

# SEPTEMBER 2021

## Ridgeview Mennonite Church

### BUDGET

Budgeted	\$196,800.00
YTD Received	177,164.00
Education Fund	-(550.00)

### FACE MASKS, COVID, CDC AND RIDGEVIEW

With the surge in COVID cases comes the question of facemask when inside a building. The Administration Commission has decided to keep the wearing of facemask optional and also wants persons to feel very comfortable in wearing a facemask. It also seems prudent in light of differing perspectives among us to continue to social distance in seating during the worship service.

**SEPTEMBER OFFERINGS** Offerings during the month of September need to total \$19,636 to meet the budget goal by the end of the church's fiscal year on September 30. The weekly average needs to be \$4,909. Thank you for your faithful giving to our internal programs, and our mission across the street and around the world through partners such as Mennonite Disaster Service.

**IRA GIFT TOWARD FOYER UPDATE** A \$6,000 gift from a Ridgeview participant's IRA has been contributed toward the approximately \$100,000 needed to complete the foyer renovations. About \$35,000 is currently in the Building and Grounds Fund. A special thanks for this gift!

**OCTOBER 3 JOINT WORSHIP AND FUNDRAISER MEAL** A church service on Sunday, October 3, that includes both Ridgeview and Branch Community is planned to be followed by a meal to raise funds for the foyer project. Please put this date on your calendar to participate in the church service and fundraising meal.

**SEPTEMBER 22 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** A hybrid congregational meeting will be held at 7:00 PM on Wednesday September 22. Agenda will include gathering thoughts on possible adoption of the proposed changes to the Ministry Team that was introduced at the last congregational meeting as well as adoption of the 2021-22 church budget that was prepared based on feedback received from commissions, programs and individual congregational participants.

### ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 Walt & Sara Bushong
- 10 Naaman & Linda Yoder
- 15 Ray & Reba Ranck
- 22 Jeff & Donna Pauls
- 26 Rich & Rose High
- 27 Earl & Etta Esch

### PASTORS AGREEMENT AND CONGREGATIONAL REVIEW

Audrey will complete the first years of her agreement with Ridgeview at the end of the 2021-22 church year. During the year a review of her pastoral leadership and the congregation will be completed. Based on a vote of the congregation she would them move to an annual self-renewing agreement with continued evaluations that will be helpful to her and the congregation.

### CHANGES IN THE TIME OF SUNDAY SCHOOL AND THE CHURCH SERVICE

Feedback at the last congregational meeting on future planning for the times of Sunday School and the Church Service seemed to be inconclusive with about equal support for Sunday School being before or after the church service. As with most decisions there are pros and cons each way. Suggestions based on the prior discernment have included keeping the schedule as it has been before the pandemic, a trial period of two months with the church service first and then having a congregational vote of the church service being before or after Sunday School. Another suggestion has been to ask each class to decide whether to meet before or after the church service, with the church service meeting from 10:00 to 11:00.

What have been your thoughts since the last congregational meeting on this question. It seems unlikely that we will achieve 100% agreement on the question; however, more congregational feedback is needed before a decision is finalized with care taken to listen to the whole of the congregation.

Currently, the plan is to start the new Sunday School year on Sunday September 12. The current schedule will remain in effect at least until the majority of congregational participants agree to a change. Please keep question and our life together as the body of Christ at Ridgeview in your prayers. Administration Commission

### BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Donna Pauls
- 3 Mary Jane Good  
Jean Zook
- 10 Linda Yoder
- 11 Larry Shirk
- 12 Ray Lapp
- 16 Josiah Kanagy  
Carol Wenger
- 17 Reub Stoltzfus
- 21 Dan Dietzel  
Jeff Siegrist
- 26 Sadie Esh
- 27 Christie Gehman
- 29 Bruce King  
Maureen Terlizzi



# September 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4 9-11am Quilters 1990 Hall
5 Worship	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 SS & Worship	13	14 10am Alive with 55	15 7am Men's breakfast  6:30pm Minis- try Team	16	17	18
19 SS & Worship	20	21	22 7 pm Congre- gational meet- ing	23	24	25
26 SS & Worship	27	28	29	30		