

The Quaker Quill



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NEW YEAR, NEW LIFE

2020 certainly was a difficult, strange and challenging year for many as well as tragic for those who lost jobs, family members and income. Not all of it was negative as we learned how to live-stream via the Internet and have according to the numbers many more people participating in worship. Some we know, some we don't. But we are definitely reaching out to neighbors near and far with this technology. We also made a concerted effort to stay in touch with other members and to continue the many ministries and mission of the church, often in new and creative ways. And who can forget the Capital Campaign Program and all the many projects that were completed to improve the safety, efficiency, aesthetics and comfort of the building.

Still there is a sense of relief as I look to 2021. The vaccine is coming and at some point we can again worship together in person. The Pastor Search Committee continues its work and in God's timing we will know who has been called to lead QMPC into the future.

As the newsletter was "going to press" I was working on the worship service for 01-10-2021 – Jesus' Baptism. And I was reminded that we are all children of God, all baptized by God no matter when that happened or by what means.

Baptism is a sign of the faithfulness of God – not a sign of our faith though we or our parents claim it. As reformed believers we believe it only needs to happen once for it is not dependent upon us. However, there are times in our faith journey when we may be moved to mark an occasion of growing deeper in our understanding of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Every Sunday we affirm what we believe by reciting one of the creeds. We also can reaffirm our baptismal vows and will be doing so on January 10. This is not a re-baptism but a reaffirmation of what we believe. As we begin the year of 2021 may this be a reminder of who we are and to whom we belong. May God's claim on our lives guide and direct our decisions, actions and plans and may our Baptism be the touchstone by which we live.

*Blessings in 2021,
Nancy Dawson
Interim Pastor*

DECEMBER 2020 HIGHLIGHTS

At it's December meeting, the Session approved:

- A video of the Youth Choir to be shown before the Candlelight Service.
- Payment of half of the Presbytery Benevolence.
- Renewal of the Interim Covenant between Rev. Dr. Nancy Dawson and Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church.
- Renewal of the Interim Housing Allowance.
- Allowing Nancy to work from home.
- A rollover of 15 vacation days from 2020 for Nancy.



Memorial Gifts Received in December

IN MEMORY OF	GIVEN BY
John Kahle	Matthew & Lisa Walsh
Jim Garrett	Nancy Cress
Jim Garrett	Shirley Morris
John Kahle	Jack & Ginny Kerr
John Kahle	MR. & Mrs. Chiumento
John Kahle	Lewis Rinkenberger
Joyce Ballowe	Nancy Mize
John Kahle	Nancy Mize
Jim Garrett	Nancy Mize
Ernestine Ripley	Nancy Mize
James Brinkley	Nancy Mize
John Kahle	Lynn McCain
John Kahle	Martha & Tom Chiumento
John Kahle	James & Ilona Gerlach
John Kahle	Evelyn Glass
John Kahle	David & Gloria Wettstein
John Kahle	Jeff & Starla Kraber
John Kahle	Baughman & Associates





Dear QMPC,
 Thank you for all the cards, phone calls and words of encouragement and prayers in the deaths of my sister, Judy Taylor and Ed's cousin Eugene Moon.

Thank you also for all the prayers and concern for my granddaughter Amanda. She is done with chemo and is doing well.

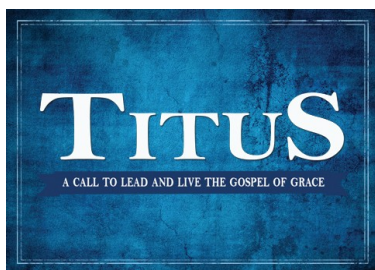
I feel so fortunate to be a member of our caring church.

Love, Evelyn Glass



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.



Tuesday Bible study through Titus on Zoom.

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

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Office Closed	2 2 pm Mary Gaddy Graveside Service
3 5 pm Kids Choir on Zoom	4 PNC 7 pm	5 10 am Bible study on Zoom 1 pm Betty Hamlet Graveside Service	6 11 am Centering Prayer 6-7 pm Church Wide Prayer 5:30 pm Endowment Meeting	7 2 pm JJ Vagi Funeral	8	9
10 5 pm Kids Choir on Zoom Youth Group	11 PNC 7 pm	12 10 am Bible study on Zoom	13 11 am Centering Prayer 6-7 pm Church Wide Prayer 6:30 pm Property Meeting	14	15	16
17 Session 4 pm 5 pm Kids Choir on Zoom	18 Office Closed: Martin Luther King Day PNC 7 pm	19 10 am Bible study on Zoom	20 11 am Centering Prayer 6-7 pm Church Wide Prayer 6:30 pm New Elder Training	21	22	23
24 5 pm Kids Choir on Zoom Youth Group	25 PNC 7 pm	26	27 6:30 pm New Elder Training	28	29	30
31 Install New Elders 5 pm Kids Choir on Zoom	<p>Sunday Morning Schedule: 10:00 a.m. Worship Service In Sanctuary (socially distant seating) Or Online at twitch.tv/QMPC or Facebook Live</p> <p>2nd & 4th Sunday Evenings: Youth Group: BIG @ 3:45 pm, Jr. & Sr. @ 4:30 pm</p>					