

APRIL 2020

Ridgeview Mennonite Church

BUDGET

Budget	\$104,000.00
YTD Received	\$111,893.83
Education Fund	\$ 3,150.00

Tuesday Alive

The 2020 season of Tuesday Alive with 55 & up began on March 10. Even though the Coronavirus uncertainty was growing, there was an air of anticipation about meeting friends after the winter hiatus.

Dawn Ranck Hower, pastor at New Holland Mennonite, and her husband, Bryan, shared the story of how a Mennonite pastor in Lansdale PA and a Church of Christ elementary school teacher met in May of 2012 when they were both at the age of 47.



With visuals and stories they spoke of how their childhood families impacted and shaped them. Dawn was a Mennonite pastor's daughter which had spoken and unspoken limitations. Bryan told of the car accident in which his sister, Betty, was killed and his mother was seriously injured.

Dawn spoke of turbulent years after high school full of questioning of faith and values. Bryan's high school years gave him opportunities to "come out of his shell."



As a young adult, Dawn served in VS in Syracuse and then spent a year in the Netherlands. She became aware of opportunities for women in church leadership. She worked as a graphic designer for Good Books for 18 years. She also took the time to do some world traveling. After graduating from EMU and the seminary, she began a pastorate at Plains Mennonite in Lansdale where she served for over 11 years.



Bryan graduated from Clarion College, was married and became the father of 2 children. Bryan gained custody of his children after his wife left. Tragically, his daughter was diagnosed with Hodgkin's Disease and died in 2009. He felt lost and broken for a number of years.

In 2012 E-Harmony became the link! The relationship grew amid geographic and job challenges. (In the Church of Christ, women's roles were limited to teaching 6th grade and under!)

After Bryan proposed, they were married on March 10, 2013. Today, March 10, 2020 was their 7th anniversary which they shared with all of us!

BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Valerie Kauffman
- Ken Shertz
- 6 Elton Horst
- 18 Jeanmarie King
- 22 Evan Lapp
- 27 Mabel Glick
- 30 Becky Hershey



ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Merv & Jan Stoltzfus
- 13 Bob & Judy Martin
- 20 Amos & Jean Zook
- 27 Jeff & Vaunda Siegrist