

Greater Things

ARTHUR MENNONITE CHURCH
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“Reflections & Thanks”

by Nancy Kuhns

As my time serving on the AMC Ministry Team is coming to an end, I find myself reflecting on my four years serving in that capacity. I have enjoyed serving on the Ministry Team and have learned a lot during that time. Ervin and I are hoping to spend more time in Florida in the future and I feel that continuing to serve on the Ministry Team would be unfair to the other Ministry Team members and to the church. That was the determining factor in my decision to step down from the Ministry Team.

First, I need to thank Glen, Jeff, Emily, and Les, the other Ministry Team members I served with over the past four years. I have learned from all of them and appreciate the time they have given to the church by serving on the Ministry Team. They truly care about our church and its people. Glen has been especially helpful to me, especially when I first came on the team. His willingness to answer questions, his support and insight based on his years of ministry were invaluable!! AMC is so blessed to have him as our lead pastor!! He cares for our church and goes above and beyond to minister to us.

Next, I need to thank members of the Community Life Commission I worked with. Vera, Lanora, Jackie, and Katrina were easy to work with and I appreciate the time they give to plan events for our church family. I also served as the Ministry Team representative on GDCC. To those who have served and are serving on GDCC, thank you for your gift of time, prayer, and discernment.

I am grateful to all who are willing to serve at AMC in any capacity. We couldn't do church without you!!

One of the Ministry Team accomplishments that I am proud of is how we, Ministry Team and the AMC congregation, came together to carry out the work of our church while Glen and Rhonda were on their 3-month sabbatical. Members of the church stepped up and covered other responsibilities normally done by Glen and Rhonda. I think the sabbatical was as good for the church as it was for Glen and Rhonda!! That being said, I was glad when they were back!!

During the sabbatical, I walked with some church members and their families during hospital stays, surgeries, and rehab in the nursing home. I learned to know them better and developed a more personal relationship with them. I realized what a responsibility it is when you go to pray with someone who is facing surgery or dealing with the challenges that surgery brought to them. Before going on Ministry Team, I hadn't done much praying aloud in front of a group or with someone who needed prayer. I have grown in that area as a result of being on the Ministry Team.

Serving on the Ministry Team has given me an increased awareness of how important extending grace to others is. I hope I have grown in that area and pray that I will continue to increase my ability to extend grace. So many times, we don't know what is going on in someone's life and are too quick to judge. I try to keep in mind how much grace God has given me!!! *(cont. on back page)*

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MINISTRY TEAM

Glen Rhodes
Minister of
Discipling
(Ministry
Team Leader)

Sam Miller
Minister of Youth
and Family Life
(Community Life)

Emily Kauffman
Minister of
Outreach

Les Helmuth
Minister of
Administration

Nadine Miller
Minister of
Worship

(cont. from front) Another thing I realized is that I would not want to preach every Sunday!!!! What a great responsibility, to share God's message to a congregation!! Ministry Team did a book study on Fred Craddock's book, Preaching, which was a big help. I admire pastors who Sunday after Sunday get behind the pulpit and share a message.

I pray blessings on Nadine and Sam as they begin their ministries at Arthur Mennonite. I am confident their gifts and experiences will help them provide counsel and leadership to AMC. Blessings to all as we continue to be the church!!

Happy New Year

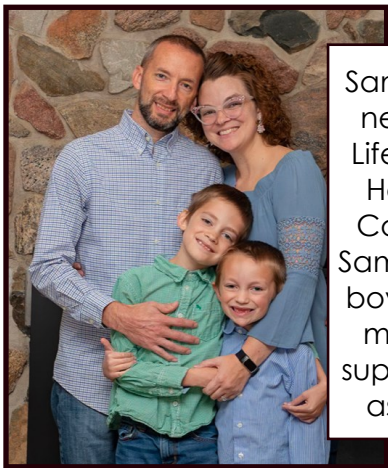
Work on the upcoming 2025 AMC Photo Directory is underway.



Help us out by checking your information out in the foyer.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Evonda Yoder
- 5 Kathy Yoder
- 7 Esther Yoder
- 10 Alex Olivero
- 17 Ed Yoder
Nancy Kuhns
- 18 Madison Snyder
- 19 Rhonda Rhodes
Alta Yoder
- 20 Luke Miller
- 21 Henry Chupp
- 23 Anna Mae Schrock
- 24 Simon Kauffman
- 25 Larry Miller
- 31 Harold Yoder



Sam Miller was affirmed as the new full-time Youth & Family Life Minister on December 15. He will also be a part of the Community Life Commission. Sam, his wife Issa, and their two boys, Keegan & Parker, will be moving to Arthur soon. Let's support and pray for this family as they make this transition.

FIRST FRUITS STEWARDSHIP Giving God Our Best

December 1 - \$6,950 | December 8 - \$15,875
December 15 - \$16,050 | December 22 - \$7,422

If you would like to give tithes & offerings, please place them in the boxes at the back of the sanctuary or mail your envelope/check to the church at: 710 E Park, Arthur, IL 61911 Please include your envelope so your number can be recorded.

This year's Christmas Program & Christmas Caroling were special ways to celebrate the birth of Jesus. We pray that the joy and hope we feel at Christmas can follow us into the new year!

Christmas Program:
"The Wish"

Christmas Caroling

