

DECEMBER 2019

Ridgeview Mennonite Church

BUDGET

Budget	\$36,000.00
YTD Received	\$41,704.00
Education Fund	\$1,500.00

TUESDAY ALIVE

Jeff Raught was welcomed by the November gathering to share musings of a life in song and story that he calls The Honey Comb. He considers himself “a sort of ca-boodled mystic, wrapped around a piano in pursuit of telling a story.”

The stories of our lives are pockets of humor and tears, laughter and loss, beginnings and endings... sometimes all at once!

Jeff shared humorous and poignant stories of his father, his sons (Allen and Ed) and finding his balance, combining faith and life. He tries to practice “loose concentration,” something he discovered in a masonry job. While laying one stone, do not loose focus of the whole wall.



There was a time in Jeff and Cindy's young marriage when hardship and illness were overwhelming. They were attending church here. He credited their Sunday School class with keeping them afloat with financial and emotional support.

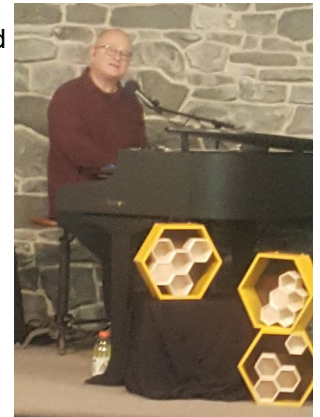


Time and life bring changes, sometimes healing long broken places in relationships. Looking at the past can be very seductive. Living in the present and moving forward keeps one learning and creating new memories. It's how love grows.

When Jeff's mother experienced memory loss, it was a time of healing in their relationship. He compared memory loss to a firefly flitting here and there with unpredictable bursts of light.

Oh, and ask someone the difference between men and women applying chap-stick!

The group expressed appreciation for Sherlyn's service and the Shepherd's Pie casserole was enjoyed by all.



In December, Milt Stoltzfus of Friendship Communities will lead our Christmas program. Milt is an outgoing friendly fellow who loves to spread God's love to all kinds of people. There will be Christmas carols. Stories and even a surprise or two! It will be an uplifting and joyful end to our 2019 season,
-Etta Esch

BIRTHDAYS

8	Francesca Crane	23	Paul Stoltzfus
10	Chuck Hershey		Nelson Yoder
12	Laura Riehl	24	Vaunda Siegrist
15	Kyle Siegrist		Bill Zimmerman
17	Becky Stoltzfus	25	Nolan Kauffman
19	Lisa Smith	30	Joy Lapp
20	Olivia Horst	31	Edna Lapp
	Molly King		
	Emma Sommers		
	Cliff Wenger		

ANNIVERSARIES

7	Levi & Jeanmarie King
31	Jim & Joy Lapp



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 SS & Worship	2	3 5pm Quilters	4 9am Food Pac 7pm Administration mtg	5 6 7 Facility reserved for wedding		
8 8:30 am Prayer SS & Worship Fellowship meal	9 6pm Church auction	10 10am Alive with 55	11 9am Food Pac 6pm Ministry Team 7pm CHORD Bible study	12	13	14
15 SS & Worship 4pm Christmas caroling Jr High Youth Christmas party	16	17	18 7am Men's Breakfast 9am Food Pac 6pm Ladies dinner	19	20	21 4pm BC 7pm Service of Remembrance
22 SS & Worship	23	24 7pm Christmas Eve Service	25 CHRISTMAS	26	27	28
29 SS & Worship Communion	30 9am-3pm Workday at Material Resource Center	31 Senior High Youth all-nighter at Ridgeview				