

# JULY 2025

## Ridgeview Mennonite Church

Budget	\$ 114,660.00
YTD Received	105,234.00
Education	3,010.00

### ANNIVERSARIES

- 13 Bob & Jill Heine
- 15 Dan & Joanne Dietzel
- 17 Dick & Joyce Thomas
- 24 John & Debbie Denlinger

### 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

### TUESDAY ALIVE

June 10, 2025

The morning began with recognition of birthdays for Anna Esh and Jake Lapp, as well as two anniversaries (51 and 53 years). John also recognized a guest from Savannah, GA.

Adam Heapes, CEO of the Clinic for Special Needs Children, was our speaker. Their new building is located just on the east side of Intercourse.

The clinic, formerly set up in Strasburg by Dr Morton, is for the care of children born with genetic disorders. The gene, passed on from both parents, causes severe physical limitations and disabilities.

Amish and Mennonites are most vulnerable because of marriages within a relatively small communities. This is known as the Founders Effect. Amish founders in this country numbered about 120 people. Mennonite founders numbered about 240.

One example is Spinal Muscular Atrophy. Both parents carry a gene that causes muscle weakness and wasting. This leaves the child eventually needing complete care.

Dr Strauss came to the clinic when Dr Morton left to set up a Central PA Clinic for special needs children. Dr Strauss developed a gene therapy which may slow the symptoms in affected children.

These children can benefit from a liver transport. However, these transplants are hard to come by.

Newborns, who are tested and found to have the disorder can receive pre-symptomatic treatment. A short video showed how the therapy corrects the disorder and the child shows no sign of the disorder.

Dr Strauss received recognition for his work in this area, published in Leading Edge, a medical magazine. This treatment has now become global with further research being done.

The cost of this therapy is prohibitive at this point. Grants and fund-raisers help to defray some of the cost for parents or caregivers.

Following a Q and A, lunch was served by Charlotte and her fine crew!

The July gathering is Julie Henning, an adopted daughter of author Pearl Buck who will be sharing her story of being rescued from an orphanage and growing up in China.

-Etta Esch



## **MONEY IS A WONDERFUL THING....**

Harry Emerson Fosdick wrote "Money is a miraculous thing. It is your personal energy reduced to a portable form and endowed with power you yourself do not possess. It can go where you cannot go; speak languages you cannot speak; lift burdens you cannot touch with your fingers; save lives with which you cannot deal directly."

Each time you contribute to the Ridgeview mission the money that represents some of your time and effort goes places and does gospel things across the street and around the world. This note highlights a few of the places you are making a difference through your investment in our mission.

Much of our budget pays salaries, pays insurance, utilities and other costs of operating the physical plant. Each commission has a budget to carry out the work they are called to do. And part of our mission is to invest in other organizations and programs that extend our ministry.

A few are:

**Lancaster County Food HUB:** We make a small donation to this program of churches in Lancaster County. It provides food, clothing and shelter services for Lancaster County families, serving with faith and compassion. During 2024 more than 73,000 visitors received services with 56,000 receiving food. The demand for their services is growing and is projected to grow faster with government cutbacks underway.

**The Learning Center:** This is a ministry of the New Holland Mennonite Church providing childcare for the community. A significant number of children come from low-income families for which the center receives some money from the government. However, additional fund beyond tuition and government funds is needed to operate the center. Providing some support for the center is a way we partner with the New Holland Mennonite Church.

**Jacqueline Hoover Support:** After Atlantic Coast Conference this is our largest investment beyond the congregation. The dollars are given to a fund at Mennonite Mission Network which supports her ministry. She continues to be connected and shares in varied ways in our ministry such as sharing about Christmas in other global locations where she has lived and served.

**Intercourse Heritage Days:** The Outreach Commission gave a small contribution as a sponsor of this community event.

**Mennonite Central Committee:** An investment in MCC helps to enable its peace, justice and service ministries in The Name of Christ. Organizations such as MCC are facing increasing call for help in places of need around the globe as the budget for USAID has been significantly reduced.

Thank you for your generous giving that makes our internal and external ministries possible. Please keep the ministries of our congregation and these ministry partners in your prayers as we seek to share God's love with all of creation.

Dick Thomas, congregational chair



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4 HOLIDAY	5
6 9am Worship 10:15 Sermon response	7	8 10am Tuesday Alive 5pm Quilters	9	10	11	12
13 9am Worship 10:15 Sermon response	14	15	16	17	18 7am Men's breakfast	19
20 9am Worship 10:15 Sermon response	21	22	23	24	25	26 9am-5pm Fel- lowship Hall reserved
27 9am Worship 10:15 Sermon response	28	29	30	31		