# **JULY 2024**

### TUESDAY ALIVE June 11

About 60 people were present at Tuesday Alive on a beautiful

day on the ridge. Edith Yoder, daughter of Naaman and Linda, is the director of Bridge of Hope, a national organization that helps find homes for families caught in the housing crisis. Caleb Simmers assisted Edith in presenting the alarming statistics regarding the local area. Lancaster County is below the average of housing units available and the rent has increased 30 %. In 3 local school districts, there are over 300 families without housing, most living in motels.

Bridge of Hope encourages churches to provide a group of 5-6 people (neighboring volunteers) to walk along with a family and help them get established and into a sustainable place to live.

Part of the morning was spent in an interactive activity where volunteers were given a name and bio of a person. As state-

ments about the circumstances surrounding homelessness were mentioned, the persons moved front or back in response to what applied to them. It was sobering to see some persons end up way in the back because their individual circumstances were overwhelmingly hard to qualify for a permanent home.

The presentation ended with 4 things we can do to help:

1. Gather a neighboring group to work with a family

2. Giving money to help stabilize a family

3. Utilize social capital by finding landlords that would be willing to work with a family

4. Pray for homeless families, the neighboring volunteers and staff of Bridge of Hope

This morning was informative, enlightening and sobering as we learned of the needs in our area. We were served a delicious meal of Mac and cheese, sausage and tomato sauce as we gathered around the tables for fellowship. –Evie Hershey





### **BIRTHDAYS**

- 2 Leon Yoder
- 4 Heidi Loncosky
- 6 Marie Stoltzfus
- 8 Joanne Dietzel
- 12 Jill Heine
- 14 Naaman Yoder
- 16 Charlotte Lapp
- 17 Shirley Nolt
- 20 John Denlinger
- 27 Ben Stoltzfus

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

- 10 Nathan & Sarah Horst
- 13 Bob & Jill Heine
- 15 Dan & Joanne Dietzel
- 17 Dick & Joyce Thomas
- 24 John & Debbie Denlinger
- 27 Omar & Sara Lapp

### FOOD-PAC FESTIVAL

Another season has passed. A total of 2,808 bags have been packed and many children had food provided for the weekend in the Pequea Valley School District. As the Food Pac Program here at Ridgeview came to an end, it's not officially over until a small celebration is had at the home of the person that keeps the program moving forward. Charlotte Lapp hosted a lunch for all the volunteers at her residence on a beautiful June Saturday. A wonderful lunch along with a wide variety of "Desserts by Darlene" which is another way to say Yummy, were had by the small group of 22 people. Blessings to all and see you in the fall. -Rick Loncosky



## **Ridgeview Mennonite Church**

# July 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 5pm Quilters	3	4 Holiday	5	6
7 9:00 am Fellowship 9:30 Worship 10:45 Sermon response	8	9 10am Tuesday Alive	10	11 6:30-9:00 Youth	12	13
14 9:00 am Fellowship 9:30 Worship 10:45 Sermon response 6:00 pm Bap- tismal Service @Robert&Au drey Kanagy's	15	16	17 7am Men's breakfast	18 6:30-9:00 Youth	19	20
21 9:00 am Fellowship 9:30 Worship- Pastoral Can- didate 10:45 Sermon response Fellowship Meal	22	23	24	25 6:30-9:00 Youth	26	27
28 9:00 am Fel- lowship 9:30 Worship 10:45 Sermon response	29	30	31			