

# JANUARY 2025

## Ridgeview Mennonite Church

Budget	\$ 38,222.00
YTD Received	37,205.00
Education	560.00



### BIRTHDAYS

1	Sara Lapp
3	Judy Ebersole
6	Debbie Denlinger
7	David Crane
14	Loretta Lapp
25	Daniel Jacke
26	Dennis Shirk Ruth Stoltzfus
29	Janet Shirk

### ANNIVERSARIES

1	Ben & Ruth Stoltzfus
16	Jake & Loretta Lapp

### TUESDAY ALIVE

Our December meeting was full of Christmas cheer. A group of singers representing Lancaster Mennonite's Campus Chorale entertained us with energetic presentations of familiar carols as well as some non-traditional songs. We even were introduced to a Chinese carol, interpreted by one of the choir members who is from China.

Kim Baker is the very capable leader of this group of young people, who each introduced themselves so we old folks could make family connections! We did some group singing as well. It was a lovely presentation.

John Denlinger introduced the tentative schedule for next season, beginning in March.

We all were well fed, featuring the delightful Amish Wedding Dinner, prepared by our competent chefs. Thanks to all who made this year of Tuesday Alive a success.

-Evie Hershey



## **THANK YOU FOR END OF YEAR GIVING**

The budget we adopted to fund our 2024-2025 vision/mission included giving of \$15,000 above the weekly budgeted offering during the month of December. Total above budget giving for the month was \$16,891 which surpassed the goal! Thank you for generous giving to meet and to pass the goal as well as all the other ways you enable Ridgeview to be a caring, faith community to participants as well as making a positive difference in our local community and around the world.

## **ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION NOTES:**

The roof on the sanctuary has been replaced. The bill was reduced \$10,000 because of volunteer help from Branch Community Church and the King Family Roofing Company donated \$1,580 bringing the total cost to Ridgeview down to \$30,000. This bill was paid from the Building and Grounds Fund. The money in the fund comes from designated gifts and from 25% of rental income accredited to the fund.

Pastor Katelyn Robbins submits a report to the commission which is helpful to understand her ministry activities and to provide feedback that we hope may be helpful to her.

The property insurance bill increased by around \$3,000 when compared to last year. Exploration is underway to see if a more affordable insurance policy is available.

The piano we used when we met in the sanctuary has been sold for \$7,500. While we originally hoped it would sell for more, we are pleased to have the sale completed before the new year. The proceeds will help us continue to make improvements to the chapel.

A donation was approved to the Pequea Valley Ambulance Association.

## **REFLECTIONS ON OUTREACH**

When we simplified the Ridgeview structure, we developed a new Outreach Commission that reflected the calling we felt to be more local community connected. It seems to me that is happening in numbers of ways. A few are:

The "Tuesday Alive" program that includes more persons from the local community than from our congregation

The Ridgeview Community Auction where more persons than attend our church services were involved with 75 persons present at the meal, and a total of 80+ persons were involved, including persons from "Tuesday Alive" and others from the local community and Branch Community Church.

The Food PACK Program.

We enable both the Alliance Network and Branch Community church to connect with persons that we would not connect with. The January "Anabaptist World" contains the following: "Renewal Event to Focus on Future of Anabaptism...The ecumenical event is supported by Alliance Network, an Amish affiliated discipleship training and mission organization with offices at Ridgeview Mennonite Church, a member of MC USA's Atlantic Coast Conference.

A Bible Study and food ministry group led by Sam Walters. As an outreach of our congregation, food can be purchased from Blessings of Hope for persons who live in the apartment building.

Please keep these community ministries and the connections each of us have in the local community in your prayers.

Dick Thomas, Congregational Chair

# January 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5 SS & Worship	6	7	8 9am Food Pack	9	10	11
12 SS & Worship	13	14	15 9am Food Pack	16	17 7am Men's Breakfast	18
19 SS & Worship	20	21	22 9am Food Pack	23	24	25
26 SS & Worship 11am-3pm Fel- lowship Hall- Branch	27	28	29 9am Food Pack 6-10pm Chapel -Alliance Net- work	30	31	