

The Quaker Quill



December 2019

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WELCOMING ALL, SERVING CHRIST, TRANSFORMING LIVES

Love Was When

Many years ago I had the privilege of singing in my small church choir. One Christmas we sang a Cantata called Love Was When. The lyrics and music have stayed with me over the years and I was reminded of it again this Advent Season. I believe it sums up the Christmas and Gospel Messages quite well. In the busyness of this season, you may want to post this where you can be reminded that "Christ is the reason for the season." Or better yet, listen to it on YouTube.

May your Advent be filled with the presence, wonder and love of God.

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Love Was When

Author – John E. Welvoord

Composer – Don Wyrzten

Love was when God became a man,
locked in time and space, without rank or place.
Love was God born of Jewish kin;
Just a carpenter with some fishermen.
Love was when Jesus walked in history.
Lovingly He brought a new life that's free.
Love was God nailed to bleed and die,
to reach and love one such as I.

Love was when God became a man,
down where I could see. Love that reached to me.
Love was God dying for my sin;
And so trapped was I, my whole world caved in.
Love was when Jesus met me now it's real.
Lovingly He came; I can feel he's real.
Love was God; only He would try to reach,
to love one such as I.



SESSION MEETING

Highlights from the November Session:

- Approved & welcomed new members, Sam & Josie Miller.
- Storage of historical documents will be moved to the office on the main level—Approved.
- Request from Presbytery to increase covenant giving— Tabled until Dec. meeting.
- Capital Campaign currently has \$208,000 pledged.
- Approved to use Memorial funds for purchase of New Christmas trees.
- The Pastoral Nominating Committee has submitted the Ministry Information Form and now awaits the approval from the Presbytery
- Funds from Lindsey property fund were approved to be used to install a new water pressure booster pump.
- Work has begun on the drainage project and window replacement will begin in January.
- Covenant of Giving letters were sent. Budget to be finished by January 2020.
- Membership roll updating will begin soon.
- Candlelight service will have a program Dec. 15 at 5 p.m.
- Christmas Eve services: 5 p.m. will be a special family service , 11 p.m. will be candlelight & communion.
- December 18, Previously known as “Blue Christmas” will be changed to “Simply Christmas”, and will be a reflective and contemplative service.
- Nancy asked to roll over her remaining vacation days—approved.
- New member class will be on January 12 & 19, 2020.

Enjoy a Musical December

December will have many musical events which our members participate in and attend. Get out and enjoy some of these wonderful concerts!

- University of Lynchburg's Choral Union will present their Christmas program Dec. 6th and 7th at 7:30 in Snidow Chapel.
- Jefferson Choral Society's Christmas concerts are Dec. 7th, 7:30 & Dec. 8th at 4:00 at Heritage United Methodist Church.
- The Bells of the Blue Ridge will ring at QMPC Dec. 17th at 7:30.
- On Dec. 15th, we will have our 5:00 Candlelight service with children's, youth, handbells, and adult choirs participating.
- A program titled "Simply Christmas" will be held Dec. 18th at 7 pm.
- Christmas Eve's 5:00 and 11:00 services will include soloists and the Chancel choir at 11:00.
- There will also be soloists sharing their talents at various Sunday services.





Book Club

Book Club does not meet in January so there is no deadline to get a book read in the busy days of December. A new list of books to read in 2020 has been compiled. So if you have not been a part of QMPC book club, request a copy of the list and join us in February.



We meet the first Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at the church. Depending on the topic, the interest the characters in the book evoke, the writing, and on the extra topics that come up, we meet for one to two hours and thoroughly enjoy our time together. For any questions contact Linda Jennings at 525-5423 or by email at lcjenn805@gmail.com.

Lunch Bunch

Lunch Bunch will meet a week earlier than our usual schedule. Join us Wednesday, December 11 at 11:30 a.m. for lunch at Charley's Restaurant, 707 Graves Mill Road. Lunch Bunch is a fun group that enjoys having good food and good conversation and is open to anyone who is interested. Please let us know if you can come by contacting Linda Jennings by Monday, December 9th at 525-5423 or email lcjenn805@gmail.com.



Young at Heart December 19

Merry Christmas from Young at Heart. Join us for a wonderful musical program and lunch on Thursday, December 19 at 11:00 am. Our guest for December will be our own Helen Ford. She works her musical magic on our young folks every week and is going to spread her talents around to include a group of "senior folks". Everyone is asked to bring a wrapped \$1.00 gift to participate in a little Secret Santa swap. Our menu this month will include ham, green beans, potato salad, rolls and dessert. Beverages will also be provided. Cost will be \$2.00 per person. In memory of his late wife, Martha, Howell Franklin will be funding this meal. Come join us for a joyous celebration and feel free to bring a friend or two. MERRY CHRISTMAS ALL!!!!



FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Thank you, Fellowship Committee, for all your hard work Saturday and Sunday before our Giving Thanks dinner.. We served approximately 125 people at our Giving Thanks Dinner!

CANDLELIGHT BUFFET- DECEMBER 15

Again this year we would like to simplify our menu in order to allow the members of the Fellowship Committee to participate in the Candlelight Service. Fellowship will still supply ham biscuits and drinks.

The congregation should sign up to bring vegetable trays, fruit trays, cheese & crackers, sandwiches (cut into fourths if using sandwich bread), deviled eggs, cookies and brownies.

We are asking the congregation to bring their items in ready to serve containers/dishes and cut into serving sizes. This will allow the committee members time to enjoy the Candlelight Service.

The Sign Up sheet can be found in the Narthex. Please sign up and let us know how many will be coming and what you will be bringing.

Kitchen Clean-Up

If you are using the kitchen, please be sure that all items used are cleaned, dried and put away. The drawers and cabinets are labeled to make this easier.

Also, make sure that counters & tables are wiped down.

Please make sure that the sink is clear of all food scraps and has been wiped out.

DO NOT LEAVE LEFTOVERS!

If you have leftovers, check with whomever you're leaving them for (i.e. Youth) to make sure that they want and will use them. If not, please let Christine, Nancy or myself know that you would like them donated to the Salvation Army, Brookhill Farms, or another charity.

Wednesday Prayer Group Development

We have narrowed it down to Wednesday evenings **once or twice a month**. Would you like to join a prayer group to rally around our PNC group as they do the work they have been nominated to do by the church and pray for the concern list as well. If you would like to participate in this group, **please contact the church by phone, email or in person and share with Christine what the best time on Wednesday evenings is for you from the times below**. We will work on narrowing it down as quickly as we can, when we get responses.

Suggested times: Wednesday - **6p to 7p** or **6:30p - 7:30p** or **7p to 8p**,



Christian Education

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS



Thank you to everyone who took an angel from the Youth Angel Tree this year. We are sponsoring 8 local children. If you have not already returned your gift, please do so as soon as possible. Gifts will be delivered out on Dec. 16



Fifty-five people joined us after church on Sunday, Dec. 1 to enjoy a variety of soups made by Steve Hubbard, hear a devotion, decorate the trees of the church and participate in crafts. Thank you everyone for your help.



Youth News

The Youth will be busy during the month of December. Here are just a few of the things we will be working on:

- College care packages
- Advent Workshop
- Vendor Fair
- Participating in the Candlelight Service
- Angel Tree
- Youth Christmas Party

MISSIONS



Hello all!

We will be hosting our **2nd annual Variety Show** on January 10, 2020. We had so much fun last year and we want to do it again. If you would like to participate as a volunteer or performer, please do not hesitate to contact us by email, gmpcmiissions@gmail.com, by calling the church office, 434-239-2548 or in person when you see one of the Haiti Missions sub committee members, Alex, Bob, Neal, Nikki, Paul or Skip. For volunteers, we will announce through the bulletin and companion what positions we will need. For now, here are some dates you need to know.

- January 6: Act Registration submittal deadline
- January 9: 6p to 8p Dress rehearsal.
- January 10: Performers arrive by 5:30pm, show is from 6-8pm
- January 17: Snow date for show. If snow on Jan 10 prevents the show from happening it will be the same time the following Friday evening. Performers arrive by 5:30. Show is 6-8pm

Registration forms for performances will be available in the narthex. Proceeds from this event go to support our Haiti upcoming mission trip.

Update on Haiti

Thank you for your continued thoughts and prayers for the people in Haiti who are going through a hard time right now. Please continue to do so.

As some of you may have heard, we have had to postpone our January 2020 trip to Haiti due to safety issues and their impact on transportation. We have been informed that the airline we use will put their services to Haiti on hold starting on January 10th. We are still fully committed to the work we are doing in Haiti and are tentatively planning the trip to be between April and June, just waiting for the Lord's direction on this. Please pray for discernment for us as we do so.

On another note, Nadege Gay from House of Hope, visited a few weeks ago and shared a meal with some of our committee members. She let us know in person that the girls at House of Hope are safe, times are hard but God has provided in a mighty way and the solar system QMPC installed last year was not only just in time but life saving as well. That was only phase 1 of a 3 phase system installation and it has done more than we could have imagined. She conveyed a special thank you to QMPC for being faithful to the call of the Lord. If she is able to, she will be joining us for our planned variety show in January.

All year, we have been raising and continue to raise the funds we need to go. We have about \$5000 more to go on a \$25,000 budget. This would be to complete phase 2 and 3 of the system installation. At the last Presbytery meeting, we learned about "Gospel Math" from The Reverend Jill Duffield who is the editor and publisher of The Presbyterian Outlook. She talked about how Jesus fed the 5000 with 5 loaves and 2 fish. We have brought our 5 loaves and 2 fish to Christ and he has multiplied it over and over of all we have asked or imagined. This has been done through you, our QMPC congregation. This can be applied financially, socially, spiritually, physically and in any other way you can think of. Thank you!!!

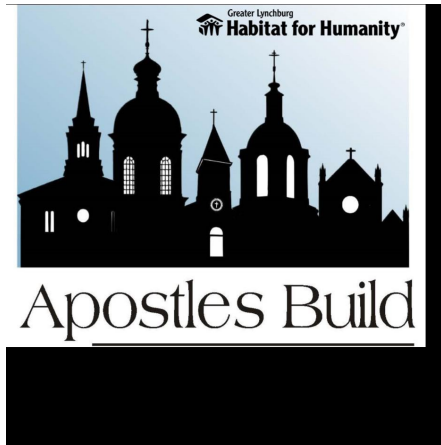


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QMPC is hoping to get involved with the Apostles Build in 2020. The Apostles build is where churches work together to build a Habitat house. Each church raises funds and provides volunteers. Contact mission team for more information.

Time Line

- November: Secure formal commitment to the project from churches –volunteers, donations, meals & other support
- Recruit a liaison from each church to the project for communications, publicity, and volunteer management
- January: Schedule first official Apostles Build meeting with liaisons and Greater Lynchburg Habitat For Humanity staff
- Introduce Partner Family who will be buying the home; review the schedule
- February: Organize awareness and fundraising campaigns underway within each church
- Late March/April: Have a groundbreaking or wall raising ceremony
- Perform 12 weeks of construction (3+ work days available each week)
- Update participant congregations, including project promotion, and communication.
- June: Dedication ceremony with ribbon-cutting and celebration of success



Representing QMPC at Churches for Urban Ministries

We are in need of someone to represent QMPC on the Churches for Urban Ministry board. This would include attending a monthly board meeting and communicating with the Missions Committee any news and supporting projects that need to be shared with the church. If you would be interested in serving QMPC in this way, please reach out to us by email qmpcmisions@gmail.com or by calling Christine at the church office. Let us know if you have any questions.

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QMPC November-December 2019 Backpack Program Food Donations



FOOD FOR THOUGHT
Help. Healing. Hope.

Food for Thought is a backpack type of supplemental feeding program that provides food-insecure students with nutritious meals and snacks on Friday afternoons, to sustain them over the weekend.

Hungry children have weaker immune systems, are sick more often, have difficulty paying attention in class, and are less successful academically. In addition, hunger limits social development, and is linked to behavioral problems related to stress and fatigue.

Through Dec 15th, we are collecting these most needed items at this time of year for the backpack program. **Please bring in**

- Granola bars
- Canned tuna
- Single serve oatmeal
- Small jars of peanut butter and jelly
- Cheese or peanut butter crackers



In January, we will check their most needed list again and post another list in the Quill and in the narthex. We will also be looking for an opportunity to go as a church group to pack bags at their location. **Volunteers are needed to pack bags at their warehouse:**

Wednesdays 4:30-6:30 pm
Saturdays 9:30-11:30 am

The Plaza - lower level 2323 Memorial Ave., Suite 27 - Lynchburg

We would like to work towards making this a multiple opportunity for the church to serve together outside of our walls and directly impact our community.

Worthy of note, one of our members, Brit LeCompte, for his 100th birthday, chose this program to receive donations instead of him receiving gifts. He also matched these donations and helped them raise about \$11,000. This provided for more than 600 backpacks.

Haiti Shoe & Sock Challenge Ongoing



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. **For the guys:** BLACK leather shoes (or fake leather, no canvas) and navy blue socks. **For the girls:** BLACK flats, (NO patent leather, canvas, or heels). They can have a buckle and white socks with lace.



Attention Kroger Shoppers!

Time for the annual Kroger Plus Card Rewards Renewal

Yes, we do have to re-sign up for the Kroger Plus card community rewards each year. If you signed up last year, please do so again. In the last year, starting September 2018, we have been awarded over **\$240**. If you have not signed up, please take this opportunity to join the 15 households that have. These funds go towards supporting our Haiti missions trip efforts.



Why do my members have to re-enroll

every year if they were already participating? Kroger Community Rewards will be evaluated each year as we continually work toward improving our program to ensure that we offer the best option for our customers and nonprofit organizations. Re-enrollment gives each organization an opportunity to refresh their membership by spreading the word to new members and keeping the previous members informed of any changes to the program.

Signing up for this does NOT affect your gas rewards program.

It is easy to sign up or renew, just follow these steps:

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.

Thank You QMPC!



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 1 Pledge Sunday Angel Tree Gifts Due Advent Workshop | 2 7 pm PNC | 3 9 am ROMEOS | 4 10 am SR Writers 11am Centering Prayer 10 am– 8 pm Salvation Army Bell Ringing | 5 10 am Book Club 3 pm Communion at Valley View 7 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal | 6 10 am– 8 pm Salvation Army Bell Ringing | 7 9 am– 3 pm 2nd Annual Craft Fair 10 am– 8 pm Salvation Army Bell Ringing |
| 8 11:15 am Confirmation Class Youth Christmas Party | 9 7 pm PNC | 10 9 am ROMEOS | 11 10 am Prayer Shawl 11am Centering Prayer 11:30 am Lunch Bunch | 12 6:30 pm Session 7 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal | 13 10 am Lynchburg Retired Teachers General Meeting | 14 |
| 15 5 pm Candlelight Service | 16 7 pm PNC | 17 9 am ROMEOS Bells of the Blue Ridge | 18 11am Centering Prayer 7 pm Simply Christmas | 19 11 am Young at Heart 7 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | 23 7 pm PNC | 24 9 am ROMEOS 5 pm Christmas Eve Service 11 pm Christmas Eve Service | 25 Office Closed | 26 7 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 7 pm PNC | 31 9 am ROMEOS | | | | 30 |

Weekly Sunday Schedule:

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
 5:00 p.m. B.I.G. Youth Cherub Choir

5:45 p.m. Youth Supper
 6:15 p.m. Melody Choir Jr. & Sr. Youth Fellowship