

MARCH 2023

Ridgeview Mennonite Church

Budget	\$98,600.00
YTD Received	\$75,530.95
Education Fund	\$ 4,000.00

ANNIVERSARIES

19 Ron & Darlene Lapp

CONNECTING WITH AND PRAYING FOR THE COMMUNITY AROUND US

The Together Initiative meets quarterly to update each other on what is happening around the area and collaborate to meet the needs of Pequea Valley including representatives from education, business, health, housing local government, social services and faith communities.

It's a great opportunity to connect, collaborate and also to pray for the many sectors of our community. Here are few things to keep in your prayers in the coming month.

March 1st – The Lancaster Chamber will be hosting a State of the County forum focused on data and solution around affordable and fair housing, workforce solutions, lifting up diversity, and cultivating safe communities at PA College of Health Sciences.

March 10th- The Factory Ministries fund raiser – Big Shots – invites persons to register as a free through shooter to raise funds for their ministries at the Together Community Center.

March 24th PVSC 10th graders will go on job shadow industry tours associated with their first choices.

BIRTHDAYS

4 Joyce Shirk
8 Evie Hershey
20 Dick Thomas
28 Jen Winters
29 Sarah Rohrer
31 Reba Ranck



TUESDAY ALIVE March 14—10:00 a.m.

Dr. Conrad Kanagy will tell his story of coping and thriving after a diagnosis of Parkinson's disease at the young age of 55. He teaches sociology at Elizabethtown College and has written several books about the changes in the church.

Lunch served after the program.

Ridgeview Mennonite Church Current Discernments

Assumptions

Based on input from the November congregational meeting, we are considering meeting for worship in the chapel.

Moving to the chapel would require upgrades including paint, padded chairs, a piano etc.

We need to make a decision that is best for the most people into the future, realizing that a decision we make now can be changed as our situation may change.

The question of meeting space is not our “main thing” nor the most important question we, the church, are discerning. Our “main thing” is our vision, mission, the way we live together as a congregation, and our witness beyond ourselves. We are all invited to “listen together to what God is saying.”

“Main Thing” Questions – Discussion Planned for March 19 and March 26

What is our congregational mission and vision? How is it shaped by Anabaptist/Mennonite faith perspective? What are the priorities that are shaped by our vision/mission?

What are our expectations of the pastor’s role in the congregation?

What trends/changes do we envision in the congregation for the next five years?

Questions for Reflection on Meeting Space

Where are the meeting places where you had a powerful encounter with God?

We have been in the multipurpose room (chapel) for two weeks.

What has surprised you about meeting there?

How would you describe your feelings as we are gathered in the Chapel for worship?

How does being in the Chapel change how we relate to each other?

What impact does our meeting in the Chapel have on our worship service?

What physical changes do you believe would need to be made if the Chapel were to become our worship space for the next season of life together at Ridgeview?

*Remember that as you listen to each other and share with each other
to do so with a kind generosity.*

Continue to pray for the discernment that will need to take place in the weeks/months ahead regarding both meeting space and the “main thing” questions.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Food Pack	2	3	4
5 SS & Worship	6	7 5:30 Quilters	8 Food Pack	9	10	11
12 SS & Worship Branch worship	13	14 10 am Tuesday Alive	15 7am Men's breakfast Food Pack 6:30pm MLT Rental Amish Research Clinic	16	17 Rental Wedding/Reception	18
19 SS & Worship	20	21	22 Food Pack	23	24	25 Rental Land of Promise Conference
26 SS & Worship Congregational mtg Branch worship	27	28	29 Food Pack Rental Intercourse Fire Co	30 Rental Wedding/Reception	31	