

BUDGET REPORT

Budget	\$94,500.00
YTD Received	89,190.17
Education fund	4,325.00

LOOK UP A BOOK!

You can now find books highlighted in the last two issues of Currents in the Ridgeview Library!

They are as follows: The Bible Unwrapped: Making Sense of Scripture Today; Four Gifts: Seeking Self-Care for Heart, Soul, Mind, and Strength; Playing War; War Is Never Just; Women, Power, and the Biology of Peace; and When Did Everybody Else Get So Old?: Indignities, Compromises, and the Unexpected Grace of Midlife.

Also, take a moment to look up books that are displayed to go with seasonal themes. And then just sign your name on the card inside the back of the book cover and leave it in the basket on the desk. And return it in two weeks so others may enjoy it!



BOOK REVIEW

At first glance of the title of Jennifer Grant's book "When Did Everybody Get So Old" one might be tempted to groan. But the last line underneath the title Grace of Midlife, sums it all up quite succinctly. And after reading the entire book cover to cover, and wondering what it was really about, I saw that line.

The author has an uncanny way of reeling one in and keeping interest flowing with glimpses into her life which really parallel glimpses into your own, or I am quite sure when reading this you might pause and say oh my, that's my friend - from the present time or a memory of one from school or neighborhood long past.

Getting married, staying married, having and raising children, schools, sports, friends, midlife crises, and loss. All with an ever enduring faith or a wobbling faith, but always imbued with Grace.

Whether you are 15, 20, 50, 70 or 80 I do recommend picking this book up and enjoying every word. One of my take-away lines is when she says "what we can do, as Solomon writes, is eat and drink and enjoy the fruits of our labor, knowing them to be gifts from God.

Blessing to all. Linda Bergman

Birthdays

4	Joyce Shirk
5	George Beiler
8	Evie Hershey
16	Amos Reiff
19	Lia Bentivogli
	Jim Lapp
20	Dick Thomas
28	Claire Siegrist
29	Sarah Rohrer
31	Reba Ranck



Anniversaries

19	Ron & Darlene Lapp
21	Elton & Sherlyn Horst

Highlights of February Administration Commission

Facility Rental: Church facility rental rates were adjusted to keep pace with increased costs of maintaining the facilities. Also, there will be further conversation with an emerging church asking to use some of our facilities, likely one Saturday per month.

Café Connections: The vision, understandings and operating procedures will be shared in Sunday School classes to provide information about this missional opportunity, answer questions and receive feedback before a final decision is made regarding this program.

Trustee Report: Facility needs that need to be addressed:

~Roof over library and nursery needs to be replaced as soon as possible

~Roof over classroom wing needs to be replaced in the near future

~Resurfacing of pavement is needed to prevent deterioration

~Carpet in some parts of the building is beginning to show wear

Church Sign: Processing with the congregation before a decision is made was discussed. A paper of considerations will be drafted and provided to the congregation as part of the discernment process. What do we want the design of the sign to communicate about who we are? What purposes are served by a sign? Discussion indicated that messages on a sign that are positive to some are negative to others. Many new church signs have minimal information about the church and sometimes include a church website indicating the church is in touch with the times and provides a place for interested persons to get more information. (This also means an attractive, informative and up-to-date website is needed)

Prayer Cards etc.: Considerable interest was shared regarding a suggestion to provide cards or a bulletin tear-off for prayer, visitor information, and other information including attendance. The commission is asking the Ministry Team to do further processing. As always, your comments are welcome.

March 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3 SS & Worship Fellowship meal	4 7pm Admin- istration Com- mission mtg	5 5pm Quilters	6 9am Food Pac 7pm Ash Wednesday Svc	7	8 7-9:30pm Quiz meeting	9
10 8:30am Prayer SS & Worship	11	12 10am Alive with 55	13 9am Food Pac 6:30pm Mission Com	14	15	16
17 SS & Worship	18 Facility rental Sportsmen Dinner	19	20 7am Men's breakfast 9am Food Pac 6pm Family Night	21 Ladies Night	22	23 8am-4pm Quilters
24 SS & Worship	25	26	27 9am Food Pac	28	29 Facility rental Wedding/Reception	30
31 SS & Worship						