

MAY 2022

Ridgeview Mennonite Church

BUDGET	
Budget	\$139,925.00
YTD Received	\$135,494.98
Education	\$ 2,000.00 (2022/23) 300.00 (2023/24)



Alex Kauffman on the trumpet



TUESDAY ALIVE—April 12

The morning began with a welcome and prayer by Pastor Audrey.

The Pequea Valley High School Jazz Combo entertained the group for the next hour with a mixture on old time big band, swing time and a few movie tunes.

The group included Director Mr. Corrao on keyboard and four students who are part of the larger jazz band at PV. Maddie on electric bass guitar, her brother Nate on trombone, Karli on tenor saxophone and our very own Alex Kauffman on trumpet were the instrumentalists. Nate and Alex alternated on percussion. A jazz band often includes a jazz singer who in this case was their fellow student, Julie.

Some of the old time tunes were recognized by many of the "old-time" listeners! Blue Moon, My Funny Valentine, Summertime, The Shadow of Your Smile and My Favorite Things were a few that were enjoyed.

When Audrey asked them, "Why have you been attracted to jazz? You are young people playing old-time music!"

Some responses were:

- The enthusiasm of the director, Mr Corrao.
- It's a big family with similar passion for this specific music.
- It's challenging, not straight forward as in the timing and even the harmony.
- "If you make a mistake, it's not the end of the world."

Audrey commented that was a good thing to keep in mind for life in general!

An delicious old-time meal of macaroni and cheese with stewed tomatoes was a hit with many, although except for one person in the jazz band, the rest were too young to be aware of this combo!

On May 10 a team from Garden Spot Village, including our own Evie Hershey, will share stories and pictures of their mission trip to Kenya in February. Etta Esch

BIRTHDAYS

- 14 Donald Martin
- 18 Audrey Kanagy
- 19 Alex Kauffman
- 20 Amos Zook
- 24 Janet Stoltzfus
- 28 Rhoda Beiler
- 29 Laura Glick

ANNIVERSARIES

- 18 Lance & Marsha Horst
- Steve & Bethany Jacke
- 20 Tony & Christie Gehman

PRAYER REQUEST....

Jill Heine and Steffen Sommers as they prepare to serve as Ridgeview's delegates at MCUSA's Special Delegate Session May 27-May 30th. Pray for everyone in the conference preparing for the Special Delegate Session.

OPEN HOUSE & DEDICATION

The Branch/Ridgeview story video can be viewed at <https://www.facebook.com/RidgeviewMennoniteChurch/videos/367881445286603/>





DURING THE WEEKS LEADING UP TO EASTER, the Ridgeview children continued to participate in bi-weekly Zoom sessions. During the season of Lent the sessions focused on the symbols and meaning of the season. In the first session the focus was on prayer and the children began learning the Lord's prayer, created prayer journals and were given pretzel making kits to remind them of how early Christians may have prayed. The families made the pretzels at a time that was convenient for them – many choosing to make them on the snowy Saturday we had mid-March.

Another session focused on the cross. The children learned about Ash Wednesday and putting crosses on their foreheads as a way of showing they were sorry for the sins and mistakes in their lives. They also learned about the events of the last week of Jesus' life including Palm Sunday, the Last Supper, Communion and Foot Washing. The children enjoyed putting glitter crosses on their foreheads and creating crosses by scraping crayons with sticks and designing replicas of stained-glass windows on vellum.

In another Zoom session, they learned about Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Along with the stories they heard and songs they sang, the children created "Gardens of Gethsemane" remembering Jesus praying alone in the garden and also the empty tomb following Jesus' resurrection.

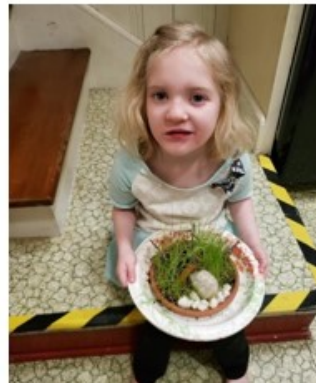
It hard to believe, but our Zoom times are coming to an end for this season: the last one will be on Sunday evening, May 15th. We have had a great year together hearing stories, praying together, practicing Bible verses, singing and moving with YouTube videos and even doing science experiments, games and crafts that went with the theme of the week. It has been an enjoyable way for the children to stay connected during these covid times.

This summer the children are scheduled to meet monthly in person. We will also start having a few extra activities for the older children. I have been grateful for this special season of connecting with the children and the families. Please pray for wisdom in discerning the next steps of Ridgeview's ministry with the children in the fall and beyond.

Blessings, Debbie Denlinger



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 SS & Worship 4-7pm Open house/ dedication 7pm Children's zoom	2 7:30pm Softball game	3	4 6pm Mulching	5	6	7
8 SS & Worship	9 6:30pm Softball game	10 10am Tuesday Alive 5:30pm Quilters 6:30pm MLT	11	12	13	14
15 SS & Worship 7pm Children's zoom (last one)	16 6:30pm Softball game	17	18 7am Men's breakfast	19	20	21
22 SS & Worship	23 8:45pm Softball game	24 7pm Administration mtg	25	26	27	28
29 SS & Worship	30 6:30pm Softball game	31				