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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

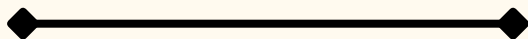
Grace & Peace to You my Friends,

The final days to the grave are upon us. We enter the month of April with Holy Week. We will begin with the procession of palms and shouts of Hosanna to only have them drowned out by the cries of Crucify Him on Good Friday...but we know that Easter Sunday is coming and we will gather as Christians have for generations to sing and shout and joyfully proclaim: Christ is Risen! My friends, I hope you will take time to be a part of our Holy Week observations. Maundy Thursday will be April 6 at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall and as this service will include a meal we need your reservations by Monday, April 3rd. Good Friday Service of Tenebrae will be in the sanctuary at 7:00pm...this service of darkness is a powerful beginning of the Easter Triduum - the three days our Lord was in the tomb.

Our Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 8 at 10:00am and we need volunteers to come at 9:30am to help with set up and we are counting on our youth to come and hide eggs for all of our little seekers! We have a couple of fun activities planned for April for the church family to gather together! Movie Night will feature the movie, "The Prince of Egypt" at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall...the youth will have a concession stand with yummy popcorn and other treats. Mark your calendar for Game Night on Wednesday, April 26th...it is open to all ages and should be lots of fun! There is an opportunity to join your church family at the theatre...we will be going to see "Smoke on the Mountain" presented by Renaissance Theatre. And on Sunday, April 23rd we will have an Earth Care Celebration during worship...followed by lemonade & cookies on the lawn.

Finally, thank you to everyone who sent dollars, gift cards and items to Mississippi for the Tornado Relief. I brag on how generous you are and once again you have proven this to be true...you truly love your neighbors even ones miles away and across the globe. Thank you for your generosity! If you missed the opportunity to send something with me on my last trip to Mississippi...that is okay, you can give to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance as they will be working in the area until the work is done.

Love & Light
Anghaarad



The Church Office will be closed on Easter Monday, April 10.
Anghaarad will be on vacation April 10-13.





Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023 10:00am

All who wish to join in the procession of palms, gather in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45am

Maundy Thursday, April 6 6:30pm

We will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a meal followed by Communion

Good Friday, April 7 7:00pm

Tenebrae Service in the Sanctuary

Easter Sunday, April 9 10:00am

Celebrate the Resurrection in the Sanctuary...don't forget to bring flowers to place on the cross.



All are invited to join us to watch the movie "Prince of Egypt" Concessions will be available..



We still need volunteers and individually wrapped candy to fill the plastic eggs. Sign up in the Narthex if you can help us that day.



Book Study for Lent

Our Book Study will continue through April...we meet at 12 noon in the Library...make plans to join us.

NO Welcome Table Singing and Pot Luck Dinner this Month

We are going to give our Fellowship Committee a break this month and skip The Welcome Table event. We will make an announcement about May's event as that date gets closer.



This month Lunch Bunch will head to Benjamin's at 14900 Forest Road in Forest. Join us on Wednesday, April 19th at 11:30 am. We will need to give a final head count to the restaurant by Monday, April 17th so please RSVP to Sara by text, call 434-941-3349 or email her at buzzandsara@gmail.com.



...continues on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm. Anghaarad will lead a weekly opportunity for creative folks to gather for reflection, conversation and fellowship. Everyone who comes is encouraged to bring whatever their creative activity might be (knitting, drawing, watercolors, jewelry making, journaling, writing, needlepoint, etc.). Each night will open with a meditative reading for reflection and then the group will work for an hour on whatever project they have brought with them. No need to sign up and as always, guests are welcome!

We will only meet in April on the 19th.



AFTER HOURS with the Pastor

Anghaarad will have a gathering at Neighbor's Place (104 Paulette Circle) on Thursday, April 20 beginning at 6 pm. We will meet on the porch...if possible! Come have a beverage of your choice and join in some great conversation.

University of Lynchburg Choral Union Spring Concert

This concert will be held on April 21 & 22 at 7:30pm in Snidow Chapel. Come support some of your fellow Quaker members as well as your pastor as they sing in the Spring Concert. This is also a way we can continue to support the university and students.



Coffee with the Pastor

This month join Angharad for coffee back at Starbucks at 20186 Timberlake Road on Monday, April 24th from 10 am-Noon. Come for a Cup of Joe or tea and great conversation... this is a wonderfully relaxing time for all members of Quaker and friends.



Smoke on the Mountain

On Friday, April 28th the Renaissance Theatre will be presenting the show "Smoke on the Mountain." If you would like to join your Quaker friends at the performance...sign up in the Narthex and we will reserve your tickets. The cost for a ticket is \$20.00 and the show starts at 8:00pm. If you have never seen the show it is a fun tribute to old time gospel music. The deadline to reserve a ticket is April 19.



Property Committee

The Property Committee is looking for a few people to share in the task of rolling the trash cans to the curb on Monday afternoon/evening and then rolling them back on Tuesday morning. If you can help with this task, please contact the church office.

Don't forget that the Property Committee now has Maintenance Request Forms in the church office. If you see something that needs the attention of the Property Committee, please fill out one of these forms and place it in the Property Mailbox. This will help us to take care of maintenance items in a timely manner.

This month the Property Committee was busy completing the following:

- Added ethernet devices to an existing UPS
- Removed and relocated the upper section of the office mailboxes
- Documented a standard layout for the Fellowship Hall
- Replaced a front security camera
- Installed a drop down changing table and signage for bathroom in education wing.
- Did a walk-thru with the Fire Chief
- Contracted to strip and wax the floors in the main hallway and kitchen
- Gathered old, outdated electronics for recycling

Biscuit Buddies will be held on April 8. Please come and assist in loading the electronics up for disposal.

If anyone is interested in joining the Property Committee, please contact the church office.

Christian Education

The Christian Ed committee has several fun activities planned for this spring. We hope you see you at some or all of them!

April 2, 6 PM - Movie Night: Bring a friend and join us this Sunday evening to watch "The Prince of Egypt"!

April 8, 10 AM - Easter Egg Hunt: We have planned a fun morning of crafts, snacks and of course, egg hunting! Volunteers are needed to make the egg hunt a success. If you can help out, please be sure to sign up in the Narthex. Candy donations would also be greatly appreciated!

April 26, 6 PM - Game Night: Bring your favorite card or board game for an evening of friendly competition with your church family!

May 7 - Youth Sunday followed by congregational Picnic at the Peaks: Bring a side and/or dessert to share as we enjoy lunch and fellowship at the beautiful Peaks of Otter. Hot dogs and drinks will be provided.

June 12-16, 9 AM - 12 PM - Music & Arts Day Camp: Campers will enjoy a morning of music, art and dance. Open to rising K to rising 6th grade. More details to follow.



QMPC Earth Care

Did you know that QMPC has an Earth care team? Our team has been focused on Earth care at Quaker since the Earth care committee at Peaks Presbytery held a summit at Quaker last October. We learned about other churches that are also focused on Earth care. Bob Lockridge, Co-Chair of Missions is a member of the Presbytery Committee. In our Missions committee meetings, we have discussed focusing on earth care and what we can do to be better stewards of the earth.

We began recycling all of our paper, plastic and cardboard and limiting our use of plastic ware. We no longer purchase styrofoam products and are beginning to use our stainless flatware at meals.

We've had a community garden for the past 9 years and donate all vegetables to the local foodbank, the Salvation Army and Daily Bread. Last year, we donated over 1000 pounds of fresh vegetables.

The Property Committee has worked hard to make our building more energy efficient and safer. We also began sharing our classroom space with local homeschool groups and several other groups use our space for meetings.

Our team will meet quarterly and focus on Earth care education. We will celebrate Earth Day this year on 4/23 after worship by planting a couple of memorial trees and serving refreshments outdoors. We plan to create a section on our bulletin board that focuses on earth care and continue to improve our recycle efforts and use less products that do not recycle.

We are excited about finding more ways in 2023 that our church can help take care of the Earth and all of God's creations. If you are interested in joining our team or have ideas or suggestions, please contact Jane Reynolds or Jill Wood.





Our Rise Against Hunger Meals

We have learned that the meals we packed in January were delivered to the Timor-Leste Salesian Mission. Below is an article from their website about Previous Rise Against Hunger meals that were delivered to the Mission in 2021 to give you an idea of the impact these meals have on poor communities around the world. To learn more about this mission, you can go to this website:

https://salesianmissions.org/salesian_country/timor-leste/

TIMOR-LESTE: Rise Against Hunger rice-meal shipment provides nutrition for 11 Salesian centers

The shipment ensured students and rural community members had healthy nutrition during the COVID-19 pandemic.

NEW ROCHELLE, NY (Dec. 13, 2021) Youth attending Salesian schools and youth centers in Timor-Leste had access to better nutrition thanks to a partnership between Salesian Missions, the U.S. development arm of the Salesians of Don Bosco, and Rise Against Hunger, an international relief organization that provides food and life-changing aid to the world's most vulnerable. A 2020 shipment provided donated rice-meals to ensure students and rural community members had healthy nutrition during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Don Bosco Foundation, the main recipient of the donation, shared the rice-meals among 11 Salesian centers and programs. Don Bosco Technical School Fatumaca, Don Bosco Technical High School Maliana, Don Bosco Training Center of Comoro, Don Bosco Laga Youth Center, and Don Bosco Lospalos Orphanage were among the recipients of the donation. The donation also went to Salesian primary and secondary schools and a local prison.

One of the recipients, Don Bosco Technical School Fatumaca, provides vocational education that helps youth gain an education and prepare for the future. More than 250 students, 11 percent of whom are girls, attend the school taking three-year courses in carpentry, mechanics and electronics. Each year there are more than 400 applications for 84 student spots. Final year students are required to design and produce a product that embraces much of what they have learned over the previous three years.

"Hungry students have trouble focusing on their studies and learning," said Father Gus Baek, director of Salesian Missions. "Salesians provide feeding programs in their schools and centers so youth are able to fully take part in the activities and school lessons. During the pandemic, when so many families faced an extra financial burden due to a lack of work, the food ensured that families had healthy nutrition to survive."

Timor-Leste is home to 1.3 million people and has close to 49 percent of its population living in poverty with over one-third of the population regularly experiencing food shortages. In addition, close to 50 percent of the population is illiterate, according to the World Bank.

Salesian missionaries in Timor-Leste have been providing programs to help residents recover and rebuild in the wake of a devastating civil war in the country that claimed countless lives, decimated entire communities and resulted in living conditions that are among the worst in the world. Now that the violence has subsided, efforts are being focused on helping the poor, restoring hope and providing new opportunities for the future.



There are two scholarship opportunities for local students that are members of Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church:

The Weigand Scholarship provides financial assistance to QMPC and other church members in the Lynchburg area. Students seeking an undergraduate degree with financial need are encouraged to apply. The deadline to apply for this scholarship is April 17, 2023.

The G. Rudolph Leonard Scholarship, distributed by First Presbyterian Church, is available to active members of any Presbyterian Church (USA) which is located within a nine-mile radius of the Presbytery Office. The amount of the annual grant will vary according to need and availability. The deadline to apply for this scholarship is 3:00 p.m. on Friday, May 5, 2023.

Information and applications for both scholarships are available in the Church Office.



The cabbage, winter kale and broccoli have been planted. This Saturday, April 1 we will plant carrots, romaine lettuce, beets and leaf lettuce from noon to 2 pm to avoid the rain on Saturday morning. All are welcome to come by and help us in the garden at any time!

MARCH MEMORIALS

In Memory of Wendell Armstrong
by Bob & Kathy Kaplan
by Jane Roark
by Lisa Cawthorne
by Mid Armstrong
by Shirley Morris
by Angie Power Ashman

In Memory of Sylvia Denny
by Bob & Carolyn Eubank

In Memory of Greg Woodie (Mary's son)
by Betty Pennington

In Memory of Howard Glenn Branham, Sr. &
Dorothy Butterworth Branham
by Martha Sue Padgett Arnold

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 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 2023

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<p>23</p> <p>9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Earth care celebration following worship</p> <p>5:45 pm Youth group</p>	<p>24</p> <p>10am to noon Coffee with Pastor at Starbucks on Timberlake Road</p>	<p>25</p> <p>10am Bible Study on Zoom</p>	<p>26</p> <p>STAR Homeschool group 11 am Centering Prayer 6pm Pray for Others 6pm Game Night</p>	<p>27</p> <p>12 pm Lenten Book Study</p>	<p>28</p> <p>8pm Renaissance Theater "Smoke on the Mountain"</p>	29
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