

Sunday, November 28, 2010

**The First Sunday of Advent
"An Unexpected Hour"**

**"Come, O house
of Jacob, let us
walk in the light
of the Lord."**

Isaiah 2:5



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 November 28, 2010

We're glad you're here!

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

Today's Worship Leader: Matt Lane

Song Leader: Dee Kuhns **Message:** Lynn Marner

Prelude singing begins at 10:20

*indicates those who are able may stand

GATHERING AS A CHRIST-CENTERED COMMUNITY

*Gathering Song: "Here I Am to Worship"

Welcome & Congregational Information

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship: "Be Ready"

PRAISING AND WORSHIPING GOD'S NAME

Children's Time

We Worship God by Presenting Tithes and Offerings

*With Voices He Has Given Us:

Blue #124 "O Worship the Lord"

Blue #226 "You Are Salt for the Earth"

Brown #229 "Our God Reigns"

Intercessory Prayer: Lynn Marner

Scripture Readings: Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:42-44

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Message: An Unexpected Hour: Wake From Sleep!

"Don't Hit the Snooze Button!!" Isaiah 2:1-5

Prayer of Response

Song of Response: Brown #465 "In His Time"

GOING FORTH IN THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

*Sending Words & Prayer

*Sending Song: "Amazing Grace" (vs.1,6)

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:

- ▶ "Christian Commitment in Today's World" Fellowship Hall
Standard Adult Mennonite Lesson
- ▶ "That the World May Know" Rooms 5 & 6 East Basement

PERSONAL WORSHIP NOTES

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



Discipling

Developing and Coordinating our Relationships

THE MENNONITE Magazine

We are renewing our group subscription to The Mennonite, a monthly magazine delivered to homes. If you are interested in subscribing please let Melissa know. The cost is \$37 per year. Please make checks payable to AMC.



CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS Thank You!

An enormous thank you goes out to the ladies who decorated the church for the Christmas season. It is a lot of work and we so appreciate all that you have done! Thanks: Nancy, Dorothy, Dory, Pat and Kathy—great job!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING December 5

Our end of year congregational meeting is coming up next week. We will meet in the sanctuary after the first Sunday fellowship meal on Dec. 5th. Because of the addition of the Administration Commission in 2011, we will need to make some minor wording changes to the AMC Constitution. You can view those changes on the table in the foyer or ask to have a copy put in your box. We will vote on this at the congregational meeting.

LAST SUNDAY

Attendance:	Worship—145	Christian Ed—57
Offering:	Total = \$3,002	Budget Needs = \$3,713
Designations:	Pew fund: \$150	
	Alms Fund from Christ the King: \$144	

REMINDERS

Dec. 5th Fellowship Meal: Joe & Lanora Gingerich / Les & Marlene Helmuth / Tom & Linda Glenn
Dec. Homebuilders: Darrel and Janet Gingerich
Dec. 5th Arthur Home Service: Christian Ed. Room #5
Visitor of the Week: Edna Gingerich
Nursery Today: Mike & Kelly Carroll
Nursery Next Sunday: Kenny & Melissa Schrock

KEEPING UP WITH AMC

- Henry Herschberger will be celebrating his 86th birthday on Wednesday!
- Larry & Pat Yoder and family traveled to New York City to celebrate Thanksgiving with Eric and to attend the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.
- Ervin and Nancy Kuhns spent Thanksgiving in Louisiana with Ben and Jess.
- Ryan Miller and Becca Rhodes visited Hesston College in Kansas this weekend as prospective students.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- Mon. DuWayne Miller
- Wed. Henry Herschberger
- Thurs. Jake Chupp
- Fri. Sandy Snyder
- Sat. Tyler Diener

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

- Mon. Delmar & Linda Schrock
- Wed. Ray & Sherrill Shunk



Community Life

Our Relationships with Each Other

JUNIOR HIGH Progressive Dinner

The Junior High group will meet next Sunday at 4:30 pm in the church parking lot to go on a Christmas progressive dinner. Come join the fun!



PATHFINDERS Christmas Party

Pathfinders will meet in the Fellowship Hall for their Christmas party on Friday, December 3rd at 6:30 pm. We will play bingo and have finger foods. Please RSVP to Lyndora Miller.

HOMEBUILDERS To Silvercreek

Homebuilders will be going to Silvercreek Restaurant in Urbana on Saturday, December 4th at 6:30. We will meet at 5:30 to carpool. Please let Darrel or Janet know if you are attending so they can finalize the reservations.



CARE 'N SHARE Christmas Party

Care 'n Share will have a Christmas Party on Friday, Dec. 10th at 6 pm at Gary & Dorothy Kauffman's house. Cost per person is \$15. Please sign up on the Community Life board by Dec. 5th.



Outreach Our Relationships with the World

MMA/ EVERENCE

Name
Change

Mennonite Mutual Aid officially changed its name on November 1 to Everence. The company will continue to provide investment, insurance and stewardship help to Anabaptists and others with a spiritual focus rooted in faith.

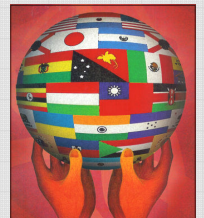
RELIEF SALE 50TH YEAR

Unique Items
Needed

Next year is the 50th year for the Arthur Mennonite Relief sale and we are looking for some unique items to sell at the sale to commemorate the event. Do you have something that was made in 1962 either by yourself or someone else? We believe that everyone has great talent and we want to let your talent shine for the relief sale! Contact Willis & Dee Kuhns or Glen & Amy Diener if you have questions or an item to donate.

PRAYERS FOR OUR WORLD

- ▶ Pray about the situation between North and South Korea.
- ▶ Lift up missionaries Wayne and Lois Hochstetler.
- ▶ Haiti: Cholera outbreak & many other needs.
- ▶ Riobamba Mennonite Church in Ecuador.
- ▶ IMC Congregation: East Bend Mennonite Church



ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE YOUTH HOUSE:

- Bath Towels
- Wash Cloths
- Ice Cream Dipper

Talk to Lamar if you want to provide any of the items listed.

YOUTH BEAT

UPCOMING EVENTS

Christian Education Hour
9:30am Sunday morning
at the youth house.

Today, November 28th
Thanksgiving weekend. Enjoy
the day giving thanks for all
the blessings we enjoy!

Next Sunday, December 5th
6:00pm Devotions and
convention information
discussion.

REMEMBERING IN PRAYER

- ▶ Daniel Miller (returned home from hospital this week)
- ▶ Nim Gray (Community friend battling cancer)
- ▶ Willis & Katie Yoder (health)
- ▶ Bill Oye (Duane's brother who had a stroke recently)
- ▶ Those traveling over Thanksgiving (safety)
- ▶ Paul and Nadine Ryherd (health and strength)
- ▶ Those in the Arthur Home and Eberhardt Village



Worship

Our Relationship with Jesus

POINSETTIEAS

Sign Up!



If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in the memory of a loved one or simply to beautify the sanctuary for the holiday season you can sign up now through Dec. 12th on the Community Life board. They are \$12. Please put your check in the secretary's box. They can be taken home on December 19th.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

December 12

Come join us on Sunday evening, December 5 at 5:00 pm to go caroling. We plan to sing around Arthur & at the Arthur Home. Help be a blessing and spread the Christmas message.

GDCC

Responses

The Gift Discernment Coordinating Committee is pleased to announce that 61 response forms were returned and 100% affirmed the AMC Commission callings for 2011.

STAYING IN THE WORD THROUGH THE WEEK

Nov 29: Ezek 35-36; 2 Pet 1

Nov 30: Ezek 37-39; 2 Pet 2

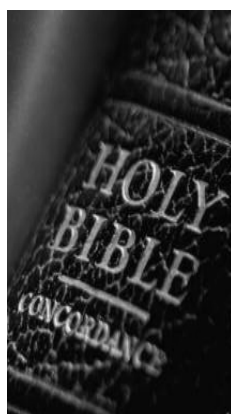
Dec 1: Ezek 40-41; 2 Pet 3

Dec 2: Ezek 42-44; 1 John 1

Dec 3: Ezek 45-46; 1 John 2

Dec 4: Ezek 47-48; 1 John 3

Dec 5: Dan 1-2; 1 John 4



DECEMBER 5TH

WORSHIP CELEBRATION:

“The Fruit of Repentance”

Main Scripture: Matthew 3:1-12

Others: Isaiah 11:1-10

Romans 15:4-7

CHURCH CALENDAR

Today First Sunday of Advent
 Tues., Nov. 30 4:00 pm Ministry Team Meeting
 Fri., Dec. 3 5:30 pm Pathfinders—Fellowship Hall
 Sat., Dec. 4 5:30 pm Homebuilders to Silvercreek
 Sun., Dec. 5 9:30 am Arthur Home Service—C.E. Room 5
 9:30 am Christian Education
 10:30 am Worship Celebration (Advent 2)
 Noon Carry-in Fellowship Meal
 1:00 pm Congregational Meeting—Sanctuary
 4:30 pm Junior High Progressive Dinner

FUTURE EVENTS

December 12 Christmas Caroling
 December 19 Christmas Program

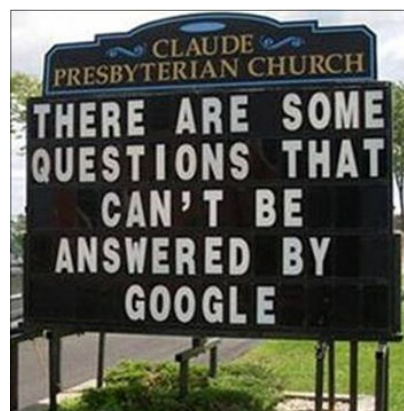
Snapshot of the Week

JUST FOR FUN



Larry Yoder gave Glen Rhodes a ride on his solar powered “green machine” after the lighted Christmas parade last Saturday.

*Spread out your petition
 before God, and then say,
 “Thy will, not mine, be done.”*
 - D.L. Moody



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