Callout: "Whenever I'm afraid, I put my trust in You" Psalm 56:3

Daily Themes: Trust God to... Go With Us - Lead the Way - Share Wisdom - Give Us Peace - Spark Joy  
Mission Project (local): Arthur Legacy of Love Foundation and (global): SIM-Bangladesh Arsenic Project

**Numbers at a glance: Average of 110 Campers & approximately 45-55 volunteers daily  
\$2,004 was raised for Mission Project (50% for local, 50% for global)**

Each morning begins with a fun skit, which featured Lynn Marner & Jared Blaudow this year. Our PreK-3rd graders enjoy crafts, games, story, science, music, and snack/rec each day. Our 4th and 5th grade group walked to Arthur United Methodist where they enjoyed the bible story, devotions, snacks, and games together. Our Jr High group was able to visit Brad-O-Clen and The Great Pumpkin Patch while they heard the Bible Story and devotion along with snacks as well. Our older groups (4th-8th) were able to assemble and deliver Blessing Bags around the community on Thursday, and had a great time with shaving cream wiffle ball on Friday. After reaching the Mission Project Goal after Friday's program, Emily Kauffman, Erica Schrock, and Jared Blaudow were put in a dunk tank which was a highlight for the campers!

### Special Thanks to:

- Arthur Mennonite, Arthur United Methodist, Vine Street Christian, and First Baptist churches and congregations who support this ministry each year
- Arthur United Methodist Church, Vine Steet Christian Church, The Great Pumpkin Patch, and Brad-O-Clen (hosted our older campers)
- Pinnacle Point Graphics (new volunteer shirts) & Crist Termite (sponsored the shirts)
- Rent A Tent (provided dunk tank) and 300+ Performance (sponsored the dunk tank)
- Beth Wiley (coordinated volunteer breakfast each morning)
- Dorothy Kauffman & Michelle Everhart (provided extra cleaning at church daily)
- Arthur Ministerial Association for all of their support to the committee
- The many volunteers who dedicate their time to help with VBS!
- All members of the community that continue to pray and provide for this ministry!

### 2024 VBS Committee

**Cara Blaudow, Tiffany Grimsley,  
Stephanie Hale, Emily Kauffman,  
Ellis Martinez, Arlone Doan,  
Erica Schrock, & Kendra Watkins**

*"The mission of Arthur Community VBS is to bring God's Word to the children & members of our community. By using fun, work, and play, based on a strong foundation in scripture, we aim to teach others about Jesus while building a sense of community in Christ."*

Minister of Discipling & Worship:  
Glen Rhodes

Minister of Outreach:  
Emily Kauffman

**AMC**  
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Minister of Community Life:  
Nancy Kuhns

Minister of Administration:  
Les Helmuth

## UPCOMING - MAKE A NOTE



### JULY 7 - PLAYGROUND & SIGN DEDICATION

Join us after the service and before our fellowship meal as we gather outside to pray over these two new additions to our church property.



### JULY 14 - RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS

We look forward to receiving new members into our church family! If you have been baptized and would like to become a member of AMC, speak with a Ministry Team member.



### AUGUST 4TH - BAPTISM SUNDAY

We're excited to be celebrating many baptisms here at AMC on Sunday, August 4th. If you would like to be baptized (poured) on this day or immersed in the pond on September 8th, speak to a Ministry Team member soon. Invite family and friends to join us for this special morning! Praise God for new lives in Christ!



**Mennonite  
Central  
Committee**



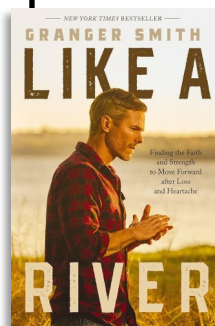
### SCHOOL KITS

Instead of waiting until later in the fall, we will be assembling MCC School Kits before the upcoming Arthur Mennonite Relief Sale. There will be soon be a large tote placed in the church foyer to collect the following items needed. If you are able to help sew the bags, or have any questions, talk to Emily Kauffman.

#### Items Needed (New only)

- 4 spiral or perforated-page notebooks (8.5x11in), approx. 140 pages
- 8 new unsharpened pencils
- 1 ruler (flat, good quality, must indicate 30cm)
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
- 1 large eraser
- 4 new black or blue ballpoint pens
- 1 small all-metal pencil sharpener

## BOOK OF THE MONTH



### Like A River

by Granger Smith

In 2019, country music singer Granger Smith was enjoying an evening with his kids when his youngest son fell into their pool. Granger tried to save him, but River drowned and Granger's world shattered. *Like a River* is a triumphant story of new life birthed out of tragedy and teaches readers how to face failure, confront pain, & connect with God. Find this book, and other great resources, in our foyer book rack!

### JULY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Henry & Amanda Chupp	4th
Denton Marner	5th
Everlynn Yoder	6th
Bob & Cari Plank	7th
DuWayne & Karen Miller	12th
Darrel Gingerich	15th
Cheyenne Miller	16th
Wyatt Herschberger	17th
Jeff & Michelle Snyder	21st
Andy & Nancy Plank	24th
Jeff Marner	24th
Kody Burdick	27th
Seth Gingerich	27th

### FIRST FRUITS

Giving God Our Best

*Stewardship*

**May 26 - \$1,353 | June 2 - \$6,077**

**June 9 - \$840 | June 16 - \$3,086**

**June 23 - \$4,855**

If you would like to give tithes & offerings, please place them in the boxes at the back of the sanctuary or mail your envelope/check to the church at: 710 E Park, Arthur, IL 61911. Please include your envelope so your number can be recorded.