

CELEBRATE
THE REASON



TODAY'S WORSHIP CELEBRATION

10:00 am Sunday December 26, 2010

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: Willis Kuhns

Song Leader: Lynn Marner **Message:** Glen Rhodes

Prelude singing begins at 9:50

*indicates those who are able may stand

GATHERING AS A CHRIST-CENTERED COMMUNITY

*Gathering: Brown #131 (v.1,2) "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

Christmas Video: The Author Speaks in Many Languages

Welcome & Congregational Information

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship: "The Christ Child is Born"

PRAISING AND WORSHIPING GOD'S NAME

Children's Time

Scripture Reading: Matthew 1:18-25

Lighting of the Christ Candle

* Brown #132 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

* Brown #134 "Emmanuel"

Song of Worship: Rebecca Rhodes

We Worship God by Presenting Tithes and Offerings

Intercessory Prayer: Lynn Marner

Scripture Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

* Blue #189 "To Us a Child of Hope is Born"

* Blue #212 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Theme: An Unexpected Hour: "Weep and Rejoice"

Message: "The Author is Born" Matthew 2:13-23

Prayer of Response

Song of Response: "Joy to the World"

GOING FORTH IN THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

*Sending Words & Prayer

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.

NO CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TODAY

CLASSES WILL RESUME NEXT SUNDAY 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!



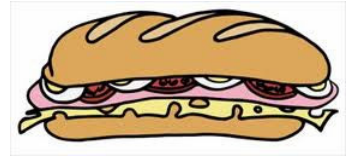
Discipling

Developing and Coordinating our Relationships

SUPER BOWL SUBS

Youth Taking
Orders Now

The youth group has begun the annual Super Bowl sub sandwich sales. The cost of each great tasting sub is \$4.50. Once again Lamar has challenged them to sell 1000 subs. If the goal is reached, Lamar will cut his hair extremely short and each youth will have the opportunity to use scissors for one cut!



NEXT SUNDAY

Fellowship Meal
and Back to
Normal Times

Next Sunday, January 2 we will return to our normal times for Sunday School, Christian Ed. and worship. Please remember that next week is a First Sunday Fellowship Meal. Bring a dish to share and stay for wonderful food and fellowship to help ring in the new year.



Church Pew Fund



LAST SUNDAY

Attendance: Worship—140 Christian Ed—55

Offering: Total = \$2,803 Budget Needs = \$3,713

Designations: Pew Fund = \$700 Funeral Dinners = \$35

REMINDERS

Jan. 2nd Fellowship Meal: Dick & Sarah Storm / Janice Yoder /
Virgil & Sondra Gingerich / Mel Yoder /
Verna Yoder

Jan. 2nd Arthur Home Service: Andy Marner

Visitor of the Week: Maranna Chupp

Nursery Today: Joe and Lanora Gingerich

Nursery Next Sunday: Les and Marlene Helmuth

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

KEEPING UP WITH AMC

- Glen Rhodes and family will be in New Mexico visiting family this week. Please contact other M.T. members if needed.
- On Tuesday Jake & Maranna Chupp will have been married 52 years. Congratulations! Jake and Maranna left for Florida Wednesday.
- A thank you note from an Amish couple (Milt and Edna Fern) is posted on the C.L. board. Thank you for giving rides!

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Wed. Larry Yoder
Lela Reynolds
Fri. Vernon Chupp



ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Mon. Cory & Emily Kauffman
Mon. Ervin & Nancy Kuhns
Mon. Jake & Maranna Chupp
Tues. Vernon & Irlene Chupp
Thurs. Floyd & Marilyn Miller



Community Life Our Relationships with Each Other

WINTER RETREATS

January

Attention Youth! It's time to start thinking about the winter retreats at camp Menno Haven. The High School youth group will be going January 14-16 and the Junior High group will be going January 21-23. Youth please see Lamar Miller this week to sign up!



BREAKFAST CLUB

Mtg. in January

The Breakfast Club will not meet on Dec. 28th as originally scheduled. Instead they will begin meeting again on Jan. 11th.

FREecycle

Coming Soon
to a Village
Near You

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 is likely to occur sometime in late April.



Outreach Our Relationships with the World

POINSETTIAS

Take Home Today!



If you purchased a poinsettia in memory of a loved one you can take them home today. If you have not yet paid for your poinsettia please put \$12 in the secretary's mailbox. Thank You for helping beautify our sanctuary for the Christmas season!

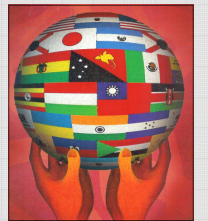
MISSION PRAYER

The Kingsleys

Gretchen and Keith Kingsley of Mennonite Mission Network are preparing to leave the Argentine Chaco in April, after living among indigenous people there for the past 13 years. Pray for them in this time of transition, and pray that God would call others to walk alongside these Christian brothers and sisters.

PRAYERS FOR OUR WORLD

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Today, December 26th
No youth. Celebrate the
birth of our Savior.

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

YOUTH BEAT

REMEMBERING IN PRAYER

- ▶ Willis Yoder (Was in hospital this week with pneumonia)
- ▶ Debby Kauffman (Healing from surgery this past week)
- ▶ Roy Williamson (Cancer treatments)
- ▶ Nancy Kuhns family (Aunt passed away)
- ▶ Lucy and Darren Chupp (Health, healing, comfort)
- ▶ Crowl family in Ivesdale (Shooting)
- ▶ Carrie Kuhns (Trip to South Africa)
- ▶ Those in the Arthur Home and Eberhardt Village



Worship

Our Relationship with Jesus

THANK YOU FROM LYNN MARNER

A heartfelt thanks to my church family for your support and votes of confidence for the last 6 1/2 years I've served on the ministry team. I can definitely say that we are in good hands and have placed spirit-filled individuals in leadership positions. God is in control and leading us into the New Year!

Thanks also for the Las Cazuela's gift certificate, or should I say "Gracias!" Our Friday night dates are financed for quite some time! The lamp is something I will always cherish as a reminder of God's sustaining, continuous light of love and peace.

May the Lord bless our church family in 2011!

STAYING IN THE WORD THROUGH THE WEEK

If you are reading through the Bible in 2011 we are going to list the texts in a different order. They will be listed in the chronological order that they most likely happened in the Bible. This should provide an interesting perspective to your Bible reading in 2011

Dec 27: Zech 1-4; Rev 18

Dec 28: Zech 5-8; Rev 19

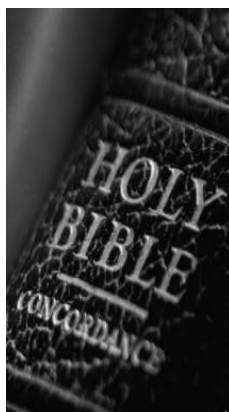
Dec 29: Zech 9-12; Rev 20

Dec 30: Zech 13-14; Rev 21

Dec 31: Malachi; Rev 22

Jan 1: Gen. 1-3

Jan 2: Gen. 4-7



JANUARY 2ND

WORSHIP CELEBRATION:

Message Title:

"As a Star"

Scriptures:

Isaiah 60:1-6

Ephesians 3:1-12

CHURCH CALENDAR

Today No Christian Education
10:00 am Christmas Worship Celebration
 Sun., Jan. 2 9:30 am Arthur Home Service—Andy
 9:30 am Christian Education
 10:30 am Worship Celebration
 Noon First Sunday Fellowship Meal

FUTURE EVENTS

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

JUST FOR FUN

Good resolutions are simply checks that men draw on a bank where they have no account.

Oscar Wilde

Now there are more overweight people in America than average-weight people. So overweight people are now average, which means, you have met your New Year's resolution.

Jay Leno

Snapshot of the Week



Marlon and Sandy Miller shared a beautiful song at the Christmas program last Sunday night.

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