# SEPTEMBER 2024

# **Ridgeview Mennonite Church**

#### **TUESDAY ALIVE**

August 13 was the Tuesday Alive gathering at Ridgeview. John begin the morning program with prayer for Earl and Etta Esch, who are hospitalized after a car accident.

The speaker was Larry Stoner from Mennonite Disaster Service. His report was eye-opening as he mentioned that last year over 7,000 persons volunteered to help with disaster relief throughout the US and Canada. MDS has 3 R's as their



motto: Respond, Rebuild, and Restore. The volunteers are the "hands and feet of Jesus," Stoner shared several videos that allowed us to enter into the good work that is being done in the name of Christ. Some examples: LMH students building wall frames for houses

to be shipped to needed areas, building bridges in West Virginia after flooding cut off entire neighborhoods, and raising

existing houses in Crisfield MD to make them flood proof.

He also emphasized the connections that MDS makes with many other non-profits to provide these services, includ-



ing Lutheran Disaster Response, Church World Services and Samaritan's Purse. There are also funds provided by the national and state governments. The donations from the churches, communities and individuals continue to make this good work possible.

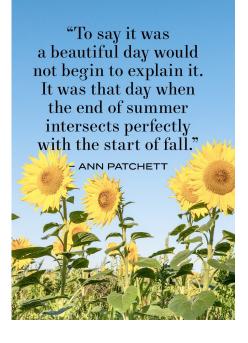
We were served a delicious meal of chicken salad or egg salad sandwiches, bean casserole, chips, fruit and desert. It is rewarding to sit and watch the lively conversation around the tables. This is an important part of Ridgeview's mission. Praise God! Evie Hershey

#### **BIRTHDAYS**

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

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

- 4 Walt & Sara Bushong
- 10 Naaman & Linda Yoder
- 15 Ray & Reba Ranck
- 27 Earl & Etta Esch



### **HISPANIC MINISTRIES PROGRAM**

The Hispanic Ministries program of the Mennonite Education Agency is one of the programs we support financially. The program operates a basic program, Anabaptist Biblical Institutes, at thirteen study centers across the United States as well as a few centers in other countries. It also operates SeBAH, Hispanic Anabaptist Biblical Seminary for leaders already active in Christian ministry. It also offers a graduate certificate in theological studies in partnership with the Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary.

In addition, it produces Menno News (Meno Ticias) a Spanish on line news magazine for Mennonite Church USA. Our dollars help support this program for a growing edge of Mennonite Church USA.

#### ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION NEWS

Thank you for the names you submitted and your prayers for the discernment process to fill open positions beginning with the new church year on October 1.

The Administration Commission recommends approval of the following during the September 22 worship service. Installation of the Minister of Outreach is planned for September .

Evie Hershey to a three-year term as Minister of Outreach. Sara Bushong to a three-year term as member at large on the Administration Commission Merv Stoltzfus to a two-year term on the Administration Commission Dick Thomas to a two-year term as Minister of Administration

The Administration Commission recommends approval of the 2024-25 church budget, which is planned to happen during the September 22 worship service.

Other news:

A five-year lease has been established with Branch Community Church

Branch will be vacating the two rooms closest to the chapel and moving these offices to the nursery. This will allow all Ridgeview Christian Education Classes to be on the same level as the chapel which was an expressed desire in an earlier congregational meeting.

Administration Commission has approved replacing the rubber roof over the café and foyer. The roof is 34 years old and has been leaking for several years. This project becomes affordable because Branch has offered volunteer labor which will reduce the cost of the project significantly.

Administration Commission approved replacing the worn and cracked Formica on the island in the kitchen. This is important for food safety.

The building and grounds fund is funded by designated gifts and 25% of rental income. There is currently over \$9,000 in this fund and about \$25,000 is needed to pay for these two projects. Designated gifts are welcome!



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Fellowship & Worship	2 labor day	3 5pm Quilters	4	5	6	7
8 SS & Worship 11:30-2:00PM Fellowship Hall- Branch		10 10am Tuesday Alive	11	12	13	14
15 SS & Worship	16	17	18 7am Men's Breakfast	19	20	21 Parking lot being used for over- flow parking by neighbor (wedding)
22 SS & Worship	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 SS & Worship	30					