

APRIL 6, 2025  
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

# WILDERNESS

LENT  
2025

40 DAYS OF  
PRAYER &  
RENEWAL

40 YEARS OF  
WANDERING

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 (*MT Leader*) *Discipling*  
Sam Miller (*Youth/Family*) *Comm. Life*  
Emily Kauffman: *Outreach*  
Les Helmuth: *Administration*  
Nadine Miller: *Worship*

## ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Erica Schrock

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GET  
INVOLVED

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

**ADULTS - FELLOWSHIP HALL**  
*Costly Sacrifice*

**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** (*1 Samuel*)

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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 CE at 9:30am on Sunday mornings at the Youth House. Come and see what God is doing in our midst. Be a part of growth!*

## Easter Breakfast - April 20th

The AMC Youth will be hosting an Easter Breakfast fundraiser in the fellowship hall on April 20th from 8:00-9:15am. Thank you to all youth parents who signed up to provide items for the breakfast!

**Upcoming: ReGen Youth Conference**  
**happening July 3-7. You won't want to miss this! See Sam for sign up sheet or more info.**

# TODAY'S MESSAGE

## "The Wanderers" Deuteronomy 8:1-11

Pastor Glen Rhodes, Minister of Discipling

### Today's Worship Service

Join us on-site or live stream on Facebook or YouTube starting at 10:25am

#### Songs of Praise and Worship

*Sing Wherever I Go*

*Come Thou Fount (BR2)*

**\*Call To Worship**

*\*Blessed Be Your Name*

*\*He Leadeth Me (BR461)*

*\*Be Still & Know*

#### Welcome, Announcements, & Prayer

#### Children's Time

#### Tithes & Offerings Prayer

#### Scripture Readings

Acts 7:30-36 | James 1:2-5

#### Prayers of Confession, Repentance & Intercession

#### Message

#### Prayer of Response

## LAST SUNDAY

#### Attendance

Worship Celebration 109

C.E. Classes 47

#### Offering

Total Offering - Mar 30 \$5,663

\*5th Sunday Offering designated for  
MCC Meat Canning

2025 Weekly Budget Need - \$6,433

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

#### AMC SNAPSHOT



At the Care and Share mystery supper last week, Phyllis Kauffman had to eat her soup with a knife. Sounds challenging!

#### CHURCH & COMMUNITY

- Esther Yoder Family (passed away on Mar. 31)
- John Yoder (healing/fall, at Arthur Home)
- Karen Litteral (broken leg, surgery, healing)
- Maranna Chupp (brother, John, passed away)
- Edna Gingerich (moved - Eb. Village Rm. 115)
- Gary Martin's family (passed way on Mar. 21)
- Jamison & Cheyanne Miller (newborn)
- Luke & Katie Miller (newborn)
- Kendall Burdick (broken foot, healing)
- Peter Kauffman (still waiting on prosthetic)
- Sharon Binion (cancer, healing)
- Lela R, Ed & Edna G, Josephine M. (Eb. Vill.)
- Molly Appleby (cancer, healing)
- Jill & Ken Bunker (health, healing)

#### NATION & WORLD

- Those affected by recent storms
- Persecuted Christians & world revival
- Myanmar & Asia (earthquake)
- AMC supported Missionaries Prknovi, Glenn, Birkey, all others
- Families, Marriages, Youth & Children
- Wars in Israel, Gaza, Lebanon, Syria
- War between Russia & Ukraine (Peace)

## PRAYER REQUESTS

# CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



**THIS  
WEEK**

## **TODAY** *5th Sunday of Lent*

9:30am:  
C.E. Classes  
10:30am: Worship  
11:30am: First Sunday  
Fellowship Meal

**WEDNESDAY**  
8:30am: Ladies' Breakfast  
4-7pm: Esther Yoder's  
Visitation at AMC  
7pm: Explore Life Group

**THURSDAY**  
10am: Memorial Service  
for Esther Yoder at AMC

**NEXT SUNDAY**  
*Palm Sunday*  
*Hosanna To the King!*  
9:30am:  
C.E. Classes  
10:30am: Worship

## **Baby Dedications Next Sunday**

We are excited to have two Baby Dedications next Sunday during our worship service! Join us as we dedicate Boone Miller, son of Jamison and Cheyanne, and Elliana Miller, daughter of Luke & Katie. We continue to pray for these newborns and their families.

## **MCC Responding to Asia Earthquake**

In the wake of the magnitude 7.7 earthquake that struck Myanmar, Mennonite Central Committee will be responding with local partners to provide cash assistance for immediate medical needs, food, and water. Donate today to provide emergency relief to families in need at [mcc.org/myanmar](http://mcc.org/myanmar)

## **Arrangements for Esther Yoder**

Esther Yoder, a beloved member of our church family for many years passed away at the Arthur Home on Monday, March 31. A visitation will be held this Wednesday evening (April 9) from 4-7 pm here at the church. A memorial service will be held Thursday morning (April 10) at 10:00 am here at the church. Keep this family in prayer.

## **Gary Martin's Passing**

As was shared last Sunday during worship, former AMC Interim Pastor Gary Martin passed away suddenly at his home of natural causes on Friday, March 21. Gary was the Interim Pastor here at AMC from 2000-2003 and led our church through a very difficult but transforming time. He introduced our current church structure & encouraged us to work together in the Lord's work. AMC will be sending \$200 to Mennonite Central Committee in his memory. Please pray for his wife Pat and their family during this time.

## **Easter Tulips Sign Up**

We will be adorning the sanctuary with tulips in a variety of colors for Easter Sunday. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board. You are welcome to dedicate your tulips in memory of a loved one. Tulips are \$12 each. All orders are due by Sunday, April 13.



## **Join Us For These Events in April!**

We invite you and your family to join us for these special events this month. Watch for more details to come soon.

**April 13: Palm Sunday at AMC**  
*Children waving palms*

**April 18: Community Good Friday Service at Arthur United Methodist Church from 12-1pm.** *Glen Rhodes & John Stewart sharing reflections.*

**April 20: Community Easter Sunrise Service at First Apostolic Church at 6:30am.** *Message by Bob Silvanik.*

**Easter Breakfast Fundraiser & CE**  
*By AMC Youth in fellowship hall from 8am to 9:15am. CE classes at 9:30am.*

**AMC Easter Sunday: Worship**  
*Celebration will begin at 10:25am*

## **APRIL REMINDERS**

**Fellowship Meal Helpers Today:**  
Larry & Dory K, Ed Yoder Family,  
Larry M & April C

**Pathfinders:** Ed & Joanna Y.

**Legacy:** Bob & Cari P.

**Homebuilders:** TBD

**Care and Share:** Jake & Maranna C,  
Henry & Amanda C, Bertha Y.

**SWS Visitor this week:**

Vera Yoder

**Nursery Today:** Jory & Natalie B.  
**Next Sunday:** Michael & Brittnay Y.