

**DECEMBER 4, 2022**

*2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT*

# PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD

**AMC**  
arthur mennonite church

By 2027, Arthur Mennonite Church will become a community of children and adults who build deeper relationships with each other.

**AMC'S VISION**  
**NURTURE THE**  
**FUTURE CHURCH**

We will guide our children to learn God's Word and know Jesus personally. Opportunities for the spiritual growth of all ages will be provided as we boldly share God's love to the world.

# Welcome to AMC!

**Are you a first time guest? We're glad you're here!**  
Nursery is available for children ages 5 and under. Buddy bags for older children are available in the foyer at the back of the sanctuary.

## GET CONNECTED



arthurmennonite.org  
arthurmennonite@gmail.com



## CONTACT US

### MINISTERS

All of Jesus' Followers here at AMC

### ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Erica Schrock

### MINISTRY TEAM

Glen Rhodes (Team Leader):

*Discipling & Worship*

Jeff Marner: *Administration & Youth*

Nancy Kuhns: *Community Life*

Emily Kauffman: *Outreach*

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## GET INVOLVED

### CHRISTIAN ED. CLASSES 9:30 A.M. EACH SUNDAY

#### ADULTS

#### FELLOWSHIP HALL

*God's Exceptional Choice*

#### PRIMARY KIDS (AGE 2—GRADE 5)

#### WEST BASEMENT

*Gospel Light*

#### JR HIGH YOUTH (GRADES 6-8)

#### YOUTH HOUSE

*Knowing Jesus, Trusting God*

#### HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH (GRADES 9-12)

#### YOUTH HOUSE

*Explore: Micah*

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### YOUTH GATHERINGS

#### JUNIOR HIGH

*No gathering today*

*Next meeting: Dec. 11th*

#### HIGH SCHOOL

*Today at 7:00pm*

*at Youth House*

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**ASK ABOUT LIFE GROUPS!**

# TODAY'S MESSAGE

“Prepare The Way” Romans 15:1-7

Glen Rhodes, Minister of Discipling & Worship

## Today's Worship Service

Join us on-site or on Facebook Live  
starting at 10:25am

### Songs of Praise and Worship

Waymaker

Build Your Kingdom Here

#### Call To Worship

\*To God Be the Glory (BR66)

\*My Jesus, I Love Thee (BR364)

\*Through Christ In Me

### Welcome & Announcements

#### Opening Prayer

### Candle Lighting & Response

2nd Sunday of Advent

### Tithes & Offering Prayer

#### Children's Time

### Scripture Readings

Isaiah 11:1-9 | Matthew 3:1-6

#### \*Intercessory Prayer

#### Video

Advent Prayer of Peace

#### Message

### Sending Song

God of Grace and God of Glory  
(BL366 v1,4)

### Closing Prayer

A Ministry Team member will be at the front of  
the church for prayer following the service!

## LAST SUNDAY

### Attendance

Worship Celebration	87
Christian Education	21

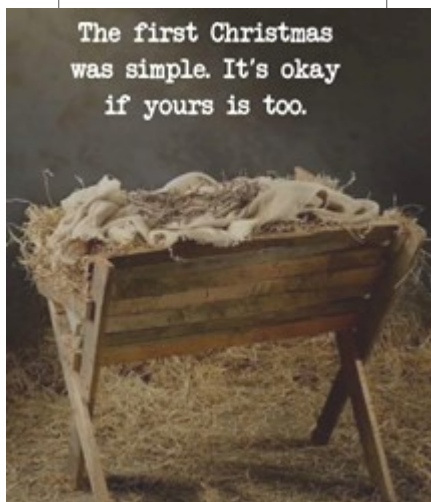
### Offering

Total Offering Dec 4	\$1,150
*General Fund - \$750	
*AFD Food/Toy Drive - \$400	
2022 Weekly Goal	\$4,719
*Budget Progress YTD	+5.3%

Tithes & Offerings can be placed in the  
boxes at the back of the Sanctuary or  
online through the church app/website.

## JUST A REMINDER

The first Christmas  
was simple. It's okay  
if yours is too.



## CHURCH & COMMUNITY

- Tony Pearsall (continued healing)
- Marie Schrock (healing and strength)
- Jory & Natalie B. (expecting 2nd child soon)
- Garrett Yoder (health, breathing issues)
- Jacque L. and family (mother passed away)
- Floyd Bontrager (surgery, healing)
- Esther Yoder (Arthur Home)
- Dee Kuhns (Carriage Crossing in Arcola)

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### NATION & WORLD

- Mauna Loa volcano eruption in Hawaii
- World Cup soccer in Qatar (issues)
- violence in our communities & country
- families of students killed in VA & ID
- peace between Ukraine & Russia
- Ukraine refugees fleeing the country
- AMC supported Missionaries

# CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



**THIS  
WEEK**

TODAY	MONDAY	WEDNESDAY	NEXT SUNDAY
9:30am: AMC Congregational Meeting 10:30am: Worship *2nd Sunday of Advent Noon: First Sunday Fellowship Meal 7:00pm: HSYouth	4:45pm: Ministry Team Meeting	5:00pm: Worship Comm Meeting	9:30am: CE Classes 10:30am: Worship *3rd Sunday of Advent 3:00pm: JRYouth 5:00pm Legacy Christmas Gathering 7:00pm: HSYouth
		THURSDAY	
		5:30pm: Care N Share Christmas	

## Second Sunday of Advent Today

Today is the Second Sunday of Advent as we continue our journey through the Advent season to the glorious birth of our Savior at Christmas. Our theme this year is "Restoration Is Near!" Restore us, O God: Let your face shine, that we may be saved. Each Sunday, we'll have a special time to light the Advent candles during the worship service.

## Poinsettia Sign Up Sheet

You can sign up for a poinsettia to decorate the sanctuary and foyer this Christmas. These can be in memory of a loved one, or you can get one to take home after the Christmas service on Dec. 25. These are \$15 each. Please put your money with name in the treasurer's box.

## Care n Share Christmas Dinner

The Care n Share Christmas Dinner will be held on Thursday, Dec. 8 at 5:30pm at the home of Marion & Roseanna Miller. Cost of the meal will be \$20 per person. The sign up sheet is posted on the foyer bulletin board. Talk to Judy B, Bernadine Y, Edna G, or Faye O for more information.

## Partnering with AFD Food/Toy Drive

Outreach Commission is partnering with the local fireman to help with their food and toy drive. The firemen indicated they are lacking the following: cash to purchase gift cards for kids 10yrs+, specific food items, Kleenex boxes, toilet paper, and paper towels. A full list was put in each church mailbox and on the foyer bulletin board. Donations can be placed in the tote in the foyer, and are needed by Dec. 11. Ask Emily Kauffman for more information.

## Cong. Meeting & Fellowship Meal

Today we will have our final 2022 congregational meeting during CE time at 9:30am. All commissions will be reporting, and we will be affirming the 2023 AMC Budget and GDCC callings. We will also be having our First Sunday Fellowship Meal after the service. If you forgot a dish to share, stay and join us; there's always plenty for everyone!

## 2022 AMC Christmas Program

Join us on Sunday, Dec. 18 at 6pm for our Christmas program titled "Christmas Road Trip". Invite family and friends to join us, and stay for carry-in finger foods and fellowship following the program. We look forward to this special evening!

## Christmas Sunday Service

This year, Christmas Sunday falls on December 25th. We will begin the worship celebration at 10:00am with our worship songs. There will be no CE classes prior to the service. We anticipate a wonderful morning of worshiping Jesus, the newborn King. We hope you will invite your family and friends to join us for this special day!

## RE M I N D E R S

### Fellowship Meal Helpers Today:

Delmar & Linda S, Jory & Natalie B, Ed & Joanna Y, Winnie Caskey

### Life Group Organizers for December:

**Pathfinders:** Parent's Night Out

**Legacy:** Andy & Lynn M.

**Homebuilders:** Sandy & Karen

**Care 'n Share (December):**

Junior & Judy B, Ed & Edna G, Bernadine Y, Faye O

### Nursery:

**Today:** Jackie C & Harold Y

**Next Sunday:** Kendra & Zeb H