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THE NEWSLETTER OF QUAKER MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN

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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Grace and Peace to You!

As you are receiving this I am in Montreat finishing up two weeks of leadership at the Youth Conference. This is always sacred time for me. I truly enjoy being with the youth of today as they always give me hope for the youth of tomorrow. Sunday, August 3rd you will have the opportunity to hear from our youth about their experience at Montreat...please make plans to come and support them.

I want to thank all of our folks who have donated items to the School Supply Drive...every box of crayons, every dry erase marker, every pencil or pen will make a difference for our local teachers as well as students in the Lynchburg area. If you didn't get a chance to bring any items in by July 27...do not worry, you can continue to bring items in through August and we will disperse them to local schools.

I know many folks were moved by the flooding in Central Texas and the devastation of property and the loss of life. Mo-Ranch a PC(USA) camp and conference center located in the heart of Kerr County did receive some damage in the aftermath of the storm and any donations you make to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance will go to help Mo-Ranch as well as their neighbors in the Texas Hill Country. Mo-Ranch was spared loss of life thanks to the quick actions of their property & facilities manager. He had been watching the weather reports and was worried about the possibility of the Guadalupe River flooding and putting their guests who were staying in the dorms and housing closest to the river being in harms way, out of an abundance of caution he made the call to move everyone to higher ground...that move saved over 70 people from being potential victims of the flood waters...mere hours after everyone had been transferred to housing on higher grounds the river broke loose and overtook the dorms. We give thanks for his quick thinking and we continue to pray for all of the victims of the massive flooding.

I hope to see you in worship and invite a friend!

Shalom,
Anghaarad

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COFFEE WITH THE PASTOR

Join Anghaarad for coffee at The Bagel & I at 20584 Timberlake Road on Monday, August 11 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 La Caretta Mexican Restaurant on Langhorne Road. Join us on Wednesday, August 20 at 11:30 am. We will need to give a final head count to the restaurant by Monday, August 18 so please RSVP to Sara by text, call 434-941-3349 or email her at buzzandsara@gmail.com.

Join us Sunday, August 10th in worship for the annual



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MASSANETTA SPRINGS SUNDAY

August 17 during worship...everyone please plan to join us!

Massanetta Springs is in the middle of a Capital Campaign for much needed improvements to their housing options. Quaker's session has agreed for the years 2023, 2024, and 2025 to have a Sunday set aside to celebrate Massanetta Springs and collect a special offering to help support the capital campaign. This is the final year that we will collect this special offering and we hope that future Quaker youth and adults will enjoy the improved accommodations at 'Netta!

OFFICE CLOSED

The Office will be closed August 29 & September 1 for Labor Day.

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Stewardship Update

As we head into the final summer months I feel the need to give an update on the finances of the church. First and foremost a great big thank you to everyone as giving is on track with pledges. That being said, the summer months tend to be a time of diminished giving and the surplus in giving that we build up in the spring slowly disappears in the summer months. This year we enter the summer months with a smaller surplus than the norm that might not be enough to tie us over until the fall months when we see the pews a little fuller. This is due to two categories: choir and utilities. For the choir I hope that the congregation has noted a fuller choir loft and a more glorious sound as we have added about 6 local college students to fill out the seats as well as the sound. As we have in the past we do give a stipend to these students as a thank you and to encourage their participation. This addition to the choir was not budgeted. With Utilities, while we did budget a 10% increase in cost we didn't know we would be hosting the free clinic and assisting them in their mission by giving them our space to use while they repair their space. We are currently over budget for our utilities as well. The purpose of this is to ask if you are behind on your pledge to please strive to catch up over the summer and to ask for anyone that is able to give a little extra to consider doing so over this summer. Hope your summer is going great. I am writing this from Montreat on my free Wednesday afternoon so I am in the middle of the best time of my summer for me.

Yours in Christ
Steve Hubbard
Chair Budget & Finance

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Our 3rd Annual Music & Arts Camp was a BLAST!!! Thanks to everyone who volunteered and we hope to see everyone back next year for a great week of singing, dancing, playing, creating and praising!



MONTREAT YOUTH CONFERENCE 2025

Here are a few pictures from our folks who traveled to Montreat July 19-26



SCATTER GARDEN

The construction of our new scatter garden is almost complete. All plantings are in, mulches are spread and the benches are in place. A 6 foot cross and a frame for the plaque to be attached to the back of the north facing columbarium wall should be completed by the middle of Septmeber. Here are a few pictures of the new walkway and garden.



MEMORIALS FOR JULY

In memory of Pauline Raynore

Given by:

Rebecca & Charles Raynore

In memory of Linda Fishpaw Carey

Given by:

Sara Curtis
Barbara Morris

Financial Report for June

| Jun-25 | Monthly | Year to Date |
|------------|--------------|--------------|
| Revenue | \$27,072.33 | \$203,862.38 |
| Expenses | \$36,020.73 | \$191,023.33 |
| Difference | (\$8,948.40) | \$12,839.05 |

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.





August

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | | 1 8am Garden maintenance | 2 |
| 3 10am Worship | 4 | 5 8am Garden maintenance | 6 6pm Pray for others at home | 7 | 8 8am Garden maintenance | 9 |
| 10 10am Worship Blessing of the Backpacks | 11 10am to noon Coffee with Pastor  | 12 8am Garden maintenance 11am Lois Sandidge funeral & reception 10am Communion at The Summit 6pm Communion at Bentley | 13 6pm Pray for others at home 6:30pm Property Committee | 14 10am Comfort Support Group | 15 8am Garden maintenance | 16 |
| 17 10am Worship Massanetta Springs Sunday 11:15am Session | 18 9am Cemetery Committee | 19 8am Garden maintenance | 20 11:30am Lunch Bunch 6pm Pray for others at home | 21 3pm Communion at Willow Ridge | 22 8am Garden maintenance | 23 9am to noon Worker Bees  |
| 24 10am Worship | 25 | 26 8am Garden maintenance | 27 6pm Pray for others at home | 28 10am Comfort Support Group | 29 8am Garden maintenance | 30 |
| 31 10am Worship | | | | | | |