

Sunday, March 7, 2010

To Seek & Call Upon the Lord

*Seek the LORD
while he may
be found; call
on him while
he is near.
Isaiah 55:6*



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 March 7, 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: Nancy Kuhns

Song Leader: Dee Kuhns **Message:** Glen Rhodes

Prelude singing begins at 10:20

*indicates those who are able may stand

GATHERING AS A CHRIST-CENTERED COMMUNITY

*Gathering Song: "We Bring A Sacrifice of Praise"

Welcome & Prayer

Congregational Information

Call To Worship: "His Holy Purpose"

PRAISING AND WORSHIPING GOD'S NAME

Children's Time

Scripture Reading: Psalm 63:1-8; Ephesians 3:14-21

We Worship God by Presenting Tithes & Offerings

*With Voices He Has Given Us:

Screen "Seek Ye First"

Screen "All Who Are Thirsty"

Blue #151 "Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord"

Intercessory Prayer: Jeff Marner

Song of Worship: "All The World" Erica Schrock & Nadine Miller

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Message: "To Seek and Call Upon The Lord" Isaiah 55:1-9

Prayer of Response

*Song of Response: "Lord, Listen to your children praying"

GOING FORTH IN THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

*Sending Words and Prayer

*Sending Song: "This Little Light of Mine"

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 1-6

—In the West basement.

Led by: Gloria Yoder, Rhonda Rhodes, Amy Diener, Karen Miller, Lyndora Miller, Lanora Gingerich, Marlene Helmuth, and Martha Otto

Youth Grades 7-12 at the Youth House.

Led by Lamar & Nadine Miller

Adult:

▶ “Christ, The Fulfillment” Standard adult Mennonite Sunday School Lesson

—In the Fellowship Hall

▶ “The Gospel of Matthew”

—In Rooms 5 & 6 in the 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

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Next Sunday
at 6:00 pm

Many things will be discussed at this meeting from mission trips to the church van to the pew coverings in the sanctuary and more. Plan to come and be a part of what is happening at AMC. The Community Life commission will be the focus Commission and we will have a finger food fellowship time following the meeting.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Date Set

The Bible School Committee has started meeting to prepare for this summers community Bible School. It will be held at AMC again this year. The dates are June 7-11 so mark your calendars!

PRAYER CHAIN CALLS

Are voice
activated

Please note: When you receive a prayer chain call you must say “hello” in order to activate the message. If you have not received prayer chain calls in the last two weeks and would like to be added to the list please email or call the church office and we will gladly add you to the list.



LAST SUNDAY

Attendance: Worship—182 / Christian Education—58

Offering: Total=\$2,098 Budget Needs=\$3,713

Love Offering for Holy Hands: \$931

REMINDERS

March 28 Fellowship Meal: Mike & Kelly Carroll / Kevin & Lyndora Miller /

March Homebuilders: Ervin & Nancy Kuhns

Visitor of the Week: Josephine Marner

Nursery Today: Natalie Miller & Adriene Lane

Nursery Next Sunday: Joe & Lanora Gingerich

KEEPING UP WITH AMC

- ▶ Congrats to Mike Yoder and Cynthia Miller who were married at AMC yesterday!
- ▶ Floyd & Marilyn Miller, Cliff & Kathy Yoder, and Levi and Gloria Yoder have all returned from Florida.
- ▶ Junior and Judy Beachey celebrated their 50th anniversary yesterday.
- ▶ Les Helmuth has started working at Das Holz Haus Cabinet shop.
- ▶ Ed Gingerich is still in ICU at DMH. His condition is improving.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

Today Gary Kauffman
Friday Erin Schrock

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:

Today Paul & Sarah Kuhns
Wed. Kenny & Erica Schrock

We would like to thank everyone for their prayers, for all the food that was brought in, the gifts and the rose. It was greatly appreciated. May God bless you.

- Les, Marlene, Alexis, and Grant Helmuth



Community Life Our Relationships with Each Other

ILLINOIS CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY

April 9-11

The annual Illinois conference assembly will be held at Living Love Ministries in East Peoria this year. The theme of the conference is “How beautiful are the feet of those that bring good news.” If you would like to attend please see Glen Rhodes for more info.



EBERHARDT VILLAGE

Community
Events

Eberhardt Village has a wellness group that meets every Wednesday and Friday at 10 am. This group is open to the public. They are also holding their annual health fair on April 19th from 10 am to 2 pm. You can get a free check up and blood pressure check as well as talk to many health professionals during the fair.



Outreach Our Relationships with the World

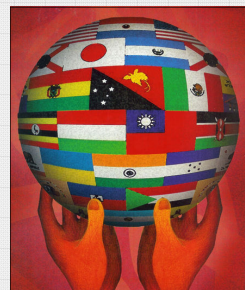
THANK YOU!

From
Mennonite
Central
Committee

MCC Great Lakes is extremely grateful to each of you who have contributed to MCC in the past few months. Thanks to your generous support, nearly \$11 million has been raised for immediate and long-term relief and development efforts following the earthquake in Haiti. We offer a sincere “thank you” for entrusting your resources and prayer support to MCC. We appreciate your support as we continue to work locally and around the world in the name of Christ.

PRAYERS FOR OUR WORLD

- ▶ Remember the countries of Chile and Haiti, the people, & those helping with the recovery.
- ▶ Pray for our supported missionaries. The Hochstetlers in England and The Rheinheimers in Ecuador. Lift up all those in mission work.
- ▶ Lift up the Iraqi elections and the war in Afghanistan.
- ▶ Remember to pray for Illinois Conference and Chuck Neufeld.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Christian Education Hour
9:30 am in the youth house.
Scripture Study

Today, March 7th
No Youth. Rest after last
night's Broomball game with
Eastbend & First Mennonite.

Next Saturday, March 14th
No youth. Congregational
meeting at 6:00pm.

YOUTH BEAT



REMEMBERING IN PRAYER

- ▶ Les and Marlene Helmuth family (New baby)
- ▶ Sondra Gallinger (Shoulder surgery last Tuesday)
- ▶ Reuben Yoder (failing health)
- ▶ Ed Gingerich (Still recovering in ICU from heart surgery)
- ▶ Beverly Alwerdt (Janet Gingerich's mother, health)
- ▶ Bible School Committee (planning summer VBS)
- ▶ Preparations for AMC mission trips this summer
- ▶ Those in the Arthur Home, Eberhardt Village & Gowin Parc



Worship

Our Relationship with Jesus

NURSING HOME

1st Sunday of the month schedule

The Worship Commission has prepared a schedule for the Nursing Home's first Sunday of the month service. The schedule is posted on the Worship Comm. bulletin board at the back of the sanctuary. It includes Christian ed classes individuals, and other groups. Thank you to everyone who is participating in this ministry.

HOW DO YOU PRAY?

"It is a good thing to let prayer be the first business in the morning and the last in the evening. Guard yourself against false and deceitful thoughts that keep whispering: Wait a while. In an hour or so I will pray. I must first finish this or that."

~Martin Luther, in a 40 page letter to his barber who asked, "How do you pray?"~

STAYING IN THE WORD THROUGH THE WEEK

Mar 9: Deut 7-9; Mark 11:19-33
 Mar 10: Deut 10-12; Mark 12:1-27
 Mar 11: Deut 13-15; Mark 12:28-44
 Mar 12: Deut 16-18; Mark 13:1-20
 Mar 13: Deut 19-21; Mark 13:21-37
 Mar 14: Deut 22-24; Mark 14:1-26
 Mar 15: Deut 25-27; Mark 14:27-53



SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR THE MARCH 14TH WORSHIP CELEBRATION

Main Text:

Luke 15:11-32

Others:

Psalm 32;

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

CHURCH CALENDAR

Monday, Mar. 8th 7:00 pm Discipling Comm. meeting
 Tuesday, Mar. 9th 8:15 am Breakfast Club L.G. at Yoders
 Thurs., Mar. 11th 2:00 pm Prayer Shawl Life Group
 Sunday, Mar. 14th 9:30 am Christian Ed. for all ages
 10:30 am Worship Celebration
 6:00 pm Congregational Meeting

FUTURE EVENTS

March 18 Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS)
 March 28 Fellowship Meal and Guatemala Sharing

JUST FOR FUN

Snapshot of the Week



Larry Yoder and his son Curt were participants in the Pinecraft (Florida) Christmas Parade in December.

- ▶ Months that begin on a Sunday will always have a "Friday the 13th."
- ▶ Coca-Cola would be green if coloring weren't added to it.
- ▶ Honey is the only food that does not spoil. Honey found in the tombs of Egyptian pharaohs has been tasted by archaeologists and found edible.



We should live our lives as though Christ was coming this afternoon.
 ~Jimmy Carter~

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