

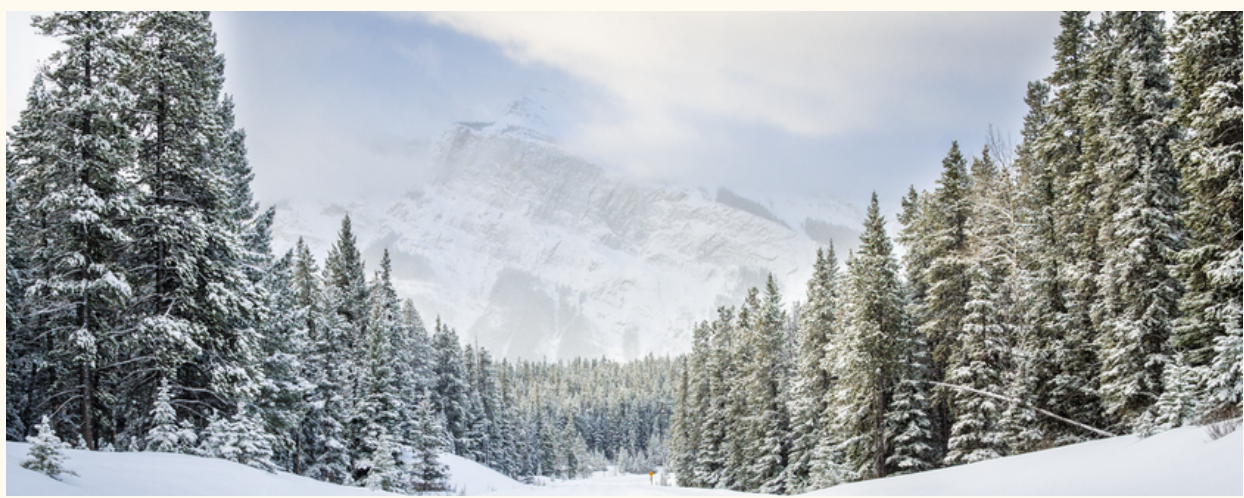
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THE QUAKER QUILL

THE NEWSLETTER OF QUAKER MEMORIAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Greetings Quaker Family,

Happy New Year!

Wow! It is 2023 and the Spirit is still on the move here at Quaker. We were busy, busy, busy in December and January is full of lots of opportunities to serve and fellowship together. We also will celebrate with our new session members as they are ordained and installed this month and we will receive our Confirmation class on January 22. The last Sunday of the month one of our favorite mission projects will be back: Rise Against Hunger, be sure to stay after worship to help pack meals for families around the globe.

I know that the new year often brings lots of resolutions that we sometimes keep and more often than not fail to keep. Maybe this year, we find ways to be gentle with ourselves. Come to worship on the 8th and receive a "Star Word." These beautiful words of intention that will hopefully shape and inspire your year. Maybe, put your dreams for the next year or even the next 5 years on a Vision Board. I will be leading a Vision Board workshop on Wednesday, January 11th for all who wish to learn about this process and even make your own board for the new year. And a resolution that we should all make this year is to find ways to invite our friends and neighbors to join us in this Kingdom work...be intentional this month about inviting someone to join you for worship. We are the church together and it is your invitation outside of our four walls that brings more folks into the light and love of QMPC.

Peace,
Anghaarad



Singers & Listeners of All Ages – Everyone is Invited!

THE WELCOME TABLE

at

QUAKER MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

5810 Fort Ave, Lynchburg, VA 24502

Potluck Dinner & Community Sing

featuring a

Warm Welcome, Fine Food & Sweet Harmony

Americana & Roots Music, Spirituals, Gospel Songs,
Country Blues, Mountain Hymns & Civil Rights Anthems

Friday Evening, Friday 13 at 6:00

Bring a Friend or Two & a Dish to Share!

For more information, please call 434.239.2548

This is a Community Event.

People of All Faiths & People of No Faith are Welcome.
Atheists are Particularly Welcome, Especially if They can Sing Bass.



STAR WORDS

On Sunday, January 8th we will celebrate Epiphany in worship. As a part of the service, Anghaarad will once again distribute "Star Words" to all who wish to receive one. For those who are unable to join us in worship... contact the office and we will draw a word for you. These words are a gift meant to inspire us with reflection and action as we move into a new year.

DE-GREENING THE CHURCH

Plan to stay after worship on Sunday, January 8th to help us put away all the Advent and Christmas decorations. Once we have completed the work any who wish to go to lunch at La Caretta on Timberlake are welcome to join in!

VISION BOARD WORKSHOP

As we move into the new year...what are your hopes and dreams? So many of us make resolutions and then immediately fail to keep them. A Vision Board is a visual representation of your goals for the new year... sometimes the time and thought put into a vision board makes our goals and resolutions more attainable. Anghaarad will lead a workshop on putting together a Vision Board on Wednesday, January 11 at 6:00pm. All are invited and you are encouraged to bring magazines and any other visual materials to help craft your board. Please let us know you are coming by signing up in the Narthex or office...we want to make certain that we have enough materials on hand.

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION SUNDAY

On January 15th during worship we will ordain and install the following new elders: Sam Miller, Gabe Trent and Elizabeth Plucker. Previously ordained elders: Gracie Lanier, Steve Bryan, Peggy Deyerle and Steve Hubbard will be installed. Please pray for our new class of Ruling Elders as they begin their service on the Session.

TIME AND TALENT FAIR 2.0

The displays and sign up sheets will return to the Narthex for 2 weeks in January beginning January 15th...if you missed the Time and Talent Fair back in November this is another opportunity to sign up for all of the ministry opportunities at Quaker.

SOCKS & MITTENS

We will continue to collect socks, gloves and mittens through the month of January...just drop them off in the basket near the fireplace.



This month Lunch Bunch will head to The Dogwood Cafe, 200 Richmond Highway in Amherst. Join us on Wednesday, January 18th at 11:30 am. We will need to give a final head count to the cafe by Monday, January 16th so please RSVP to Sara by text, call 434-941-3349 or email her at buzzandsara@gmail.com.



Will take a break and resume on Wednesday, January 18th at 6:00pm Anghaarad will lead a weekly opportunity for creative folks to gather for reflection, conversation and fellowship. Everyone who comes is encouraged to bring whatever their creative activity might be (knitting, drawing, watercolors, jewelry making, journaling, writing, needlepoint, etc.). Each night will open with a meditative reading for reflection and then the group will work for an hour on whatever project they have brought with them. No need to sign up and as always, guests are welcome!

AFTER HOURS WITH THE PASTOR

Anghaarad will have another gathering at The Lounge at Ledo Pizza (126 Old Graves Mill Road) on Thursday, January 19 beginning at 6:30pm. Come have a beverage of your choice...join in some great conversation and rumor has it there might be karaoke.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

On January 22 we will confirm the following youth: Joseph Robert, Olivia Evans, & Grace Jacob. We hope everyone will join us for worship and stay afterwards for a reception honoring these young people and their families.

YOUR COFFEE WITH THE PASTOR

This month join Anghaarad for coffee back at Starbucks on Forest Road (19399 Forest Rd) on Tuesday, January 24th from 10am-Noon. Come for a Cup of Joe or tea and great conversation...this is a wonderfully relaxing time for all members of Quaker and friends.





Rise Against Hunger is an agency supplementing national and international efforts to assist in direct food relief for the hungry. The agency will organize and direct an event which will provide members of Quaker Memorial the opportunity to be involved in filling approximately 10,000 bags of rice. One bag of rice has a serving size for 6 meals.

This will be the third time we have assisted in direct food relief for the hungry. Plan to be involved in the packing event on January 29 immediately after worship. Bring a friend! We also need six people to help set up, 40+ people to pack and six people to help clean up. Members of Quaker have always stepped up to be a part of furthering God's Kingdom.

COME, HAVE FUN, MAKE A FRIEND!



Seeking Sunday school volunteers for our Children's Sunday school, please see Julia Bryan or Liz Huband if you are willing assist with this program. We are going to be using our Godly Play program during Sunday school this year and need some of our folks who have already been trained to step up and become part of the rotation. Youth are welcome to volunteer as well.

Fellowship Committee is seeking volunteers to help open and close the Coffee Closet each Sunday...if you are willing to serve please speak to Jane Reynolds or Skip Wodke.



PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT

The Property Committee held it's monthly Biscuit Buddies/Worker Bees workgroup on December 17, 2022. The focus was again on the sanctuary, chasing away any remaining dust bunnies and cleaning/nourishing the ends of the pews.

On December 29, 2022, mold bombs were set off in the classrooms, nursery, and Moseley Chapel. Although our mold inspection didn't show any major concerns, it was suggested that this be done to alleviate any remaining concerns about mold in those areas.

Our next Biscuit Buddies/Worker Bees workgroup will be held on January 7, 2023. We will begin at 9:00 and our focus will be on painting the classrooms and nursery. All are welcome. Bring paint brushes, rollers (for cinderblock), pans, etc. Paint will be provided. If we can have at least 2 people per room, we should be able to finish by lunchtime. If not, we'll hold another Paint Party on January 14!

The next scheduled meeting of the Property Committee is on January 11, 2023 at 6:30pm in the library. Any one interested in joining the committee, feel free to attend.

SURVEY

The Session met with University of Lynchburg student, Amanda Garber who is conducting research on Body Image and Spirituality. As a part of her research she is conducting a survey and needs as many responses as possible. We will also be endorsing her survey to other churches in our presbytery to assist her in this research. Please watch for an email that will send you to the link to complete the survey. Quaker has a long history of supporting students in our community, please support Amanda in her research. We hope to have her come and share a little bit about her research with the congregation sometime this spring.

SANTA VISITS QMPC STAFF

Sometimes you never know who will show up on a Monday morning at the church office. A big thank you to "Santa Doug" for coming and bringing Christmas cheer to our staff on Monday, December 19.





DECEMBER MEMORIALS

Cemetery /Columbarium Fund
by Sharon Johnston in memory of Clay Johnston and Jack Kerr

Quaker Meeting House in honor of Carolyn & Bob Eubank
by Irene & Dennis Sterne

THANK YOU FROM RAYE AND RALPH REYNOLDS

We want to thank our Quaker church family for all the visits, phone calls, my prayer shawl, and food brought in to us. Your thoughtfulness will always be remembered. God bless each of you.

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.



Happy New Year

