

NOVEMBER 2019

Ridgeview Mennonite Church

BUDGET

Budget	\$15,692.28
YTD Received	\$16,806.00
Education Fund	\$1,500.00

TUESDAY ALIVE

Evie introduced one of her former art students from West Fallowfield, Caleb Wilde. Caleb is a sixth generation funeral director in Parkesburg. His book, **Confessions of a Funeral Director: How the Business Saved My Life**, was published in 2017 and garnered national attention, resulting in a review in Time magazine.

Because the book was written for a broad audience, Caleb shared a more personal account of his spiritual development. In a warm and gentle manner, he shared some of his discoveries.

- His young religious fervor led him to think about being a “professional Christian”, foreign missionary or pastor until he learned that God isn’t confined to “professional” places. God shows up in unexpected places like funerals.
- God’s life is not about death and grief. Nor is it God’s plan for these times so that God can teach us.
- Christians may have trouble grieving loved ones in heaven. When we grieve we become more like God dwells in grief. Grieving becomes an act of worship.
- He noted that “Jesus wept.” “My God, my God why have you forsaken me?”
- No matter how divided we are by our times, whether we follow CNN, Fox or MSNBC, one thing we all have in common is we all grieve.

Caleb’s grandfather wants to die in the morgue to make it easier for the family! One of his grandfather’s favorite stories is of a coffin that got away from the pallbearers, rolled down stairs in front of the cathedral, rolled across the street into a drug store and rammed the pharmacy counter where, his grandfather said, “It stopped the coffin (coughin’)!”

After reflecting on Saturday, the grief following the crucifixion, Caleb stated that “Sunday on the way.”

Caleb invited persons to share their own Friday to Sunday experiences.

Sherlyn graciously served what seems to be a favorite meal – ham balls and trimmings.

Next month Jeff Raught will relate stories of life and faith, “*The Honey Comb.*” -Etta Esch



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BIRTHDAYS

1 Brooke Siegrist	Sarah Horst
2 Ron Lapp	Sam Zook
Judy Smoker	18 Omar Lapp
4 Earl Esch	Paul Smoker
7 Sherlyn Horst	25 Jim Glick
8 Marsha Horst	26 Merv Stoltzfus
11 Steffen Sommers	29 Rich High
14 Lance Horst	30 Cameron Bergman
	Madie Kauffman



December Events Mark your calendar

Dec 9 Monday Church auction
Dec 24 Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve Service

ANNIVERSARIES

3 Leon & Theresa Yoder
24 Chuck & Becky Hershey

November 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3 SS & Worship Fellowship meal Connection Café	4 7pm Administration Commission	5 5pm Quilters	6 9am Food Pac 6pm Ministry Team	7	8 9 Facility rented for wedding & reception	
10 8:30 Prayer SS & Worship Connection Café	11 4-9pm Set up for Alive with 55	12 10am Alive with 55	13 9am Food Pac 6pm Family Night- Meal & games	14	15	16 4pm Branch Community
17 SS & Worship Connection Café Fellowship Hall reserved	18	19	20 9am Food Pac 7am Men's breakfast	21	22	23
24 SS & Worship Connection Café	25	26	27 9am Food Pac	28 THANKSGIVING	29	30