

DECEMBER 22, 2024  
CHRISTMAS SUNDAY AT AMC

# Christmas Promises Fulfilled



MERRY CHRISTMAS

**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.

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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**

**Youth Christmas Party Today!**  
**4:00 - 8:00pm**

**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.

Sponsors: Cory & Emily Kauffman  
Kenny & Erica Schrock

# TODAY'S MESSAGE

## "Christmas Promises Fulfilled" Matthew 1:18-23

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

*Come On, Ring Those Bells (BR153)*  
*Angels From the Realms of Glory*  
*(BR131 v.1,2,4)*

#### \*Call To Worship

*\*O Come All Ye Faithful (BR145)*  
*\*What Child Is This (BR137 v.1,3)*  
*\*Silent Night (BR147)*

#### Welcome & Announcements

#### Lighting of Christmas Candles

#### Opening Prayer

#### Christmas Hymn Medley

#### Tithes & Offerings Prayer

#### Scripture Readings

*Luke 2:1-20*

#### Prayers of Confession, Repentance & Intercession

#### Video: *God With Us!*

#### Message

#### Prayer of Response

#### Sending Song

*Joy To the World (BR125)*

### CHURCH & COMMUNITY

- Sam & Issa Miller (move, transition to AMC)
- Ronnie Olivero (healing, shoulder surg.)
- Darrel Gingerich (healing, ankle surgery)
- Vera Yoder (healing, shoulder surgery)
- Lamar Miller (prost. cancer, surgery Dec. 26)
- Stew/Stras Community/School (student passed away this week)
- Billy Mushrush family (Marie Schrock's brother-in-law passed away in Kankakee)
- Peter Kauffman (amp. below knee, healing)
- Vernon Chupp (got prosthetic this week)
- Ken Bunker (cancer, chemo, healing)
- Ed Gingerich (Eberhardt Village)
- Esther Yoder (Arthur Home)

## LAST SUNDAY

### Attendance

Worship Celebration 118  
C.E. Classes 54

### Offering

Total Offering - Dec. 15 \$16,050  
*\*all for General Fund*

2024 Weekly Goal \$4,911  
Budget Goal YTD +7.5%

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

### AMC SNAPSHOT



Sandy Snyder & Edna Gingerich were looking good as "twins" at last week's AMC Christmas Program.

### NATION & WORLD

- School Shooting in Wisconsin
- Advent/True Meaning of Christmas
- 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

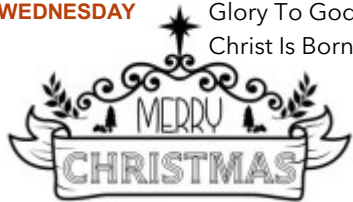


**THIS  
WEEK**

**TODAY  
CHRISTMAS SUNDAY**

9:30am:  
C.E. Classes  
10:30am: Worship  
4-8pm: Youth  
Christmas Party

**WEDNESDAY**



Glory To God!  
Christ Is Born!

**NEXT SUNDAY**

9:30am:  
C.E. Classes  
10:30am: Worship  
*Danny Powell will  
bring the message*

**Christmas Sunday at AMC Today!**

We look forward to celebrating the birth of Jesus during this Sunday's Christmas worship 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!

**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!

**Volunteers in 2025**

Would you be able or willing to help with these things in the coming year? Let Glen Rhodes know this week.

- **Visiting with Seniors** - We have a visitation list for volunteers to stop in and visit with some of our seniors who don't get out as much as others. Your week to visit would come around every couple of months to visit 3-4 people.

- **CE Coffee/Hot Water Cleanup**

We need some people who would be willing to clean up and wash the coffee pot and hot water dispenser after CE. You would do one month of the year.

**5th Sunday Offering Next Sunday**

The Administration Commission has designated this month's 5th Sunday offering to go to the AMC General Fund.

**Sam Miller Affirmed**

Last Sunday after worship the cong. affirmed Sam Miller as the new full-time Youth & Family Life Minister here at AMC. Sam will also be a part of the Community Life Commission. Sam & Issa plan to move to Arthur on Dec. 30 so their two boys (Keagan 9, Parker 7) can start school. Sam will start on Jan. 1 but he will 1/2 time for the first 2-3 months while completing some responsibilities with his current job in Indiana. Let's support and pray for this family as they make this transition.

**~ Poinsettias ~ In Memory ~**

- Cliff & Kathy Yoder -  
*Clark, Carter, & Parents*
- Debby Kauffman - *Cliff & 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 Marnier - *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*

*Please take them home after today's worship service. Put your money with your name in the treasurer's box. This year's were given at a discount since they were not as nice as normal. If you would like a partial refund see Erica Schrock.*

**DECEMBER REMINDERS**

**Nursery Today:** Zeb & Kendra H.  
**Next Sunday:** Alexis H. & Evonda Y.