

Budget	\$111,800.00
YTD Received	88,620.76
Education Fund	4,000.00

TUESDAY ALIVE - March 14

The first gathering of Tuesday Alive for the new season began with Dr Conrad Kanagy telling his story of coping and thriving after a diagnosis of Parkinson's Disease at the age of 55.

Dr. Kanagy teaches sociology at Elizabethtown College. He has written several books about changes in the church and recently completed a biography of theologian Walter Brueggemann to be released in the Fall of 2023.

He began the session by reading Psalm 71, which he called "a wonderful prayer for persons of age." "O God, from my youth you have taught me. Do not forget me when my strength is spent."



He tells his young students, "I'm trembling on the outside. You are trembling on the inside."

In October 2013, Conrad was diagnosed after earlier having experienced many treatments for cancer. He shared honestly about anxiety, discouragement and terror on receiving the news.

There was also anger and lament. Sometimes God seemed far away. "Step up and be God!" eventually led to singing.

Psalm 23 describes this transition. First, there is orientation realizing our condition. Second, this leads to disorientation, crying out, lamenting. Third, there is a new orientation, praise, gratefulness, singing.

Some thoughts left with the group: "Without lament, authentic praise is shallow." "Suffering brings gifts we never expected." "An encounter with Jesus often messes up our theology."

Thanks to the "kitchen gang," a delicious ham loaf meal was served and enjoyed.

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ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Merv & Jan Stoltztus
- 13 Bob & Judy Ebersole-Martin
- 20 Amos & Jean Zook

BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Val Kauffman
- 19 Jane Winters
- 22 Evan Lapp
- 27 Mabel Glick
- 30 Becky Hershey



SPRING CLEANUP/MULCHING

Wednesday, April 19, 6:30 p.m.

Cleanup/edging/shrub trimming

Wednesday, April 26, 6:30 p.m.

Mulching

WORSHIP PLANNING

With Pastor Audrey leaving on April 19, one question on people's minds is who will be coordinating our Sunday morning worship services. A group of people are working at planning and coordinating a schedule for the upcoming months and will work with the interim pastor when he/she begins.

Those serving on the Worship Planning Team include: Nathan Horst, Kyle Siegrist (*music coordination*), Etta Esch and Joanne Dietzel (*worship leaders*), Evie Hershey and Debbie Denlinger (*children's time*), and John Denlinger.

For our worship services, we plan to invite:

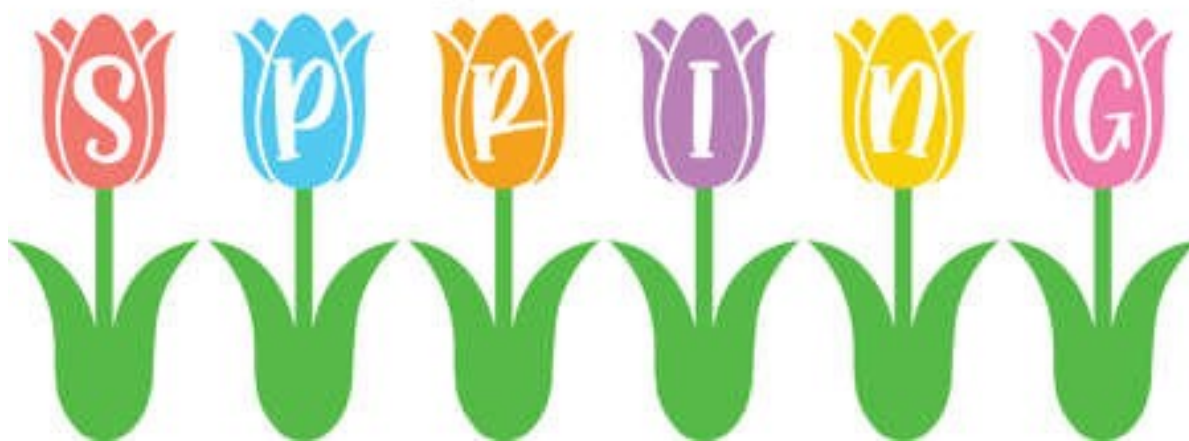
- * people from within Atlantic Coast Conference and beyond to preach.
- * people from within Ridgeview to tell their life story as a way of learning to know each other on a deeper level.
- * services of sharing and singing.

If you have interest in being involved in upcoming worship services, please talk to someone on the Worship Planning Team. There are many gifts among us to be shared. If you have any suggestions for our Worship Planning Team, please let us know.

GO! SUNDAY

Sunday, **April 30** is a GO! SUNDAY. There will not be anything planned that Sunday at the church. However, the following options are available for your consideration:

- * John Denlinger will be preaching at New Holland Mennonite Church on April 30 and **all are welcome to attend**. The worship service begins at 10:00 a.m. Sunday school begins at 9:00 a.m.
- * Meet & Eat at Smokehouse BBQ (Plain & Fancy Farm, 3121 Old Philadelphia Pike, Bird-in-Hand, PA). Plan to arrive at **11:30 a.m.** and enjoy eating together with other people in our faith community. If you would like to Meet and Eat and need transportation, please contact Joyce Shirk at the church office (717.768.3143 or office@ridgeviewmennonite.net).
- * Attend New Holland Mennonite Church **and** Meet & Eat at Smokehouse BBQ.



April 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2 PALM SUN- DAY SS&Worship	3 Food Pack	4	5	6	7	8
Facility rental—8:00 a.m.—9:00 p.m. each day						
9 EASTER SS&Worship Audrey's last day Branch worship	10	11 10am Tuesday Alive 5:30pm Quilters	12 7am Men's breakfast Food Pack	13	14	15
					Facility rental Wedding/reception	
16 SS&Worship Audrey's fare- well service Fellowship meal	17	18	19 Food Pack	20	21	22 ACC Spring Assembly @ African Com- munity Church
23 SS&Worship Branch worship	24	25	26 Food Pack	27	28	29
30 NO Services						