

THIS WEEK AT QUAKER:

Sunday, September 15

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. Worship:
- 11:14 a.m. Session
- 3:30 p.m. Handbell Choir rehearsal

Tuesday, September 17

- 8:00 a.m. Garden maintenance

Wednesday, September 18

- 11:00 a.m. Centering Prayer
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch Bunch
- 6:00 p.m. Prayer for Church Family at Home

Thursday, September 19

- 3:00 p.m. Communion at Willow Ridge
- 4:30 p.m. QMPC-UL-LMS Task Force meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal

Friday, September 20

- 8:00 a.m. Garden maintenance
- 9:00 a.m. Cemetery/Columbarium/SRMH Committee meeting

Saturday, September 21

- 9:00 a.m. Worker Bees

Lunch Bunch...

will head to MJ's Restaurant (1187 East Salem Turnpike) in Bedford. This restaurant is the former Applebee's across from the Walmart. Join us this Wednesday, at 11:30 am. Anyone needing a ride or if you are willing to give someone a ride, please let Sara Curtis know.

We will need to give a final head count to the restaurant by tomorrow so please RSVP to Sara by text, call 434-941-3349 or email her at buzzandsara@gmail.com.

John Lynch Block Party

This now annual event will be Saturday, September 28 from 10am to 1pm. There are sign up sheets in the Narthex for all types of help needed to make this event a success. We need lots of volunteers - so sign up today! There will be music, entertainment, popcorn, fun and games for all ages! Bring your friends, neighbors and your lawn chair and join us.

Worker Bees

Please plan on joining the Worker Bees this coming Saturday at 9am as we prepare the property for the John Lynch Block Party. We will be picking up sticks, brush and trash around the church yard.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS this Sunday are given in glory of God and in loving memory of Herman D. Morris, by Shirley Morris and family.

OUR ELDERS ON DUTY FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER are Anders Sunwall & Gabe Trent.

OUR USHERS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER are Susie Hubbard, Sally Sease, Anders Sunwall & Joan Woodroof.

OUR ACOLYTE TODAY is Grace Jacob.

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.

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

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND BULLETINS are available from the ushers.

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Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church



Welcome to Worship at Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church!

Welcoming All Serving Christ Transforming Lives

Our faith community extends a warm welcome to all 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.

The Service for the Lord's Day
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 15, 2024

WELCOME Anghaarad Teague Dees
ANNOUNCEMENTS Anghaarad Teague Dees
*PASSING OF THE PEACE Anghaarad Teague Dees
*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."*

PRELUDE *Only Jesus* arr. Doran

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP Sara Curtis, Liturgist
The heavens are telling the glory of God.
May our worship reflect God's glory.
The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.
May we see each other as the handiwork of God.

Let our prayer and praise, our singing and proclamation project the love of God.

With reverent awe, we come to worship our Glorious God!

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION Sara Curtis, Liturgist
Open our ears, Teacher of Souls, so that we might hear your word for us. Give us the language we need that we might speak out for justice and mercy when everyone else is silent. Strengthen our hearts, Teacher of Hope, so that we might face down cruelty with kindness and mercy. Morning by morning, day by day, continue to teach us your ways, God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.

*HYMN #14 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

*CALL TO CONFESSION Sara Curtis, Liturgist
What do others say about us? Do they mention our kindnesses? Do they note our mean-spiritedness? Do they notice how hard we are on ourselves or how demanding we are of others? Do they speak of our love or only about our selfishness? How God sees us is with mercy and grace, confident in God's love for us. Let us confess how we have fallen short in reflecting Jesus in our lives:

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Sara Curtis, Liturgist
Sometimes, our tongues get away from us. We claim we love others, but we speak bitter words to them. We think we are good and gracious people, but hurl epithets at those we do not like, or those whom we fear. We are quick to speak judgement of others, rather than being voices for justice. With your gracious mercy, O God, we know that you can put out the wildfires of bitterness sparked by our words. You can stop the words on the tips of our tongues and transform them into whispers of peace and love. You can open our ears so that we can hear all that you teach us through Jesus the Messiah. You can open our hearts to care for all your children. Forgive us, transform us, love us, we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Sara Curtis, Liturgist
It is hard to believe, which may be why it is hard to accept it. But God loves us, God has mercy on us, God is with us, God's grace can transform us and fill us with hope and joy.
Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.

*CHORAL RESPONSE #613 *How Majestic Is Your Name*

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.
O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.
O Lord, we praise your name. O Lord, we magnify your name:
Prince of Peace, mighty God; O Lord God Almighty.

TIME WITH CHILDREN Anghaarad Teague Dees

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING
Wisdom of Solomon 7:26-8:1 from the Apocrypha
Sara Curtis, Lector

ANTHEM *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* arr. Holstein
Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING James 3:1-12 Bible, page 279

SERMON The Mighty Tongue Anghaarad Teague Dees

*HYMN #722 *Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from the Iona Community
We believe that God is present in the darkness before dawn; in the waiting and uncertainty where fear and courage join hands, conflict and caring link arms, and the sun rises over barbed wire. We believe in a with-us God, who sits down in our midst to share our humanity. We affirm a faith that takes us beyond the safe place into action, into vulnerability. and into the streets. We commit ourselves to work for change and put us on the line; to bear responsibility, to take risks, live powerfully and face humiliation; to stand with those on the edge; to chose life and be used by the Spirit for God's new community of hope. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 *I Will Sing of Thy Great Mercies* Mendelssohn/Smith
*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 (in unison)
As we bring our gifts to you, O God, may we be aware of the opportunity that is ours to share with others the many blessings you have given us. May this be a time of joy as we give our resources. Grant us wisdom to use these gifts in the fulfillment of your mission in the world. May your glory be known among us and in all the world, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN #263 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

DISCIPLES DEPART TO SERVE GOD

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him* arr. Smith

*Please stand if able.