

Arthur Through My Eyes

It's always an encouragement when you get to meet others who have similar interests and pursuits in life, and that is what happened when I met William and Elizabeth Schlabach of "Meadowview Herbs" located at 160 E. CR. 240 North, the first turn west after you pass "Beachey's Bulk Foods".

The couple was motivated to start the business after Elizabeth contracted Lyme's disease and was in terrible pain that doctors just weren't able to

rightly address and aid.

William and Elizabeth began doing their own research regarding how best to treat it. It was a very long and difficult journey. Her health started to improve after going to a nutritional wellness center in Sarasota, Florida where they focused on detoxifying her body.

It's at that time they also learned about the important health benefits of eating organic foods and the powerful healing properties of essential oils.

After that visit to the well-

ness center, Elizabeth was able to return to work again and function better emotionally, mentally and physically.

She mentioned that "going totally organic made even more of a difference." She also removed sugar, dairy and gluten from her diet.

In 2016, Elizabeth began bottling and formulating her own essential oil blends, which lead to she and William selling them from their porch, as well as wholesale through a catalog (which also includes various

vitamins, herbs and supplements).

Nearly 7,000 catalogs are mailed every year, and an additional 80 stores all over the United States display and sell their quality essential oils. They sell 100,000 bottles or more a year.

Due to the success of the oils, The Schlabach's decided to open a store adjacent to their home and built it in 2021, feeling that an actual storefront would be more welcoming. This has afforded more local and walk-in business, which they enjoy and appreciate, yet 85% of the business continues to be mail order.

Meadowview Herbs works with about 50 suppliers in whom they well research and evaluate. "We really try to get potent, quality ingredients. We screen everything well before we put it in the catalog and on the shelf," William shared.

The essential oils that are used in their blends are either organic or wild crafted, coming from farms that are not using any chemicals or pesticides. Their #1 selling essential oil is called "guardian" and is an overall immune boosting/protective oil which they sell upwards of 24 gallons a year.

Elizabeth is primarily responsible for the research and development of new products and William is responsible for marketing. They are very grateful to have the opportunity to work together.

They have 6 children - 3 boys and 3 girls. Two of their daughters help out at the business -

one blends teas and the other takes phone calls. They also have 3 employees.

In addition to the handmade essential oils, the store carries a variety of supplements, herbs, teas, snacks, an impressive choice of diffusers and an array of organic products including vegetables, fruit, meat, dairy and frozen foods. They also carry organic bedding.

Many customers also enjoy coming to pick tomatoes off the vine. "People love that!" exclaimed Elizabeth. It's really a special place to check out!

When I asked the Schlabach's what they appreciated most about having a business in the Arthur community, both William and Elizabeth said, "hav-

ing a connection with the locals".

And when asked what they appreciate most about Arthur itself, William shared, "I appreciate that it's low key enough that we can drive buggies into town and live our lifestyle. People don't resist us, but accept and welcome us."

That blessed my heart to hear and I trust that legacy of inclusion will continue for years to come here in our community. I am grateful to have such a health conscience business here in our small town and truly wish Meadowview Herbs continued success and joy.

With a Sincere Heart,
Trudy Feyereisen

Real Faith For Real Life

From Pastors of the Arthur Ministerial Association

Seek God's favor and forgiveness

"Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me." Psalm 51:11 NIV

King David was distraught. He had committed adultery with Bathsheba and had arranged to have her husband killed in battle. When confronted by the prophet Nathan, he saw his sin for what it was, and sought the Lord.

In this Psalm, he asks God for forgiveness, confident in the never-failing love of God for the people of God. Of course, David makes promises to God in return for God's favor. But don't we do the same? Don't we seek forgiveness and promise "not to do it again"?

We remember David as a brave man, a warrior, a great king, but do we forget that he

was human? Do we overlook his sin, and see it as a character flaw? Do we do the same when it comes to our sin? Lest we feel smug and superior to others because we lead stellar lives, let us be reminded of the words of St. Paul: "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23 NIV).

While we remember our status as sinners, we also have the good news of Romans 3:24: "and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came from Jesus Christ." The good news is that God loves us, the bad news is that we sometimes reject that love and act according to the flesh, the good news is that God doesn't leave us hanging there, but offers forgiveness, redemp-

tion and renewal through Jesus Christ.

King David lived before the time of Christ, but the love of God for God's children has never changed. So David could turn to God, repent of his sin, and expect to be restored. While much has changed over the centuries, God's love and offer of forgiveness, of redemption, of re-creation has not changed.

May we, as children of a holy God, turn from our wicked ways and seek God's favor and forgiveness.

Leroy Allison
Retired Pastor
Writing for the
Arthur Ministerial
Association



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 Con-

temporary 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

Letter to the Editor

Police Chief reminding residents and motorists to be safe as we head into Fall

Dear Editor and Citizens of Arthur,

I would like to take this opportunity to remind our residents and motorists regarding a couple of things as we head into the Fall.

First, school is nearly back in session. Please take the time to slow down in school zones, watch for foot traffic as well as increased bicycle traffic in and around schools, obey all traffic control devices and please stay off your cell phone in these areas.

When driving, be mindful of slowing and stopped traffic at entrances and exits of school parking lots. When out on the highways and country roads, be prepared to stop, and never pass a stopped school bus which is loading and unloading.

Finally, remember to obey the uniformed school crossing guards, which are located at the intersections of Vine and Park Street and at Rt. 133 and Pine Street. By being cautious and careful you, the motorist, can prevent accidents and help

protect the children of this community.

Additionally, due to a few reported contacts over the past few weeks, I wanted to remind our citizens that the Village does have an ordinance that requires door to door peddler and solicitors to obtain a Village of Arthur license.

If you are contacted at your home by a door-to-door peddler or solicitor, they should be able to provide a photo identification/license issued by the Village of Arthur. This license is issued after the peddler or solicitor has completed an application for the license, paid a nonrefundable application fee, and has been subjected to a background investigation.

If you are contacted at your home by a peddler or solicitor and they are not able to produce a Village license, please notify the Police Department as soon and as safely as possible.

Thank you,
Michael S. Goodman
Chief of Police
Village of Arthur

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!



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