

# Arthur Through My Eyes

I was so grateful to finally meet Anna Herschberger, owner of "Yoder's Kitchen" alongside her husband Nelson since 2002, as the restaurant has a special place in my past. I was blessed to be on the

first staff back when it started as Das Huber Haus years ago and it was RED!! I was in high school and went to church with one of the founders, Norm Willoughby at the time, and he offered me a

job. I worked as both a hostess and a cashier. I well remember us "accidentally" messing up a piece of their signature peanut butter pie as we cut it and yelling to all the workers, "Community Pie!"

Ha! Ha! Fun, delicious memories which continue on for MANY people to this day as Yoder's Kitchen has proved to have quite a following in places far and wide. "People come from all over", Anna said...Bloomington, Peoria, Danville, St. Louis, day trippers from many other states, people stopping on their routes to and from Florida, and many from the U of I who are from other countries and well as all the faithful locals. It's quite fascinating and a great tourist attraction for Arthur.

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two friends were blessed with such a beautiful moment in time as now it has become such a precious memory to cherish. We all need those. We all need to more readily recognize that many times, even the most simple interactions and moments together with friends and loved ones can be treasures from heaven to truly embrace and experience with every fiber of our being. To LIVE IN THE MOMENTS we are given with purpose and the perspective that we're not promised tomorrow.

## Real Faith For Real Life

From Pastors of the Arthur Ministerial Association

### Be Strong and Courageous

In Deuteronomy 31, as Moses is nearing the end of his life, he speaks to the Children of Israel. He tells them in verse 6, "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you." He then summons Joshua and tells him to "be strong and courageous". In Chronicles 20:28, David says to Solomon, "Be strong and courageous, and do the work. Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord God, my God, is with you. He will not fail you or forsake you."

courageous and find ways to encourage the families in your church and community.

The Children of Israel, Joshua, and Solomon were all facing new situations, new territory. The Children of Israel were going to be taking possession of a new land with Joshua as their new leader. Solomon was going to be the King of Israel and build a temple to the Lord. Students and teachers are walking into a new school year, maybe into a new building or onto a college campus. Some of you are new graduates and August doesn't mean going back to school, but going to work every day and figuring out the kind of life you want to live. All of these situations will bring challenges that will call on you to have strength and courage.

Being strong and courageous means standing up for what is right, even when it is not easy. It means living out the scriptures and following the path God lays out for us. It means bringing Jesus to school or work with us and letting His love shine through us. It means speaking out for God. It means reaching out to the hurting.

God gives all of us the com-

mand to be strong and courageous but He also promises that we don't face our challenges alone. He will never leave us or forsake us, but will be walking right there beside us no matter what we face. Turn to Him; draw on His power and strength.

Lord, we pray for our students in this coming school year. May they stand strong and courageous when faced with challenges. May they stand up for what is right. May they spread your love knowing that they are loved by you, by their families, by the people in their churches and communities. May our teachers be a guiding light to their students, always advocating for what is good and right. May parents provide guidance and love as they guide their children through the coming year. May our churches and communities cover our children and their families, their teachers and their schools in prayer during this coming year. Amen

Submitted by  
Nancy Kuhns  
Minister of Community Life  
Arthur Mennonite Church

It's so neat that Anna has shared her personal story on each and every menu held, as it brings such a down to earth element to the dining experience and truly welcomes guests into a real taste of "home". One of the ways that is also experienced is in the naming of the additional seating area - "The Porch". It was lovingly named after memories from Anna's time working with her mother at her business "Miller's Home Cooking" where she assisted her mother for years making and serving homemade Amish meals in their home.

One of the more personal aspects of her story that is not shared on the menu history is the details of how the naming of the seating area "The Porch" came about. I was delighted that Anna chose to share some of those details with me and gave me permission to also share them with you, as I told her that reader's hearts would be warmed to hear. One day Anna was having lunch at the restaurant with her dear friend Kara Kuhns, who was battling cancer. Anna

was struggling with whether or not it was a good idea to name the seating area "The Porch"... "I told Kara I wasn't sure if I should do this because people won't understand." Kara replied, "Anna...if you feel it in your heart, then go ahead and do it!" Anna commented that her dear friend "encouraged and pushed her to do it" and because of that, it's all the more special to her.

Shortly after this significant conversation, Kara lost her battle with cancer and Anna said with her whole heart, "she is still greatly missed today."

Wow! I am so grateful these

Once Again Charmed in

Arthur,

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## Founders' Day Dinner Tickets on Sale Now

Tickets for the Village of Arthur's main Sesquicentennial Celebration, the Founder's Day Dinner, are now available. The event will be held on Saturday, September 2, 2023 at Penn Station in downtown Arthur to commemorate the founding of the Village on September 2, 1873.

The event will feature a grilled pork and grilled chicken dinner catered by Jo's Country Diner, birthday cake and ice cream for dessert, an interview with a guest from the past - the founder of the town Michael H. Warren, entertaining Arthur history, and the opening of the time capsule from 1973.

Guests may begin gathering at 5:30 PM with dinner being served at 6:00 PM.

You are encouraged to wear clothing representative of the time of Arthur's founding or any other era of clothing that represents Arthur's past. Pull out the old outfits your parents or grandparents wore during Arthur's Centennial in 1973, work shirts from past businesses, or items you or your



ancestors might have worn to school in the 40's, 50's, 60's, or 70's. Pictures of those attending this event will be taken and later deposited into the time capsule that will be opened in 2073!

Tickets are \$30 per person and are available at the Arthur Municipal Office, 120 East Progress Street, during the regular business hours of 7:30 AM - 3:30 PM or by calling (217) 543-2927.

Tables will be set up for eight persons per table. So if you want to sit together with family or friends, order your tickets early and ask to be seated at the same table. Seating is limited, so get your tickets right away for this once-in-a-lifetime event!

## Town Talk

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are getting way too old for this until we get there and then it's game on." Amazing bunch of people who put so much effort into this to make sure that people have enough to eat. Thanks to all involved!

NOAH ZARK

With everything going on last week I forgot to mention that we were able to attend the opening night for this production at Penn Station. Cass Concepts has done a great job of staging this clever and fun show which is going to run until the end of October. Lots of information about the show on facebook and there are frequent commercials on WCIA advertising it. Did Noah really steal those one of a kind flamingo salt and pepper shakers? Go to the show and find out! Tickets can be found on findtheflamings.com. Enjoy!

OSPREY


Old School Parents Raising Engaged Youth. Found this interesting and thought provoking. I have been seeing a lot of posts on facebook and reading articles about the concern for our kids and their use of social media and, frankly, their dependence and parents' dependency on phones and tablets. Those who watch HGTV's "Hometown" series which features the young couple, Ben and Erin Napier from Laurel, Mississippi, may have seen them talk about this program they have started with other parents who share their concerns. The mission statement

says: "We are parents committed to helping our kids achieve social media free childhoods until they graduate high school. When adolescents have no access to social media they gain access to deeper engagement with their families, interest and self assurance. When we change the culture around "everyone has it but my child" by linking arms with other parents in our communities and committing to embargo social media together beginning in the elementary grades, we set our children up for success before peer pressure can take it from them." Lofty goals and I also understand how much easier it is for parents to keep their young ones occupied with devices. Thinking there may be a compromise here somewhere because I do also believe that those devices can be a valuable tool for learning. A fine and difficult line to walk for sure.

RECIPE FOR PRESERVING CHILDREN

Saw this on facebook. One large grassy field, six children, 3 dogs, flowers, a narrow strip of brook with pebbles, hot sun, deep blue sky. Mix the children with the dogs and empty into the field, stirring continuously. Sprinkle the field with flowers, pour the brook over the pebbles. Cover all with the deep blue sky and bake in the hot sun. When children are well browned they may be removed. Cool in a tub of water.

And that's -30- for getting those dinner reservations in for the Founder's Day dinner on September 2!



# 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 (ABCUSA)**- 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:** jcreek.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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