NOVEMBER 2025

Ridgeview Mennonite Church

Budget \$ 10,008.00 YTD Received 8,253.00 Education 510.00

ANNIVERSARIES

3 Leon & Theresa Yoder

BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Judy Smoker
- 4 Eart Esch
- 8 Marsha Horst
- 14 Lance Horst
- 18 Paul Smoker
- 23 Bob Martin
- 25 Jim Glick
- 26 Merv Stoltzfus
- 30 Mady Kauffman

TUESDAY ALIVE

At 8:15 am about 58 people took an interesting, informative bus tour of the Welsh Mt, led by Don Horning, with coach driver, Jay Nolt. The story started in Churchtown, Caernarvon, Narvon and Pool Forge which were settled by Welsh immigrants. Thanks to Wm Penn, 40,000 acres was granted to them in 1682.

As time went on, the mountain became a safe haven for enslaved people. The mountain attracted a variety of marginal people. It became known as a poverty stricken, crime-ridden area, ruled by violent gangs who observed only their own law. The New Holland Mennonite churches began a mission in the 50's.

From the late 60's to the present, the mountain moved from poverty to gentrification as developers saw potential for housing. An influx of the Amish also changed the face of the neighborhood.



Following the trip, we were treated to a meal at the home of Hannah King.

Rick and Ruthie introduced us to an adaptation of a chorus. We





"Alive, alive, alive at 55, Praise God we are alive!"

November will bring Feleen Nancarvis, Director of Meals on Wheels. Etta Esch



Photos of Tuesday Alive gathering (September) with Darrel (Doc) Yoder, local magician/street performer. Doc's assistant, Debbie, helps to "chop off" Pastor Katelyn's arm! Doc had the rapt attention of all.

2025 Ridgeview Auction

Donations have begun to arrive for the Ridgeview Auction on December 3. The goals for the event are:

- 1. To have fun together in a community event.
- 2. To provide an event for Ridgeview participants to invite family, friends and neighbors.
- 3. To support the 2025-2026 church year mission as outlined in the church budget.

Plan now by:

- 1. Put the date on your calendar.
- 2. Plan to bring a donation for the auction on Sunday, November 9.
- 3. Invite others to the meal and auction.

Doors open at 5:00 p.m. and bidding ends at 6:30 p.m., followed by the meal. Winning bids announced after the meal.

Joining Together in December

During the month of December there will be an end-of-year ingathering with a goal of receiving \$8,000 above the budgeted offerings for the month of December. The budget projects regular offerings during the month of \$11,770 or \$2,940 per week. Your special end-of-year giving to help reach our budget goals is deeply appreciated.

First Year Review

The Administration Commission, ACC Conference Minister Joanne Dietzel, and Katelyn Robbins had conversation reviewing her first year as our pastor. We reflected on the year and looked ahead to 2025-2026. We appreciate the way Katelyn has learned to know and appreciate the congregation. The conversation followed a framework provided by Mennonite Church USA for the end of the pastor's first year. We affirm Katelyn the way she has engaged in visitation, has grown in presenting sermons, the way she empowers others and is willing to be involved wherever helpful. Visitation and involvement in activities such as the auction committee have allowed her to see us in a different way, to build strong relationships and to be among us not just as a professional pastor, but as a fellow companion on the journey of life.



WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE...

Starting Sunday December 7th, we will be making some changes to our Sunday morning schedule, at least for the winter quarter (December-February): We will have the worship service first at 9:30 a.m. followed by Sunday school classes (including a sermon discussion option meeting in the chapel) around 10:50. In January, we will have an opportunity to reflect on these changes during a congregational meeting.

November 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
8:00 a.m.– Monday— Olive Gro						1
2 SS & Worship	3	4 5:30pm Quilters	5	6	7	8
9 SS & Worship	10	11 10am Tuesday Alive	12	13	14	15
16 SS & Worship	17	Conference R 10am-5pm	19 Room Reserved 8am-1pm	20 10am Prayer Shawl group	21 7am Men's Breakfast	22
23 SS & Worship	24	25	26	27 THANKSGIV- ING	28 8AM-5PM Fellowship Hall- Olive Grove School	29
30 SS & Worship						