



# The Quaker Quill



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## CREATING A SENSE OF COMMUNITY IN THE MIDST OF COVID-19

Nearly six months of this pandemic and the end is not yet in sight. Yes, we have made many advances in treatments, supplies, and protocols, but the numbers continue to fluctuate and in some areas of the country there are serious spikes. The message of the importance of wearing a mask, social distancing and hand washing seems to be making a difference, but at the same time, one hears stories of large gatherings where none of these health measures are being practiced. The good news is the progress being made on a vaccine and praise to those who are willing and able to be test subjects to determine the vaccine's effectiveness and safety.

Meanwhile, life goes on: work or volunteer jobs continue at home or in a safe environment; caring for children and other loved ones is still needed; we check on neighbors or family who are at risk; we struggle with the routines of "keeping the wheels on" at home, and find creative endeavors to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, new babies, and other family events.

For folks who enjoy quiet time alone, these stay at home measures have been a joy and a blessing. For those who find pleasure in the company of others – not so much. I personally am hug deprived and am using text messages, e-mail, phone and zoom to connect with family and friends.

The session has debated how and when to open the church for worship, Sunday school, meetings and other gatherings. While some folks have come to worship and meetings at the church, there are many that are still concerned about the risk. Given our population, that is perfectly understandable. However, there is a concern that people might become too comfortable worshipping via technology, gathering by zoom and practicing our faith in our "own little worlds". Christ created the church because he knew we needed community or Koinonia – Christian fellowship with God and other Christians. To assist with this we have had gatherings of groups via zoom, Bible studies via zoom and are exploring some ways to gather as a congregation outside when the weather is cooler.

The truth is that we need each other for support, encouragement, role modeling, growing together and simply to have fun. The session encourages you to reach out to friends in the church and equally importantly, reach out to those you know less well. Join in the various group gatherings if you can. And most importantly, when it feels safe, come be a part of worship in the sanctuary and classes and meetings at the church. Use this time to grow in your faith and when activities ramp up again, come join in the fellowship and Koinonia.

*NANCY DAWSON AND QMPC SESSION.*

# SESSION MEETING

## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

At it's July 19, 2020 meeting, the Session...

1. Approved the resignations of Hank Mullins and Clyde Harkrader.
2. Disbanded the Capital Campaign committee with much thanks and gratitude for a job well done.
3. Did a first read of the revised Safe Church Guidelines.
4. Concurred with the Missions committee to explore the possibility of doing an Apostle's Build for Habitat for Humanity in the fall.
5. Approved revised contract from Wainwright Painting to paint exterior windows and trim plus sand and seal all exterior doors.
6. Approved moving into Phase 5 of our re-opening guidelines.

## Summary of QMPC Capital Campaign

The Capital Campaign committee would like to thank the entire congregation for their tremendous support of this campaign. We started the campaign on September 15, 2019 and finished March 29, 2020.

Our goal was to raise \$250,000.00 and we have succeeded!

- We have received to date \$253,915.00.
- 102 family units donated to the campaign.
- The congregation was challenged in February, 2020 to match an additional \$20,000.00 pledge so that the driveway could be paved. You responded by giving an additional \$26,875.00 over and above your initial pledges.
- \$81,073.43 remains in the Capital Campaign account to finish the remaining projects.

Once all projects are completed we will have a dedication Sunday in early 2021. We as a committee appreciate the support that you have given.

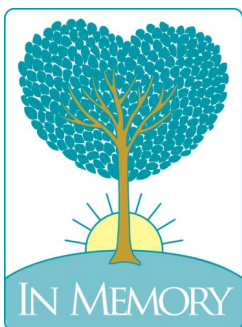
*CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE*

## Wednesday Evening Church-wide Prayer Time



We invite QMPC family, near and far, to make every Wednesday 6pm to 7pm an intentional church-wide hour of prayer.

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. Each week the concern list is sent via email. As you pray, read each name on each list and the concern out loud or quietly, in giving thanks or petitioning on their behalf. Do it individually or with family and/or with friends. Be a prayer warrior for those in need and even those we think are not in need. Watch for the weekly email with prayer concerns.

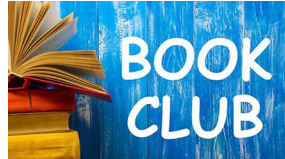


## Gifts received in July

IN MEMORY OF	GIVEN BY
Buzz Curtis	Laura Proffitt



Hello fellow readers,  
 I hope this finds you well and reading a lot! I have gotten behind on the QMPC book list but have read several other things. I did read *Did You Ever Have a Family* and recommend it if you have not read it. It is an interesting character study. It is in a form that is not my favorite but worth reading.



I was so hoping that the corona virus would settle down and it would be safe for us to meet this summer. Looking at the spikes in cases in other states and the continuation of cases in our area I can't see us meeting for a while yet. As this pandemic continues it does not bode well for the fall and winter. Stay safe and keep reading. **Linda Jennings**

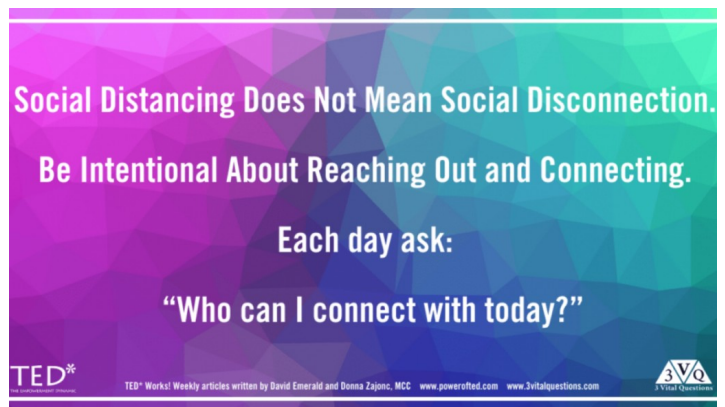


**Tuesday Bible study through Colossians on Zoom.**

**Join Nancy and others as they look at the book of Colossians at 10 am each Tuesday. Email office@qmpc.org to get the Zoom link.**



Dear Folks, it seems like we will not be able to enjoy each other's company with a lunch bunch get together anytime soon. Please continue to practice social distancing, mask wearing and copious hand washing as we weather this pandemic. I pray that you and your loved ones are and will continue to be well and safe. Until we can be together, keep our group in your hearts and in your prayers, as Howard and I will. Love to all, **Linda Jennings**



# Christian Education



The Christian Education Committee has made the decision to hold no in-person Sunday School classes through December.

**For our children**, Sunday School lessons will be sent to the parents each week. **For our youth**, lessons will be incorporated into youth lessons through Zoom. **For our adults**, if you wish to meet for class, please contact the office to set up a time when your class could meet through Zoom.



**Attention: BIG, Jr. High and Sr. High Families**

August 8<sup>th</sup> we will be having an Outdoor Movie Night for our youth families. Bring your chairs and favorite movie snacks! Arrive @ 8 pm, movie starts @ 8:30 pm.

# Christian Education

**This month, schools will begin reopening. We pray for all of our educators and students as they journey through these difficult times.**

## BACK-TO-SCHOOL PRAYERS FOR STUDENTS



Pray that God will keep you safe going to and from school, and all throughout the day.



Ask God to help you grow in wisdom and knowledge.  
Pray that God will help you remember all that you study.



Pray that God will help you to make good use of your time, stay organized, and do your best.



Ask God to give you good friends that are honest, kind, and loving. Ask God to help you be a good friend to others.



Thank God for providing a healthy lunch. Take time to give thanks for all of the blessings in your life.



Thank God for your teachers and school administration.  
Ask God to give them strength and wisdom every day.



Ask God to help you say things that are encouraging and show His love, and to remind you to think before you speak.

**Remember that God is always with you and He loves you very much!**

# AUGUST

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Communion 	3 PNC on Zoom 7 pm	4 10 am Bible study on Zoom  5:30 pm Endowment	5 11 am Centering Prayer  6-7 pm Church Wide Prayer	6	7	8 8 pm Youth Families Outdoor Movie Night
9	10 PNC on Zoom 7 pm	11 10 am Bible study on Zoom  6:30 pm Property	12 11 am Centering Prayer  5:30 pm Haiti Meeting  6-7 pm Church Wide Prayer	13	14	15
16 11 am Session (Fellowship Hall or Zoom)	17 PNC on Zoom 7 pm	18 10 am Bible study on Zoom	19 11 am Centering Prayer 1-3 Mission Meeting  6-7 pm Church Wide Prayer	20	21	22
23	24 PNC on Zoom 7 pm	25 10 am Bible study on Zoom	26 11 am Centering Prayer  6-7 pm Church Wide Prayer	27	28	29
30	31	<b>Weekly Sunday Schedule:</b> 10:00 a.m. Worship Service In Sanctuary or Online at <a href="https://www.twitch.tv/QMPC">twitch.tv/QMPC</a> or Facebook Live				