

DECEMBER 2025

THE QUAKER QUILL



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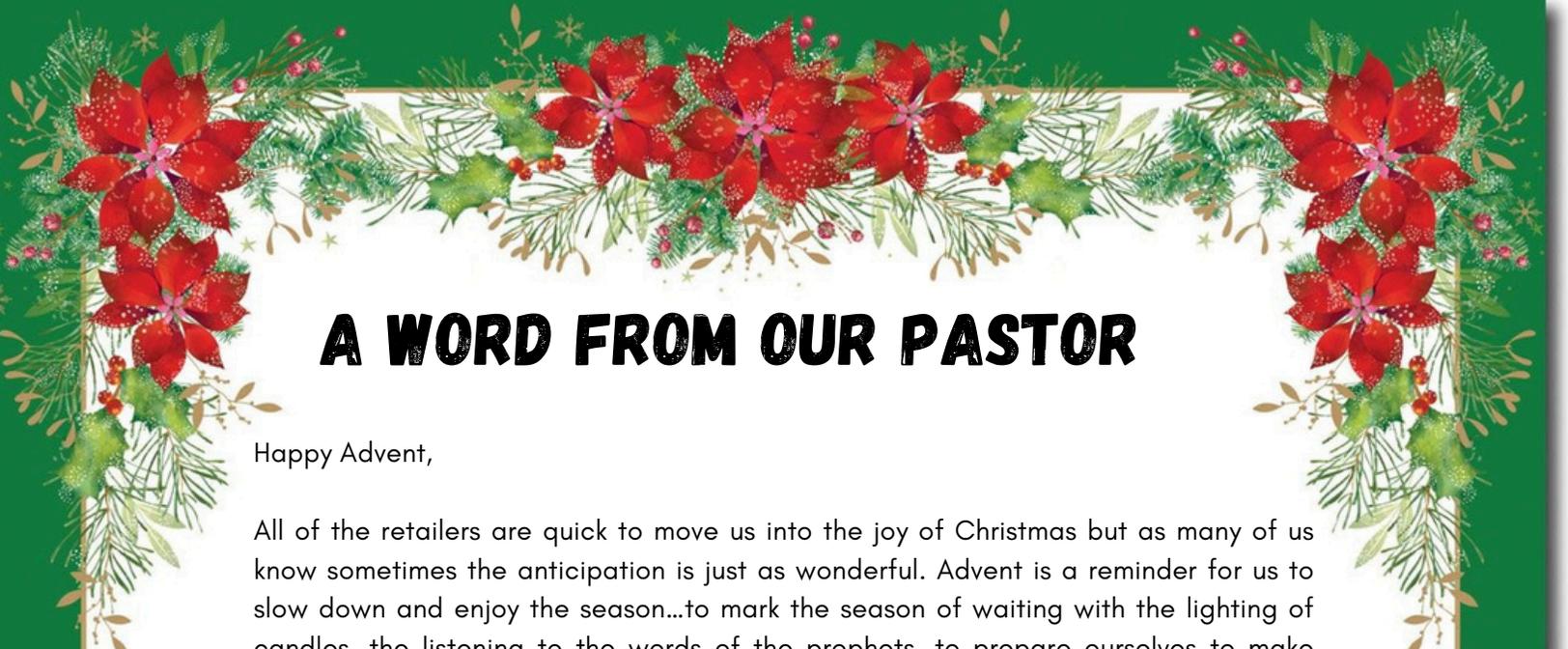
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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Happy Advent,

All of the retailers are quick to move us into the joy of Christmas but as many of us know sometimes the anticipation is just as wonderful. Advent is a reminder for us to slow down and enjoy the season...to mark the season of waiting with the lighting of candles, the listening to the words of the prophets, to prepare ourselves to make room for the Christ Child. My prayer for each of you this Advent season is to make time to slow down and just enjoy the waiting.

The calendar is always so full this time of year and there are lots of ways to join in the fun and fellowship. Be sure to come and shop at the Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, December 6th from 9am to 1pm. Don't miss the annual Candlelight and Buffet on December 14th at 5:30pm...you will hear beautiful music and fill your bellies with good things to eat. Bring your families to our Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion Service at 5:30pm. And if you want more music and joy this season...The Lynchburg Choral Union (featuring several QMPC members) will present a Christmas Concert on December 6 at 7:30pm and December 7 at 3:30pm at First Christian Church on Rivermont.

I know this Stewardship season the numbers and the rhetoric may feel discouraging for many folks at QMPC. It is hard to hear that our financial numbers have dipped. It is hard to hear that our membership has experienced tremendous loss over the last 5 years. It is hard to fully grasp the rapidly changing landscape for the church in this post-covid world. But we are people of hope. We are a people of light. I am confident that we will make the adjustments necessary to continue shining our light from our hill on Fort Ave. If you have not turned your pledge card in, it is not too late.

We have a Task Force at work trying to improve our outreach to neighbors and visitors...please pray for the folks who have agreed to do this very hard and necessary work. If you have a desire to join this work...please reach out to me and I will include you in our next meeting.

Grace & Light,
Anghaarad



SINGERS & LISTENERS OF ALL AGES – EVERYONE IS INVITED!



CHRISTMAS

WELCOME TABLE

at

QUAKER MEMORIAL

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



POTLUCK DINNER & CAROL SINGING

FRIDAY EVENING
DECEMBER 12th 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.

NO HUMBUGGERY PERMITTED!

NEWS & EVENTS



COFFEE WITH THE PASTOR

Join Anghaarad for coffee at The Bagel & I at 20584 Timberlake Road on Monday, December 8 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 Acorn Hill Bistro on Old Forest Road for our Christmas gathering. Join us on Wednesday, December 17 at 11:30 am. This will be a buffet meal. The cost is \$25 per person. Please also bring an inexpensive gift to share for our gift exchange. We will need to give a final head count to the restaurant by Monday, December 15 so please RSVP to Sara by text, call 434-941-3349 or email her at buzzandsara@gmail.com.



There will be a Congregational Meeting for the purpose of electing new elders on December 14 immediately following worship.

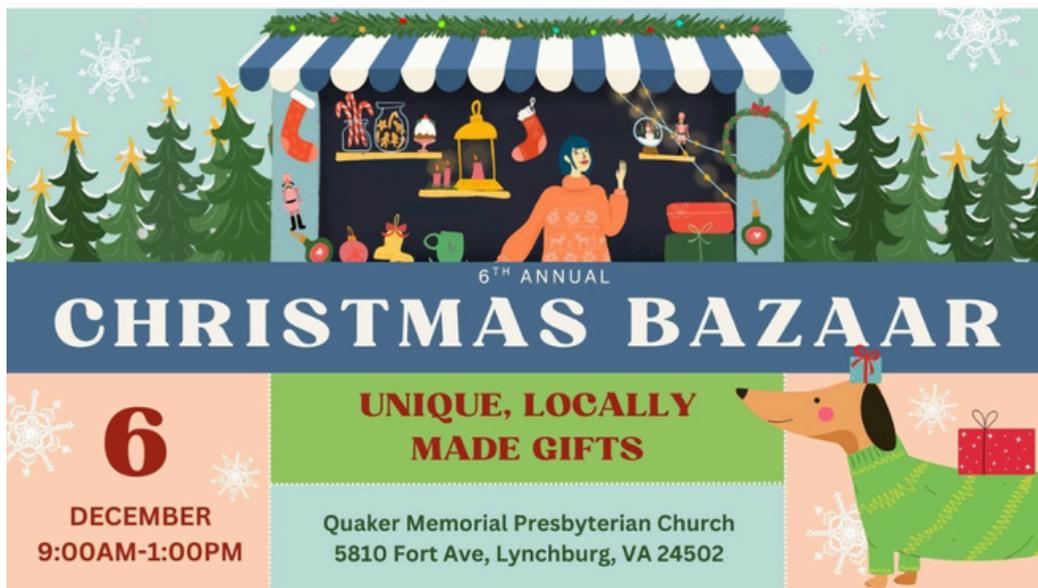


Youth Christmas Lock-In

Our Youth Group will have a Christmas Lock-in on Sunday, December 21. We need volunteers to help feed the kiddos,, and chaperones willing to spend the night, and of course youth and friends to attend.

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Please be sure to turn in all financial contributions for 2025 by December 31. The church office is closed December 25 & 26, December 31, January 1 & 2.



6TH ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

6
DECEMBER
9:00AM-1:00PM

**UNIQUE, LOCALLY
MADE GIFTS**

Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church
5810 Fort Ave, Lynchburg, VA 24502

The poster features a festive illustration of a bazaar stall with a striped awning, decorated with Christmas trees, stockings, and a person in a red sweater. A dog in a green sweater is also depicted on the right side.

Take an Angel Leave an Angel

Adopt one of our Christmas Angels and help us grow our Angel Ornament collection. Everyone is invited to select as many angels as you wish to purchase home items for. All of our angels are supporting families being re-homed through Interfaith Outreach Ministries.

Please return your items by December 22 and bring an angel ornament to add to the tree. The ornament could be one from your collection, one you have made or one especially purchased for our tree.



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Christmas Candlelight & Buffet

Sunday, December 15 at 5:30pm

Join us for special music, worship, and fellowship.

All are invited. Please sign up in the Narthex if you are bringing an appetizer or dessert.



JOIN US FOR

Christmas Eve CANDLELIGHT and COMMUNION

DECEMBER 24 AT 5:30PM

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Thank you

To everyone who made
our Chili Cook-Off
a success!
A big shout out to all of
the entries!

WINNER
OF THE
BEST
CHILI

LIZ
HUBAND



THANK YOU!

The Missions Committee
thanks everyone for a
wonderful Food For Thought
Snack Drive. We collected
395 lbs of food for hungry
children in our community.
A big thank you to Peggy
Deyerle for braving the
weather to deliver them to
Parkview!



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ADVENT WORKSHOP





The Chrismon Tree

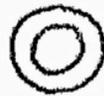
"CHRISMON" - a combination of two words: CHRIST and MONOGRAM. A Chrismon is a monogram of Christ serving to transmit the faith and belief of the work of J E S U S.

White symbolizes Christ's purity and perfection.

Gold symbolizes His majesty and glory.

The **white lights** point to Christ as light of the world.

The **evergreen** symbolizes eternal life which our Savior has won for us.



The circle is the symbol of eternity with no beginning or end.



The triangle represents God as the Holy Trinity: Father, Son, and Spirit.



This symbol combines the first two letters of "Christ" in Greek, the CHI (X) and RHO (P), and is the most widely known Chrismon.



Here the two Greek letters in the words for "Jesus" and "Christ" are combined to resemble a star. They remind us of prophecy, "There shall come a star out of Jacob."



The GREEK CROSS has arms of equal length. It was used most frequently among followers of the Eastern Church.



ICHTHUS IXOYC - the Greek word for fish is an acronym on the first letters of "Jesus Christ", God's Son, Saviour!



The Latin Cross, or Western Church Cross, is the most commonly used form. All crosses are reminders of Christ's work of redemption.





The TAU Cross takes its name from the Greek letter Tau. It is believed that this is the original form of the cross on which Christ was crucified.



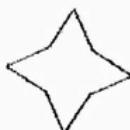
The Anchor Cross is referred to as the cross of hope, representing Christ as the Hope of the World.



The Crown symbolized the suffering of Christ and his Kingship and victory over sin and death; His place of honor at the right hand of God.



The Cross Triumphant symbolizing Christ's victory over the sin of the world and now the world united in Christ.



The four point star, formed by crosses set at various angles, symbolizes the close relationship between the birth and death of our Lord.



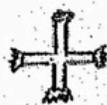
The five point star or the Epiphany Star, our Savior; manifestation of the Son. We often refer to Christ as the "bright and morning star".



The Cornerstone as a symbol of Christ. "The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner." Mark 12:10. "Christ Jesus himself being the chief cornerstone." Ephesians 2:20.



The staff reminds us that Christ was to be the Good Shepherd for all mankind.



Greek Cross crowned with NIKA. Greek word for conqueror or victor, combined with Greek Cross symbolizes our Lord's glorious victory over sin and death.



MEMORIALS FOR NOVEMBER

In memory of Diane Baldwin

Given by:

Lisa Cawthorne
Sarah Garrett
Ruth Kirby
Nancy Mize
Shirley Morris
Randall L. Sayre
Brenda & Melvin Scott
Sally & David Sease
Frances Underwood
Andrea & David Webb, Sr.
Phyllis Webb
Carolyn & Reuben Womack

In memory of V. Clay Johnston,

Ginny & Jack Kerr

Given by:

Sharon Kerr Johnston

In memory of David Gellert

Given by:

Angie & Scott Ashman
Peggy Deyerle
Susan & James Jennings
Sam Leslie
Nancy Mize
Sally & David Sease

In memory of James's Holznecht's mother,

Frances Margaret Holznecht

Given by:

Shirley Morris
Andrea & David Webb, Sr.

In memory of Winelda Hall

Given by:

Andrea & David Webb, Sr.

New Address for Sarah Garrett after December 16

1400 Enterprise Drive
N331
Lynchburg, VA 24502

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.





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 9am Zoom Bible Study	3 11:30 Centering Prayer 6pm Pray for others at home 6pm Women's Bible Study	4 12pm Advent Book Study 7pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	5	6 9am to 1pm Christmas Bazaar Youth Fundraiser
7 9am Sunday School 10am Worship	8 9am Cemetery Committee 10am to noon Coffee with Pastor	9 9am Zoom Bible Study 10am Communion at The Summit 6pm Communion at Bentley Commons	10 11:30 Centering Prayer 5:30pm Endowment Committee 6pm Pray for others at home 6pm Women's Bible Study	11 12pm Advent Book Study 7pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	12 6pm Welcome Table	13
14 9am Sunday School 10am Worship 5:30pm Candlelight Service & Buffet	15	16 9am Zoom Bible Study	17 11:30 Centering Prayer 11:30 Lunch Bunch 6pm Pray for others at home 6pm Women's Bible Study	18 12pm Advent Book Study 3pm Communion at Willow Ridge 7pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	19	20
21 9am Sunday School 10am Worship	22	23 9am Zoom Bible Study	24  5:30pm Candlelight and Communion Service	25  CHRISTMAS DAY Church Office Closed	26	27
28 NO Adult Sunday School 10am Worship	29	30 9am Zoom Bible Study	31			