THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, December 8

9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

11:15 a.m. Children's Choirs Rehearse Together Confirmation Class

Youth Christmas Party

Monday, December 9

7:00 p.m. Pastor Nominating Committee Meeting

Tuesday, December 10

9:00 a.m. Romeo's

Wednesday, December 11

10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl

11:00 a.m. Centering Prayer

11:30 a.m. Lunch Bunch Thursday, December 12

6:30 p.m. Session

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 13

10:00 a.m. Lynchburg Retired Teachers General Meeting

Advent Devotions

Weekly devotionals for the Advent season are on the table in the Narthex for those who wish to enrich their faith this season.

Poinsettias Now on Sale

To purchase a poinsettia as a memorial or an honorarium, fill out a form (include payment) and return to the office by Sunday, December 15. Order forms are located in the Narthex. The price is \$10.

Lunch Bunch

Lunch Bunch will meet a week earlier than our usual schedule. Join us Wednesday, December 11 at 11:30 a.m. for lunch at Charley's Restaurant, 707 Graves Mill Road. Lunch Bunch is a fun group that enjoys having good food and good conversation and is open to anyone who is interested. Please RSVP to Linda Jennings by Monday, December 9th at 525-5423 or email lcjenn805@gmail.com.

Candlelight Service and Buffet

Next Sunday, December 15 at 5 p.m. we will have our annual Candlelight service. It is always a beautiful, festive time together. Please sign up in the Narthex with number attending and the food you are bringing. Please bring all dishes **ready to serve** so the fellowship committee can enjoy the service with you.

Mark Your Calendars for these Coming Events

Simply Christmas Service— December 18; 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Family Service with Communion- 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight & Communion 11:00 p.m.



QMPC Backpack Program

Through **Dec 15th**, we will be collecting these items for the backpack program, Food for Thought. **Please donate any of these items:** Granola bars, canned tuna, single serve oatmeal, small jars of peanut butter and jelly, cheese or peanut butter crackers. **THANK YOU!**

Prayer Group

The day has been narrowed down to Wednesday evening. Please consider joining to rally around our PNC group and pray for the concern list. If you would like to participate, email the church at office@gmpc.org. Let us know which time works best for you on Wednesday. 6p to 7p or 6:30p - 7:30p or 7p to 8p

Session

Class of 2019

Class of 2020

Diane Baldwin, chair, Nominating Committee

Julia Bryan, chair, Fellowship & Neal Gibson, vice chair- Missions

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Welcoming All
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The Service for the Lord's Day Second Sunday of Advent December 8, 2019

WELCOME

Nancy Dawson

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Nancy Dawson

We offer God's peace to one another in the ancient words of the church: "The peace of Christ be with you." & response "And also with you."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nancy Dawson

PRELUDE

Angel Tidings

Handbell Choir

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP

- L: We are welcomed by a presence far greater than we can know.
- P: We come to worship the one who is faithful and true.
- L: The God of hope fills us with peace as we watch and wait.
- P: The Holy Spirit empowers us to worship and serve in humble trust.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

*HYMN #106

Prepare the Way, O Zion

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious Lord, you came to set the power of salvation in the center of our lives. Yet our lives are full of that which doesn't last. With our tongues we speak evil against others. By our actions we disobey your will. Our anger continues in spite of Christ's forgiveness and peace. Forgive our misuse of your mercy and in Christ, hear our prayer. AMEN

(Please take a moment of silence for personal confession and reflection.)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Alex Haney

(Children age 4 through grade 2 leave for Children's Worship Time)

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 11:1-10 pew Bible, page 784

Lector

ANTHEM Let All Mortal Flesh arr. Davis

Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 3:1-12 pew Bible, page 3

SERMON Little Green Leaves Nancy Dawson

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

Hymnal page 35

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;

who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;

he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of

God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;

the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN #87 Comfort, Comfort Now My People

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal, page 35

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts,

As we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation.

But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Beautiful Star of Bethlehem arr. Boyce

Vocalist-Alex Haney

*DOXOLOGY

Hymn #606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below: Praise him above ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, we come to this season of Advent with expectant and thankful hearts. We come this day offering our gifts. Use them to spread the good news that Christ has come and will come again so that all may dwell in peace. We dedicate ourselves as we wait for your return. AMEN

*HYMN #144

In the Bleak Midwinter

DISCIPLES DEPART TO SERVE GOD

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn# 88

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel

*POSTLUDE

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

arr. Balcombe

*Please stand if able.

Welcome to Worship at Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church!

Our faith community extends a warm welcome to visitors worshipping with us today and hopes that you will return often.

For more than a century, Quaker Memorial has been committed to our mission of Welcoming All, Serving Christ, Transforming Lives. If you are seeking a church that offers abundant opportunities for spiritual and personal growth and Christian witness, we believe that you will find a home here.

Visitors are invited to take a visitor gift bag (available in the narthex)

OUR GREETERS this morning are Paul & Amy McCarty.

OUR USHERS for the month are Steve Bryan (head usher), Lisa Cawthorne, Larry Epperson and Janet LaPrade.

OUR ACOLYTES this morning are Faith & Grace Jacob.

OUR NURSERY HELPER this morning is Michael Webb.

OUR CHILDREN'S WORSHIP LEADERS this morning are Amanda Epperson and Amy McCarty.

OUR LECTOR this morning is Meg Roach.

OUR LITURGIST this morning is Pam Claterbaugh.

OUR ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTERS today are from the Community Garden team.

THE POINSETTIAS in the sanctuary this Advent season are given to the glory of God by members and friends of the church in memory and in honor of their loved ones.

WORSHIP BAGS are available in a basket in the Narthex for children who stay in the sanctuary during worship. They contain tools for worship and items to foster creativity. Enjoy the bags, and at the end of worship, please return them to the basket.

WELCOME PADS are located in each pew. Each person is requested to sign this pad and provide the appropriate information. Pass the pad to your neighbor and return it to its original position, so that everyone may learn the names of all on your pew.

HEARING DEVICES are available in the Narthex. Please see an usher for assistance.

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND BULLETINS are available from the ushers.

PLEASE REMEMBER to turn off or silence your cell phone prior to the beginning of worship services.

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God - what is good and acceptable and perfect."

Romans 12:2