



The Quaker Quill



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WELCOMING ALL, SERVING CHRIST, TRANSFORMING LIVES

Psalm 46:10a says “Be still and know that I am God! This is my favorite memory verse when I am anxious and upset, when I can’t sleep and when I do not know what to do next. The good news of this verse is that it reminds us to stop and remember that God was, is and always will be in charge. It encourages us to “let go and let God” as the saying goes. It is a verse of peace and hope.

And the good news of Psalm 46 does not end with verse 10a. It goes on to say, “I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth.” It is a wonderful reminder that we are to be in awe of the God who is above all gods; of the Holy one who deserves our praise and worship.

You may be wondering why this awesome God allows such diseases to overtake the world and where God is at work in this pandemic. The answer is two- fold.

One: God chose to give us human beings the choice to love and follow God or not. When humans chose not to obey at the beginning of time, sin and evil entered the world and along with that came illness and death. If God had not given us choice we could not choose to love God freely and our love of God would have no meaning.

The second part of the answer is in our remembering of Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday.

In this Passion Week and celebration of the resurrection, God does not leave us without HOPE. Because Jesus came to earth, suffered for our sins, died and was resurrected, our sins are forgiven and we can have peace in this life and look to the life hereafter with HOPE. We also are given glimpses of the Kingdom of Heaven as people do a thousand acts of kindness in the midst of this trying and anxious time. May you and I be among those who seek to be the love of God here on earth even as we cope with isolation, fears and unknowns.

Jill Duffield in her lectionary reflections on March 29 said, “As social distancing grows, shelter in place orders expand, more people get sick, layoffs increase, anxiety heightens and the end of this public health crisis seems far off, we need a glimpse of Easter, a foreshadowing of HOPE, a sure cause for rejoicing and, thanks be to God. We may not mark Holy Week or celebrate Easter in our sanctuaries this year, but nothing will prevent Jesus’ triumphant entry into Jerusalem, the gift of his life for us and his living, breathing exit from the tomb. **NOTHING.**

May you live in the HOPE, PEACE and JOY of this Holy Season of the passion and Easter this year in new ways.

You are in my heart, my thoughts and my prayers. I miss you! Stay safe and healthy.

Blessings,
Nancy Dawson
Interim Pastor



STATED SESSION MEETING 03/15/2020

HIGHLIGHTS

- Neal Gibson will chair the Property Committee.
- Bob Lockridge will chair the Missions Committee.

Approved:

- Funds for a case for the electronic sign.
- Upgrading the Sound System in the Sanctuary.
- Cancelling worship, and all other church/ outside activities through March 29, 2020 in compliance with the Governor’s COVID-19 mandate.
- Recording and live-streaming worship services.
- Session and committees will approve committee membership and all committees are encouraged to have written guidelines and procedures.

CALLED SESSION MEETING 03/28/2020

HIGHLIGHTS

Approved:

- Closing the church to all but essential personnel through May 1, 2020. Session will have their stated meeting on April 25 via Zoom, to discuss this further.
- Distributing Communion kits for use during Palm Sunday & Maundy Thursday live-streamed worship services. Congregants may also use bread & juice from home if they so desire.
- Subscribing to Zoom for teleconferencing.
- Accepting the waiver of Benevolence payments for the next three months as offered by the Presbytery.
- Cancelling the TV portion of our cable bill and upgrading our Band-Width from 50 MB to 200MB.



In Memoriam

Gifts received in March

IN MEMORY OF:	GIVEN BY
Tim Roach	Phyllis Webb
Tim Roach	Steve & Susie Hubbard
Tim Roach	Sam Leslie
Tim Roach	Virginia Kerr
Tim Roach	Andrea & David Webb
Tim Roach	Mary Ann Kerr Wade
Tim Roach	Bob & Maureen Lockridge
Tim Roach	David & Sally Sease
Tim Roach	Nancy Mize
Tim Roach	Lewis & Molly Garbee
Tim Roach	Carolyn & Reuben Womack
Tim Roach	Shirley Morris
	Daryl & Wanda Yoder
	Rose Peak
John Scoles	Aaron Scoles
John Scoles	Steve Scoles
Angela Geer	Buzz & Sara Curtis



Book Club

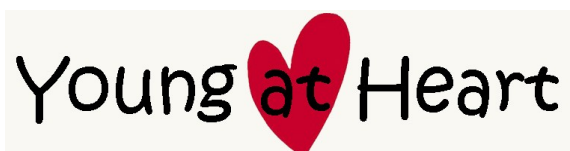
Book Club did not meet in April because of the social distancing mandated by our state governor. Hopefully we will be able to meet in May but that is doubtful. In the meantime continue to read and be prepared to share your thoughts on the books on our list. If you need suggestions of things to read, I will share some of our book list for 2020.

- **April** An American Marriage
by Tayari Jones
- **May** Did You Ever Have a Family
by Bill Clegg
- **June** The Particular Sadness of
Lemon Cake
by Aimee Bender

For any questions, contact Linda Jennings at lcjenn805@gmail.com or 525-5423.



Lunch Bunch will **not** meet in April. Please stay in and stay healthy! We will pray that things will be better in May so that we can see each other again.



Is cancelled this month! Stay Well!

Good Friday Family Activity

Watch your email for a self directed worship service to do together as a family on Good Friday. More details coming next week!

FLOWERING THE CROSS

The cross will be prepared for flowers on Easter Sunday. IF YOU LIKE, come out and place flowers on the cross and take photos. Please use social distancing, and wait in your car until it is your turn, if others are here. Let's celebrate the Resurrection SAFELY during this uncertain time!

Book of Galatians

Zoom Bible Study with Pastor Nancy

Nancy will start a study through the book of Galatians on ZOOM. The study will be offered on Tuesdays at either 10 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. beginning April 14. Zoom is easy to use and just requires an email address so we can invite you. You will have to download the software, but it is free. Send an email to office@qmpc.org if you want to join, and please indicate which time you will participate.



Christian Education



SAVE THE DATE!
Vacation Bible School
July 26 - July 30

*** If interested in volunteering, please contact Julie**

Children's Activities for Holy Week

Please continue to share Bible lessons with your children during this time of quarantine. Here are some links for you to visit.

<https://ministry-to-children.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/easter-worksheet.pdf>

<https://ministry-to-children.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/childrens-sermon-Jesus-on-Holy-Week-Palm-Sunday-to-the-Last-Supper.pdf>

Family Lent and Easter Season Devotional

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1N1tPvpC15_uQGxnSnltR-EpxM-JAvrQv/view



Youth Group Update

Thanks to Alex and modern technology we are now able to hold Zoom youth gatherings Sunday Evenings at 6:30. We would love to have you join us.

Wednesday Evening Church-wide Prayer Time

For the month of April and throughout this social distancing time, we would like to invite QMPC family, near and far, to make every Wednesday 6pm to 7pm an intentional church-wide hour of prayer at home or wherever you may be. If a different hour works better for you, feel free to modify, but if you can at that hour, please do. The point is to get us all praying for needs that are near to us as well as all other situations we or others are facing. To begin with, we suggest the concern list, our sunshine list and the birthdays of the month. Read each name on each list and the concern out loud or quietly, in giving thanks or petitioning on their behalf. There will also be a list of other needs included as well. Do it individually, with family or with friends. Call each other and share this prayer time together. Lord knows we all need it.

Contact Christine in the church office by phone or email office@qmpc.org to receive these lists and be a prayer warrior for those in need and even those we think are not in need.

Before the distancing, we had 2 prayer groups that met. Centering Prayer at 11am every Wednesday and the Wednesday Evening prayer group on the 4th Wednesday at 6:45pm. God willing, we will resume that schedule soon and all are welcome to be a part of it. If you have any questions, please contact the church office by phone or email.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 10-11 am Communion pick up 5:30-6:30 pm Communion pick up	4 10-11 am Communion pick up
5 	6	7	8 6-7 pm Church Wide Prayer (at home)	9 7 pm Maundy Thursday	10 	11
12 	13 Easter Monday Church office closed	14 10 am Bible study on Zoom 6:30 pm Bible study on Zoom	15 6-7 pm Church Wide Prayer (at home)	16	17	18
19	20	21 10 am Bible study on Zoom 6:30 pm Bible study on Zoom	22 6-7 pm Church Wide Prayer (at home)	23	24	25 10 am Session on Zoom
26	27	28 10 am Bible study on Zoom 6:30 pm Bible study on Zoom	29 6-7 pm Church Wide Prayer (at home)	20		

Weekly Sunday Schedule:

10:00 a.m. Worship Service Live at twitch.tv/QMPC
 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Live at twitch.tv/QMPC