

Budget	\$ 27,540.00
YTD Received	23,680.00
Education	600.00

BIRTHDAYS

- 8 Francesca Crane
- 12 Debbie Rohrer
- 15 Kyle Siegrist
- 17 Becky Stoltzfus
- 20 Olivia Horst
Emma Sommers
- 24 Bill Zimmerman
- 25 Nolan Kauffman
- 31 Edna Lapp

TUESDAY ALIVE, November 14

Amanda Walton and Fausta from Canine Partners for Life in Cochranville was our guests.

Amanda described the dogs used in the full service program. Some are bred and trained, some are "rescues". Mixed breeds like Bulldogs, Golden Retrievers, or Labs are preferred. All are acclimated and trained from birth up to the partnering with a person needing service. Amanda explained the seeing eye dog training is a completely different program.

The CPFL program is a non-profit, accredited by Partners for Life International. The cost to train a dog is \$32,000-\$35,000. Donations and grants cover these costs. Besides a paid staff, there are over 500 volunteers who offer a variety of services. Some incarcerated persons are able to participate.



The goal is to increase independence for people experiencing ALS, diabetic attacks, epileptic seizures, etc. The canines are trained to support victims in the courthouse setting, patients in the hospital, doctor's office and residential homes. Children with autism, downs, anxiety and depression, delayed development also are paired with a companion dog.

Amanda said alert dogs cannot be trained. They are born with an innate sense (smell, for one) and are trained what to do with that sense.

After a time of question and answer, Fausta met and was petted by many. A delightful soup lunch was served.

December 12 will be the last meeting for the Tuesday Alive year. A ladies choir from Landis Homes will bring songs of the season. A delicious turkey and stuffing meal will be the finale.

The program will resume in March 2024.

ROUND DA CHURCH.....

Here it is, a cool crisp Saturday morning in November. Wow, a little heat would be nice about right now and we'll get there. Ricnbob are on the scene replacing the blower motor on a kitchen unit. Just a bit chilly working in the shade. Brrrrrrr...!!

With that done and it working, up on the roof we go...!! We're in the sun now, ahhhh, warmth. The wind sure is blowing today, wow..! The gas valve is swapped into the pipe. The assembly is installed in the system and tightened up. Power on, gas on, fire this thing up..!

Look at that, "it's purring like a kitten," as they say. Just another successful day, Round da Church.....



EAST CHESTNUT STREET MENNONITE CHURCH – MONDAY EVENING MEAL 11/06/2023

5 loaves & 2 fishes...Is it enough? Will it be enough? How can it be enough..?

Where should we start? Some say the beginning; some might say otherwise. For this saga we'll start in the middle, work our way to the end and finish at the start.

Upon arrival at the church in Lancaster, everything is unloaded and carried to the church basement. Tables already in place, food stuff is placed in order of serving. Several positions are needed and a person at every station with coffee and tea and hot chocolate all prepared.

The doors are open, a hungry group forms a line. Pastor Klaudia and Pastor John are on the "Welcome Committee" and are greeting all as they enter. Eager to see what's on the menu, they inch closer and closer to see. Delighted to see a welcome feast, some dine in while others take theirs to go. 1's 2's 3's 4's to go. In only 15 minutes the line seems endless. We continue serving. Thirty minutes go by and 100 people are served and the nail biting begins. We are running out.. what are we going to do? Oh my...will we have enough?

In the background on scullery duty, AKA pot scrubber, is Ron, cleaning as we go to lessen the clean-up at the end. The last roaster is filled and the end of the line is not visible. Oh my...will we have enough? I see the end of the line. Fifteen minutes to go, but the doors stay open until 6:00pm.

Oh my...will we have enough? The finger nails are getting shorter. As the last person is served, there's but a pint of broth left. The city is feed at East Chestnut Street this evening and no more people show with ten minutes left to go. It was "heavy ladle lap", aka Charlotte, that served out a gospel measure to all 181 patrons this night. How did this happen? How was it we have enough? Who knew how much would be needed?

Let's go back to the beginning and do some research. How much food is required to feed approximately 190 people... the suggested amount by the East Chestnut Street Committee. Oh my...will we make enough? Rough estimates say 35 pounds of ham, 44 pounds of green beans, and potatoes to the amount I haven't seen in a very long time.

Monday morning, we start at 9:00 a.m. Darlene is already busy. People show up and taters are brought out. Ham dicing begins along with pounds of beans to be snapped. There's onion dicing, of a size larger than a soft-ball, an eye watering experience. Dessert cutting and tasks all needed to produce a hearty meal. Oh my, will we have enough?

There are 4 large pans heaped full in the ovens and a roaster filled to the rim on the counter. Set at 300° we're done in an hour with the help of all volunteers. Back for a midday stir and we meet shortly after 3:00 p.m. to get ready for transporting. Off we go to East Chestnut Street Mennonite Church.

Matthew 25:35 says *"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in."* There was never a doubt...on my, we always have enough. Amen.

Thank you to all helpers, volunteers, donators and donations.

Rick Loncosky



December 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3 SS & Worship	4	5	6 9am Food Pac 6pm Dinner/ Auction	7	8	9
10 SS & Worship	11	12 10am Tuesday Alive	13 9am Food Pac	14	15	16
17 SS & Worship	18	19	20 9am Food Pac 7am Men's breakfast	21	22	23
24 SS & Worship	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS	26	27	28	29	30
31 SS & Worship						