

BUDGET REPORT

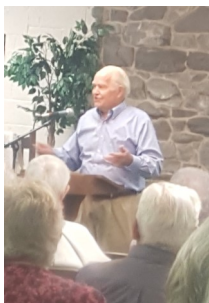
Budget \$182,000.00
 YTD Received \$157,817.93
 Education \$3,257.48 (2018-2019)

ALIVE WITH 55...

"I'm a magician! I have the ability to turn the clock back." And so began the stories from Henry Benner, local historian and story teller.



He described the area of Lancaster County about 300 years ago as a wilderness with a few scattered families of Native Americans.



The Susquehannocks had a large and well developed compound of villages along the Susquehanna River. However, the Seneca had invaded and the Susquehannocks scattered to the east along the Mill Stream and the Eastern Shore. These tribes had already been in contact with white people for about 200 years since the days of Christopher Columbus.

Quakers and Scotch Irish were some of the first white settlers. The ship, Good

Hope, brought 94 passengers most of whom were Mennonites. Remarkably, none of them had been lost on the way. In 1710 Hans Herr and about seven families settled in the Willow Street area.

Benner described farm life, worship, beliefs, superstitions, and home remedies. Many cultural characteristics were brought from the Old Country and blended with the learnings from Natives.

Benner quoted a tribal chief who noted, "At first we welcomed you. Your tools were superior to ours. We just didn't know there would be so many of you." Etta Esch

Anniversary

- 1 Bill & Joanne Zimmerman
- 9 Bruce & Patty King
- 11 Ken & Sadie Shertz
- 13 Nelson & Pat Yoder
- 16 Jeff & Melissa Siegrist
- 21 Ray & Edna Lapp
- 23 Paul & Mary Stoltzfus
- 25 George & Rhoda Beiler

Birthday

- 2 Reuben Smoker
- 3 Michael Bentivogli
- 4 Merv Landis
- 6 Sara Bushong
- 7 Rick Loncosky
- 11 Theresa Yoder
- 17 Anna Esh
- 19 Barb Glick
- 23 Dick Winters
- 28 Jake Lapp
- 29 Kathy Martin

SOFTBALL SCHEDULE Games are played at Paradise Park, Monday evenings

- JUNE**
- 4 7:30 Ridgeview vs St. Johns
 - 11 8:45 Ridgeview vs Little Britain
 - 18 8:45 Ridgeview vs Weaverland 2
 - 25 8:45 Ridgeview vs Calvary Monument

A Bus Tour & a Living History Reenactment – You're Invited!

Anyone in the congregation is invited to join the Sharing Servants class in two upcoming events described below—as long as space is available. Both of these events grew out of a class study on the Drew Hart's book *Trouble I've Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism*.

To register, contact Joyce Thomas, either in person, or by text (717.517.1625), or email (rijot@comcast.net) ...and save the date!

"Living the Experience" – Saturday, August 4; presentation begins at 11 a.m. with a meal to follow

Description: This approximately 1 hour 15 minute living history reenactment is about the life and times of free and enslaved Africans of Lancaster City and County. Intertwined in the reenactment are the Spirituals of a people searching for and leading Africans to a life of freedom. From the stories that are told, through the spirituals that are sung, and in the emotional connections that are felt...people are provided an opportunity to learn and to gain a clearer perspective on the events and the people involved with this "station" on the underground railroad. Following the reenactment, an ethnic buffet style meal is served.

Location: Bethel AME church located at 512 E. Strawberry Street in Lancaster

Cost: \$38:50 per person; contact Joyce Thomas to register; checks are to be made payable to "Ridgeview Mennonite Church" with "Living the Experience" written in the memo section.

Transportation: Each person is responsible for their own transportation. Parking lots available in both front and back of the church



Underground Railroad Tour – Saturday, November 3

(As long as seats are available on the bus.)

Cost: \$55.00 per person (includes all fees, tips and lunch). Contact Joyce Thomas to register; payment accepted beginning in September; checks are to be made payable to "Ridgeview Mennonite Church" with "Underground RR Tour" written in the memo section.

Schedule: 7:45 a.m. - Arrive at Ridgeview Mennonite Church for boarding the bus

8:00 a.m. – Departure

12:00-12:30 p.m. – Lunch served at Hometown

Kitchen in Georgetown

4:30 p.m. – Approximate return time

Bring your own water/drinks for the bus ride.

Description: The Underground Railroad Tour will travel as far east as Compass and Christiana and as far west as Columbia and Marietta. Up to 60 sites related to the freedom seekers' journey through Lancaster County on their way to Philadelphia and then Canada will be noted with special emphasis on Mennonite, Brethren and Amish connections. We will disembark at the Christiana Museum, Hometown Kitchen (lunch), the Lancaster County Convention Center, and perhaps a fourth site. A hot sandwich, potato or macaroni salad and whoopie pie lunch will be served at the Hometown Kitchen as we will be in Georgetown somewhere around 12:00-12:30 p.m.

Our tour guide will be Daniel Ness. Daniel has been researching and leading tours of the Underground Railroad in Lancaster County for several years. He is a member of the African-American Historical Society and the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society and attends Blossom Hill Mennonite Church.

June 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3 SS & Worship	4 5pm Ministry Team	5 5pm Quilters	6	7	8	9 Facility rental Wedding/Reception
10 SS & Worship Meeting the pastoral candidates Fellowship meal	11	12 10am Alive with 55	13	14	15	16 Facility rental Jill Heine
17 SS & Worship	18	19	20 7am Men's breakfast @ Amos' Place	21 5:45pm Ladies dinner @ Upohar	22	23
24 SS & Worship	25	26	27	28	29	30