

The Quaker Quill



July 2021

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FREEDOM IN CHRIST

Galatians 5:1 – “For Freedom Christ has set us free”.

What does our freedom in Christ give us? Is it to give us permission to do whatever we please?
NO!

Freedom in Christ means we no longer have to be ashamed or feel guilty for sins we have committed for Christ has forgiven them as we repent and confess.

Freedom means we can forgive others as Christ has forgiven us.

Freedom in Christ means we can say no to temptations knowing that Christ and the Holy Spirit are with us helping us to do what is right in the eyes of God.

Freedom means we can be free from envy, jealousy, anger, idolatry, quarrels and can live instead by the Fruits of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22) – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Freedom means we can be content in all circumstances (Philippians 4:11 – Paul writes “I have learned to be content with whatever I have”).

Freedom means as Paul says in Philippians 4:13 – “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”

Freedom is not about pushing for our agenda or will, but seeking to do that which God calls us to.

Freedom means finding joy even when we face trials; for the testing of our faith produces endurance bring us to maturity lacking in nothing. (James 1:2 – 4)

As we celebrate the freedoms we have living in a democracy where so many have sacrificed for those freedoms, may we remember that our true freedom is in Christ and in God’s will and call for our lives.

Blessings,
Nancy Dawson
Interim Pastor





SESSION MEETING

May 2021 HIGHLIGHTS

At it's May meeting the Session approved:

- Collecting the Pentecost Offering.
- Opening the right side of the sanctuary.
- Leaving the left side of the sanctuary roped off for those who are not vaccinated or prefer to social distance.
- Anyone over 12 years, who isn't vaccinated, must wear a mask. This will be on the honor system.
- Standing and reciting the congregational responses will begin on May 30th.
- Congregational singing will begin on or before July 4th. The choir will not sing until Fall.
- The nursery will reopen on May 30th.
- Children's Worship will begin on Rally Day, providing there are enough volunteers to effectively run the program.
- Continuing to serve Communion via the premade kits.
- The Cress Family request to use the Fellowship Hall.

All changes to the Worship Service are subject to change based on State and Federal Mandates.

June 2021 HIGHLIGHTS

At the June meeting, the Session approved:

- Nancy Dawson to pursue training in the Colossians Forum.
- Paying our portion of the psychological assessment for Michael Whorley, as required by the Commissioned Lay Pastor Program. The funds will come from the CE budget.
- Increasing the amount offered for moving expenses to prospective Senior Pastors by the PNC.



In Memory of Laura Munson:

- Norris & Peggy Deyerle
- Nancy Mize

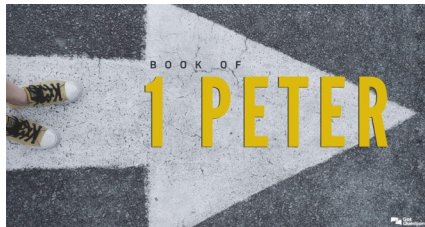
In Memory of Mary Andrews

- Nancy Mize

HELLO LUNCH BUNCHER'S OF QMPC

We are back in business! We had a great first Lunch Bunch in June with about 20 guests.

For July, we will meet at the **Depot Grill, 10 Ninth Street, at 11:30 am, Wednesday, July 21**. Everyone is invited and we encourage friends too. We will need to know the number attending by Monday, July 19th. Please notify Sara Curtis at buzzandsara@gmail.com, call or text 434 941-3349. We will adhere to whatever Covid restrictions dictated by each establishment.



Tuesday Bible Study on Zoom.

The group will study the book of 1 Peter beginning Tuesday, July 6 at 10 am on Zoom. Email the office if you would like to join.

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. Watch for the weekly email with prayer



GARDEN UPDATE

The Garden Crew works every Monday & Friday from 8 / 8:30 to 10 / 10:30 AM for picking, weeding, watering etc. in the garden. **Others are always welcome to join us!**



In the past few weeks we harvested 126 pounds of cabbage! Here is a picture of some the cabbages and the crew.

Amy and Charlotte totaled the amount of food delivered to different food entities is around 203.4 pounds so far for this year!

We recently planted zucchini and watermelon where the cabbage was then picked and pulled up the kale so we could plant 2 rows green beans in the raised bed area.

Your help is always needed. We appreciate your commitment to this important mission of the church: "Feeding those less fortunate than us".



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7 pm Zoom Women's Gathering 5:30-7:30 pm Peggy Woody	2 8 am Garden Work 11 am Peggy Woody Funeral at Tharp	3
4 Communion 	5 8 am Garden Work PNC 7 pm	6 10 am Bible Study Zoom	7 11 am Centering Prayer 6-7 pm Church Wide Prayer	8	9 8 am Garden Work	10 Church building used
11	12 8 am Garden Work PNC 7 pm	13 10 am Bible Study Zoom	14 11 am Centering Prayer 6-7 pm Church Wide Prayer	15	16 8 am Garden Work	17
18 Session 4 pm	19 8 am Garden Work 5:30 pm Endowment PNC 7 pm	20 10 am Bible Study Zoom	21 11 am Centering Prayer 11:30 am Lunch Bunch Depot Grill 6-7 pm Church Wide Prayer	22	23 8 am Garden Work	24 Church building used
25	26 8 am Garden Work PNC 7 pm	27 10 am Bible Study Zoom	28 11 am Centering Prayer 6-7 pm Church Wide Prayer	29	30 8 am Garden Work	31
<h2>Montreat Youth Conference</h2> <p>Sunday Morning Schedule: 10:00 a.m. Worship Service In Sanctuary Or Online at YouTube (Quaker5810) or Facebook Live</p>						