



# The Quaker Quill



February 2020

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## WELCOMING ALL, SERVING CHRIST, TRANSFORMING LIVES

### WHO ARE WE?

February is recognized as the LOVE month. One of the reasons for this is the celebration of Valentine's Day. A day that often has as much pressure on it as does Christmas and family birthdays in terms of remembering and expressing affection for our loved ones. For many it is a month in which people wonder, "Am I really loved?" Others also ask themselves, "How well do I love others? And a third question, "Who am I in relation to what I do, what I believe and those to whom I am attached?"

In Matthew 5:1, Jesus specifically speaks to his disciples, those who believe enough and trust enough to follow Jesus, taking him seriously and being changed by him. And he assures them that they are already blessed by God. In a sense, the beatitudes, tell us who we already are – Children of God, blessed and called to do God's ministry here on earth. As such, this passage is a celebration text. It assures us of the abundant life that God has already given us. We are assured that we do not have to earn God's grace, we already have it. And it is as valid for you as it was for the first disciples. Praise the Lord!

With this grace and these blessings does come a call to serve and do God's ministry as we are God's hands, feet, minds, mouth, heart and spirit here on earth. The good news is that another lectionary text for this month gives us guidance on what faithful living looks like – living that loves others and ourselves.

This text is from Micah 6:1-8. It is the scene of a courtroom where God is challenging the people regarding their worship and service to God in response to God's grace and mercy toward them. The people in defense respond with essentially, "Then what shall we do?" God's answer is "do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with your God"

- **Do Justice** – live with integrity and be fair with those with whom we come into contact. Work on behalf of the oppressed, the poor and those caught up in injustice.
- **Love Kindness** (Mercy) – share God's grace with others through your words and your actions. Do small acts of kindness for others.
- **Walk humbly with your God** – to walk with is to stay close to and be available to. It is also to imitate what God does and who God is. Humbly is a key word here as it acknowledges our dependence on God and our need to take God more seriously than we do ourselves.

For us here at Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church, we speak of this call to service in terms of "Welcoming All, Serving Christ and Transforming Lives." I challenge each of us this month to do one of these three things each day so that others may experience God's love and that we may be the people God created us to be. In this God will be glorified, honored and praised.

*Nancy Dawson*

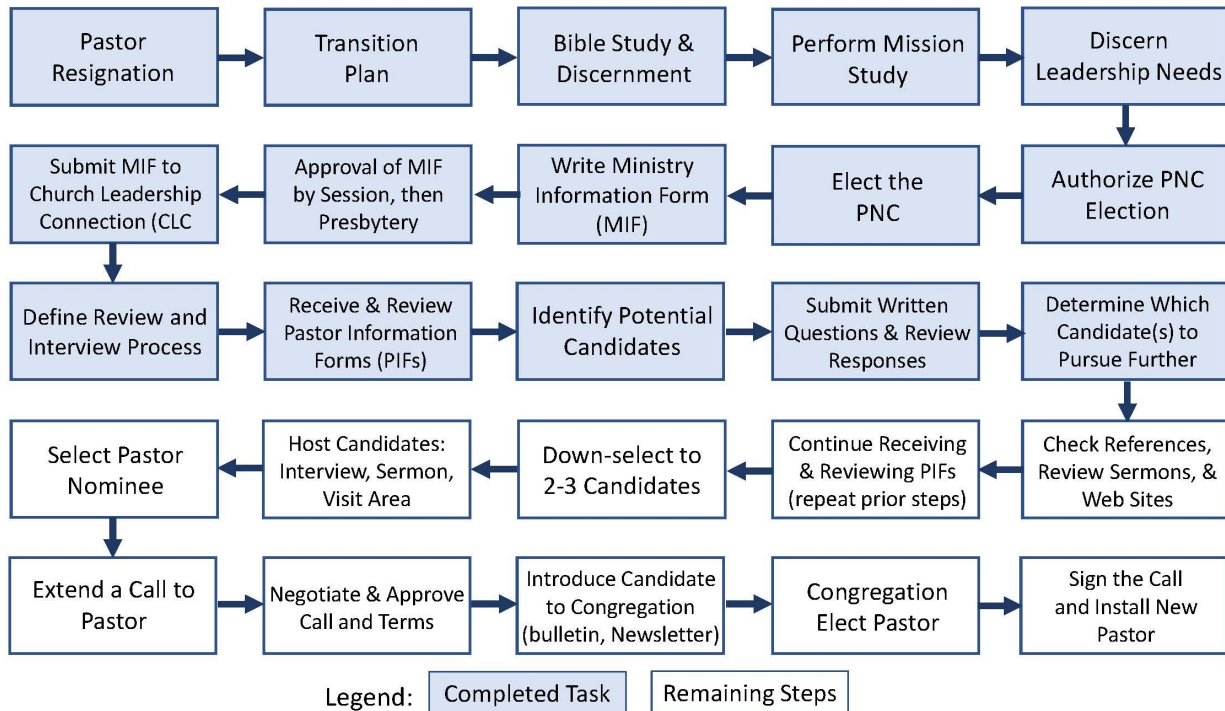
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## Update from Your Pastor Nominating Committee

- The Call Process
- Where we are at in the process

### QMPC Pastor Call Process



## PNC Review of Pastor Information Forms (PIFs)

- Church Leadership Connection (CLC) matches QMPC Ministry Information Form (MIF) to PIFs
  - Sends up to 25 PIFs to PNC every two weeks
- Each PNC member reviews and ranks each PIF
- PNC meets to compile and discuss rankings
  - Some members will also choose to listen to sermons, review web sites
- PNC reaches consensus for each PIF
  - Those not appropriate for QMPC: send email – no longer being considered
  - Those selected for further consideration: send affirming email
- Continue process until 6 to 8 potential candidates identified
- Begin next steps of process, but continue receiving/reviewing PIFs
- Status of PIF review as of January 25, 2020:
  - Completed review of 44 PIFs
  - 9 pastors selected for further consideration in the process
- Next steps of process include:
  - Submit written questions to candidates and review responses
  - Check references, review sermons, review social media, etc.
- Will continue to request and review PIFs through February
  - Expect to review an additional 50 or more PIFs
  - Will initiate second wave of process after PIF reviews
- Down-select 2-3 candidates for visit to Lynchburg, in-person interview, and sermon at local church

# SESSION MEETING

## Highlights from the January Session:

- Heard Statements of Faith from seven Confirmands: Noah DeCarmo, Faith Jacob, Wyatt Moore, Elizabeth Plucker, Sarah Robert, Joshua Webb and Lilly Wood.
- Accepted these seven youth into membership at Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church: Noah DeCarmo (upon baptism on February 9 2020)
- Approved the Letter of Transfer for Chuck & Betty Wood to Fort Hill United Methodist.
- Elected Julia Bryan as Clerk of Session
- Elected Sara Curtis as Church Treasurer
- Approved the Annual Congregational Meeting on February 23, 2020
  - To hear reports from Stewardship Committee, Budget and Finance, Endowment, Capital Campaign and Property Task Force.
  - Receive reports from Committees on accomplishments in 2019 and goals for 2020.
- Reviewed and Approved the 2020 Budget
- Approved the Session Annual Statistical Report to be submitted to the Presbytery
- The Property Task Force reported: The drainage project is complete. The gutters and gutter guard installation is near completion. Installation of H/VAC units and replacement of windows in Day School Wing is underway.

May the Lord reward you for your kindness.

[Ruth 1:8](#)

### *To the congregation of Quaker Memorial:*

I wanted you'all to know how much I loved being at Quaker Memorial. It was a joy to be able to preach and be a part of the worship service. Visiting the sick or shut-ins was a highlight of my job. Thank you so much for being so accepting of me, and Richard too. We felt very special and happy to be a part of Quaker Memorial. The reception was delicious!

Blessings to each of you,

*Dam Claterbaugh*

## Wednesday Evening Prayer Group

The prayer group met in January and we prayed over the PNC, the Capital campaign and the Property Task Force and projects. In February we will meet again to continue



to pray over these things, the concern list and other needs in the church. Our stated meeting time is the **4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month** starting at **6:45pm**. However, in February we will meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday due to the Ash Wednesday joint worship service being on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday. Join us on **Wednesday February 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:45pm** to pray for our church. This prayer meeting is open to everyone.

## *January Memorials*

### IN MEMORY OF:

John Scoles

John Scoles

John Scoles

### GIVEN BY

Anita Dezendorf

Sally Steel

Daria Kiselica





**Book Club**

The book to read in February is *Things to do When It's Raining* by Marissa Stapley.

We meet Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup> 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. Everyone is welcome to join us! For any

questions contact Linda Jennings at 525-5423 or by email at [lcjenn805@gmail.com](mailto:lcjenn805@gmail.com).



**Lunch Bunch**

Join us Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 11:30 a.m. for lunch at Choice Hibachi Buffet. The Choice Hibachi Buffet is located at 2623 Wards Road across from River Ridge Mall. Lunch Bunch is open to anyone who is interested in good food and good conversation. Please let us know if you can come by contacting Linda Jennings by Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup> by calling 525-5423 or email



[lcjenn805@gmail.com](mailto:lcjenn805@gmail.com).



**Young at Heart February 27**

YAH in February will deal with issues of the heart. A representative of the Red Cross will present our program. Our meal will be BYOL. Make plans to join us on the 27th at 11 am and feel free to invite a friend or two.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry**

After a short winter break, the Prayer Shawl Ministry will begin meeting again on Wednesday, February 5 at 10 a.m. Meetings will continue after that on every other Wednesday. Anyone who can knit or crochet is welcome. Just bring your yarn, needles, and desire to minister to those in need of warmth or care in our community. For information contact Diane Baldwin 434-609-2360 or [lybgknitter44@gmail.com](mailto:lybgknitter44@gmail.com).



# Christian Education

## Meet the 2019-2020 Confirmation Class



Top Row: Joshua Webb, Noah DeCarmo  
and Wyatt Moore

Bottom Row: Sarah Robert, Faith Jacob,  
Elizabeth Plucker and Lilly Wood

On the evening of January 26, 2020, the Confirmation Class met with the Session to read their Faith Statements and be voted in by Session as members of Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church. On February 9, the Youth Group will be providing the Confirmation Sunday worship service to present the confirmands to the congregation.

Thank you to Rev. Nancy Dawson and our mentors: Andrea Webb, Liz Huband, Lisa Cawthorne, Nikki Kariuki, Skip Wodke, Alex Haney and Clyde Harkrader for working with this group.

## TERRIFIC TUESDAYS ARE BACK!

February 27 – March 31

Join us for a great time of fellowship & growing in faith! We will have supper, 2 bible classes and homework help for the kids. Please let us know how many in your family will be attending so we have enough food & supplies!

Galatians Bible Study with Nancy: 5:00 - 6:00

Dinner 6:00 - 6:25

Creativity Studying the Bible or Galatians Bible Study : 6:30- 7:30

Kids 6:30 - 7:30 (Homework/Games)

For more information, check out the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

# MISSIONS

## Thank you QMPC!



Thank you so much for your recent food donations for our Back Pack Program. Your donations help us to feed 800+ students in our area on the week ends. We appreciate your generosity!

Sincerely,  
Julie Farley



**MIRIAM'S HOUSE**  
SOLUTIONS TO HOMELESSNESS

Dear Quaker Memorial members,  
Thank you so much for your generous donation of collard greens given to Miriam's House! These are so helpful for the people we serve coming out of homelessness!

Your friends at Miriam's  
24502-192810

PO BOX 3196  
LYNCHBURG, VA 24503



Kindly deliver to:  
Quaker Memorial Presbyterian  
5810 Fort Avenue  
Lynchburg, VA 24502



# MISSIONS

Happy New Year from your friends at Haiti Outreach Ministries!

As we begin 2020, I want to share several items of good news from Haiti.

- The political unrest in Haiti has been relatively calm since the early part of December. Our HOM/MICECC schools reopened on December 2 with good attendance at all four of our schools. After a short break for Christmas and New Year's, three schools reopened January 6 and Cite Soleil opened on January 7. **It is a joy to see the children back in school!**



- Because of your **generous response to our appeal for food relief**, HOM/MICECC have been able to distribute food in November and December to 4,577 families in Cite Soleil, Terre Noire, and Repatriote. We will also be able to distribute more food during the first four months of 2020. The people are so grateful to receive this food. Thank you for your caring!
- Our **new dentist** Dr. Patrick Saint Germain began work in the clinic this month. We also hired Marlene Alexis Jean Jacques to be the dental assistant. We are glad to have both of them on staff.
- **We are scheduling US teams to start returning to Haiti in February.** We are glad that we currently have 32 teams scheduled to travel to Haiti and partner with us. We look forward to welcoming more teams as plans are made.

Thank you for your partnership with HOM/MICECC. We are grateful for your support. Because of you, many good things are happening in the communities we serve.

We continue to stay in contact with our MICECC mission partners and monitor the situation in Haiti closely. Please join me in continuing to pray for the people of Haiti and our ministry. **Much has been done, but many more possibilities are before us.**

Grace and Peace,

Gary W. Fulton

Executive Director

# MISSIONS

## 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.



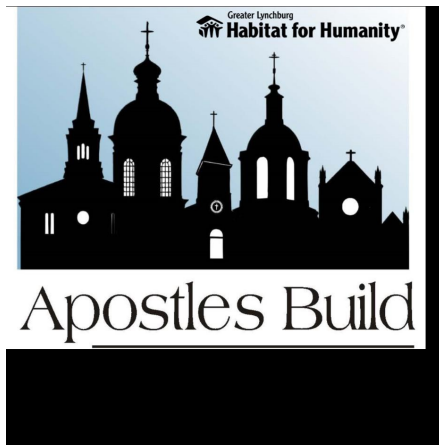
QMPC is hoping to get involved with the Apostles Build in 2020. The Apostles build is where churches work together to build a Habitat house. Each church raises funds and provides volunteers. Contact mission team for more information.

### Time Line

- 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





# 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 2018, we were awarded over \$310. 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!***



# FEBRUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Capital Campaign Meeting	3 10 am Art Class  7 pm PNC	4 9 am ROMEOS	5 10 am Prayer Shawl Group 11am Centering Prayer  5:30 pm Haiti Team meeting	6 10 am Book Club  7 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7	8
9 Youth Sunday (No Nursery) • Baptism • Children's Choirs sing	10 10 am Art Class  7 pm PNC	11 9 am ROMEOS  6:30 pm Property Task Force	12 11am Centering Prayer	13 7 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	14 10 am Lynchburg Retired Teachers Board Meeting  Christine Off	15 Julia Bryan use Fellowship Hall for Baby Shower
16  7:30 pm Session	17 10 am Art Class  7 pm PNC  Christine Off	18 9 am ROMEOS	19 10 am Prayer Shawl Group 11am Centering Prayer 11:30 am Lunch Bunch 6:45 pm PNC Prayer Group	20 7 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	21	22 David Gellert uses an office for COM testing.
23 Annual Congregational Meeting	24 10 am Art Class  7 pm PNC	25 9 am ROMEOS Terrific Tuesdays Begins 	26 11am Prayer  7 pm 	27 11 am Young at Heart	28	29  <b>IT'S LEAP YEAR!</b>

## Weekly Sunday Schedule:

9:00 a.m. Sunday School	5:45 p.m. Youth Supper
10:00 a.m. Worship Service	6:15 p.m. Melody Choir
5:00 p.m. B.I.G. Youth Cherub Choir	Jr. & Sr. Youth Fellowship