

APRIL 2025

# THE QUAKER QUILL

THE NEWSLETTER OF QUAKER MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN

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## **A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR**

Grace and Peace to You!

Easter is coming! Easter is always coming for the people of God. That is our hope and joy. I would encourage you to deepen your Easter experience by attending all of the Holy Week opportunities. Maundy Thursday is April 17 at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall...this service begins with a light meal and concludes with the celebration of communion around the table. The Good Friday Tenebrae service is April 18 at 7:30pm in the sanctuary. Remember on Easter Sunday to bring your flowers to fill the cross and get here early to secure your seat for 10:00am worship.

This past weekend the city of Lynchburg was host to John Dear, a peace and nonviolent advocate. He presented a workshop here at Quaker on how to live a nonviolent life as well as enact change in the world through nonviolence and work towards peace. An action that grew out of this weekend is a desire to have monthly vigils for peace in Lynchburg. Our first two vigils will be April 1 and April 8...these will be silent vigils for peace at the Monument Terrace steps and everyone is invited. If you feel a need to do something in our community for peace...this is an opportunity for you! If you have questions about these vigils please come speak to me at anytime.

Finally, I want to thank everyone who stepped up and helped us host the presbytery meeting at the last minute. Everyone who attended was impressed with how well we pulled everything off and how gracious Quaker folks were. A big thank you to the kitchen crew that handled serving snacks and lunch...a big thank you to all who helped set up and take down a zillion chairs & tables...a big thank you to all who helped welcome our guests...a big thank you to our sound folks...WELL DONE!!!!!!!!!!!! I tell people all the time that Quaker is at its best when it is offering hospitality and y'all did not disappoint.

Love and Light,  
Anghaarad

*Singers & Listeners of All Ages – Everyone is Invited!*

# THE WELCOME TABLE

*at*

## QUAKER MEMORIAL

### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

5810 Fort Avenue, Lynchburg, Virginia 24502

# Potluck Dinner & Community Sing

*featuring*

A Warm Welcome, Fine Food & Sweet Harmony  
Americana & Roots Music, Spirituals, Gospel Songs,  
Country Blues, Mountain Hymns & Civil Rights Anthems

## FRIDAY EVENING

### APRIL 11<sup>th</sup> AT 6:00

Bring a Friend or Two & a Dish to Share!

For more information, please call 434.239.2548

This is a Community Event.

People of All Faiths & People of No Faith are Welcome.

Atheists are Particularly Welcome, Especially if They can Sing Bass.

# NEWS & EVENTS



## **COFFEE WITH THE PASTOR**

Join Anghaarad for coffee at The Bagel & I at 20584 Timberlake Road on Monday, March 17 from 10 am to noon. Come for a cup of coffee, tea or even breakfast and great conversation...this is a wonderfully relaxing time for all members of Quaker and friends.



This month **Lunch Bunch** will head to Crown's Ember, (formerly Crown Sterling). Join us on Wednesday, April 16 at 11:30 am. We will need to give a final head count to the restaurant by Monday, April 14 so please RSVP to Sara by text, call 434-941-3349 or email her at [buzzandsara@gmail.com](mailto:buzzandsara@gmail.com).

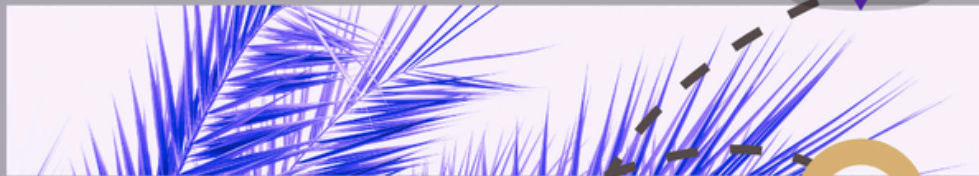
## **WELCOME FREE CLINIC**

At our last session meeting, we approved The Free Clinic using our building as a temporary home. They will be using the bottom floor classrooms for the next year or so as they rebuild their building that was heavily damaged by a fire in December 2024. This is an exciting opportunity to support one of our mission partners as well as our neighbors in Lynchburg who depend on the Free Clinic for healthcare services.

## **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

We have completed our study on Ann Lamott's book and are taking a break until after Easter. We will begin April 23 with a study on the women of the Bible using Kathleen Norris' book "Quotidian Mysteries." If you need the office to order you a copy of the book please let Deborah know by April 11. All women of Quaker and friends are invited to join us, our gathering begins at 6:30pm and we meet in the library.

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## Sent into Lent

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 13 Procession of the Palms (line up at 9:45am)  
worship 10:00am in the Sanctuary

Maundy Thursday, Dinner and Worship 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall

Good Friday, Tenebrae Service 7:30pm in Sanctuary

Easter Worship 10:00am in Sanctuary



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## SEEKING DONATIONS FOR EASTER EGG HUNT

Please help stock our Egg-change Store with individually wrapped candy, coloring books, prizes, games, stuffed animals, and fidgets.

Please have all donations into the church by April 18



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## *Flower the Cross*

A long time tradition at QMPC is to bring flowers on Easter Sunday to fill the cross...don't forget to bring your flowers to add to the cross!

## Earth Day Worship & Celebration

April 27, 2022

Join us for worship as we celebrate Earth Day. Stay after worship for lemonade, dedication of the memorial marker at the garden & planting roses in our historic rose garden.



## CONFIRMATION CLASS FAITH STATEMENT



### Allie Wood

Allie is the daughter of Casey & Jill Wood. She is a 10th grader at EC Glass and is a member of the Field Hockey team. Allie's mentor is Liz Huband and her faith statement was reflected in the design of her stole and it is a beautiful reflection on the cloud of witnesses that surround her and encourage her in her faith.

Hi everyone. So for my faith statement, I decided to incorporate the symbols you see on my stole. They may look random or sporadic but each one means something special to me. Each star represents a different person and how they've contributed to my life and relationship with God. My faith journey has been a long time coming, and I wouldn't have the close relationship with God that I have if it wasn't for my community. The first white star that you see represents my mom. She's been a huge part of my faith. For as long as I can remember she's prayed with me, talked to me about God, and taken me to church. I aspire to be as good of a christian as her. The next star you see is for my Dad. He's always prayed with me and made church just a little bit more fun. Having him as the choir director has had a huge impact on my views and relationship with the church. I don't think that my faith would be nearly what it is without my parents. Next we have my sister. I always seem to find God with her because I know I can be 100% myself around her and be at peace not worrying about anybody's judgment. Now we have my best friend Patelyn. Me and her have long conversations about how much we value our relationships with God, and how we both lift each other up to make us better Christians. Next I have Elizabeth (Plucker) AKA Lizba. She's been my second sister my whole life, and I wouldn't have gotten that if it wasn't for church. And last but not least for this side, I have my dogs. While it may seem silly I find it so peaceful to go on long runs with them and be able to pray and talk with God.

Now we move onto the other side of my stole. First up, we have my grandparents Maymie and Peepaw. When I was little I remember going to church with them and eating rolls out of a basket in the balcony. I have some of my best memories at their house. I find it so peaceful going to their house on weekends and having sleepovers. It's genuinely my favorite place on earth. Next we have Debo and Papa. I see God in my grandma Debo more than I do in anyone in the whole world. She's the kindest person I've ever met. And for Papa he inspires me to be an amazing christian like him. He goes to church every Sunday, and makes sure to pray and talk about God as often as he can. Next we have my uncle Adam. He recently moved back to this area after living in Nashville, and being able to grow close with him has been so amazing. Next this star represents my Aunt Christie, AKA Tibby, and her two daughters Riley and Wells. Tibby is always inviting me to go to church with her and talking about her faith and it's very inspiring. Riley and Wells both have the sweetest personalities and I see God shine through in them. Now we have my uncle Gene, aunt Lauren, and their two kids Davis, also known as Momo, and Ruby. They've been with me my whole life and I find such a happy place when I spend time with all of them. Ruby and Davis are so sweet and have the biggest hearts. Now we have my friends. I have some of the sweetest friends I could have found. All of them are so supportive and helpful with whatever I need. Recently I've gotten close with my friends Sarah, Alyssa, Henry, and James. Every single one of them will listen to me talk about God and guide me through any issue I have. All of them pray with me and for me no matter what. Now you can see my teammates. I wouldn't have found some of my best friends if it wasn't for field hockey. And last but not least we have my mentor, Liz or my Biz. She's been around for as long as I can remember and one of the most influential people in my journey with God. I've always considered her a part of my family. Thank you to everyone here today, because you also have been a part of my faith journey in some way. I am so thankful to be able to confirm my faith with God and continue to grow closer to him, and live my life to fulfill his word and be the best Christian I can.



PRAYER TO MY LORD

DEAR LORD

You are so awesome

You know what is best for us

You provide what we need

Please help those who are struggling

Show us how to help others

Help us to love and be compassionate

With everyone

Forgive us when we miss the mark

And when we think we know what's best

Protect us from evil

We are so grateful

You are the the King of the Universe

by Peggy Deyerle

January 29, 2025

## **MARCH MEMORIALS & GIFTS**

### **In Honor of**

Doris Daniel

Peggy Deyerle

Richard Goodman

Grace & John Lanier

Maureen & Bob Lockridge

Josie & Sam Miller

Helen Petrill

Andrea & David Webb

Phyllis Webb

Carolyn & Reuben Womack

Given by Randy Sayre

## **FEBRUARY FINANCIAL REPORT**

Feb-25	Monthly	Year to Date
Revenue	\$50,385.92	\$78,427.89
Expenses	\$24,515.38	\$54,223.26
Difference	\$25,870.54	\$24,204.63

## **ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE**

Just a reminder that we now offer electronic giving. You can give simply by scanning the QR code to the side or go to our website [www.qmpc.org](http://www.qmpc.org) and click the GIVE NOW button at the top of the page to be taken to our secure site. There is a small fee involved and you will have the option to cover that fee when you give.





# April

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	11am Centering Prayer 6pm Prayer for Church family at home	3	4	5
6 9am Sunday School 10am Worship 11:15am Discipleship Committee meeting	7 9am Cemetery Committee meeting	8 10am Communion at The Summit 6pm Communion at Bentley Commons	9 11am Centering Prayer 6pm Prayer for Church family at home	10	11	12
13 9am Sunday School 9:45 am Gather for Procession of the Palms 10am Worship 	14 4:30pm QMPC-LMS-UL Task Force	15	16 11am Centering Prayer 11:30am Lunch Bunch 6pm Prayer for Church family at home	17 3pm Communion at Willow Ridge  6:30pm Dinner & Worship in Fellowship Hall	18  7:30pm Tenebrae Service	19 10am Easter Egg Hunt 
20 9am Sunday School 10am Worship 	21 Church Office closed for Easter Monday holiday	22	23 11am Centering Prayer 6pm Prayer for Church family at home 6:30pm Women's Bible Study	24	25	26
27  9am Sunday School 10am Worship	28 10am to noon Coffee with Pastor at The Bagel & I	29 Presbytery Cabinet meeting at QMPC	30 11am Centering Prayer 6pm Prayer for Church family at home 6:30pm Women's Bible Study			