

# MAY 2025

## Ridgeview Mennonite Church

Budget	\$ 88,200.00
YTD Received	85,182.00
Education	3,010.00

**ANNIVERSARIES**  
18 Lance & Marsha Horst  
Steve & Bethany Jacke

**BIRTHDAYS**  
13 Kim Robbins  
19 Alex Kauffman  
20 Amos Zook  
24 Jan Stoltzfus

### TUESDAY ALIVE – April 8

Roland Anye, MCC Thrift Shop National Coordinator, enthusiastically shared stories of the beginnings, mission, and philosophy of the thrift shops.

Roland grew up in Cameroon into a Christian family. He came to the states for his education. He met some Mennos in Kansas. In hearing their philosophy of service, he became involved. In 2013, he moved to Philadelphia.

That service mindset of relief, peace and development work led him to accept the invitation to become the Coordinator of MCC East Coast thrift shops. Sometimes the clothing and food did not match the real needs.



In 1972, the first gift shop opened. Items were collected and bought by local persons. The cash sent to agencies who could help in their local areas of service. Today there are 41 shops across the US; 15 on the east coast, 8 in the Great Lakes area, 14 in the center states, and 4 on the west coast. Management in each area is paid but the work goes on because of hundreds of volunteers.

Roland mentioned stories of how he enjoyed being in the “back room” where the donations are accepted and sorted or remade into something new by creative volunteers.

The best ways to help, Roland noted, is to donate, shop, volunteer, and spread the word of this worldwide service!

Following a Q&A session, lunch was served. Etta Esch



**Easter Sunday Brunch**

**ROUND Da CHURCH**

Well, it's a dreary and breezy day. Ya can't work outside so, what can ya do? Hey, let's have breakfast at Whitehorse Luncheonette and work at church.

So the trustees are at it again. The new kitchen island was installed earlier and a new deep sink was ordered and needed to be installed. A few other items were on the list also. A new microwave in the kitchen and a rack to hold all the cordless microphones in the Chapel and on and on.

While all that was being done, the volunteers from Branch were moving mulch and working steadily at beautifying the landscape of the church. With all the new technology and young hearts the job was completed in a flash.

Thank you all. Rick Loncosky



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