

Arthur Through My Eyes

Arthur has been a healing place for me. Like spring that is upon us... living here has breathed new life into me. I experienced that in a special way this Easter as I attended the Community Sunrise Service at the United Methodist Church. It was a true celebration of LIFE and genuine HOPE! I came away that morning deeply encouraged and refreshed in spirit. So grateful to live in a community that looks for ways to serve and worship together like this. It is a true gift from the LORD that I never want to take lightly. In fact... I want to keep my eyes wide open for the signs of God's goodness all around me in the biggest and smallest of ways each day.

Like the daffodils that are along the sidewalk in front of the North Vine Mennonite Church, the newly planted tulips along the road near the Visitor Center, the birds that are singing... especially the cardinals, who's song is quite recognizable and brings my heart joy, as I well remember watching them in a blossoming tree that use to be outside my apartment window when I lived in Holland, MI. My late husband John and I used to get so excited when we'd see them and grab our binoculars to get a closer look. Now when they sing, I remember my Johnnie in heaven and feel he is with me again, even for just a minute. God's creation has a way of bringing a deeper awareness of His presence and His love. Like when I walk along Vine Street and His sun shines on my face. I say to myself, "Sun on my

face... a touch of God's grace." We need those touches, and spring brings more of those into our path to embrace.

There is renewed hope in the springtime as new growth and life is bursting forth. It's a familiar rhythm and a welcomed one. God knew our hearts and minds would need such seasons to refresh our mind and soul. I am praying for those that are hurting in our midst to be touched in a special way through these reminders from heaven. There has been a lot of death and sorrow amongst families in our community in recent days, and we need to keep an eye out for opportunities to enter in and serve those grieving or in need. Death is a thief of life, and sorrow is a robber of joy...but the LORD can use even the smallest and simplest of gestures in a normal day and through regular interactions between people in a small town, to ease those burdens. I KNOW! Many of you have been God's instruments to bring about that kind of healing in my life. Even a wave or a honk as someone sees me walking along the sidewalk is an encouragement to my heart. Sometimes just to be seen and acknowledged means a lot to a soul that is hurting. And many are hurting. This life is hard. But there is HOPE! May you be moved to look for HOPE as the sights and sounds of spring call us to do, and be a willing instrument in the Master's Hand to also bring it to someone else.

In Arthur's Prayer Corner,
Trudy Feyereisen

Real Faith For Real Life

From Pastors of the Arthur Ministerial Association

It's God's nature to love God's children

I invite you to read with me the words of Lamentations 3:22-23:

"The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."

Sometimes this can be a difficult concept for us to grasp. Perhaps you feel as though others are against you. One of our granddaughters used to complain, "EVERYBODY hates me." Being the loving, reassuring grandparent that I am, I would simply reply, "That's not true. Everybody hasn't met you yet."

But what about those times when life seems to fall apart at the seams? What about when everything seems to go wrong? What about those times when God doesn't answer our prayers the way we want them answered? Does that mean that we have been written off, that even God has rejected us?

If I understand Scripture correctly, God does not give up on us. Read 2 Peter 3:9, where it

says: "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance." Or, read again John 3:17: "For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."

I may not know everything, but one thing I do know that it is God's nature to love God's children. ALL of God's children.

While we may have times of doubt, times when our faith weakens and wavers. God loves each and every one of us, and calls us into right relationship with God and our fellow human beings. May we rest in this knowledge, may we grow in this knowledge, may we rejoice in this knowledge.

Leroy Allison
Retired Pastor
Writing for the
Arthur Ministerial
Association

Quilt Show

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place on Saturday afternoon.

In addition to the quilts on display, there will be a market/vendor area and a lunch stand with cheeseburgers and barbecue sandwiches, wraps, taco salads, cinnamon rolls, desserts, and drinks available by

the Kitchen of Doris Yoder.

The Arthur Quilt Show has become the largest spring quilt exhibition in Illinois Amish Country. It attracts entries from all over Illinois, including many Amish-crafted quilts.

For more information on this year's show you can call 217/543-2287.

Affordable Health Screenings Coming to Arthur on April 25

Residents living in and around the Arthur, Illinois can learn about their risk for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes, and other chronic, serious conditions with affordable screenings by Life Line Screening. Penn Station will host this community event on April 25, 2023. The site is located at 122 E Progress Street in Arthur.

Screenings can check for:

- The level of plaque buildup in your arteries, related to risk for cardiovascular disease, stroke and overall vascular health.
- HDL and LDL Cholesterol levels
- Diabetes risk
- Kidney and thyroid function, and more

Screenings are affordable and convenient. Free parking is also available.

Special package pricing starts at \$159, but consultants will work with you to create a package that is right for you based on your age and risk factors. Call 1-877-237-1287 or visit our website at www.lifelinescreening.com. Pre-registration is required.

Town Talk

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members. What a great idea and what a nice gift but also a very typical gesture by our community members.

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS MOMS ASSOCIATION

A recent article in the News-Gazette noted that this organization is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year. The group was formed in 1923 with the backing of UI Dean of Women Maria Leonard and President David Kinley. The Dads Association started the year before and both were the first of their kind on college campuses. The annual Moms Weekend was held this past weekend on campus where several special events took place. When daughter Kyra

attended the University of Illinois I was a member of the Moms Association and was also on the board, serving as secretary. I also helped with sales at the football games. We carted boxes and tubs of merchandise over to Memorial Stadium and sold these items to raise money for the Association. While that was fun for a while, believe me I was not sorry to see that task come to an end. Would be interested to know if any other moms who have had students at the U of I have been involved with the organization. I do know I have seen a few who have attended the festivities around Moms Weekend with their sons and daughters over the years. Always a fun time with lots to do!

And that's -30- for family time!

Etiquette

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opportunity to practice their introduction skills, as well as dining etiquette and conversation skills.

Both students and community members surveyed were overwhelmingly in favor of the program and its benefits.

Students felt that "they learned or practiced something that they will use in the future," and community members said that, "the program created positive opportunities for youth/adult interaction." Many community members also stated they would be willing to participate in future etiquette events.



Church Directory

ATTEND THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE

ARCOLA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH- USA, 311 E. Jefferson, Arcola. Church School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m. Phone 268-3212

ARCOLA FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE-Rev. Ivan Jess 268-4769, 276-3020; Sam Miller, SS Supt. 202-6094. Sunday School, 9:30am Morning Worship, 10:30am; (Sign Language Interpreter) Sunday Evening Service 6:00pm; Wednesday evening Bible Study 6:00pm; Missionary Meeting second Wednesday night of each month.

ARTHUR MENNONITE CHURCH - 710 E. Park St., Arthur. Worship begins at 10:30 am each Sunday. Christian Education classes for all ages begin at 9:30 am. All are welcome, come and join us! Call 543-2781 for more information. Ministry Team: Glen Rhodes, Minister of Discipling & Administration; Jeff Marnier, Minister of Worship and Youth; Emily Kauffman, Minister of Outreach; Nancy Kuhns, Minister of Community Life. Website: arthurmennonite.org Email: arthurmennonite@gmail.com

ARTHUR SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH - 530 N. Vine St., Arthur. Pastor: Doug Davis, Worship 10:00am; Children's Church every Sunday morning at 9:30am, Nursery provided. Sunday Evening Worship 6:00pm, Wednesday: Service 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited. 543-2672.

ATWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH-229 S. Main, Atwood. Pastor Don Gerkin. Phone 578-2880. Sunday School 9am; Church, 10am; Bible Study 6:30pm

BOURBON BAPTIST CHURCH - David Babb, Pastor, Sunday Worship, 9:30am; Sunday School 10:45am; bourbon.baptistchurch@yahoo.com

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH - Missouri Synod. 1 mile south of Sullivan on Highway 32. Glenn Strohschein, Pastor. Sunday Morning Service 10:00am; Sunday School 9:00am; Saturday services 5:00pm. Online services: www.worshipanew.com

FIRST APOSTOLIC CHURCH - 320 Surrey Lane, Arthur, Timothy Froese, Pastor. Sunday School 10am; Sunday Worship & The Word 11:15am; Wednesday Night Bible Study 7pm. Website: www.facarthur.org

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH (ABC/USA)- 120 E. Park, Arthur. John Stewart Pastor; Sunday School 9am, Worship 10am; American Baptist Women's Ministries meets 2nd Mon. 7pm; Prayer chain, 543-2296. For other activities and information, call church 543-2592 or Internet at www.firstbaptistarthur.com

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - 231 N. Illinois, Atwood, 578-2555. Woody White, Pastor. Sunday School 9am; Morning worship 10am; Youth 5:00pm; Discipleship Class 6pm; Woman's Bible Study Tues. 9am; IGNITE Children's Ministry Weds. 6:30-8pm. Child care provided at all services. Website www.firstbaptistatwood.org

FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH - 300 Northline Rd., Tuscola, 253-2084, Sunday School 9:30am; Morning Worship 10:30am; Evening service 6pm; Wednesday Evening 6:30pm. A Ministry for Everyone: Sunday School for all ages, King's Kids, Teen Dept. Homebuilders & more! www.faithtuscola.org

LOVINGTON FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH - Corner of County (Route 32) and Church Streets. Worship 9:30am; Children's Church 4 yrs.-1st grade 10:15am; Sunday School 10:45am for all ages; Wednesday night Bible Study, 6:00pm. Craig Swinford, Pastor.

LOVINGTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - 241 S. Broadway, Lovington Sunday School 9:15am; Worship 10:30am Larry Bricker, Minister.

FAITH FAMILY FELLOWSHIP- 228 N. Broadway St., Lovington. 873-8791. "Real Faith, Real Life". Sunday Service 10am. www.lovingtonfaith.org

EAGLE MOUNTAIN - Assembly of God. Pastor Darin Elder, 253-4444, 401 E. Sale St., Tuscola. Sunday Services, 10am and 6:30pm and Wednesday Evening Service 6:30pm Nursery and children's ministries provided during all services.

SUNNYSIDE MENNONITE CHURCH - Larry Rocke, Senior Pastor, Luke Goss, Assistant Pastor. Sunday School 9:30am; Services 10:30am

COWBOY CHURCH - Penn Station, 122 E. Progress, Arthur. 217-273-4202. Services 10:00 a.m. Sunday mornings. Darrell Helmuth, Minister. Everyone welcome.

JONATHAN CREEK CHRISTIAN CHURCH - "Forward in Christ, United in Love, Come as You Are". 1425 Jonathan Creek Rd, Sullivan, 728-4369.

Website: jrcreek.org. Email: jonathancreekchurch@yahoo.com. Pastor Tim Henderson. **Sunday Worship:** 8:00am Traditional Service, 10:00am Contemporary Service; 10:00am FROG (Fully Rely on God) Super Kids Church (for children 4-12); 6:00pm Believers Meeting (Contemporary Service.) **Corporate Prayer:** Tuesdays at 6:30pm. **Family Night:** Wednesday Evenings @ 6:30-8 pm Summer Schedule: 5/15, 5/22, 5/29, 6/5, 7/3, 8/7. Will start back weekly in September. Lite meal at 6:30-7pm then break up into classes til 8pm. **Bus Service Available** Call 521-9576 for bus info. Jonathan Creek Christian Church a Regional Life Transformation Center, LovingPeople to Life; **Everyone Welcome.**

NORTH VINE MENNONITE CHURCH - 312 N. Vine, Arthur, Brian Petersheim, Sr. Pastor; Mike Helmuth, Asst. Pastor. Sunday School for all ages 9:30am; Message 10:30am; Sunday evening services 6pm. No services on last Sunday night of every month. All are welcome.

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH - Washington & Pine Streets, Arcola, 268-3766. Rev. Angel Sierra, Pastor. Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m.; Weekday Mass Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Confessions Wednesday 6:15 p.m. or by appointment. Affirmations Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Email: johnbaptist@consolidated.net

LIFEPOINTE CHURCH - 700 E. Main, Arcola. Nondenomination/Spirit-Filled Church. Ph. 217-268-4586. Rev. Gephard and Judy Warman. Sunday Worship Service: 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Pastor Rogelio Gutierrez - Spanish Church. Sunday Worship Service: 11:00 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 p.m. Friday Service: 7:00 p.m.

ARTHUR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - 128 E. Illinois, Arthur. Pastor Jill Bunker. Worship 8am & 10am; Sunday School 9am Nursery for Sunday School and 10am Service. www.arthurunitedmethodist.org

VINE STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH - 249 S. Vine, Arthur. Pastor Bob Silvanik. Sunday School 9am; Worship 10am. Christian Women's Fellowship meets first Wednesday each month 1:30pm, September-June. Nursery and air conditioning.

ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST - P.O. Box 252, Arthur. 2 1/2 miles south of Garrett. Church Worship 9:00am.; Sunday School, 10:15 a.m

LOVINGTON FIRST CHURCH OF GOD (ANDERSON) - 301 W. State St. Lovington, IL 61937. Pastor Rodney Houser. Phone 873-4749 9am Sunday School, 10am Morning Worship, Wednesday 7pm Midweek Services, adult and childrens ministries.

PRAIRIE VIEW BAPTIST CHURCH - 2423 CR 500 E, Lake City, IL 61937. Phone 677-2464. Nursery available for all services. Sunday School for K4-Adults 9:30 a.m. Worship and Children's Church 10:30 a.m. Sunday evening services 6:00 p.m. Wednesday night Bible Study 7 p.m. with Flyer's Club (K4-1st Grade), King's Kids (2nd-6th Grade) and Teens (7th-12th Grade) every Wednesday (Sept.-May). Email: info@prairieviewbaptistchurch.com Website: www.prairieviewbaptist.com

LOVINGTON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - 360 W. Springfield Rd. Sunday School 9:30am, Morning Worship 10:30am, Evening Service 6pm, Wednesday Mid-Week Prayer & Bible Study, 7:00pm Church phone: 873-5116. www.fblovington.org

NEW LIFE CHURCH - R.R. 1, Sullivan, IL 61951 (3 1/2 miles east of Sullivan on the Cadwell Rd.) Ph. 728-4200 Dave & Debra Dolan, Pastors; Liz Dolan, Minister of Music; Debra Dolan, Secretary. Sunday Worship 9am. Wednesday Worship Service (for all ages), 7pm. Website www.newlifesullivan.org

CORNERSTONE FELLOWSHIP -212 E. Third Street, Arthur. Sunday Worship services 10am, Sunday evening worship service 6:30 pm. Everyone warmly invited to join us for worship.

UNITED CHURCH OF ATWOOD - 210 N. Main St., P.O. Box 379 • Atwood, IL 61913 • 578-2832. Mike Drake, Pastor. Non-Denominational Christian Church. Service: 10:00am. Office Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30am-Noon

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- Robert Martin, Restaurant & Bakery
- F.M. Powell, E.B. Snyder, Farm Implements
- S.A. Vradenburg, President, First National Bank of Arthur
- J.W. Probst, General Store
- Eakle & Fisher, Livestock Shippers
- O.C. Bruce, Dentist
- W.H. Whitlock, Clothing Store
- Greer & Son, Butcher Shop
- Pat Sears, Drug Store
- Hobbes & Cox, Milliner Store
- Marion Watson, Lawyer
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