

Ridgeview Mennonite Church
3723 Ridge Road, Gordonville, PA 17529
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February 26, 2023

Called by God to learn and share together God's love with all creation.

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 AM

WORSHIP SERVICE 10:15 AM
Worship Leader: Rick Loncosky

Prelude
Gathering Song
Welcome & Announcements
Lighting the Peace Candle

Call to Worship

Leader: Sing together! Celebrate God!

People: God protects us from all our trouble.

Leader: God forgives us and covers our sins.

People: God surrounds us with songs of deliverance.

All: Therefore, let all God's people pray with thanksgiving and worship God.

Congregational Singing
Children's Time

Scripture: Genesis 3:1-7
Message *Shaped by Testing* Pastor Audrey

Song of Response
Sending

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wed 9:00 a.m. Food Pac

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU to everyone who helped get "The Chapel" ready for these four weeks. Also, thank you for the many ideas shared to make this space a special place if it becomes our home for Sunday worship. Before permanent changes would be made, a plan would be shared with the congregation for discernment.

During the past few years we have decided together on a church sign along the road, picked out carpet for the fellowship hall, decided to renovate the foyer and with input from the congregation upgraded the foyer and built the Café. If we continue to meet in "The Chapel" all of the ideas being received will be put into the mix for consideration to transform the multipurpose room into a chapel fitting for reflection, worship and fellowship. At the same time keeping in mind that our relationships and mission of service and witness as a congregation is the "main thing" and we are committed to keeping "the main thing" the "main thing."

BRANCH NETWORK is now a separate organization for Branch Community Church and is now called Alliance Network. (You may have noted the new sign.) It uses a visual symbol similar to the church. Their purpose is to provide opportunities for people to connect, discover, grow and serve. In January through April 2023 they have mission trips in Mozambique, Uganda and Central Asia and also are involved in the local community.

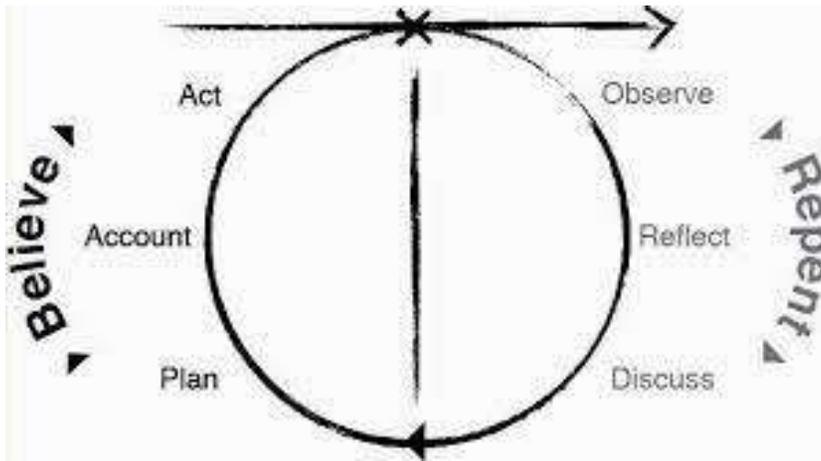
DOUBLE BAGGED GROCERY BAGS needed for the food pack program. They can be put in the food pack room.

THE OFFERING will be received during the worship service the next four weeks, beginning today. Tithes/offerings are received online via credit cards, automatic withdrawal from checking accounts and by cash/checks in the Sunday morning offering or the offering deposit box. However you invest in our mission –thank you!

TUESDAY ALIVE will begin their 2023 season on March 14, 10:00 a.m. Dr. Conrad Kanagy will tell his story of coping and thriving after a diagnosis of Parkinson's disease at the young age of 55. He teaches sociology at Elizabethtown College.

REPORT FOR February 19

Offering \$2,249 Attendance: 65



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Pastoral Advisory Council

Audrey Kanagy, Pastor
Etta Esch

John Denlinger

Ministry Leadership Team

Dick Thomas

Nathan Horst

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Rick Loncosky.

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Pastoral Transition: The Mennonite Church Ministerial Leadership Office provides suggested structure for interim pastoral care and a search process to call a new pastor. A Congregational Information Form helps potential candidates gain understanding of the congregation. The form requires significant information about the congregation including identity and vision, the pastor's role in the congregation and changes or trends envisioned over the next five years.

Rather than have a few people answer these questions, it was decided that discerning answers to them should include the entire congregation. These questions are also important for us to continue to grow in understanding who we are and who God is calling us to be. A process is being developed to guide Sunday school class discussion. (A group will be developed for persons who are not part of a class). The current plan is for the Sunday school class discussion to be on Sunday, March 19, followed by a congregational meeting on Sunday, March 26 to develop consensus on the question. (Both meetings 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.)

There has been preliminary discussion on short term interim pastoral care and worship planning leadership until a new pastor is called. The expectation is that a group begins a search for a new pastor in the near future. Please send any comments or suggestions to Dick Thomas or Steffen Sommers who are developing the March discernment process. Please keep this process in your prayers, praying that we may continue to grow in caring for and loving each other as well as the local and global communities.