



The Quaker Quill



August 2019

QUAKER MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MISSION STUDY PLAN - 2019

Having completed six(6) months of discernment (which included: a six (6) week Bible Study, intensive discussions with the congregation, the gathering of hard statistical data, surveys of young adults and seniors, and assessing the maintenance needs of the building and potential use of the facility), the Session met on July 19 and 20, 2019 to discuss the future of the church. One outcome of their discussion was a reaffirmation of the current Mission Statement which was approved by the Session on February 4, 2011 and reaffirmed on July 20, 2019.

MISSION STATEMENT

“WELCOMING ALL, SERVING CHRIST, TRANSFORMING LIVES”

What followed the affirmation of the mission statement was an intense discussion of who and how QMPC was to be welcoming, the age group we are called serve, what service to Christ looked like for the church and how we as a congregation could be more open to God’s transforming power. After debate and discussion which was respectful, faith-filled, creative and hopeful, the session identified the following priorities:

- **An Intergenerational Focus**

Recognizing that we currently serve both young and older adults, the session determined that it was not a question of “either or”, but rather “both and”. In light of this they agreed that many mission, ministry, service activities and programs could and should be intergenerational in their focus. This is not to say that there would not be specific programs and ministries for particular age groups and even genders (Youth Groups, Women’s or Men’s Groups). But when possible the session committed to a desire to realize our mission statement by integrating and serving all age groups, both without and within the church. Examples of these include the following:

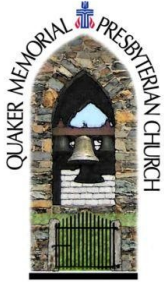
- ◇ Increase partnership between different age groups
- ◇ Create new programs that leverage intergenerational synergy (e.g., hand’s on mission projects for the local community, tutoring students, Bible-study with dinner and child-care provided, seniors training youth how to garden, youth and adults performing repairs on older member’s homes)
- ◇ Foster a congregational mind-set that, by including all people in church activities, helps to achieve QMPC’s mission statement
- ◇ Provide opportunities to work on projects that leverage the benefits of intergenerational fellowship

- **Increase Member Participation**

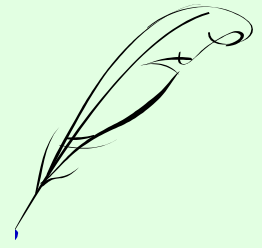
Like many congregations, approximately 20% of the members do 80%of the work. The session desires to increase member participation in QMPC programs to enhance member investment in the church’s ministries and to better share the work-load among more members. Realizing that some members are now homebound or reduced in their ability to be active as they once were, the session desires to find creative ways to involve these folks through card ministries, phone ministries, prayer ministry, etc. Examples of ways to increase greater involvement include the following:

- ◇ Challenge church members and friends to volunteer
- ◇ Purposefully ask members to volunteer
- ◇ Re-engage inactive or homebound members
- ◇ Nurture new members
- ◇ Create or align programs to benefit participants (i.e., through intergenerational synergy, skill-sharing, fellowship)

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- **Improve Communication**

While information is shared through the weekly bulletin and announcements in worship, the welcome center in the Narthex, weekly e-mails to members and friends and a monthly newsletter, some members do not feel they are aware of all that is happening in the church. Another concern is that committees and task force groups tend to work independently and do not collaborate as well as they could on ministry, mission and other program efforts. In an effort to improve coordination and communication between groups and to increase effectiveness of communication with the congregation, the following are ways to address these concerns:

- ◇ Promote active assistance to staff, fostering the mindset that we don't help staff, but rather they enable members
- ◇ Provide new, more modern communication mediums (i.e., youtube, texting, snapchat, facebook)
- ◇ Convert static sign out front to an electronic sign to better communicate with the neighborhood
- ◇ Follow-up more effectively with visitors and new members

- **Repair and Use of Church Facilities**

Position QMPC to effectively use its facilities to do God's work and Bless God's Home

- ◇ Complete the capital campaign
- ◇ Conduct major repairs to enable safe and cost effective use of the facilities
- ◇ Determine new ways to take advantage of currently underused space
- ◇ Execute our new vision for QMPC

- **Capital Campaign**

The Property Task Force and the Session have identified significant maintenance projects that need to be addressed as soon as possible to reduce ongoing damage to the facility, to enhance security and to create a sense of welcome and invitation to members and community alike. The Capital Campaign will have its kick off on Sunday, September 15 following worship when members can talk with property specialists regarding the work that is needed and the cost involved.

Rev. Dr. Nancy Dawson

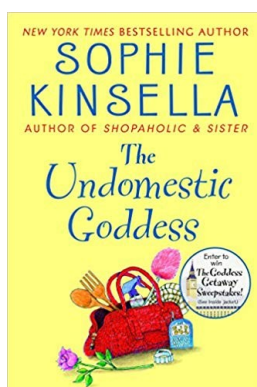
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Book Club

Read *The Undomestic Goddess* by Sophie Kinsella then join the book club Thursday, September 5th at 10:00 a.m. for a lively discussion. Depending on the topic, the interest in the characters and the writing, and on the extra topics that come up, we meet for one to two hours and enjoy our time together. Everyone is welcome to join us! For any questions contact Linda Jennings at 525-5423 or by email at lcjenn805@gmail.com.



Lunch Bunch

Let's go to West Side Deli for lunch on Wednesday, August 21st at 11:30 a.m. West Side Deli is located at 7701 Timberlake Road. Anyone is welcome to join us for food, fun and fellowship! Please let us know if you can come by contacting Linda Jennings by Monday, August 19th. Call 525-5423 or email lcjenn805@gmail.com.



Chronic Disease

Self-Management Workshop

A Stanford University Program
September 4– October 9
10:00 a.m.– 12:30 p.m.

This six-week curriculum helps adults better manage their chronic conditions such as arthritis, chronic pain, and heart disease. It focuses on solutions to problems caused by living with ongoing health conditions such as pain, fatigue, and difficult emotions. Quaker will host this workshop beginning September 4; from 10 am to 12:30 pm. The workshop is FREE but has limited space. Please sign up in the Narthex.



Young at Heart

Young at Heart is gearing up for an exciting season starting in September. We are planning some exciting programs and looking forward to seeing everyone in September when we will be entertained by Patricia Belcher. Stay tuned for details. Enjoy the last month of summer break.



SESSION MEETING

Highlights from the July Meeting:

- Personnel Committee reported that the Director of Congregational Ministries position is filled. Pam Claterbaugh was hired and will begin August 12.
- Session set a goal to have the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) in place by the end of September 2019.
- Personnel Committee is working on a job description for the new pastor.
- Motion was made and approved that session will be the PNC Nominating Committee. Each session member will bring 2 names of people they feel should be on the PNC to the August meeting.
- Criteria for PNC was decided. The PNC will include 7 members: 2 from Session, 2 in the 15-35 year old range, 2 in the 32-60 year old range, 2 >60, a mix of male/female members, long & short term members, possess spiritual, writing & interviewing skills, and belief in the Mission & Fellowship of QMPC.
- Capital Campaign will kick off on September 15, 2019. Property Task Force is gathering the cost of each of the projects.
- Cemetery Committee reported. No room in the cemetery, but there are still Columbarium niches available. Work to be done includes general tree work, repairs to the cemetery walls and install a directional sign for John Lynch's grave. Request for money for the Cemetery fund to complete the work was approved.

Gifts & Memorials

Given in July

IN HONOR OF:

Michiel & Lisa Cawthorne

Brit Le Compte

Reuben & Carolyn
Womack

IN MEMORY OF:

Curt Taylor

GIVEN BY

David & Andrea Webb

Alice Sullivan

Alice Sullivan

GIVEN BY

Carolyn White

Christian Education

Vacation Bible School: The Incredible Race

For our week of VBS, 25 students, 9 adult students and 27 workers travelled to Africa, Asia, South America, Europe and North America. Every day we



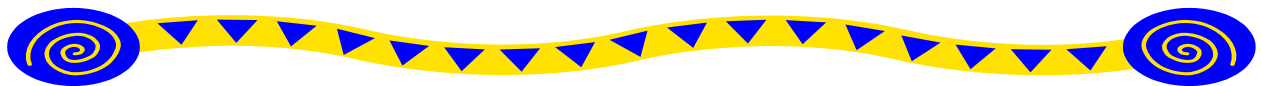
learned a little about how we were created and even though there may be a variety of people, groups and cultures, there is only ONE RACE... the human race. God loves all of us, no matter who we are, where we come from, or what we look like.



A special thank you to the volunteers who helped us during the week and to our congregation for your donations of money and supplies.



And on a side note, the decorations made were all from recycled materials that were saved from previous VBS programs. When you look at a pile of boxes and say, "Why are there three boxes of VBS greenery?" We see a jungle. A room full of cardboard equals trees, flowers, an airplane, and a monkey. So pardon our mess, but we are proud to say that we enjoy using our creativity and saving money to decorate for this event.



Save the date, Sept. 8

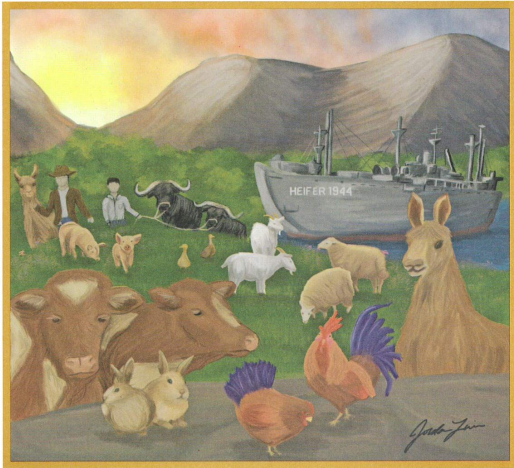
New Sunday School classes will be offered this year and all children and youth activities will begin back for the school year.

More information coming soon!



MISSIONS

across the street & around the world



HEIFER INTERNATIONAL GRATEFULLY RECOGNIZES

Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church

For serving the Lord through faith efforts and exercising your gifts and donations to end hunger and poverty, This congregation has richly blessed families in need with gifts of livestock and agriculturally sound training to help families become self-reliant.

"He who is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will reward him for what he has done."

PROVERBS 19:17

Pierre N. Ferman
Heifer President & CEO

Presented this
10th day of July, 2019



Haiti Shoe & Sock Challenge

Let's help stock our Haiti elementary kids with shoes & socks! They need dress shoes for kids in K through 6th grade, sizes 5-12.



Kroger Community Rewards

You can earn money for missions when you register your Kroger Plus card. Here is how to do it:

Visit <http://www.kroger.com>, under **Savings & Rewards**, select **Kroger Community Rewards**

- If you have NOT signed up your Kroger Plus card online before, you will need to create an account which requires some basic information, a valid email address and your Kroger Plus card. Give it a 24 - 48 hrs and then try to enroll.
- 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.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2		1 10 am Book Club 3 pm Communion at Valley View	2 3 pm Bob Johnson Memorial	3
4 9:00 am Sunday School Breakfast 10:00 am Worship Service 11:30 am Capital Campaign Meeting	5 10 am Art Class	6 9 am ROMEOS	7 10 am Bible Study 10 am S.R. Writers 11am Centering Prayer 11:30 am Capital Campaign Sub committee	8	9	10
11 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship Service	12 10 am Art Class Pam Claterbaugh starts 12 pm Staff Meeting	13 9 am ROMEOS	14 10 am Bible Study 11am Centering Prayer	15	16	17 Presbytery meeting
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