## September 2023

### **Ridgeview Mennonite Church**

Budget \$184,400.00 YTD Received 154,674.68 **Education Fund** 200.00

#### **ANNIVERSARIES**

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

#### **TUESDAY ALIVE - August 8**

Dr Leroy Hopkins, retired Millersville University German

Professor is a member of the African American Historical Society.

Although an African American, he never heard of the underground railroad until he was in high school. In 1976, he joined the Lancaster Urban League and began looking for black history in Lancaster County.

When Pennsylvania passed the Personal Liberties Act in 1826, it opened the way for the Underground Railroad. Samuel Gibson, a Quaker from Bird-in-Hand, was the progenitor of three generations of station masters. Rail-



roads were privately owned so station masters created false ends in the train cars. When trains became federally owned, steamships moved goods and freedom-seekers.

Freedom-seekers followed parts of the Appalachian Trail to Maryland, York and Lancaster on the way to Philadelphia.

There were no slaves in PA after 1780 but many became indentured servants and often spent a lifetime enslaved because they never earned enough to gain their freedom. In 1830, the PA Supreme Court ended the practice of servanthood in perpetuity.

When enslaved people gained their freedom, they were known as Free Africans. After the 15th Amendment gave black men the right to vote, they were known as African American.

In September, Eleanor Isaacson will tell her story of coming out of Nazi Germany and escaping the Iron Curtain.

Etta Esch

#### **BIRTHDAYS**

- Jean Zook
- 10 Linda Yoder
- 11 Larry Shirk
- 12 Ray Lapp
- 17 Reub Stoltzfus
- 21 Dan Dietzel
- 26 Sadie Esh
- 28 Makayla Winters



#### ROUND DA CHURCH...

Well hear it is September ...should we be on vacation? Naw, we did that last week.

And so it goes, the trustees (RicnBob) were having a breakfast at White Horse Luncheonette. Look who we see, Omar & Sarah having breakfast with their two sons, standard practice for the first Saturday of the month for them.

As we discuss our summer events and the day's activities, work at church, we're on our way. Upon arriving, we looked at the nice work of Evan Lapp who created a new ladder for the outside maintenance of the church's A/C units. The 33 year old ones were showing their age for sure.

One of today's project is installing an internet cable for a Branch office computer. A hole is cut in the wall and then the hard

part begins. Drill a hole through the floor to get the cable run above the ceiling that's below. What if the ceiling below is plaster? You move over to the next room where you'll have a drop ceiling. WOW! Instead of fishing 3 feet for the pull string we fish close to 20 feet.. As Bob was working the string up & down it finally went through to the lower level and Rick hooked it and pulled it back. Tie on the cable and pull it up and we're one-half there. It's destination on the other end was easier due to previous wires being installed.

All the while we had beautiful music coming from the Chapel by the Sunday music group as they were practicing for the next day.

We're done here today. See ya next time...round da church! Rick Loncosky









#### **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

Sunday, September 17 9:40 a.m. in the Chapel

#### **Agenda**

2023-24 budget chapel upgrades

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SUN	MON	TUE		THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3 Worship	4	5 5:30 pm Quilters	6	7	8 8am-2pm Conference Room reserved	9
10 SS & Worship	11	12 10am Tuesday Alive	13	14	15	16
17 SS & Worship 9:40am Con- gregational meeting	18	19	20 7am Men's Breakfast	21	22	23
24 SS & Worship	25	26	27	28	29	30