



# The Quaker Quill



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## WELCOMING ALL, SERVING CHRIST, TRANSFORMING LIVES

Imagine that you're walking along the beach on a gorgeous sunny day when something shimmering in the wet sand catches your eye. At first you think it might be a rock, still glistening from the tide that washed it in. But as you get closer, you see that it is really more of a gem. Not a gem in the precious stone sense, but in that "Wow", I just found something really special!" way. It's sea glass—the smooth frosty product of broken glass left to tumble in the waves.

I love sea glass. I love its beauty; I love the mystery of what it was. I love the journey of its becoming what it is, and I love what it symbolizes.

Sea glass is a broken piece of glass that has been washed up on the shore. But it's not just any piece of broken glass. It takes at least thirty to forty years of tossing and tumbling in the ocean to turn a regular piece of glass into a piece of sea glass. Sea glass, from its years of scraping against sand and rocks, is frosty and smooth. Jewel-like, sea glass is beautiful.

Each little piece of sea glass has a story. What was it before? A vase? A bottle? A jar once filled with something? Who owned it? How old is it? How did it end up in the ocean? Often, sea glass experts can come close to identifying what it used to be by its color or markings. But no one will ever know its complete story. I love the mystery of the story behind each little piece of sea glass.

And I love that each piece of sea glass has been on a journey. People have tried to create sea glass by using rock tumblers, but sea glass experts can tell the difference. The thirty-plus year process of tossing and tumbling in the ocean cannot be reproduced. There are no

shortcuts. It takes years and time. It is the long journey—the tossing and turning, scraping and tumbling—that turns a regular piece of glass into a beautiful piece of sea glass.

Sea glass is well regarded as a symbol of renewal and healing, a metaphor for life. Cindy Kuhn writes that sea glass is "a symbol of our inner work and the process by which we are transformed."

We can be broken just like the sea glass is broken but through transformation we can be made whole. God can take us broken, and create us into something new. We are a new creation. From vase to sea glass. We can be exactly who He wants us to be.

And in the process of accepting the person that we are now, we can still value what we were. We no longer want our past to define us. God does that. But he can use our past to masterfully shape us and grow us. Kind of like sea glass. Our original state does not define us, but does play a part in what we are today. And that history—that story of a piece of sea glass—is part of what makes sea glass so intriguing. Each piece of sea glass has a story. Just like us, all of us.

And just as each story is special - each person - is special too.

So if you are being "tumbled" right now, know that something beautiful is coming!

*Blessings in 2020!*

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# SESSION MEETING

## Highlights from the December Session:

- Reuben Womack has been elected to the Committee on Ministry for the Presbytery of the Peaks.
- Diane Baldwin has been elected as chair of the Committee on Representation for the Presbytery of the Peaks
- **Capital Campaign Update:** 81 pledges  
\$173,255-Monies received  
\$206,045-Monies pledged
- **Missions:** The situation in Haiti is improving. The next Mission trip is tentatively scheduled for sometime between April and June. Our goal is to install 27 solar panels in all. This will give House of Hope total power independence. Nine panels are installed, currently. Nadage will be here January 8-12, 2020. Missions received \$2,500 for the Haiti trip from the Two Cents a Meal Grant.
- **Stewardship/Finance:** 83 pledges to date-\$218,840.00 pledged. At this time last year, we had 112 pledges in with \$280,080.00 pledged
- **PNC:** 25 PIF's have come in. The Committee is taking December off so as to come back refreshed and ready to go in January & February.

### Wednesday Evening Prayer Group

The prayer group in support of the PNC will meet once a month on the **4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month** starting at **6:45pm**. **The first meeting will be on January 22<sup>nd</sup>**. In January, the PNC's work will intensify and they need all the support they can get. While we do pray for them individually and also as a congregation during worship, we are setting aside this special time just for them, the candidates and the congregation. The meeting time will be for an hour or less depending on need. This prayer meeting is open to everyone.

## FELLOWSHIP NEWS

A HUGE Thank You to the Fellowship Committee for all their hard work this past year. The time has come for me to step down as committee chair. I'm passing the reins into the capable and talented hands of Shirley Morris. Thank you all for your support, ideas, and advice over these past three years. *Julia Bryan*

### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### January 26

Confirmand Dinner & Session Meeting

#### February 25

Pancake Supper & Terrific Tuesday

## Gifts & Memorials

### IN HONOR OF:

Brit LeCompte  
Ron Moyer & Betty Dooley

### GIVEN BY

Bob & Carolyn Eubanks  
Terry & Jill Marsh

### IN MEMORY OF:

Judy Leslie  
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Judy Leslie  
John Scoles  
John Scoles  
John Scoles  
John Scoles  
John Scoles  
HD Morris  
HD Morris  
Lawrence M. Brown

### GIVEN BY

Anonymous  
Harold & Joyce Baker  
James & Barbara Williamson  
Jack & Ginny Kerr  
Kristin Freed  
Barbi & Brian Kilcoyne  
Vonna Newsom  
Danny & Carla Melcher  
Brenda & Melvin Scott  
Shirley Morris  
Fay Willis

Evelyn Brown  
Clay Johnston

Fay Willis

Sharon Johnston



**Book Club**



Our book for February is *Lillian Boxfish Takes a Walk* by Kathleen Rooney. We would love for you to join us this year. 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. Everyone is welcome to join us! For any questions contact Linda Jennings at [lcjenn805@gmail.com](mailto:lcjenn805@gmail.com) or 525-5423.

**Lunch Bunch**

Start the New Year with Lunch Bunch! Join us Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at 11:30 for lunch at Famous Anthony's.



Famous Anthony's is at 2104 Wards Road near Burlington. 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, January 13<sup>th</sup> 525-5423 or [lcjenn805@gmail.com](mailto:lcjenn805@gmail.com).



**Young at Heart January 23**

Join us at Young at Heart on Thursday, January 23 at 11 a.m. Our guest speaker is Ron Coleman from Alta Vista Presbyterian Church. Ron has served at Alta Vista for many years as elder, Sunday school teacher, and on various committees. He has been married to Joyce for 54 years and they have 3 children and several grandchildren. His main passion for ministry is teaching and ministering to the prisoners at Greenrock Prison in Chatham. He will share about his experiences in sharing Christ with the men there and how they have responded to hearing the message of Christ. Bring your own lunch this month, and bring a friend, too! Cost is \$2.

**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



Thank you for your help...

This year with your generous support we were able to sponsor 8 children for Christmas. Each child received 10 gifts and a stocking.

## YOUTH GROUP

All Sunday night youth activities begin again on January 5, after Christmas break.

- 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**






# MISSIONS

## QMPC 2020 Winter Variety Show: January 10!

Our 2nd Annual Variety show is almost here. We have performances lined up and are ready for fun and fellowship together. This event is a fundraiser in support of QMPC Haiti Mission Trip in 2020. We are also expecting Nadege Gay from House of Hope in Haiti to be here as part of the presenting group. Come join us and bring your family and friends. Concessions will be available for purchase.



**The Variety Show**

**Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church**

**Friday, January 10, 2020**

**6:00pm til 8:pm**

**First Set: 6:30—7:05**  
*10 minute intermission*

**Second set: 7:25—7:55**

**HELP SUPPORT THE MISSIONS TEAM IN THEIR TRIP TO HAITI AND THEIR TASK OF IMPROVING THE EVERYDAY LIVES OF 14 YOUNG GIRLS**

*Invite family, friends, your neighbor and their neighbor*

**TICKETS**  
**\$5** SINGLE

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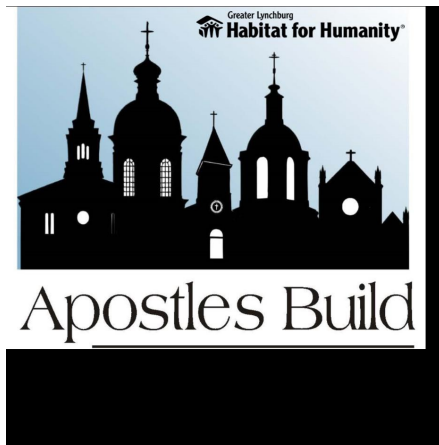
QMPC is hoping to get involved with the Apostles Build in 2020. The Apostles build is where churches work together to build a Habitat house. Each church raises funds and provides volunteers. Contact mission team for more information.

## Time Line

- 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 [qmpcmissions@gmail.com](mailto:qmpcmissions@gmail.com) or by calling Christine at the church office. Let us know if you have any questions.

# MISSIONS



## Food for Thought Backpack Program Delivery

Thank you QMPC for your generous participation in collecting food items for the backpack program. The food has been delivered and they were very happy to hear from us. We will plan on doing this again in 2020 as well as making arrangements to go pack some backpacks. God bless you all.



## 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.



## Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Thank you QMPC congregation for participating in 2019 Red Kettle bell ringing for Salvation Army. Your faithfulness in supporting them is much appreciated.

# 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 have been 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!***





# JANUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Office Closed 	2 3 pm Communion at Valley View  5:30 pm Endowment Meeting  7 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	3	4
5  Evening youth activities resume	6 10 am Art Class  7 pm PNC	7 9 am ROMEOs	8 11am Centering Prayer	9 7 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	10 6 pm Haiti Talent Show	11
12 9 am Confirmation class  11 am New Members Class	13 10 am Art Class  7 pm PNC	14 9 am ROMEOs	15 11am Centering Prayer  11:30 am Lunch Bunch	16 7 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	17 (Talent Show Snow Date)	18
19 11 am New Members Class	 OFFICE LUTHER KING JR. CLOSED *DAY* 7 pm PNC	21 9 am ROMEOs	22 11am Centering Prayer  6:45 pm PNC Prayer Group	23 11 am Young at Heart  7 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	24	25
26 5 pm Youth & Session Dinner  7:30 pm Session	27 10 am Art Class  7 pm PNC	28 9 am ROMEOs	29 11am Centering Prayer	30	31	

## 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