

DECEMBER 15, 2024  
3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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COME  
*Emmanuel*



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

Erica Schrock

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GET  
INVOLVED

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

**ADULTS - FELLOWSHIP HALL**

*A King Forever and Ever*

**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*)

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**ASK ABOUT LIFE GROUPS!**  
**JOIN ONE AND GET CONNECTED!**

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**AMC YOUTH GROUP INFO.**  
**JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL**

**Next Gathering: Dec. 22 | 4-8pm**  
**Youth Christmas Party**  
**at Cory & Emily Kauffman's**

The youth will begin with a Gingerbread House contest, followed by a winter gnome craft. Pizza will arrive at 5:30pm with an ice cream sundae bar to follow.

There will also be fun games, including gifts for each youth attendee. Please RSVP soon to make sure the sponsors have an accurate count for gifts and food.

Sponsors: Cory & Emily Kauffman  
Kenny & Erica Schrock

# TODAY'S MESSAGE

## "Christmas Proclaimed" Isaiah 53

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

O Little Town of Bethlehem (BR141 v.1,3,4)

The First Noel (BR136 v.1,2,5,6)

#### \*Call To Worship

\*Angels We Have Heard On High (BR132)

\*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (BR133)

\*Away In a Manger (BR157)

#### Welcome & Announcements

#### Lighting of Advent Candles

#### Opening Prayer

#### Song of Worship

The Night Song

#### Tithes & Offerings Prayer

#### Scripture Readings

Isaiah 7:14; Jeremiah 23:5-6

Malachi 3:1; Micah 5:2-4

#### Prayers of Confession, Repentance & Intercession

#### Message

#### Prayer of Response

#### Sending Song

O Come, O Come Emmanuel (BR123)

## LAST SUNDAY

#### Attendance

Worship Celebration 111

C.E. Classes 42

#### Offering

Total Offering - Dec. 8 \$17,039

\*all for General Fund

2024 Weekly Goal \$4,911

Budget Goal YTD +2.7%

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

### AMC SNAPSHOT



Garrett Yoder really loved helping clear off the first accumulated snowfall of the season!

### CHURCH & COMMUNITY

- Ronnie Olivero (healing, shoulder surg.)
- Darrel Gingerich (healing, ankle surgery)
- Vera Yoder (healing, shoulder surgery)
- Lamar Miller (prost. cancer, surgery Dec. 26)
- Billy Mushrush family (Marie Schrock's brother-in-law passed away in Kankakee)
- Gloria Yoder (healing, knee replace. surg.)
- Peter Kauffman (amp. below knee, healing)
- Vernon Chupp (close to getting prosthetic)
- Ken Bunker (cancer, chemo, healing)
- Ed Gingerich (Eberhardt Village)
- Esther Yoder (Arthur Home)

### NATION & WORLD

- Advent & True Meaning of Christmas
- Peace & Goodwill to all
- Wildfires in California
- Political Transitions in the U.S.
- AMC supported Missionaries
- Revival & people turning back to God
- Wars in Israel, Gaza, Lebanon, Syria
- War between Russia & Ukraine (Peace)

## PRAYER REQUESTS

# CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



**THIS  
WEEK**

**TODAY**  
**3rd Sunday of Advent**  
 9:30am: C.E. Classes  
 10:30am: Worship  
 \*member vote  
 after service  
 6pm: AMC Christmas  
 Program & carry-in  
 finger food fellowship

**MONDAY**  
 7pm: Ministry  
 Team Meeting

**WEDNESDAY**  
 6pm: AMC  
 Christmas Caroling

**FRIDAY**  
 5pm: Care  
 and Share  
 Christmas  
 Gathering

**NEXT SUNDAY**  
**CHRISTMAS  
 SUNDAY**  
 9:30am:  
 C.E. Classes  
 10:30am:  
 Worship

## GDCC Response Forms

The AMC Gift Discernment Coordinating Committee put a letter in boxes recently regarding the Youth & Family Life position here at AMC. Please return response forms to the box in the foyer before worship today. We encourage all AMC members to stay after today's worship service for an affirmation of this calling of Sam Miller to this position starting in January.

## AMC Christmas Program Tonight

Invite family and friends to join us at 6pm this evening for our Christmas Program titled "The Wish". 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 this Wednesday. 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!

## Youth Winter Retreats

The winter retreats for J.H. and H.S. youth at Menno Haven Camp & Retreat Center will be held on....

Junior High - January 10-12  
 High School - January 17-19

We need to know who is interested in going soon so please sign up on the bulletin board in the foyer. All expenses will be covered by the AMC camp fund. Campers and Sponsors will leave late afternoon on Friday and return on Sunday afternoon of each weekend. Youth/Parents please sign up ASAP!



## Christmas Sunday at AMC Happens Next Sunday - Join us!

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 as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

### ~ Poinsettias ~ In Memory ~

Cliff & Kathy Yoder -  
*Clark, Carter, & Parents*  
 Debby Kauffman -  
*Cliff (husband) & Parents*  
 Sandy Snyder - *Husband & Parents*  
 Ervin & Nancy Kuhns - *Parents*  
 Edna Gingerich - *Parents & Sister*  
 Karen Litteral - *Parents*  
 Willis Kuhns - *Dee & Mother*  
 Lela Reynolds - *Mary (sister)*  
 Andy & Lynn Marner - *Parents*  
 Kenny & Erica Schrock - *Loved Ones*  
 Vera Yoder - *Parents*  
 Lamar & Nadine Miller -  
*Parents, Brothers, Sister, & Son*  
 Ronnie Olivero - *Grandparent*  
 Henry & Amanda Chupp - *Our Family*  
 Joe & Lanora Gingerich - *Mother*

*Poinsettias will be displayed this Sunday and next. Please take them home after next week's Christmas Worship Service on December 22. Please put your money with your name in the treasurer's box if you have not already done so.*



## DECEMBER REMINDERS

**Nursery Today:** Harold Y. & Jackie C.  
**Next Sunday:** Zeb & Kendra H.