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THE QUAKER QUILL

THE NEWSLETTER OF QUAKER MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN



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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Grace & Peace to You my Friends,

This is the final newsletter of the year and as I was typing up information for the publication I was reminded of all that we did this past year...it seems to have flown by. We welcomed confirmands: Olivia Evans, Grace Jacob & Joseph Robert. We collected over a hundred gloves, mittens, scarves and hats for the homeless of Lynchburg. We packed over 10,000 meals for Rise Against Hunger. Our youth hosted a wonderful Talent Show. We welcomed singers from Salisbury University. We raised thousands of dollars for tornado relief in Mississippi. Dozens of children joined us for very cold Easter Egg Hunt. We held beautiful worship services for Holy Week and Easter. We had our first Earth Day celebration and planted trees on our property. Our youth inspired us with a very meaningful Youth Sunday. We celebrated our High School graduate, Faith Jacob. We ate meals and sang songs around the Welcome Table. An intergenerational group enjoyed an evening at the ballpark supporting our local Hillcats baseball team. Children from the community came for our first Music & Arts camp. Youth traveled to Massanetta Springs and Montreat youth conferences and adults went to the Montreat Worship and Music Conference. New air conditioners were installed in the sanctuary. We had our second John Lynch Birthday Block Party...and we survived the heat. Our garden had its most successful year to date. We heard wonderful stories from long time members about the history of Quaker on Rally Day. We held our first Blessing of the Animals. We collected snack foods for Food for Thought by the ton. We welcomed new members. We baptized babies. We cared for families who experienced loss and grief. We worshipped, we studied, we shared communion, we ate wonderful meals, had lovely conversations over a variety of libations and we served our neighbors. My friends, the Spirit is alive and well at Quaker and we have much to give thanks for!

As we enter the season of light and love and hope and joy. I pray that each of you will find your way home this Advent and Christmas season as we celebrate the coming of the Christ child through the Lullabies of Christmas.

Love & Light
Anghaarad



University of Lynchburg Choral Union,
Concert Choir, and Lynchburg Singers

WINTER CONCERT

*featuring Vivaldi's "Gloria," RV 589
and various works by Eric Whitacre, Dan Forrest, and Jacob Narverud*

*Dr. Jeremy M. Craft 12 MEd, 16 MA, director
Rachel Gawinski, collaborative pianist*

**Friday, Dec. 1, and
Saturday, Dec. 2, 2023
7:30 p.m.
Snidow Chapel
University of Lynchburg**

Free and open to the public. No tickets required.
Donations will be accepted at the door.

For more information, contact the music office at
434.544.8344 or music@lynchburg.edu.



University of Lynchburg

Singers & Listeners of All Ages – Everyone is Invited!

The Welcome Table

at

Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church

5810 Fort Ave, Lynchburg, VA 24502

POTLUCK DINNER & COMMUNITY SING

featuring

A Warm Welcome, Fine Food
& Sweet Harmony

Americana & Roots Music, Spirituals, Gospel Songs,
Country Blues, Mountain Hymns & Civil Rights Anthems

FRIDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 8 AT 6:00

Bring a Friend or Two & a Dish to Share!

For more information, please call 434.239.2548

This is a Community Event.

People of All Faiths & People of No Faith are Welcome.

Atheists are Particularly Welcome, Especially if They can Sing Bass.



COFFEE WITH THE PASTOR

Join Anghaarad for coffee at The Bagel & I at 20584 Timberlake Road on Wednesday, December 6 from 10 am-Noon. Come for a Cup of Joe, tea or even breakfast and great conversation...this is a wonderfully relaxing time for all members of Quaker and friends.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

We will have a congregational meeting following worship on Sunday, December 10 to approve the Nominating Committee's recommended Slate of Officers for the Class of 2026. The nominees are: Eric Barringer, Hunter Evans, Molly Garbee, Tami Jacob, Ray Paige and Joseph Robert - Youth Elder (Class of 2024).

AFTER HOURS

Join us Thursday, December 14 at 5:30pm in the parking lot of the Craddock Terry Hotel. We will take a stroll down the Bluffwalk to look at all of the beautiful lights and then decide as a group where we wigh to go after our stroll.





COMFORT TABLE SUPPORT GROUP

The "Comfort Group" enjoyed breakfast at Cracker Barrel on Monday, November 20th. On Thursday, December 14th, the group will have breakfast together again this time at the home of Peggy Deyerle at 10 am. Interested in learning more about the Comfort Group? Come join us! Contact Peggy at 434-258-1256 or at mrsdeyerle@gmail.com. The next "regular" meeting and final one for 2023, will be on Thursday, December 28th at 10:00 am at Quaker Memorial in the church library.



HERE WE COME A CAROLING

Quaker will go caroling to our friends and neighbors, Wednesday December 13th at 5:30pm. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall, pass out song books and figure out how we will carpool to the 2 homes. Afterwards we will return to Quaker and do a cookie exchange...so bring 2 dozen of your favorite Holiday Treats and we will have boxes for folks to take a dozen cookies home of delectable treats.



This month **Lunch Bunch** will head to Long Mountain Grill at 69 Barricks Lane in Rustburg. Join us on Wednesday, December 20 at 11:30 am. Bring a small, inexpensive gift for our annual gift exchange. We will need to give a final head count to the restaurant by Monday, December 18 so please RSVP to Sara by text, call 434-941-3349 or email her at buzzandsara@gmail.com.



Sign up now if you plan to attend our special Candlelight Service on Sunday, December 17 at 5pm. Also let us know if you can bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Sign up sheets are on the small table in the Narthex.



LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE, DECEMBER 21 AT 6:00PM
in our sanctuary. If you find this time of year difficult because of grief over loved ones no longer with us or because of broken relationships or because the shorter days bring about malaise please join us for a simple service of light, wholeness, remembrance, and hope.



Christmas Eve

CANDLELIGHT, COMMUNION & CAROLS
5:00PM



COMMUNION AT BENTLEY COMMONS & VALLEY VIEW

Each month Quaker delivers communion to our neighbors at Bentley Commons (2nd Tuesday at 6pm) and Valley View (3rd Thursday at 3:00pm). The residents at both places truly enjoy having folks visit with them during these short worship services. If you would like to join us, please let one of the pastors or the office know that you are coming.

GOT CONFIRMANDS?

We will be putting together the next confirmation class for all Quaker youth grades 7 and above who have not been through confirmation. If you have a youth that would like to take part this year, please let Pastor Anghaarad know as she begins planning this year's class. We are hoping to partner with a couple of our neighboring churches.



YOUTH SUMMER CONFERENCES

We hope that all of our youth will take advantage of Youth Summer Conferences at Massanetta Springs and Montreat...for youth who are planning to attend in 2024 we are asking that a \$100 deposit be turned in ASAP, we will register for these trips in December!

STEWARDSHIP PLEDGES

We still have a few outstanding pledge cards...please return your pledge card to the church office as soon as possible to help the Finance Team budget for next year.



THANK YOU FOR A SUCCESSFUL SNACK DRIVE!

The Missions committee thanks you many times over for your generous giving to our November Snack Drive that benefits Park View Mission's Back Pack for Kid's program.

You donated over 3000 snacks! Everything from peanuts, granola bars, fruit pouches to macaroni and cheese cups.

Park View was so appreciative of your donations as they are currently delivering around a thousand backpacks each week. Quaker is truly a giving church.



**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FOR
CHRISTMAS ON CHRISTMAS DAY AND TUESDAY,
DECEMBER 26.**

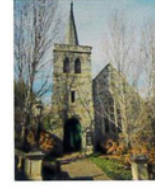


Looking for something fun to do this holiday season in downtown Lynchburg?

Join us on Saturday, December 9 from 10 AM to 1:30 PM for **the 7th Annual Walter M. Fore Downtown Lynchburg Historic Church Open House**. This year's event is free and open to the public with donations to Interfaith Outreach encouraged as a holiday gift. The following is the concert schedule for the seven historic congregations that will be open for a 20-minute holiday concert performance.

- 10:00 am - Diamond Hill Baptist Church
- 10:30 am - Jackson Street United Methodist Church
- 11:00 am - Holy Cross Catholic Church
- 11:30 am - St. Paul's Episcopal Church
- 12:00 pm - Court Street Baptist Church
- 12:30 pm - Court Street United Methodist Church
- 1:00 pm - First Unitarian Church

All seven churches are within a five-block area of downtown Lynchburg. Look for more details on our Facebook & Instagram pages, and on our website InterfaithOutreach.org. Save the date!



Interfaith Outreach Association (IOA) strives to relieve distress and improve the quality of life for our neighbors in need by providing programs that offer education, guidance, and support. IOA serves as a vehicle for interfaith cooperation in Central Virginia whereby congregations become members of IOA and enter into partnerships with each other, their respective denominations, and community agencies to accomplish its mission. IOA serves the City of Lynchburg and the counties of Amherst, Appomattox, Bedford, and Campbell.



SCOTLAND TOUR 2024

Join Anghaarad for a trip to Scotland (October 7-October 15, 2024). The trip will cost \$3895 per person and includes coach travel, hotels, some meals, tipping, and fees. An initial deposit of \$195 is due by November 5, 2023 to receive the early bird discount for a \$100 savings. All balances on the trip will need to be paid by July 10, 2024. The trip will include Edinburgh, Iona, St. Andrews, Loch Ness, Stirling, Culloden and an opportunity to explore Scotland's sacred heritage. A full brochure with all the details is in the office...but we have been guaranteed 18 spots on this tour until January 2024 (so don't miss out on the opportunity). This trip is also open to friends, family and other members of Peaks Presbytery.

FLOWERS

JANUARY

January 7 - (open)
 January 14 - (open)
 January 21 - Sara Curtis
 January 28 - Whorley

FEBRUARY

Feb. 4 - Helen Ford
 Feb. 11 - (open)
 Feb. 18 - Sarah Garrett
 Feb. 25 - Peggy Deyerle

MARCH

March 3 - Laura Jones
 March 10 - Sarah Evers
 March 17 - (open)
 March 24 - Palm Sunday
 March 31 - Easter Sunday

APRIL

April 7 - Sara Curtis
 April 14 - Sam Leslie (Ann)
 April 21 - (open)
 April 28 - (open)

MAY

May 5 - Evers Children
 May 12 - Ford family
 May 19 - Ford family
 May 26 - Scott & Angie
 Ashman

JUNE

June 2 - (open)
 June 9 - Ford Family
 June 16 - Ford Family
 June 23 - Sara Curtis
 June 30 - Glenn Flint

JULY

July 7 - (open)
 July 14- Lois Sandidge
 July 21 - (open)
 July 28 - (open)

AUGUST

August 4 - (open)
 August 11 - Peggy Deyerle
 August 18 - Sam Leslie (Judy)
 August 25 - Scott & Angie
 Ashman

SEPTEMBER

September 1 - Mary Woodie
 September 8 - Womack
 September 15 - Shirley Morris
 September 22 - Carolyn Eubank
 September 29 - Lockridge

OCTOBER

October 6 - Pam Caulkins
 October 13 - Julia Bryan
 October 20 - Garbee
 October 27 - Josie Miller

NOVEMBER

November 3 - Lockridge
 November 10 - (open)
 November 17 - Whorley
 November 24 - Beilfus

DECEMBER

December 1- Ford family
 Dec. 8, 15, 22 Poinsettias
 December 29 - (open)



This is our flower calendar for 2024. If you want to continue to give flowers, please let us know by calling the office or emailing at office@qmpc.org. Please let us know if you have any requests for flower colors and who the flowers are given in honor or memory of. If you do not currently provide flowers and would like to take one of the open dates, please let the office know. We order the flower arrangements from Kathryn's Flower Shop and the cost for the 2 arrangements are \$70. In the past, we have used only white arrangements for the first Sunday of every month but we are changing that next year. The arrangements can be any color you request.

NOVEMBER MEMORIALS & GIFTS

In Memory of Barbara Ward

Taryn & Steve Webb

In Honor of Shirley Morris

Brenda & Melvin Scott (Community Garden)

In Memory of Colen Mize

Nancy Mize (Rise Against Hunger)

In Memory of V. Clay Johnston & John M. Kerr

Sharon Johnston (Cemetery & Columbarium fund)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I want to thank each of you for all your prayers, cards, visits, and other acts of kindness during and after my knee surgery. You are such a kind and caring church. I love you.

Sincerely, Mary Woodie

Dear QMPC Family,

Thank you so much for all of your care and concern over the past couple of months. I've had some trying times and having family, friends and various church families sending up prayers means everything. I have received so many cards, calls and texts and I appreciate each contact. Thank you so much. Please keep me in your prayers.

Love, Jane Reynolds

YEAR TO DATE FINANCIAL REPORT (THROUGH OCTOBER)

	Oct-23 Monthly	Year to Date
Revenue	\$ 33,097.29	\$ 296,401.21
Expenses	\$ 33,266.76	\$ 288,898.68
Difference	\$ (169.47)	\$ 7,502.53

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.



December

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 10am to 2pm Christmas Bazaar
3 9am Sunday School 10am Worship 11:15 am Children's Choir 4pm Youth Choir No Youth Fellowship	4	5 10am Zoom Bible Study	6 STAR Home-school meets downstairs 10am Coffee with Pastor at The Bagel & I 11am Centering Prayer 6pm Pray for Church family at home	7 5pm STAR home-school Christmas Party in Fellowship Hall 7pm Chancel Choir rehearsal	8 10am Lynchburg Retired Teachers meeting 6pm The Welcome Table	9
10 9am Sunday School 10am Worship & Congregational Meeting 11:15 am Children's Choir 11:15 am Session 4pm Youth Choir 5pm Youth Fellowship	11	12 10am Zoom Bible Study 6pm Communion at Bentley Commons	13 STAR Home-school meets downstairs 11am Centering Prayer 5:30 pm Caroling & cookie exchange 6pm Pray for Church family at home 6:30 pm Property Committee	14 10am Comfort Table Support Group breakfast at Peggy Deyerle's home 5:30 pm After Hours 7pm Chancel Choir rehearsal	15	16
17 9am Sunday School 10am Worship 11:15 am Children's Choir 4pm Youth Choir 5pm Candlelight Service and Buffet	18	19 10am Zoom Bible Study	20 11:30 am Lunch Bunch at Long Mountain Grill	21 3pm Communion at Valley View 6pm Longest Night Service 7pm Chancel Choir rehearsal	22	23
24 9am Sunday School 10am Worship  5pm Service	25 	26 Church Office closed	27	28 10am Comfort Table Support Group	29	30 
31 9am Sunday School 10am Worship 						