

AUGUST 2026

THE QUAKER QUILL





A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Greetings QMPC Family,

Goodness, I can't believe the summer break is over and everyone is gearing up to go back to school. To prepare all of our students, teachers, and administrators, we will have our Blessing of the Backpacks on August 9th as part of the worship service...be sure to bring your bag with you to worship to receive your bag tag and prayer beads. Lots of prayers go with all of our students and teachers in the new school year.

I am very excited about two big events happening in August...the first is Presbytery-Wide Day of Service and Learning on Saturday, August 22 at Forest Presbyterian Church. This day will include service projects, workshops, a picnic, fellowship and lots of fun. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this all day event in our own backyard. As part of the day each neighborhood in our presbytery is going to be tasked with building a sculpture out of non-perishable foods. We have begun collecting those in a basket in the Narthex. The second event is our Yard Sale for Habitat for Humanity on August 28 & 29. We are partnering with the other worshipping communities participating in the 2027 Faith Build to raise the necessary funds to build a home for one of our neighbors. We will need lots of help sorting, pricing, and preparing for the sale beginning August 23 after worship. We will also need workers on the weekend of the sale. And of course we need your donations...we've started collecting donations (no clothes until week of sale) in Room 17.

At the July Session meeting the Session approved an updated Child & Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy, Anti-Harassment Policy, Anti-Racism Policy and Social Media/Electronic Communications Policy. Most of these policies are mandated by our Book of Order which led to the Session looking more closely at what policies we had in place and what needed updating and what needed adding. It is a lot of policies but necessary for healthy congregation as we care for those most vulnerable in our midst. All of our Session members have been through Boundary Training and it will now be standard practice for all officers and staff members of the church to have this training every 3 years. Session members are working on formatting all the policies in a manner where everyone can read through them at their leisure and learn what changes have been made. Thank you to the Task Force for all of their hard work in getting all these updated.

Love and Light,
Anghaarad

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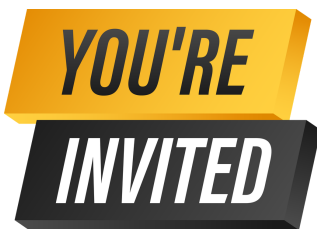


COFFEE WITH THE PASTOR

Join Anghaarad for coffee at The Bagel & I at 20584 Timberlake Road on Monday, August 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 Long Mountain Grill on Barricks Lane in Rustburg. Join us on Wednesday, August 19 at 11:30 am. We will need to give a final head count to the restaurant by Monday, August 17 so please RSVP to Sara Curtis by text, call 434-941-3349 or email her at buzzandsara@gmail.com.



The Presbytery of the Peaks invites everyone to a service of Installation for the Rev. Ben Banner, pastor of Bedford Presbyterian Church, August 23 at 4:00pm.

Just a reminder - Deborah is a notary.
If you need documents notarized,
this service is provided to church members
free of charge.

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PRESBYTERY DAY OF SERVICE & LEARNING

Who is it for? The Presbytery of the Peaks. All of Us. All ages. All congregations. All neighborhoods.

What is it? A day of hands-on service, practical learning, and connection — seed packing for food ministries, workshops on Ruling Elder leadership, grants, and shared space, plus the Neighborhood Challenge canned-goods competition. Free to attend, lunch provided, love offering for Two Cents a Meal.

Why are we doing this?

Day of Service and Learning grew out of work we have done together as a presbytery to determine our priorities and how we might live into them.

It brings those priorities to life. We build Beloved Community across our 100+ congregations with an opportunity to gather for fellowship in person. We Equip the Saints through workshops on leadership, grants, and shared space.

And we Expand the Kingdom through hands-on service — seed packing for community gardens in the presbytery and beyond, and the Neighborhood Challenge canned-goods competition. Together, they turn our time into support for our neighbors facing food insecurity.

It's also our first gathering with Leigh Anne Ring as our new Transitional General Presbyter — reason enough to BEE there.

We are currently collecting non-perishable food (preferably canned goods) for this event. There is a basket in the narthex to place your donations in.



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PROPERTY COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT

Quaker Memorial is truly blessed with a beautiful, historic building and grounds. Whenever I mention our church, people always comment on how lovely it is (and how warm and welcoming our congregation feels).

Maintaining our property is no small feat. I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to every member of the Property Committee and the many "Worker Bees" who give their time and talent to keep our church so inviting. Thank you for your dedication!

WORKER BEES

In July, the Worker Bees—with a special thanks to Lewis Garbee and his crew—removed the dead and dying bushes at the main entrance to prepare the area for a new bench and garden space. We also continued our quest for historic document preservation. Please check your email for details about our next gathering (Date to be determined.)

ROMEOS

Everyone is invited to join the ROMEOS! We meet on the second Wednesday of every month at 10:00 AM to tackle various maintenance and improvement projects around the church. Right now, our focus is on storage and organization: we've recently cleaned out a lower-level storage room and are setting up a check-in/check-out system to keep things tidy. "Joining the ROMEOS comes with zero monthly commitment—just drop in whenever you can! We'd love to have you."

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, August 12, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. We'd love to have you join us!

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back to SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

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THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE IS
COLLECTING BACK TO SCHOOL ITEMS
FOR CHILDREN IN LYNCHBURG AREA
SCHOOLS...WE WILL DEDICATE THE
DONATIONS ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

ITEMS NEEDED:

PENCILS, NOTEBOOK PAPER, BINDERS, SCISSORS,
24 PACK CRAYONS, GLUE STICKS, TISSUE BOXES,
ZIPPER PENCIL POUCHES, DRY ERASE MARKERS,
3-PRONG POCKET FOLDERS, COLORED PENCILS,
COMPOSITION BOOKS, HIGHLIGHTERS, & ERASERS



Blessing of Backpacks

August 4, 2026 during Worship

All students...teachers...administrators are invited to bring their backpack or bag to worship for a blessing. Everyone will receive a bag tag as well as prayer beads. We will also bless all the school supplies donated to area schools.



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Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church along with Bedford Domestic Violence Services is hosting a

A line drawing of a woman's profile, facing right. Her head is replaced by a cluster of five flowers. A single line extends from the back of her head, looping around to form a heart shape that frames the word 'Awareness'.

Domestic Violence Awareness Workshop

Saturday, August 8 starting at 1:30pm
All members are welcome.

The purpose of the workshop is to have an understanding of how domestic violence affects all of us and how as people of faith we can be a support for victims and better recognize abuse.

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YARD SALE

AUGUST 28-29
SUPPORTING HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
FAITH BUILD 2027

CLOTHING*	HOUSEHOLD ITEMS
BOOKS	COLLECTIBLES
FURNITURE	ELECTRONICS
TOYS	HOLIDAY DECOR

*we will only accept clothing on hangers with no stains, coats, baby clothes and blue jeans...no t-shirts, socks, sweatshirts, underwear, etc.

Beginning July 5th you may begin bringing donations to store downstairs in Room 17.
Set up for the Sale will begin, August 23 after worship.
This sale will be a joint effort of all the congregations participating in the Faith Build Spring 2027



So Long Summer...

Sundaes

after church on August 30th
Everyone is invited to stay for Ice Cream & all the fixings!
What a sweet way to end the summer!

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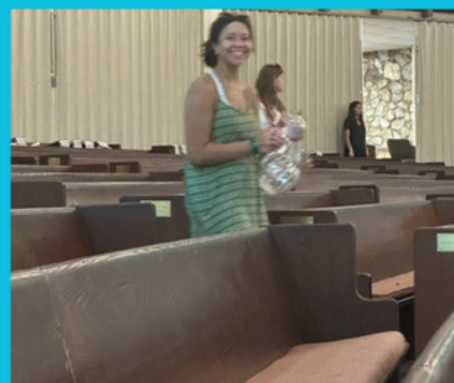
Just a few scenes
from our super fun
2026 Music & Arts
Camp



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MONTREAT
2026



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THANK YOU FROM OUR YOUTH AT MONTREAT THIS WEEK!

The prayer bags were a hit in Montreat. Thank you so much for taking the time to pray for us and showering us with treats. We have felt your prayers.

- Thank you for peanut butter m&ms. They kept me content with their deliciousness – Joseph
- Thank you for the string that provided a learning opportunity and a greater community relation – Sarah
- Thank you for the support and kindness – Joy
- Thank you for the gifts. I really appreciated the Cheez-itz – marley
- Thank you for the chips – Hannah
- Thank you very much for the pens, the money and everything else. I really appreciate that. Thank you very much again – DJ
- Thanks so much for the bag. I really appreciate it – Cooper
- Thank you so much! I'm so blessed to have a church group that's so supportive – Ally
- THANK YOU TO THE WOMACKS!!!! The candy has been an amazing late night snack!! And the jewelry box is sooo cute!! – Grace
- Thank you for the amazing snacks – Harper
- Thank you for the chocolate and the note pad for my notes during conference. I look forward to reading my daily devotion card every morning with my tea from the Drip! Thanks Peggy! – Susie
- Thank you Thank you to the Garbee's! I love all my treats – Lauren
- The Webb's knew what a leader needed to get through a week of Montreat. Drip every morning. – Liz
- Thank you my lovely daughter Amanda for my goodie bag, the variety was awesome but the mini Tates chocolate chip cookies were used in a bowl with milk and a spoon. – Skip

Financial Report for June

Jun-26	Monthly	Year to Date
Revenue	\$20,500.38	\$214,492.25
Expenses	\$20,257.01	\$169,206.14
Difference	\$243.37	\$45,286.11

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.





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 10am Worship	3 10am Art Class	4 8:30am Garden maintenance 9am Online Bible Study	5 11:30am Centering Prayer 6pm Pray for others at home	6	7 8:30am Garden maintenance	8 1:30pm Domestic Violence Awareness Workshop
9 10am Worship—Blessing of Backpacks	10 10am Art Class	11 8:30am Garden maintenance 9am Online Bible Study 10am Communion at The Summit 6pm Communion at Bentley Commons	12 10am ROMEOs 11:30am Centering Prayer 6pm Pray for others at home	13	14 8:30am Garden maintenance	15
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