

BUDGET REPORT

Budget	\$153,000.00
YTD Received	139,532.17
Education fund	5,000.00

ALIVE WITH 55

The May gathering was not what many were expecting. Caleb Wilde who wrote, "Confessions of a Funeral Director: How the Business of Death Saved My Life," needed to re-schedule. So John and Debbie shared "God moments" during their walk toward John's heart transplant two years ago.

John began by declaring, "We defied the undertaker; we're here live!" He also noted the earliest mention of a heart transplant from Ezekial36:26, "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh."

The 70's and 80's were filled with education, jobs, marriage, a growing family, and seminary during the decade they lived in Harrisonburg.

In the 90's, John was called to Mellinger Mennonite Church and Debbie was invited to begin her career at Conestoga Valley. In 1998, John was diagnosed with an enlarged heart, sometimes called "the widow-maker." A defibrillator was inserted.

This served John well until about 2005 when a number of episodes complicated further treatment. During this time John spent five years as Executive Director at Laurelville while Deb continued teaching.

In 2017, Deb accompanied Evie Hershey on a trip to Kenya. She was home a week when John was admitted to the hospital with congestive heart failure. He returned home but on Easter Sunday morning he was helicoptered to UPenn in Philly. The journey to transplant had begun. Decisions had to be made, many tests done before evaluation of transplant was recommended. Family times were especially precious.

John and Deb expressed appreciation for support of family, friends and the church. Deb particularly noted the peace that overcame her fears during this time. John describes being anointed and blessed by many tongues, tribes and nations through the staff at UPenn. He called it a reflection of God's love.

Surgery was on April 30. They say recovery has not been a sprint but a marathon. Deb completed the time by reading a few Journal entries.

As the morning progressed, the committee was busy setting up more tables for lunch.

As always, Sherlyn was up to the task with a delicious lunch for all!

Next month the acapella quartet, Spare Parts, will be entertaining with a variety of musical styles. All welcomed, from young to old!
—Etta Esch



Ridgeview Yard Sale Saturday, June 29

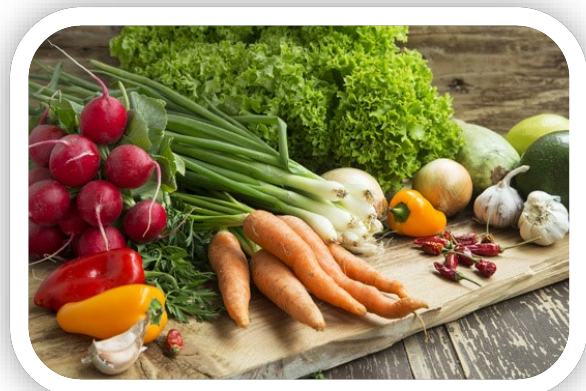
Donated items can be brought starting June 16. Volunteers are needed—contact Kate Sommers or Heidi Loncosky.

BIRTHDAYS

- 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

ANNIVERSARIES

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



June 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2 SS & Worship Fellowship meal	3 5pm Ministry Team 7pm Connections Café mtg 7:30pm Softball	4 5pm Quilters	5 6:30pm Mission Commission	6 6:30-10:30pm Branch Community	7	8
9 8:30 Prayer SS & Worship Communion	10 7pm Administration mtg 8:45pm Softball	11 10am Alive with 55	12 7pm Discernment mtg	13	14	15 4-10:45pm Branch Community
16 SS & Worship 2-4pm Facility rented for wedding	17 8:45pm Softball	18	19 7am Men's breakfast	20 6pm Ladies' @ Upohar 6:30-10:30pm Branch Community	21	22 8am-4pm Mental Health Seminar
23 SS & Worship	24 6:30pm Softball	25	26	27	28	29 Yard Sale
30 SS & Worship Music Sunday						