

JUNE 2024

THE QUAKER QUILL

THE NEWSLETTER OF QUAKER MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN

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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Child

one with the sun
in trackless fields
of yellow grass and thistle, scent
of humid heavy air and the wing music
of bees and flies.

from A.F. Moritz's poem "One With The Sun"

Summer is here and the days are longer...the air is swollen with humidity and everyone moves a little slower as we give thanks for air conditioning. The AC is working well here at Quaker and what a better way to spend your summer mornings than worshipping with your QMPC family? And on June 9th worship will conclude with popsicles in the parking lot...a wonderful treat for everyone.

We are once again hosting a Music & Arts Camp for our children and neighbors...if you have a child in your life (grandchild, niece, neighbor, friend) please encourage them to sign up for this week of faith-based fun using the arts as a way to explore God's good creation. Camp is July 8-11 (9am to Noon) for rising K-6th grade and we are also looking for volunteers to come and help us during the week. You can sign up through the church office.

We have two vans full of youth traveling to conferences this summer...WHOO-HOO!!! If you came to Youth Sunday this year, you know what an amazing group of young people we have at Quaker and we would love to show them love and support as they travel to Massanetta Springs and Montreat Youth Conferences in July. Starting, Sunday, June 2 there will be bags in the Narthex with the names of all the youth and adults traveling to conferences this summer and we ask folks to take one or two and return them by July 14th. And if you would like to help us financially send these kids to these amazing conferences we would love to raise \$3,000 to help offset the cost of van rentals and other costs.

Love & Light
Anghaarad

To accomodate more folks, we're moving the starting time of the Welcome Table back a half hour. We'll eat at 6:30 and the music will start around 7:15.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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, June 13th at 6:30

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.



Coffee with the Pastor

Join Anghaarad for coffee at The Bagel & I at 20584 Timberlake Road on Monday, June 17 from 10 am-Noon. Come for a Cup of Joe, 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 The Railyard Restaurant in Appomattox. Join us on Wednesday, June 19 at 11:30 am. We will need to give a final head count to the restaurant by Monday, June 17 so please RSVP to Sara by text, call 434-941-3349 or email her at buzzandsara@gmail.com.

Montreat Worship & Music Conference June 23-29

Please pray for our members who will be traveling to Montreat for the Worship and Music Conference. May they have safe travels and a wonderful week of learning, resting and worshipping! We have space and it is not too late for you to join us!!! Even if you would like to come for 1-2 nights just to see what Montreat is all about, you are welcome. The cost is \$50 a night to stay in our house and you need to sign up ASAP to reserve your space.



Invitation to Members of the QMPC Congregation

QMPC continues to increase in worship attendance. In addition to our weekly Sunday morning services, we're now hosting three other services of worship each month.

We've been celebrating the Lord's Supper at Valley View for many years. Last year we began serving communion at Bentley Commons, and a few months ago at the Assisted Living wing of the Summit. In a typical month, we're reaching more than forty residents.

Each service lasts about 30 minutes, and consists of prayer, scripture, a brief meditation, the Lord's Supper, and two or three old favorite hymns or spirituals. Afterwards, we take the time to greet each attendee.

Folks love these times of worship. Most are not able to attend their own church, and miss it — a lot. For some, this is the only worship service they're able to attend. I've never been part of a ministry that has regularly received so many heartfelt expressions of gratitude.

My response is generally along the lines of, "Thank you for the opportunity to worship with you. It's our pleasure and honor to be with you." And so it is.

It's also, of course, my duty as an elder, but I don't say that. For one thing, I have a hard time associating the word 'duty' with something that brings such joy.

It's also my duty — and pleasure, and honor — to invite you to share this joy. Other elders attend these services and often assist, but every member of the congregation is cordially invited to attend one or more of these services each month. The residents are so glad to see and visit folks from 'outside.' It means the world to them. It is the world to them.

And the structure and focus of a worship service dispenses with a lot of the awkwardness and shyness we feel when meeting new people.

We worship at the Assisted Living wing of the Summit at 10:00 in the morning on the second Tuesday of each month. At 6:00 in the evening of the second Tuesday, we worship at Bentley Commons. We worship at Valley View at 3:00 in the afternoon of the third Thursday of each month.

Won't you join us?

Richard



North Carolina State University:
Emma Eubank - Master of Arts in Public History

Christopher Newport University:
Joseph Plucker



Emma Eubank

Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary:
Audrey Webb - Master of Arts in Christian Education/Youth Ministry

Clemson University:
Christopher Webb

EC Glass High School:
Elizabeth Plucker
Lilly Wood

New Covenant School:
Sarah Robert

Jefferson Forest High School:
Joshua Webb

Temple Christian School:
Catalina Lytle (Sheryl Kesselring's granddaughter)



Below is a list of Youth and Adults attending the Middle School Conference at Massanetta or the High School Conference at Montreat this summer. Please keep these individuals in your prayers for safe travel and a meaningful experience as they attend these conferences.

We are asking for donations to offset the cost of renting a van to transport the youth and adults to these conferences in July and to help feed the Montreat group while they are there. If you would like to contribute to this, please mark on your check memo line "Montreat". Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Massanetta

Joy Jacob
Marley Neal
Olivia Evans
Lucie DeWever
Adleigh Fonseca
Becca Spitzer

Lauren Hubbard
Steve Hubbard

Montreat

Lilly Wood
Elizabeth Plucker
Sarah Robert
Allie Wood
Grace Jacob
Olivia Evans
Sophia Haupt
Joseph Robert
Charlotte Robert
Lizzie. Hutchison
Cooper Cannon

Harper Stanbery
Skip Wodke
Liz Huband
Susie Hubbard

AT THE CEMETERY

I go to this special place from time to time
The highway is near by yet a million miles away
I can hear the hum of traffic in the short distance
Yet here it is peaceful

Your Spirit, O God, is here as it is everywhere
But the World is out there

It can be difficult to feel you at times
It is in stillness and quiet that we can know you
Whether in my home sitting with my cozy cats
Or somewhere out in nature or
Visiting the cemetery

I feel your Presence with the graves nearby
Birds chirping
Sun filtering through the trees
A comforting breeze
I love this place

On the side and behind my church home
The earth, the trees and the birds welcome me
Memories of loved ones buried here
Yet not here

One day my ashes will be here
Then I will also be not here
Don't cry for me when I'm gone
I will be in the Light of Jesus
As someday you will also be
Seek peace while you are still here
Love each other and care for each other

While you still walk the earth
Always remember how much I love you
And that's in the present tense
Because Love never ends

By Peggy Deyerle April 29, 2024

While at Cemetery of Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church

APRIL AND MAY MEMORIALS & GIFTS

**In Memory of Helen Easter
(Sister of Doris Daniel)**

Angie Ashman
Fay Willis

In Memory of Margaret Tucker

Thomas Akins
Carolyn & Bob Eubank

In Memory of Shelby McFaden's brother

Shirley Morris

In Honor of Sarah Robert

Nicole Plucker

In Honor of Elizabeth Plucker

Nicole Plucker

In Honor of Carolyn Eubank

Irene Sterne

April 2024 Financial Report

	Apr-24	Monthly	Year to Date
Revenue		\$22,136.08	\$138,053.20
Expenses		\$33,668.03	\$112,323.64
Difference		(\$11,531.95)	\$25,729.56

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.





Sun

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Sat

						1 9am to noon Church yard work day 2pm Meeting House Tour
2 9am Sunday School 10am Worship	3	4 8:30 am Garden maintenance	5 11am Centering Prayer 6pm Churchwide Prayer	6 10am Comfort Table Support Group	7 8:30 am Garden maintenance 10am Lynchburg Retired Teachers Board meeting	8
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