



# The Quaker Quill



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## A Celebration of Easter – The Resurrection of Christ

The prophet Isaiah wrote in chapter 43 verses 18 – 19b **“The Lord says, “Do not cling to events of the past or dwell on what happened long ago. <sup>19</sup> Watch for the new thing I am going to do. It is happening already—you can see it now!**

The Israelites expected a messiah, but they thought he would be a soldier who would rescue them from the tyranny of Rome. Instead Jesus was tried before Pilot for treason because he claimed to be King. We know today that Jesus is the King of all Kings over all the earth, but Pilot did not. Rome believed that only the Emperor was King and for anyone else to claim that title was committing treason. So Jesus was beaten and nailed to a cross. But instead of just dying for the conviction of treason, he took the sins of everyone in the world upon himself and paid the price for evil.

Following his death, Jesus was buried in a tomb belonging to Joseph of Arimathea, who was a respected member of the Jewish Religious Council. It was Preparation Day, the day before the Sabbath. No work could be done on the Sabbath so they hurried to place Jesus in the tomb.

On Sunday, three days after his death, several women who were Jesus’ followers went to the tomb with spices to anoint Jesus’ body but they found that the stone covering the entrance to the tomb had been rolled away and Jesus’ body was gone. Two of the women ran back to the other disciples to tell them what they had seen, but Mary Magdalene stayed at the tomb crying. Jesus met her there and explained that he had been raised from death to life. She worshipped him and then Jesus sent her to tell the other disciples the amazing Good News – Jesus is alive and our sins are forgiven!

What seemed like a tragedy - Jesus’ death, turned out to be the greatest blessing the world has ever known – his resurrection from death to life breaking the power of sin and evil. God had planned this from the beginning of time in order to reconcile human beings to himself. As we celebrate Easter, we give thanks for this gift of New Life that Jesus gives us and acknowledge that God is a God of forgiveness, grace and love.

God still redeems and renews us today, often in ways we least expect. This time of transition between Installed Pastors is a wonderful time to celebrate God’s ongoing transformation in our lives. Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church is Christ’s church and the Triune God is still at work empowering us to do God’s mission and ministry. Yes, we are a different church than we were years ago, but we are still a vital, vibrant church in which God’s Spirit continues to fill the whole congregation with Spiritual Gifts and Talents. Just as God had an amazing plan for reconciling the world, God has a plan for the future of Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church. During this time of discernment, we give thanks for all that we have and are and we can look with hope to the future to which God is calling us.

Have a blessed Easter!

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# Holy Week

## THE PRAYER CROSS

The Prayer Cross is set up during Lent as a place to bring your prayer requests to God. Write out your request(s), fold the note so the content is private between you and the Lord. Take a nail from the leather pouch and nail the note to the cross.

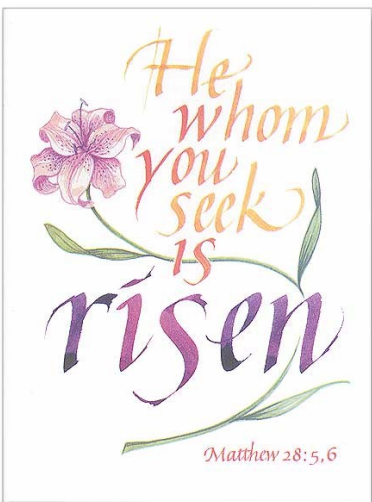
On Good Friday, the notes will be removed and the cross moved to the chancel area. The notes will be dedicated to the Lord and destroyed. They will not be read or shared with anyone.

## EASTER EGG HUNT

Spring has sprung and it's time for our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday, April 14th. After the worship service, families will gather in the Fellowship Hall for the festivities and a meal; ham provided – please bring a side to share. While the toddlers through 2<sup>nd</sup> graders search for Easter eggs (bring your own basket), the 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> graders will have a special project to complete. The event will occur rain or shine. RSVP using the sign-up sheet on the Welcome Table or contact the office. Please feel free to bring a friend. If you



have any questions, please contact Nicole Plucker at 434-841-0702.



## LENTEN RESOURCES

Resources in the Narthex are there to help enhance your Lenten experience. If you have not picked them up, there is still time. The meditations would make a great Holy Week devotion. Stop by the table in the Narthex.

**Maundy Thursday Worship**– April 18 at 7 :00 p.m. Join us for communion and a Tenebrae service of scripture & music and a gradual darkening of the sanctuary.

**Good Friday Service**– April 19 @ 7 pm

Join us for a important service as we remember the reason for Jesus' death. We will be reading scripture, having special music & dedicate the prayers from the prayer cross.

## BLOSSOMING THE CROSS

The wooden cross that is outside on the lawn and the brass cross on the communion table reminds us that Jesus died on the cross for our sins.

The empty cross also reminds us that God raised Jesus from the dead, that he is alive and that we can have eternal life with him. To celebrate God's incredible gift we will be "Blossoming The Cross" again this year on Easter. Flowers remind us of life and so we will cover the cross with pretty and colorful flowers in celebration that Jesus is no longer dead – **He Is Alive!**

**PLEASE BRING FRESH CUT FLOWERS** to church on Easter Sunday to help blossom the cross.



## Easter Sunday

Plan to join us for a great Easter service this year! We will have the Brass again; they consist of 4 brass players and timpanist. The Hallelujah Chorus will be sung and the bells will peal after the Easter service again this year! Let us celebrate for He Is Risen!

## SESSION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights from the March 2019 Session Meeting:

- 2018 Statistical report was given to session members
- Mary went over financial records
- Discernment Bible Studies have begun; 4 groups actively participating
- CVACL Balance Class was approved to be held in the Fellowship Hall in June



## FELLOWSHIP NEWS

*Welcome Spring!*

**Be sure to mark your calendars for our May 5th Potluck Lunch!** We'll be sharing and discussing the information gathered from the Discernment Bible Study, so please make plans to be there and be a part of the process.

The lunch will be right after the worship service. There will be sign up sheets in the Narthex by Palm Sunday, April 14th. Please let us know how many are coming and whether you'll be sharing an entree, salad, side or dessert. We are asking that all dishes be brought "ready to serve." The Fellowship Committee will be providing beverages and paper products.



Along with our usual sign up sheet, there will also be one for helpers. The main areas that we could always use some help are:

- 10:00am Saturday, May 4th-Set Up
- Cover tables
  - Roll plasticware in napkins
  - Make Lemonade & Tea
  - Set up Beverage & Dessert tables
  - Set out plates, napkins, salt & pepper shakers

Sunday, May 5th

- 9:15-Set out food items as they come in
- After the meal: Assist with clean up.

**Hope to see everyone there!**

## Are You Happy?

Happiness. That elusive concept that everyone seems to be in search of. Is it found in exuberant moments or quietness? In companionship or solitude? From the inside flowing out or the outside flowing in? Is it in having or in giving or even needing? In finding or in losing? In results or in the work? How long does it have to last to qualify as happiness and not just a fleeting moment in time? There are numerous questions to compare but really, what does it mean to be happy? Is it important to be happy?

Researchers have found that if we celebrate the small victories, not just the big ones, we will be happy longer and more often. An article I read recently stated ***"The grass is always greener where you are not. If you are not happy within, only temporary elation awaits you when you make the change. Find peace and joy within and no matter the unsatisfactory situation, you will pull through. Do your best with what you can. When the time comes to make a change, you are not reliant on the change to make you happy, but to propel you forward in what you need to do. You are already ahead."***

While there is truth to this, the obvious question staring us in the face from that quote is, where are you finding this peace and joy within? Dear Christian, are you able to answer these questions? Rather than willpower, grit and gumption from self, we rely on the Holy Spirit that Christ asked the Father to give us, John 14:15-17, as we learned in Week 3, Day 1 of our Discernment bible study we are currently doing. By God's grace we can start where we are; and even though it is not an easy path, if we allow Him to work, we will be amazed at the results. At that point, perhaps happiness.

## MATTER OF BALANCE FALLS PREVENTION CLASS OFFERED

**Mondays and Wednesdays June 3rd – 26 from 10:30 a.m.– 12:30 p.m.**

Presented by Central Virginia Alliance for Community Living  
At Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church

- *Are you concerned about falls?*
- *Have you fallen in the past?*
- *Do you restrict activities because of concerns about falling?*
- *Are you interested in improving flexibility, balance and strength?*

If you can answer yes to any of these questions, you will want to join this free 8 session class. Together we will problem-solve, share practical solutions, build skills, have great group discussion and participate in falls prevention exercise training.

To have this class we must have 8 participants, but we can have no more than 14.

Register early by calling Linda Jennings, 525-5423 or email at [lcjenn805@gmail.com](mailto:lcjenn805@gmail.com).



MANAGING CONCERNS ABOUT FALLS



### Lunch Bunch– April 17

Join Lunch Bunch Wednesday, April 17 at Depot Grille (10 9th Street) at 11:30 a.m. Remember that 5<sup>th</sup> Street is still blocked by construction, so travel downtown by 12<sup>th</sup> Street or by the Expressway. We hope you will join us for food, fun and fellowship! Please let us know if you can join us by contacting Linda Jennings by Monday, April 15 at 525-5423 or at [lcjenn805@gmail.com](mailto:lcjenn805@gmail.com).

### Book Club– May 2

The book to read in April is *Mr. Penumbra's 24 Hour Bookstore* by Robin Sloane. We will meet May 2 at 10:00 a.m. to share our thoughts on it. Read along with us this year! The list of books we will be reading is posted on the bulletin board. Everyone is welcome! Contact Linda Jennings at 525-5423 or [lcjenn805@gmail.com](mailto:lcjenn805@gmail.com) if you have questions.



### Young at Heart– April 25

You are invited to join us on April 25th at 11:00am for lunch and a great program. In memory of his late wife, Martha, Howell Franklin has graciously asked to fund our meal this month. Lunch will be barbecue, coleslaw, dill pickle, chips, dessert and drinks. Cost is \$2.00.

Our April program is Cindy Kozerow, Crime Prevention Specialist with the Lynchburg Police Department's Community Action Team. She will speak on area crime & preventive measures. A topic that is very important to all of us. Mark your calendar and join us on the 25th. Feel free to bring a friend or two.







## Children's Choirs!

- The children will sing in worship on Palm Sunday, April 14. Please be here and in your robes by 9:30 a.m.
- There is still time to register our children and youth for **Montreat Worship and Music Conference**. Our group from Quaker will leave for Montreat on Sunday morning, June 23, 2019, and will return from the gorgeous mountains of North Carolina on Saturday, June 29. Contact David Webb, Sr, Lisa Cawthorne, or Helen Ford for more information. Registration price increases April 15, so register now to save some money!

**Earn Money for QMPC through your Kroger Card!**  
**We earned \$63.34 from December - February from 11 households.**  
**If you shop at Kroger and have not signed up, please do so.**

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Our assigned a new NPO (Non-Profit Organization) number

**HH690.**

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- You can also call Kroger customer service. **Make sure you have your Kroger Plus card handy because they will need the number on the back of the card.** 1-800-KROGERS (1-800-576-4377) and select option 3. Tell the agent you want to enroll your Kroger Plus card in the community rewards program. Specify that your rewards go to **Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church NPO # HH690.**
- If you have signed up your Kroger Plus card online before, once logged into your Kroger account, search for **Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church either by name or HH690** and then click Enroll.

If you do not have a Kroger Plus card, please go to the customer service desk at any Kroger and they will help you get one.



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## Shoes by Mary Woerner

The children at the schools in Haiti wear uniforms. Part of the uniform is black shoes. There are all types of shoes worn by the kids - dress shoes, athletic shoes, boots, lace-ups and slip-ons. The final week before leaving for our trip to Haiti we were asked to bring 35 pounds of black shoes with us to deliver to the school children. It was a nuisance to have to eliminate 35 pounds of luggage at the last minute, but it was well worth the trouble!

I was fortunate to be able to help give the children at Repatriate school new shoes. We first organized the shoes into groups of girls' shoes, boys' shoes and unisex shoes.

Five elementary school girls, probably about 4th graders, came into the room. They immediately began pointing and whispering among themselves and although I couldn't understand what they were saying it was obvious they were excitedly picking out which shoes they hoped to receive. It was crushing when three of the girls were sent away without new shoes because we didn't have their size. The two girls that did get shoes were all smiles and giggles.

Soon more children showed up to replace their old shoes with new ones. Each student was given a pair of shoes to try on. Nadege, the school principal, was quite good at looking one's feet and matching the correct sized pair of shoes. There was not a single complaint about the style or look of the new pair of shoes. There was a true appreciation and joy emitted from everyone. There was not a single pout or raising of the upper lip!



The recipients of the new shoes were selected based on the condition of the shoes they currently were wearing. If their feet were showing through the soles of the shoes, the seams were split open or their toes were sneaking out the front they were eligible to try on a new pair of shoes. These shoes were actually bought "gently used" in the United States, but compared to what they were wearing they were perfect!

After most of the shoes were given out and I witnessed many grins, smiles, laughs and hugs it was apparent that the last pair given to a young boy was a bit too small. In addition, the shoes were actually a pair of girls' boots, but when asked if he wanted to wait until we could bring additional shoes he said he would rather have this pair than the ones he had. He claimed that anything was better than what he had. The old shoes had no soles left. He may as well have been walking in bare feet. His seams were split at the toes and the shoes were so worn they looked more brown than black. As he left the room I couldn't see his face, but I could see his cheeks were puffed out as though he had the biggest smile on his face. I wished at that moment that I had been wearing a pair of black shoes in his size so I could give them to him! He was beautiful and touched my heart immensely. Before the kids could go back to their classrooms they had to give up the old pair of shoes. If they were to keep the old pair, they may have attempted to sell the old pair on the street for a little bit of money. As you can see in the picture, the old shoes were no longer fit to be worn by anyone. My hope is that we can take many more shoes to the children when we go back next year!

Because I also witnessed the disrepair and overstretched socks that the kids were wearing, I would like to take white girls' socks with lace and tan boys' sock for each and every child in the elementary school - approximately 1,800 pair! **Challenge on!**

## Cabbage and Lettuce and Kale, OH MY!



The early spring garden is planted, please stop by and check it out! New mulch has been laid down and the new compost bins are filled up.

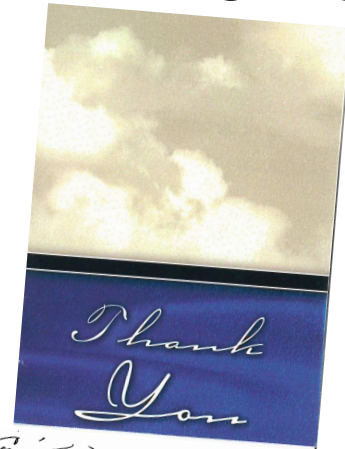
We are looking for a few (or many) good people to come out to the garden.....and let us show it off to you! Next time you are driving in or out of the church and you see a gardener out working, please stop and let us show it to you – we promise not to put you to work. Like an artist shares their work, we too want to show you the garden! Please drop by and see how it grows!



# Thank You QMPC!

Dear Folks,  
 Please accept a donation in memory of Al White and John Cure. My family also attended Quaker for many years, and the White, Cure and Campbell children all swam together. I attended the service recently for John Cure. The church looks wonderful, with many enhancements since I last visited. I love the native stone of the interior and the exterior. Thanks so much and best wishes,

Karen Campbell



*The Family of  
 Rebecca Lawman  
 wishes to thank you for  
 your kindness and sympathy  
 at a time when it was  
 deeply appreciated.*

*Thank you for the  
 love and support that  
 was shown to our mom.  
 We really appreciate  
 the reception that was given  
 after the service. Thank you.  
 Love  
 Cathy, Woody, Mary, &  
 David*

*Bear Nurture Committee,  
 Thank you for  
 the beautiful and  
 delicious reception  
 you prepared to  
 celebrate John's  
 life. It was  
 very touching and  
 meant so much  
 to mom to have  
 friends there to  
 share memories*

*of the wonderful  
 times they have  
 spent at Quaker.  
 You are a blessing!*

*Thank you sincerely for your  
 thoughtful kindness at a time  
 when it was deeply appreciated  
 and gratefully acknowledged.  
 By the Family of  
 John Willden Cure, III*

*Love,  
 The Cure Family*

## In Memoriam

### In Memory of John Cure

Connie & Lauralyn Martin  
 Theodore Engelder  
 Elizabeth Robertson  
 Mrs. Norman Snidow  
 Robert Lockridge  
 Charles Burnham  
 Nada Sweeney  
 Harriet Ramsey  
 Jim & Sarah Garrett  
 Evelyn Glass  
 Gail & James VanDyke  
 Catherine & Mike Madden  
 Karen Campbell  
 Brit LeCompte

### In Memory of Becki Lawman

Sam & Judy Leslie

### In Memory of Al White

Nancy Mize  
 Karen Campbell

### In Memory of Virginia Hodges:

Jack & Ginny Kerr  
 Jim & Sarah Garrett  
 Carolyn & Reuben Womack  
 Nancy Mize

### In Memory of Curt Taylor





Carolyn & Reuben Womack  
 Jack & Ginny Kerr  
 Fran & Kent Ford  
 Sharon Johnston  
 David & Andrea Webb

### In Memory of Martha Caulkins Benzel

Nancy Mize





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 10 am Art class  10 am Discernment Group C	2 9 am Romeos  7pm Property Task Force	3 10 am Prayer Shawl 10 am South River Writers 11am Centering Prayer	4 10 am- Book Club  3 pm Communion at Valley View 6 pm Discernment Group D 7 pm Choir 7 pm Hard Data	5	6 QMPC Lawn Party 
7 9 am Discernment Group A  11:15 am Discernment Group B  11:15 am Worship Committee Meeting	8 10 am Art class  10 am Discernment Group C	9 9 am ROMEOS	10 11am Centering Prayer	11 2-4 pm DAR Meeting  6 pm Discernment Group D  7 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	12 10 am Lynchburg Retired Teachers Board Meeting	13
14 PALM SUNDAY Children sing in worship 9 am Discern A 11:15 am Discern B Easter Egg Hunt	15 10 am Art class  10 am Discernment Group C	16 9 am ROMEOS	17 10 am Prayer Shawl 10 am S.R. Writers 11am Centering Prayer 11:30 am Lunch Bunch 5:30 pm Endowment meeting	18 MAUNDY THURSDAY  7 pm Service	19 GOOD FRIDAY  7 pm Service	20
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21 Easter 	22 Office Closed  10 am Art class	23 9 am ROMEOS	24 11am Centering Prayer	25 11 am Young at Heart 6 pm Discernment Group D 7 pm Choir Rehearsal	26	27
28 7:30 pm Session	29 10 am Art class	30 9 am ROMEOS				

**OUR REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
5:00 p.m. B.I.G. Youth  
Cherub Choir

5:45 p.m. Youth Supper  
6:15 p.m. Melody Choir  
Jr. & Sr. Youth Fellowship