

The Quaker Quill



FEBRUARY 2021

LENTEN OBSERVANCES

LENT: A time of Preparation

In the early church, Lent was the time of preparation for baptism on Easter. Over the years it became a forty day devotional preparation for Easter based on Jesus' wilderness fast. This year with times of quarantine and stay-at-home orders due to the COVID pandemic, it has felt as though we were in a year-long season of Lent.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday with a solemn service that reminds us of the "pervasiveness of human sin and of the inevitability of human death. Ashes are placed on the forehead or back of the hand to represent that which, in the human experience was burned out and wasted that which once was, but is no more. This traditional emblem of grief and mourning has been adopted by the Christian Church as a signal of our own sinful mortality; it has also been embraced as a mutual trumpet to warn of the coming dark days in Jesus' Life: his passion and death" (Texts for Preaching , Year B, pg. 182, Walter Brueggemann, et all.)

It is challenging enough at Christmas time to grapple with the concept of Christ's incarnation – God with us. But it is imperative to also understand Jesus to be 100% divine and 100 % human. The letter to Hebrews 2:10-11 states that Christ is creator as an instrument of God, for whom and by whom all things exist.

Christ is also Redeemer, tasting death for everyone as an agent of God who brings God's children to salvation. In this, Christ functions as High Priest whose ritual of sacrifice on behalf of himself and human beings bring people and himself before the holy presence of God. Because Jesus shared humanity with people in every respect he could identify humanity's struggle with sin, evil and death and help people overcome their fear of death. Because Jesus was fully divine, he had the power to overcome sin, death and evil.

May the season of Lent this year draw you deeper into an understanding of God's gift of salvation and the great promise of hope today and peace for all eternity. The disciplines of Lent: fasting, giving, service, prayer, meditation, honest assessment of our lives and worship, all help prepare us to face the reality of who we are and whose we are as we prepare for the glory of Easter.

Blessings!
Nancy Dawson
Interim Pastor



January 2021 HIGHLIGHTS

At its January meeting,
the Session approved:



- Nomination of David Webb, Sr. for Chair of the Nominating Committee
- Purchase of Software to enhance our production capabilities
- The elder representatives for this years Presbytery Meetings
- Committee Chairs:
- Budget & Stewardship Committees-Steve Hubbard
- Care & Nurture-Sharon Barringer & Janet LaPrade
- Christian Ed-Liz Huband & Mike Whorley
- Endowment-Bob Lockridge & Jane Reynolds
- Fellowship-Shirley Morris
- Missions-Reuben Womack
- Property-Neal Gibson
- Music & Worship-Phyllis Beilfus & Sally Sease

In Memoriam

IN MEMORY OF	GIVEN BY
Evelyn Glass' sister	Shirley Morris
Mary Gaddy	Kent & Fran Ford
Ron Moyer	Kent & Fran Ford
Neal Gibson's dad	Shirley Morris
Ron Moyer	Alexa & Mick Edlund
Ron Moyer	Carolyn & Reuben Womack
Ron Moyer	Brookshire Neighbors
Ron Moyer	Thalia & Lloyd Altice Robert & Faye Moyer Debbie Moyer Montgomery Bernice Moyer
Jim Garrett	Anne & Steven Garrett
Ron Moyer	Sam Leslie
Norman Loges	Sam Leslie
Cecil Driskill	Bob Lockridge

*Memorial
Gifts
received
in January*



Tuesday Bible study on Zoom.

Join Nancy and others as they look at the book of Hebrews 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

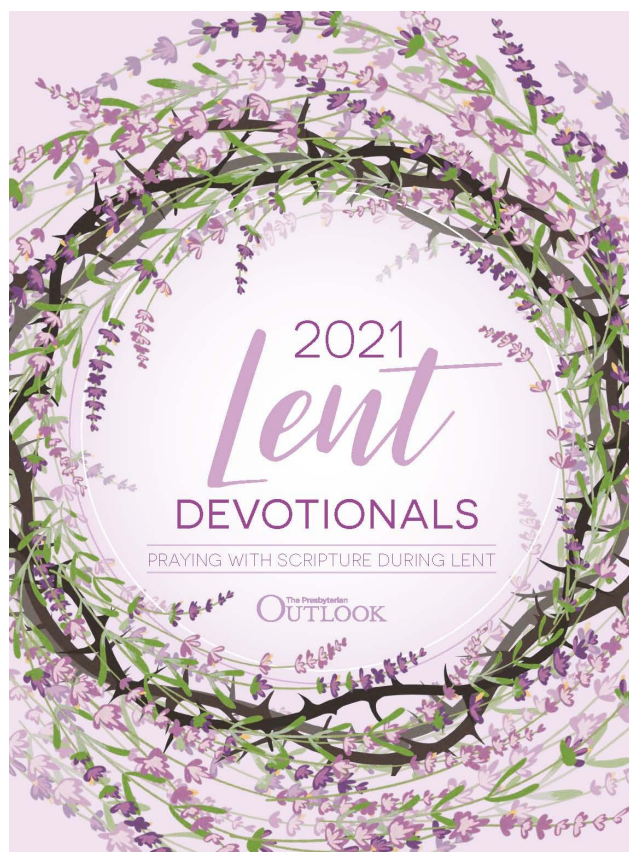
choice and login to Zoom. Check your email for an invitation with the login link.

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.



This Lenten Devotional begins Ash Wednesday (Feb. 17) and includes daily scripture readings and prayer prompts to enhance your Lenten journey. It will be emailed weekly. If you are not receiving our emails, or you would prefer a paper copy, please call the office.



FEBRUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 11:30 am– Cecil Driskill graveside service	3 11 am Centering Prayer 6-7 pm Church Wide Prayer 6:30 pm New Elder Training – Zoom	4 7 pm Women's Zoom Fellowship	5	6
7 Communion Installation and Ordination of New Elders 5 pm Kids Choir on Zoom	8 PNC 7 pm	9 10 am Bible study on Zoom	10 11 am Centering Prayer 6-7 pm Church Wide Prayer 6:30 pm New Elder Training – Zoom	11	12	13
14 5 pm Kids Choir on Zoom Youth Group	15 PNC 7 pm	16 10 am Bible study on Zoom	17  11 am Centering Prayer 6-7 pm Church Wide Prayer	18	19	20
21 Congregational Meeting to Elect Nominating team Session 4 pm	22 PNC 7 pm	23 10 am Bible study on Zoom 5:30 pm Haiti Team Meeting	24 11 am Centering Prayer 6-7 pm Church Wide Prayer	25	26	27
28 5 pm Kids Choir on Zoom Youth Group						
<p>Sunday Morning Schedule: 10:00 a.m. Worship Service In Sanctuary (socially distant seating) Or Online at YouTube (Quaker5810) or Facebook Live</p> <p>2nd & 4th Sunday Evenings: Youth Group: BIG @ 3:45 pm, Jr. & Sr. @ 4:30 pm</p>						