

DECEMBER 1, 2024
1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Advent

A SEASON OF EXPECTATION.

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



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CONTACT US

MINISTERS

All of Jesus' Followers here at AMC

MINISTRY TEAM

Glen Rhodes (Team Leader):

Discipling & Worship

Nancy Kuhns: *Community Life*

Emily Kauffman: *Outreach*

Les Helmuth: *Administration*

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

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GET
INVOLVED

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

ADULTS - FELLOWSHIP HALL

John Walsh - Christian Storytelling

PRIMARY KIDS (AGE 2—GRADE 5)

WEST BASEMENT (*Gospel Light*)

JR HIGH YOUTH (Grades 6-8) AND
HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH (Grades 9-12)

AT YOUTH HOUSE (*Acts 1-12*)

ASK ABOUT LIFE GROUPS!

JOIN ONE AND GET CONNECTED!

AMC YOUTH GROUP
JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Youth: Next Sunday, Dec. 8

3:30-5:45pm at AMC/Youth House

The youth will start in the church kitchen/fellowship hall to enjoy putting together their own yummy snack mix. They will finish up at the youth house with fun and games. Sponsors are Joe & Lanora Gingerich, Joe D. Gingerich, and Emma Schrock

Christian Ed. @ the Youth House
Sunday's at 9:30am with Cory & Emily

TODAY'S MESSAGE

"The Entire Christmas Story Simply Told"

Gospels of Matthew & Luke

John Walsh, Christian Storyteller

Today's Worship Service

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

Songs of Praise and Worship

You Are the Salt of the Earth (BL226)

God Is For Us

*Call To Worship

*He Calls Me Friend

*The Love of God (BR67)

*Holy Spirit You Are Welcome Here

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of Advent Candle

Opening Prayer

Children's Time

Tithes & Offerings Prayer

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 9:6-7 | Jeremiah 23:5-6

Prayers of Confession, Repentance & Intercession

Message

Sending Prayer

LAST SUNDAY

Attendance

*no services held at AMC last week due to community service

Offering

Total Offering - Nov. 24

*none given due to AMA Community Thanksgiving Service at Penn Station

2024 Weekly Goal \$4,911

Budget Goal YTD - 3.7%

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

AMC SNAPSHOT



The Legacy Fellowship Group recently enjoyed a meal at Bob and Cari Plank's and celebrated Jacque Lane's birthday

CHURCH & COMMUNITY

- Maria Yoder (good test results, cont. healing)
- Delmar Schrock (work injury, healing)
- Ronnie Olivero (shoulder surg, healing)
- Darrel Gingerich (healing, ankle surgery)
- Vera Yoder (healing from shoulder surgery)
- Lamar Miller (prost. cancer, surgery Dec. 26)
- Gloria Yoder (knee replace surgery, healing)
- Peter Kauffman (amp. below knee, healing)
- Andrea Patton (cyst on brain, healing)
- Ray Shonk (Katrina Taylor's father, spot on lung, biopsy, healing)
- Ken Bunker (cancer, chemo, healing)
- Ed Gingerich (Eberhardt Village)
- Esther Yoder (Arthur Home)

NATION & WORLD

- Safe travels over the holidays
- True Meaning of Christmas
- AMC supported Missionaries
- Revival & people turning back to God
- Lost & unreached in our world
- Tensions in the Middle East
- Wars in Israel, Gaza, Lebanon
- War between Russia & Ukraine (Peace)

PRAYER REQUESTS

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



**THIS
WEEK**

TODAY <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i> 9:30am: C.E. Classes 10:30am: Worship 11:30am: Fellowship Meal	MONDAY 7pm: GDCC Meeting	NEXT SUNDAY <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i> 9:30am: C.E. Classes 10:30am: Worship Message: Sam Miller 6pm: AMC Cong. Meeting
	TUESDAY 5:30pm: Worship Comm. Meeting 7pm: Ministry Team Meeting	
	WEDNESDAY 6:30pm: Explore Life Group	

Welcome to John Walsh Today

Christian storyteller, John Walsh, is joining us today to lead our CE Class and then be telling the entire Christmas story in story form from the Gospel accounts during worship. We look forward to this unique message!

First Fellowship Meal Today

Stay for our fellowship meal after our worship service today, even if you forgot to bring a dish to share. There is always plenty of food and great conversation for everyone!

GDCC Letters & Response Forms

The AMC Gift Discernment Coordinating Committee put a letter with the proposed church commission slate for 2025 a few weeks ago. Please return the response forms about this to the box in the foyer by today.

GDCC has also placed a letter in boxes this week regarding the Youth & Family Life position here at AMC. Please return those response forms to the box in the foyer by Sunday, Dec. 15.

Cong. Meeting Next Sunday Night

Join us next Sunday evening, Dec. 8 at 6:00pm for our final Cong. Meeting of 2024. We will discuss many important items at this meeting including the proposed 2025 Commission callings, budget, and a GDCC report and discussion on the Youth & Family Life position here at AMC. Join us! No food following the meeting.

Care and Share Christmas Dinner

A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board for the Care and Share Christmas dinner. This will be held at Barb Hochstedler's on December 19 at 5:00pm. Speak with Gloria Yoder if you have questions.

Christmas Poinsettias Sign Ups

Sign ups for Christmas poinsettias continues today on the bulletin board. They'll be \$16 each and will be red flowers with red ribbon & silver foil. These can be in memory of a loved one, or just to help beautify the church for Christmas. Please put your money with name in the treasurer's box. Orders & money are due next Sunday.

AMC Christmas Program - Dec. 15

Invite family and friends to our upcoming Christmas Program titled "The Wish" on Sunday, December 15 starting at 6pm. We will have a carry-in finger food fellowship after the program, so please bring extra for our guests. We look forward to this special evening!

AMC Christmas Caroling - Dec. 18

No, you don't need any special talent to join the caroling group on Wednesday, Dec. 18. Meet at the church at 5:45pm and be ready to share the birth of Jesus through songs and smiles! All ages are welcome to join in!

AMC Christmas Sunday - Dec. 22

We look forward to this special Sunday celebration! Our CE classes and worship service will begin at normal times. Invite your loved ones to join us!

DECEMBER REMINDERS

Fellowship Meal Helpers Today:

Debby K, Henry & Amanda C, Vera Y, Joe & Lanora G, Mike & Katrina T.

Pathfinders: TBD

Legacy: Lamar & Nadine M.

Homebuilders: Cliff & Kathy Y.

Care and Share: Floyd & Anna Mary B, Levi & Gloria Y, Willis K.

Nursery Today: Jory & Natalie B.

Next Sunday: Michael & Brittnay Y.