

# JULY 2021

## Ridgeview Mennonite Church

### BUDGET

|                |              |
|----------------|--------------|
| Budgeted       | \$159,900.00 |
| YTD Received   | 151,333.00   |
| Education Fund | 1,200.00     |

**Listening to God and Each Other** July 18<sup>th</sup> we will be gathering in the 1990 Hall for a time of worship through scripture, music, communion, and prayer. We will explore listening to God and each other through three areas of focus: our UP relationship with God, our IN relationships with each other and our OUT witness in our communities and world. This will be an interactive time of listening and sharing – hope you are able to join us!

**Practicing Faith** July 25<sup>th</sup> Coming off of our focus on prayer, we take the rest of our summer Sundays to look at other faith practices including hospitality, scripture study, spiritual companions, fasting and celebration. Look for weekly posts on Facebook with questions to engage in, around which we can learn from each other.

**Congregational meeting**, Wednesday, August 18, 7:00 p.m. We will be exploring significant changes to our current structure to better meet the needs of our congregation and position us for future ministry. We encourage everyone to come and be a part of this important discussion.

**Our Building** Resources come in all shapes and sizes. We have a large one here on the ridge – literally, our building! While we haven't used all the rooms in quite a while, we thought you might like to know the many ways our building is being used and would invite you to pray that it can continue to be a resource for our community and the kingdom of God.

>Branch Community and Branch Network both have offices here. They also use the sanctuary, fellowship hall, children's classrooms and others as needed

>The Quilters Guild of Lancaster rents our facility for their monthly meetings and other all-day events that they host

>Weddings, receptions, and funerals

>Lancaster Office of Aging

>Groups that need a large facility for hosting a large meeting or conference



**Our building maintenance crew** working to keep our grounds and facility in "A1 condition"



### ANNIVERSARIES

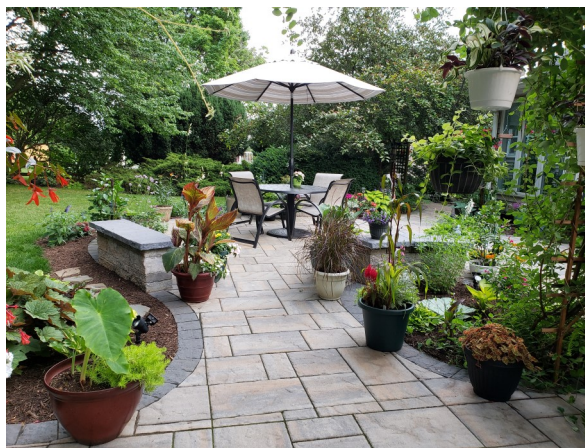
|    |                         |
|----|-------------------------|
| 10 | Nathan & Sarah Horst    |
| 13 | Bob & Jill Heine        |
| 15 | Dan & Joanne Dietzel    |
| 17 | Dick & Joyce Thomas     |
| 24 | John & Debbie Denlinger |
| 27 | Omar & Sara Lapp        |



### BIRTHDAYS

|    |                                 |
|----|---------------------------------|
| 1  | Rose High                       |
| 2  | Leon Yoder                      |
| 3  | Darlene Lapp                    |
| 4  | Heidi Loncosky                  |
| 6  | Marie Stoltzfus                 |
| 8  | Joanne Dietzel                  |
| 12 | Jill Heine                      |
| 14 | Naaman Yoder                    |
| 16 | Robert Kanagy<br>Charlotte Lapp |
| 17 | Shirley Nolt                    |
| 20 | John Denlinger                  |
| 26 | Esther Smoker                   |
| 27 | Ben Stoltzfus                   |
| 28 | Levi Beiler                     |
| 30 | June Landis                     |

**Garden Tour** A good number of persons from the church, as well as family and friends, and neighbors of garden hosts participated in the Ridgeview Garden Tour on Sunday afternoon, June 20. To date, the garden tour has raised \$957 for foyer renovations. Our thanks to all who contributed dollars and to those who opened up their gardens, thus making the tour possible. In addition to the church's pollinator garden, included in the tour were the residential gardens of Elton & Sherlyn Horst, Joy Hunter, Rick & Heidi Loncosky, Loretta & Jake Lapp, Kyle & Caitlin Siegrist, and Bill & Joanne Zimmerman.



**Pollinator Garden.....**Designed by Mindy Moyer of Lancaster, PA

Inspired by Scholars: Marcy Hostetler, Lindsey Deininger and Emily Smedley, from the Lancaster Watershed Leadership Academy; organized through Lancaster Clean Water Partners and Penn State.

Made possible with the hard work of many volunteers and by donations from...

- The Lancaster Watershed Leadership Academy
- Jim Glick of Ken's Gardens, Smoketown, PA
- Jim Lapp of Lapp Lumber, Paradise, PA
- The Stroud Water Research Center
- Vince Nolt of Nolt Excavating, Narvon, PA
- Ashlea Good
- Frey's Greenhouse, Lebanon, PA
- Rick and Heidi Loncosky
- Mindy Moyer



The Pollinator Garden was planted in April 2021 as a means to eliminate a turf grass hill and provide better filtration of stormwater run off to a small unnamed stream that neighbors the church property. The church property is part of the Mill Creek Watershed. Another purpose of the garden is to establish native plants that will provide habitat and food for pollinators as well as birds and other wildlife. Without native plants the number of pollinators has been decreasing and since much of our food depends on pollinators, it's important to take care of them.

The Garden is on an approximately 60 ft by 50 ft slope with a mulched path and stone wall running through center. The path can be entered at each end by a wooden arbor that supports native coral honeysuckle. There are over 100 native plants in the garden! They include trees, shrubs and perennials, along with a few butterfly loving annuals. Each plant has a label with its common and latin name so that they can be easily identified. The Garden looks large from a garden perspective and tiny from a whole county perspective, but added with the efforts of others it can help to have a HUGE impact to our waterways, starting with the one down the hill.

We welcome you to spend time at our Garden. It's an incredible place to enjoy God's creation. You can listen to the birds, watch for pollinators and enjoy the beautiful view across the valley on either side of the ridge.

# July

| SUN   | MON   | TUE                             | WED   | THU | FRI   | SAT |
|---|---|---------------------------------|---|-----|---|-----|
|   |   |                                 |   | 1   | 2   | 3   |
| 4<br>SS & Worship                                     | 5<br>6:30 & 7:30 pm<br>Softball games                             | 6<br>8:45 pm Soft-<br>ball game | 7   | 8   | 9 10<br>Youth Retreat at<br>Refreshing Mountain |     |
| 11<br>SS & Worship                                    | 12<br>6:30 pm<br>Softball game                                    | 13                              | 14  | 15  | 16  | 17  |
| 18<br>SS & Worship<br>Communion<br>Fellowship<br>Meal | 19<br>7:30 pm<br>Softball game<br><br>7pm Admin-<br>istration mtg | 20                              | 21<br>7am Men's<br>Breakfast<br><br>6:30pm Minis-<br>try Team | 22  | 23  | 24  |
| 25<br>SS & Worship                                    | 26<br>8:45 pm<br>Softball game                                    | 27                              | 28  | 29  | 30 31<br>Facility rental<br>Wedding reception   |     |