

BUDGET REPORT

Budget \$36,000.00
 YTD Received \$34,512.02
 Education \$257.48

ALIVE WITH 55

Loretta welcomed the group and introduced Ginnie Hartman, a retired nurse and chaplain, who spoke about how “The Autumn of Life” can strengthen one’s ability to see and feel God’s love.



She asked an intriguing question, “What would Jesus be doing if he were here as one of us this morning, as an aged man, using a walker or in a wheelchair?” Ginnie reminded us that we are all terminal. Our DNA has a gene of mortality. And though winter is the next season, it is not the end of everything. It’s the

promise of new life. She quoted 2 Corinthians 4:16 “For this reason we never become discouraged. Even though our physical being is gradually decaying, yet our spiritual being is renewed day after day.” There are no wrinkles on the soul! Autumn is a time of cleared fields, cleaned gardens, fallen leaves all of which opens space and widens views.

This corresponds to the autumn of one’s life. Opening the suitcase, she took out a mask and stones, symbols of what may have guided a younger life when we are more apt to “follow a script” that is expected of us. Getting rid of masks and stones, we become more vulnerable, more free to sing our own song.

We were encouraged to add color to life as symbolized by the gold, orange and green balloons. Gratitude, laughter and blessing “fore-brighten the way.” Gloom and doom make us bone tired. Gratitude, laughter and blessing put us in the “holy current” of God.

As we travel toward the face of God, we are not alone. We are in a community, like geese heading toward a warmer place, sometimes honking to encourage each other to keep on going!

“God of autumn, your presence gives me hope.”
 Thanks to Sherlyn and Rose for your hospitality in serving lunch.
 Etta Esch



Birthday

- 8 Francesca Crane
- 10 Chuck Hershey
- 11 Julie Sommers
- 12 Laura Riehl
Deb Rohrer
- 15 Emily Alderman
Kyle Siegrist
Thelma White
- 17 Becky Stoltzfus
- 19 Lisa Smith
- 20 Olivia Horst
Molly King
Emma Sommers
Cliff Wenger
- 23 Paul Stoltzfus
Nelson Yoder
- 24 Vaunda Siegrist
Bill Zimmerman
- 25 Nolan Kauffman
- 30 Carissa Brewton
Joy Lapp

Anniversary

- 7 Levi & Jeanmarie King
- 20 Amos & Rose Reiff
- 31 Jim & Joy Lapp



Serving the meal at East Chestnut Mennonite Church on Nov 3rd. We served approximately 150 people that evening, and all were so grateful for a warm meal on a rainy night. Many thanks to all the workers.

“Where I Go To Find Fresh Bread”

This was the theme of the Atlantic Coast Conference women’s gathering on October 26. We were fed fresh bread through Marilyn Hendersen’s sharing of songs, stories and her own journal entries of inspiration and humor!

We were also fed by the meal catered by Yoders. As we were finding seats around the tables, a “younger” woman, Rose, asked if she could join us at the remaining spot at our table. She murmured something about not having checked age requirements before coming to this event. However, she went on to disclose her age by saying she had celebrated Quinceanera three times. She explained she had grown up in Guatemala where 15 year olds celebrate “coming of age”. Lillian, an elderly woman at the table, said that she was determined to read the Koran the whole way through. She said it was pretty boring but she had gotten halfway through so far! That led to a further discussions of books we had read.

The ACC gathering provides a way of making new interesting connections. Marie Stoltzfus

December 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2 SS & Worship Fellowship meal	3 Church Auction	4 5pm Quilters	5 Food pac	6	7	8
9:30am Prayer SS & Worship Christmas Caroling	10 5pm Ministry Team	11 Alive with 55	12 Food pac 7pm Youth/Jr High music practice	13 6:00 pm Ladies Dinner @ Upohar	14	15
16 SS & Worship Youth going to Welsh Mountain	17	18	19 7am Men's breakfast Food pac	20	21	22
23 SS & Worship	24 Christmas Eve Service	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS	26	27	28	29
30 SS & Worship	31					