

The Quaker Quill



December 2020

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A GREAT LIGHT

Isaiah 9:2

“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness- on them light has shined”



The Israelites in the Southern Kingdom of Judah had been warned by Isaiah that disaster was about to befall them because of the decisions they were making. The prophecy came true in that Babylon conquered Israel destroying the temple, killing many of the citizens and taking others into slavery in Babylon. In many ways they walked in darkness. They had turned their back on God and went their own way and were separated from God. Consequently God allowed them to suffer the outcome of their actions and decisions. For years the Israelites were in bondage as aliens in a strange land.

This year, 2020, has also at times felt as though we are walking in darkness. The number of Covid cases and hospitalizations are not encouraging. Families, communities, businesses, etc. are being decimated by the illness and the death toll of the virus breaks the heart and boggles the mind. People are on pins and needles awaiting the results of people traveling over Thanksgiving as well as the hopeful projection of vaccines being released to the public. Are they effective, will they work, when will they be available to ME!

The hopeful news from Isaiah is that light is shined into the darkness. The promised savior will be born to a poor carpenter and his wife, fully God and fully human. Jesus will walk among his people teaching and preaching, healing and calling people to love and serve God in new ways. And the promise of eternal life is emphasized by the prediction of Christ's return to redeem the whole world to himself.

The bottom line – light wins over darkness. We may still have some dark days and hard times, but in the end and even today, God's light overtakes the darkness and bring hope, peace, joy and love to the world.

The challenge for us this month is to find, name and celebrate the light. Maybe make your own advent wreath and light the candles when the days are short and darkness prevails. Or simply light one candle to remember the love, mercy and grace of Christ. Use the Advent Devotional that is e-mailed weekly. Look for Christ's presence and power in the little events of every day and give thanks.

Watch the worship service on line when it fits your schedule and sing to your heart's content. Remember that as Christ's body, QMPC IS connected to one another, we ARE doing important ministry even in these days and we WILL celebrate Jesus' birth and yearn for his return again.

*Merry Christmas,
Nancy Dawson
Interim Pastor*



2020 POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

- Make checks payable to Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church.
- Please print for accuracy.
- Payment must be attached.

In **MEMORY** of: _____

and/or

In **HONOR** of: _____

Given by: _____

Deadline: December 15th

Cost: \$10 each



<i>In Memoriam</i>	<i>Gifts Received in November</i>
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In Memory of Jim Garrett

- Bob & Kathy Kaplan
- David & Andrea Webb
- Janet LaPrade
- Jack & Ginny Kerr
- Larry & Linda Bennett
- Scott Delicate
- Phyllis Webb
- Ruth Kirby
- Carolyn & Reuben Womack
- Alex & Linda Bennett
- Bob & Carolyn Eubank
- Fran & Kent Ford
- Evelyn Glass
- Sara Curtis
- Winelda Hall
- Bob & Maureen Lockridge
- Development Management, Inc.
- Peggy Hubble & family
- CM Steel
- Ann Garrett
- Mr. & Mrs. Ivon D. Rohrer, Jr.

In Memory of Angela Geer

- Joann Linthicum
- David & Linda Berg
- David & Andrea Webb

In Memory of June Jakobowski

- David & Andrea Webb

In Memory of Joyce Ballowe

- Janet LaPrade
- Fran & Kent Ford
- Buck Ford



Dear QMPC,
Thank you for all the food, cards, notes, phone calls and words of concern and encouragement during the illness and death of James Garrett. We are blessed to be part of such a caring church.

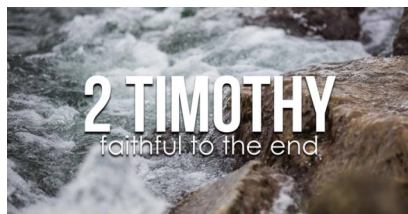
The family of James D. Garrett

Dear QMPC,
My family and I greatly appreciated your prayers, love and concern in honor of the death of my special son, James Brinkley. Thank you so much. Love in Christ,

Margaret and John Kurisky.

To my Quaker family,
You have no idea how much the cards, thoughts and prayers have meant to me and my family as I have gone through cancer surgery. Just saying thanks doesn't seem sufficient. I am doing well and hope to get back to church when things open up more.

Chuck McKeag and family



Tuesday Bible study
through
2 Timothy on
Zoom.

Join Nancy and others as they look at the book of 2 Timothy at 10 am each Tuesday. Email office@qmpc.org to get the Zoom link.

Women's Online Gathering

Ladies, head to Zoom on the first Thursday of each month for some fellowship and encouragement with your Quaker friends. It begins at 7 pm, grab a snack & beverage of choice and login to Zoom. Check your email for an invitation with the login link.

Dear Lunch Bunch,

We are in the season of Advent and our celebration of this time will be different this year. If you are not attending church services in person you may want to create your own way of commemorating this joyous time of year.

Until we can meet in person, be safe and celebrate the reason for the season. *Linda Jennings*

Hello, fellow readers,

Please stay safe. Wear your mask, practice social distancing and wash your hands often. It looks like we will have to practice these admonitions through the winter and maybe beyond.

During this time of Advent we read the stories leading up to the birth of Christ. These stories we know so well & have read so often bring us comfort and maybe a renewed faith in this chaotic year.

I send you my best wishes until we can meet in person. *Linda Jennings*

Wednesday Evening
Church-Wide Prayer Time



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

Missions

Food for Thought Food Drive

The Missions Committee collected snacks during the month of November to give to food insecure children in Lynchburg through the program Food for Thought.



**FOOD FOR
THOUGHT**






One carload was delivered November 20 and we finished the month with a second barrel filled to overflowing with snacks for Lynchburg kids! This is a great way to let the children know that people care for them.



THANK YOU QMPC!

In addition to the food drive, the Mission Committee was awarded \$1000 grant from Presbytery of the Peaks to help with Food for Thought! Praise God for this will help feed Lynchburg's children even more!

December

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 10 am Bible study on Zoom	2 10:30 am John Kahle Service 11 am Centering Prayer 6-7 pm Church Wide Prayer	3 7 pm Women's Zoom Gathering	4	5
6 5 pm Kids Choir on Zoom	7 PNC 7 pm	8 10 am Bible study on Zoom	9 11 am Centering Prayer 6-7 pm Church Wide Prayer	10	11	12
13 5 pm Kids Choir on Zoom Youth Group	14 PNC 7 pm	15 10 am Bible study on Zoom	16 11 am Centering Prayer 6-7 pm Church Wide Prayer	17	18	19
20 Session 11 am 5 pm Candlelight Service 	21 PNC 7 pm	22 10 am Bible study on Zoom	23 11 am Centering Prayer 6-7 pm Church Wide Prayer	24  5 pm Christmas Eve Worship Office Closed	25  Office Closed	26
27 5 pm Kids Choir on Zoom Youth Group	28 PNC 7 pm	29 5:30 pm Haiti Meeting	30 5:30 pm Endowment Meeting	31		

Sunday Morning Schedule:

10:00 a.m. Worship Service In Sanctuary (socially distant seating)
Or Online at twitch.tv/QMPC or Facebook Live

2nd & 4th Sunday Evenings:

Youth Group: BIG @ 3:45 pm, Jr. & Sr. @ 4:30 pm, Youth Choir @ 5:30 pm