

*Sunday, January 2, 2011*

**Epiphany Sunday**  
**“An Unexpected Hour”**

*“In Him and  
through faith in  
Him we may  
approach God  
with freedom and  
confidence”*

**Ephesians 3:12**



**ARTHUR MENNONITE CHURCH**

*Discipling - Community Life - Outreach - Worship*  
*Spreading the light, peace, love and hope of Jesus Christ*

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# TODAY'S WORSHIP CELEBRATION

10:30 am Sunday

January 2, 2011

We're glad you're here!

If you are a visitor or newcomer this morning we look forward to meeting each of you and invite you back next Sunday.

**Today's Worship Leader:** Levi Yoder

**Song Leader:** Lynn Marner **Message:** Jeff Marner

Prelude singing begins at 10:20

\*indicates those who are able may stand

## GATHERING AS A CHRIST-CENTERED COMMUNITY

\*Gathering: "Salvation Belongs to our God"

Welcome & Congregational Information

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship: "Arise, Shine! For your light has come"

## PRAISING AND WORSHIPING GOD'S NAME

Children's Time

\*With Voices He Has Given Us:

Screen "Revelation Song"

Screen "Holy is the Lord"

Screen "Jesus is Lord of All"

We Worship God by Presenting Tithes and Offerings

Intercessory Prayer: Lamar Miller

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:1-12

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

Theme: An Unexpected Hour: "Be the Sign"

Message: "As a Star"

Prayer of Response

## GOING FORTH IN THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

\*Sending Words & Prayer

\*Sending Song: "Family of God"

**Come forward for prayer following the service. A Pastor will be waiting at the front of the sanctuary to pray with you.**

**Go in the Peace of Christ!**

## OUR VISION AT ARTHUR MENNONITE

By 2012 as followers of Jesus Christ, Arthur Mennonite Church will be committed to holistic discipleship.

*Through our daily lives we will:*

**Honor God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit through worship.**

**Build Relationships with each other in our community life.**

**Share Christ and develop relationships through outreach.**

**Grow in Christ, following His example in God's Word through discipling.**

To these purposes, the spiritual gifts, personal styles and calling of God's people will be valued and utilized and the participation of everyone will be encouraged.

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR

**BEGINS AT 9:30 A.M.**

**Children:** Ages 2-5, Grades 1-5 West Basement

Led by: Gloria Yoder, Rhonda Rhodes, Lyndora Miller, Lanora Gingerich, Martha Otto, Marlene Helmuth, Karen Miller, Dee Kuhns, Kimberly Kauffman and Lelia Miller.

**Jr High:** Grades 6-8 Room 1 East Basement

Led by Cory Kauffman

**Youth:** Grades 9-12 At the Youth House

Led by Lamar and Nadine Miller

**Adult:**

- ▶ "Assuring Hope" Fellowship Hall  
Standard Adult Mennonite Lesson
- ▶ A C.E. class with varying Rooms 5 & 6  
leaders and lessons

### PERSONAL WORSHIP NOTES

Use this space to write down things that encourage you, inspire you, or speak to you during the Worship Celebration!

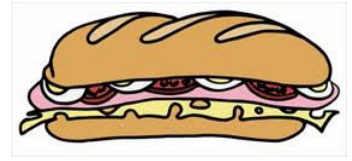


# Discipling Growing in our Relationship with Jesus

## SUPER BOWL SUBS

Taking Orders

The youth group has begun their annual Super Bowl sub sandwich sales. Piled high with meat and cheese, these subs freeze really well and are only \$4.50 each. Lamar has challenged the youth to sell 1000 subs and if they meet their goal he will not only cut his hair extremely short, he will let the youth have a chance with the scissors! Orders will be taken at a table in the foyer the first two Sundays in January so get your order in!



## SPIRITUAL GIFT LISTS

In Boxes

The recently updated Spiritual Gift lists were put in the boxes of GDCC members as well as the ministers and administrators of each commission last Sunday. If you are starting a ministry and would like an idea of who has gifts and passions in those areas please contact the church office and we will be glad to make that list available to you.



## YOUTH BEAT



Steven, Becca, & Courtney enjoying hot chocolate.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Today, January 2nd  
6:00pm Meet at the youth house for table games and convention registration information.

Next Sunday, January, 9th  
No Youth. Enjoy family time.

# KEEPING UP WITH AMC

- Floyd and Marilyn Miller and Ed and Edna Gingerich left for Florida this week.
- Ryan Miller passed his board of review to become an Eagle Scout.
- Carrie Kuhns arrived in South Africa on Thursday.
- Lynn and Andy Marner's granddaughter Avery was visiting this past week from TN along with her parents Jennifer and Scott Hennessee.

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Today Ryli Kauffman  
Wed. Kathy Yoder  
Fri. Esther Yoder

## NO ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

### THANK YOU!

*Thank you for the flowers sent for Mother. She dearly loved the members of the church—young and old. She had so many good memories of her years in the Church. Your kindness and prayers are greatly appreciated.  
~The family of Katie Yoder~*



## Community Life Our Relationships with Each Other


### FELLOWSHIP MEAL

Today

Join us today for the fellowship meal following the service. If you forgot to bring a dish please stay and join us anyway. There is always plenty of food!

### EVERENCE

At AMC  
Tuesday

Greg Liestman from Everence  Everence will be at AMC and available for meetings from 10 am-2 pm this Tuesday, Jan. 4th. If you have questions you can call Greg at 217-897-1417.

### FREecycle

Coming  
Soon

Stay tuned for more details on a community wide “freecycle” event right here in our parking lot. Start thinking of items and looking for ways that we can bless one another and others by giving away unnecessary “stuff.” This event will likely occur in late April.





# Outreach Our Relationships with the World

## MISSION

### PRAYER

Persecution

Pray for an end to the persecution of Christians in Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. Mary Raber of Mennonite Mission Network, who teaches in theological seminaries in the Ukraine, asks that God would give the brothers and sisters there the courage to be faithful.

## PRAYERS

FOR OUR  
WORLD



- ▶ Country of Ivory Coast. On verge of civil war.
- ▶ Missionaries Wayne and Lois Hochstetler.
- ▶ Tensions between North and South Korea.
- ▶ Riobamba Mennonite Church in Ecuador.
- ▶ IMC Congregation: Roanoke Mennonite Church

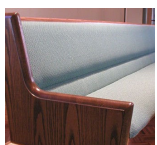


# Administration Developing & Coordinating our Relationships

## MEMORIALS

Katie Yoder

The memorials from Katie Yoder's funeral totaled \$1,180. The family designated these memorial funds go toward the recovering of the AMC pews. This brings the fund total to \$8675.



### Church Pew Fund



## **LAST SUNDAY**

Attendance: Worship—137 No Christian Ed last Sunday

Offering: Total = \$2,568 Budget Needs = \$3,713

## **REMINDERS**

Today's Fellowship Meal: Dick & Sarah Storm / Janice Yoder / Virgil & Sondra Gingerich / Mel Yoder / Verna Yoder

Today's Arthur Home Service: Andy Marner

Visitor of the Week: Bertha Yoder

Nursery Today: Les and Marlene Helmuth

Nursery Next Sunday: Kenny and Erica Schrock

## REMEMBERING IN PRAYER

- ▶ Willis Yoder (Healing from pneumonia)
- ▶ Alma Schrock (Healing, fell and fractured her shoulder)
- ▶ Debby Kauffman (Healing from surgery)
- ▶ Roy Williamson (Cancer treatments)
- ▶ Lucy and Darren Chupp (Health, healing, comfort)
- ▶ Dee Kuhns and family (Step-mother Isabel passed away)
- ▶ Carrie Kuhns (Trip to South Africa)
- ▶ New M. T. and Commissions at AMC as we begin 2011
- ▶ Those in the Arthur Home and Eberhardt Village



## Worship Our Relationship with Jesus

### WONDERFUL COMMITMENT

#### Just Two Examples

Two seniors in our congregation showed wonderful commitment to Christ and His Word in 2010. Katie Ann Yoder read through the entire Bible and Marie Schrock attended nearly every Sunday worship service (all but one!) this past year. Hopefully the dedication of these women can inspire us to be even more committed to the Lord in the year ahead!

### CHRISTMAS DECOR

#### Time to Put Away

Join us on Thursday, Jan. 6th as we pack away the Christmas decorations for another year. We will start “un-decking the halls” at 9 a.m. and any extra help will be greatly appreciated.

### STAYING IN THE WORD THROUGH THE WEEK

The Bible readings for 2011 are listed in the chronological order that they most likely happened in the Bible. This should provide an interesting perspective to your Bible reading for the year.

Jan 3: Gen. 8-11  
Jan 4: Job 1-5  
Jan 5: Job 6-9  
Jan 6: Job 10-13  
Jan 7: Job 14-16  
Jan 8: Job 17-20  
Jan 9: Job 21-23



### **Bible Trivia**

What is the longest book in the Bible?

- A: Psalms      C: Acts  
B: Proverbs    D: Exodus

*Answer: With 150 chapters, Psalms is the longest book in the Bible.*

# CHURCH CALENDAR

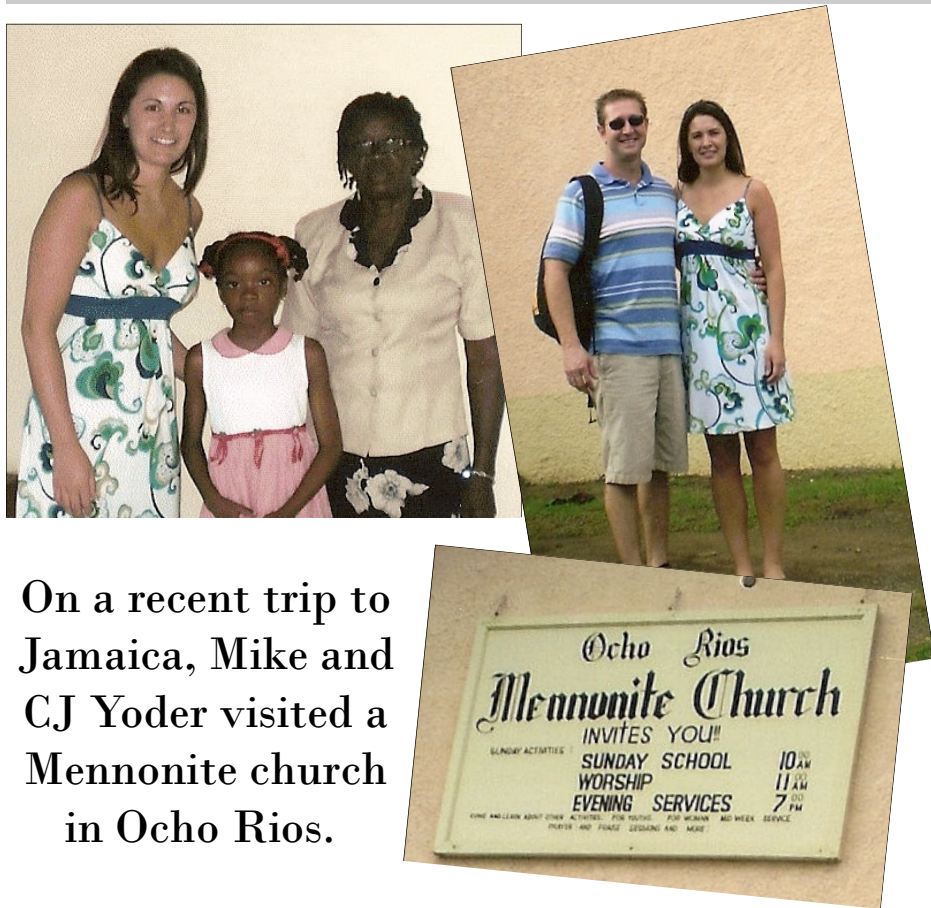
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| Today         | 9:30 am  | Arthur Home Service—Andy     |
|               | Noon     | First Sunday Fellowship Meal |
| Tues., Jan 4  | All Day  | WMSC Quilting                |
|               | 10am-2pm | Everence at AMC              |
| Thurs., Jan 6 | 9:00 am  | Christmas Décor Taken Down   |
| Sun., Jan. 9  | 9:30 am  | Christian Education          |
|               | 10:30 am | Worship Celebration          |

## FUTURE EVENTS

|               |                                          |
|---------------|------------------------------------------|
| January 14-16 | Youth Group Winter Retreat (Menno Haven) |
| January 21-23 | Jr. High Winter Retreat (Menno Haven)    |

## Snapshots of the Week

## JUST FOR FUN



On a recent trip to Jamaica, Mike and CJ Yoder visited a Mennonite church in Ocho Rios.

People are so worried about what they eat between Christmas and the New Year, but they really should be worried about what they eat between the New Year and Christmas.



~ Author Unknown

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