

JANUARY 2026

THE QUAKER QUILL

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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Happy New Year,

Well, we have come to the start of a new year and still this world seems to be the same. But let us take the time to look back on all the joys of the 2025 year. We did so many wonderful things to further the Gospel of Love, Light, Peace and Hope of Jesus. We packed meals for Rise Against Hunger. We threw open our doors and welcomed the Free Clinic of Central Virginia into our building as they rebuild from a devastating fire. We hosted the Presbytery Meeting at the last minute and did an amazing job putting everything together. We packed over 50 Birthday Boxes for Meals on Wheels. We hosted our annual Easter Egg Hunt for our neighbors and friends. We welcomed over a dozen children to our Music and Arts Camp. We went for a walk in our neighborhood and prayed for our neighbors. We sent 16 youth and adults to the Montreat Youth Conference. We continued to support students from Sweet Briar College singing in our choir. We nurtured our garden and provided fresh produce for our Mission Partners all over the city. We dedicated the memorial pollinator garden next to our community garden AND we dedicated our new Scattering Garden and improvements to the cemetery...both are truly beautiful. We confirmed 4 amazing young women. We collected snacks for Food for Thought and household items for Interfaith Outreach. Our youth amazed us with leadership in worship. We welcomed visitors to worship and the Welcome Table. We worshipped, we ate, we served, we fellowshiped! We said goodbyes to friends and family, but in the end we have been the church in action in so many ways. Let's continue this good work into 2026...I know that we can do it.

As we draw the Christmas Season to a close let us live in to the prayer of Howard Thurman:

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among brothers,
To make music in the heart.

Grace & Light,
Anghaarad



NEWS & EVENTS

COFFEE WITH THE PASTOR

Join Anghaarad for coffee at The Bagel & I at 20584 Timberlake Road on Monday, January 26 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 Charley's on Graves Mill Road. Join us on Wednesday, January 21 at 11:30 am. We will need to give a final head count to the restaurant by Monday, January 19 so please RSVP to Sara by text, call 434-941-3349 or email her at buzzandsara@gmail.com.

NEW ELDER TRAINING

...is scheduled for January 6, 7 and 12 at 6:30pm in the library. Please attend all 3 sessions if possible.



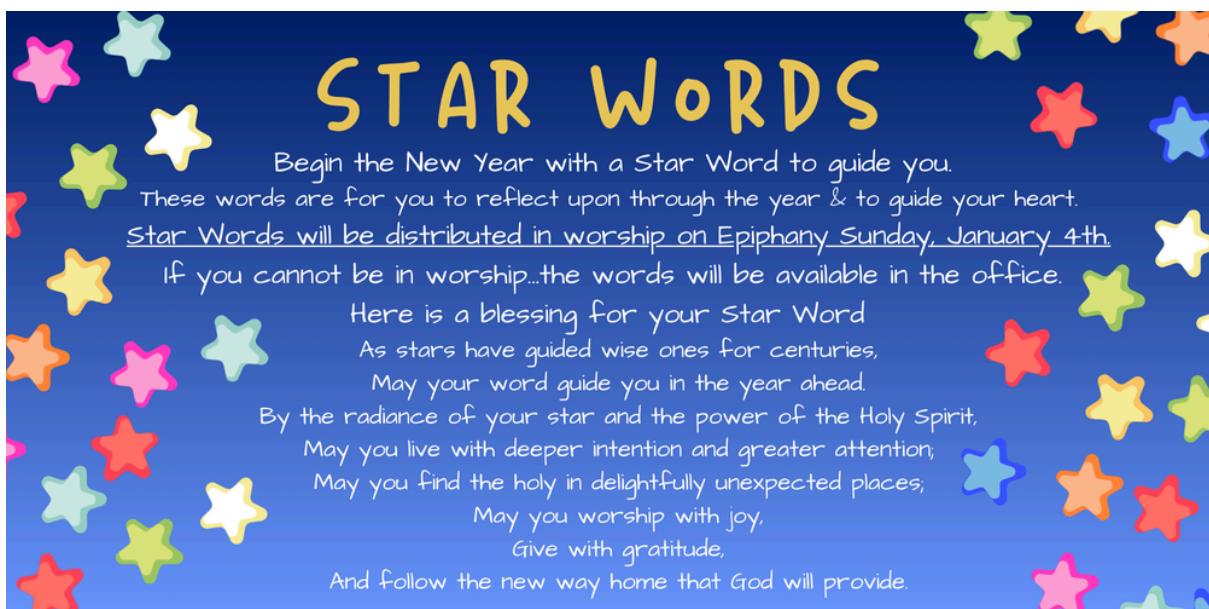
**THERE WILL BE NO
WELCOME TABLE POTLUCK DINNER AND HYMN
SING IN JANUARY.**

WOW!

Here is just a snippet of all the donations folks brought for Interfaith Outreach from our Angel Tree. Thank you!



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Ordination & Installation

Sunday, January 18, 2026 we will ordain and install our newest class of Elders elected by the Congregation. We also say thank you to the Class of 2025 who rotates off after 3 years of service.



Our newest Elders are:

Josie Miller
Zane Dees
Joan Woodruff
Larry Epperson
Gracie Lanier
Grace Jacob (youth elder)

Our retiring class members are:

Steve Bryan
Peggy Deyerle
Steve Hubbard
Sam Miller
Gabe Trent



Rise Against Hunger Packing Event January 25 after Worship

Plan to stay after worship to help us pack meals for our longtime Mission Partner, Rise Against Hunger.

We will need a group of volunteers to come before worship to help set up & unload the truck.

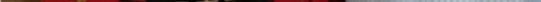
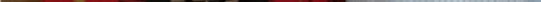
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DECEMBER LUNCH BUNCH

On December 17, the Lunch Bunch group gathered at Acorn Hill Bistro for lunch and their annual gift exchange.

This group meets on the 3rd Wednesday every month at a different local restaurant. Watch the newsletter to see where they are going and join us!





Candlelight Service & Buffet





YEAR 2025 IN REVIEW



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EARTH CARE NEWS

In keeping with our theme of REDUCE, Savannah Sorrels is sharing her recipe for Homemade Laundry Detergent. To shorten the prep time, Zote soap flakes are available at WalMart.

Start the New Year off right by reducing laundry waste.

Homemade Laundry Detergent Recipe

Equipment Needed:

Large container with lid (2-gallon size or larger recommended)

Extra Large bowl for mixing (we use our stock pot!)

Wooden spoon

Cheese grater (if using bars of soap instead of flakes)

Ingredients:

1(65 oz) box Borax (laundry booster)

1(55 oz) box Super Washing Soda (laundry booster)

3 (5 oz) bars of laundry soap of choice (or 2 larger bars)

OR 1(17 oz) box Zote laundry soap flakes (pre-grated)

1 cup (8 oz box) baking soda

1 small container (1.7 lbs.) Oxiclean stain remover

Optional: your favorite laundry scent booster (crystals hold their sent in the mixture better than beads)

Directions:

1. Grate bars of laundry soap using a cheese grater unless using pre-grated laundry flakes

2. Mix all ingredients together and transfer to desired container. Airtight containers are preferred but not required; you may just have to break up some clumps every now and then.

3. Use up to 2 Tablespoons of mixture per load (for large loads). A coffee scoop works great for this :)

4. Other note: all ingredients can be found at Walmart in the laundry section. You can also find more earth friendly versions of each ingredient online! I would be happy to recommend my favorite brands if interested.

Average total cost in 2025 = \$33.75 for about 215 loads (including scent booster)

This batch lasts our family of three for 12-15 months, with usage being 4-5 loads of laundry per week.

MEMORIALS FOR DECEMBER

In memory of Diane Baldwin

Given by:

Peggy Deyerle

In memory of David Gellert

Given by:

Phyllis & Bob Beilfus

In memory of Jean Walker

Given by:

Nancy Mize

In memory of Jack Jones, Jr.

Given by:

Randall Sayre

In memory of Russ Pawlas

Given by:

Andrea & David Webb, Sr.

In memory of Winelda Hall

Given by:

Maureen & Bob Lockridge

Carolyn & Reuben Womack

In honor of Hunter Evans

Given by:

The Foster Foundation

In memory of James's Holznecht's mother,

Frances Margaret Holznecht

Given by:

Nancy Mize

In honor of our Youth

Given by:

Nancy Mize

Amanda Stanbery

November 2025 Financial Report

Nov-25	Monthly	Year to Date
Revenue	\$35,692.51	\$352,508.75
Expenses	\$24,508.19	\$329,891.73
Difference	\$11,184.32	\$22,617.02

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.



JANUARY

2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Church Office closed 	2	3
4 9am Sunday School 10am Worship	5	6 9am Zoom Bible Study 10am Legacy Meeting in library 6:30pm Elder training 	7 11:30am Centering Prayer 6pm Pray for others at home 6:30pm Elder Training	8 7pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	9	10
11 9am Sunday School 10am Worship	12	13 9am Zoom Bible Study 10am Communion at The Summit 6pm Communion at Bentley Commons	14 11:30am Centering Prayer 6pm Pray for others at home 6pm Women's Bible Study	15 3pm Communion at Willow Ridge 7pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	16	17
18 9am Sunday School 10am Worship Elder Ordination & Installation	19 Church Office Closed 	20 9am Zoom Bible Study	21 11:30am Centering Prayer 11:30am Lunch Bunch 5:30pm Endowment Committee 6pm Pray for others at home 6pm Women's Bible Study	22 10am Presbytery Cabinet 7pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	23	24
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