

AUGUST 2022

Ridgeview Mennonite Church

BUDGET	
Budget	\$187,000.00
YTD Received	\$171,529.07
Education	\$ 250.00 Spring 2023 300.00 2023-24

TUESDAY ALIVE—June

Dan Armstrong began installing TV cable at the age of twenty. He has authored two books, *"The Adventures of a real Life Cable Guy"* and a novel *"Smart Dust."*

He shared life stories of his experiences as a cable guy. He also told of how he was born with a cleft palate. His was not a visible disfigurement. The hole in his palate meant he was not able to talk until he was five years old when he was fitted with an apparatus (a steel plate with a ball) which closes the hole in the roof of his mouth. He wears that to this day in order to be able to speak.

He credited his mother as a strong support throughout his life. Her spirit of sharing set a pattern for Dan's life.

The challenge he left was from James 4:14 "What is your life? It is a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes." Within that short time, he asserted, we are given many opportunities to impact others by giving from the heart. In the end, he said, he would rather have given even to someone who may not use it in the way we think they should than be judged for being judgmental.

In July, Ray Hurst will present the origin and activity of "Sprouts of Peace," a garden ministry sponsored by New Holland Mennonite Church. It provides fresh produce for the Early Learning Center and surrounding community.

Thanks to Darlene and Marsha for a delicious meal.
Etta Esch



BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Steve Crane
Jesse Kanagy
Mariah Kauffman
- 7 Bethany Jacke
- 20 Nathan Horst
- 24 Joanne Zimmerman
- 27 Hannah Jacek
- 30 Tony Gehman

ANNIVERSARIES

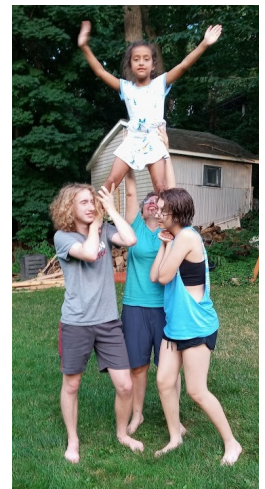
- 3 Steffen & Kate Sommers
- 7 Jason & Sarah Rohrer
- 9 Evan & Charlotte Lapp

YOUTH COOKOUT

The youth gathered on a steamy evening for boating, games, fellowship and "walking tacos" at the Kanagy's. They were joined by Audrey's sister's family. (Photo) Jesse is assisting Mariah Kauffman in teaching little cousins cheerleading moves.

The youth group will be changing this fall. Jesse Kanagy has already returned for his second year at Hesston and Alex Kauffman will be leaving for college at the end of the month.

We enjoyed interacting with the youth and seeing their interactions with each other and their leaders, Val Kauffman and Dan Dietzel. Thank you, Dan and Val. Pastor Audrey



TUESDAY ALIVE—JULY

Ray Hurst presented the origins and activities of "Sprouts for Peace", a vegetable garden ministry at New Holland Mennonite Church. Ray, a master gardener, serves two days a week at Wernersville State Hospital. He spends a significant amount of the rest of his time leading a group of volunteers who spend many hours of hard work in the garden. He says, "We are all made from dust. When we play in the dirt we are closest to God!"



Ray Hurst

The project grew out of the interest of several congregational members for a community garden on the church property. After several months of planning, by the spring of 2019, with the support of the congregation, seeds and plants were put into the ground.



Logo design by Pastor Audrey

At this time of year there are many vegetables to harvest. Joyce Thomas from this congregation serves as volunteer coordinator. Volunteers come every Tuesday at 6pm to pick whatever is in season. There may be 10-15 people who come. There may be several Garden Spot students who need to fulfill 30 hours of community service for grad requirements. There may be a few young people who have been assigned community service by the magistrate.

Produce from the garden is used for children's lunches at the Early Learning Center, a ministry of the church. Parents of the children are invited to take vegetables in season. Any excess is sent to CrossNet Ministries to be used in the community. About 5-6 tons of produce is organically produced during the growing season. One of the highlights Ray described is when the children from the learning center help in the garden. About 40 children came out one day to pick and squeeze potato bugs! Etta Esch

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY PICNIC

Pastor Audrey and Robert enjoyed a picnic with the children and parents at John & Debbie Denlinger's. We roasted hot dogs (the biggest ones I've ever seen) and ate pizza, s'mores, and chips.

The children had fun with water balloons, which eventually became buckets of water. This group of children has been participating in zoom gatherings facilitated by Debbie Denlinger since the beginning of the pandemic and enjoyed several in person gatherings over the summer. A big THANK YOU to Debbie for her passion for our children and service to them. Pastor Audrey



GO SUNDAY... Being the church scattered...Where did you go? What did you experience/learn? How did you see God today?



Joyce and I have been home with COVID. I read from the book His Truth is Marching On. This book about John Lewis and his pivotal role in the civil rights movement is inspiring and talks about the beloved community. It was a reflective and peaceful morning in the patio. I saw God working through persons like John Lewis and many Christians with a social conscience. Dick Thomas

I was filled with hope for our future joining Akron Mennonite Church as they sought God's blessing on their nature preserve project. Bethany Jacke

We were at Calvary Chapel in Honeybrook, pastored by our son-in-law, Vernon Stoltzfus. Church started at 9 with songs of praise, next a pastor started a school to train pastors in the slums of Nairobi, very touching story to because we have been to Nairobi but never to the slums. The sermon was from Luke 9:28, a powerful sermon. After church a luncheon was provided for anyone wishing to partake. It was a good morning. Loretta Lapp

We traveled home from the beach and I listened to several podcasts about people's experiences leaving toxic faith organizations. Jill Heine

We hiked the Falls Trail at Ricketts Glen. We were in awe of God's creation but especially talked about this tree. Its strong roots and the rock as its foundation. Heidi Loncosky



August 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 8:45pm Softball	2 5:30 Quilters	3	4	5	6
7 10:15 Worship	8 6:30pm Softball	9 10am Tuesday Alive	10	11	12	13
14 10:15 Worship 7pm Branch worship	15 8:45pm Softball	16 7pm IN Group	17 7am Men's breakfast	18	19	20
21 10:15 Worship (table fellowship) Communion Fellowship meal	22 Softball	23	24	25	26	27
28 10:15 Worship 7pm Branch worship	29 Softball 7pm Administration	30	31			