

The Quaker Quill



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JUNE IS BUSTING OUT ALL OVER

For those who are old enough, you may remember the song titled above from the Rodgers and Hammerstein's musical, *Carousel* which opened on Broadway in 1945. If you are not familiar with the song, I encourage you to Google it as the tune is lively, the lyrics joy filled and the dancing quite impressive. The lyrics speak to the world being fresh and alive after a long winter, with the trees and flowers blooming and live stock all coming to life and feeling frisky. It make me want to get up and dance too!

Unlike the tune and the lyrics of "June is Busting Out All Over" that encourages engaging in life, some in the church think of June and all of summer as a time to take a break from church. But if you listen to the lyrics of the song it is a love song. A love song among people, yes, but also a reminder for us of our love relationship with God. As such it encourages us to stay engaged with our faith and not be tempted to "take a vacation". If anything the slower pace of summer gives us more time to engage in worship, prayer, Bible Study and reflection on our faith.

I am excited about all the activities and events that began happening in May here at Quaker Memorial this summer. We are definitely not sitting back and taking a break. The Youth Sunday Service several weeks ago was full of energy, deep faithfulness, creativity and joy. The Congregational Gathering to discuss the results of the Bible Study and Survey found nearly 75 people engaged in lively and meaningful discussion. And June promises to be just as dynamic.

On Sunday, June 2, 2019, the Hard Data Task Force presented their findings on demographics of the community, statistics of the church, the opportunities for church growth and the preferences and needs of those in the community. Our very own Steve Hubbard cooked lunch for us.

Sunday, June 9 will find us celebrating Pentecost. Pentecost is the Greek name for Shavuot, the spring harvest festival of the Israelites, which was going on when the Holy Spirit came. The English word "Pentecost" means "fifty" as it occurred fifty days after Jesus' resurrection. On the day of Pentecost, the disciples were together in Jerusalem after Jesus' Resurrection and return to heaven, fearful because he had left them. But that fear turned to joy as the apostles were filled with God's Spirit. We also consider Pentecost the birthday of the Christian church and celebrate it as such. Cake will be served after worship and we encourage people to wear RED to this service as it is the symbol of the power and fire of the Spirit.

June 16 at 9:00 AM will be a breakfast and intergenerational gathering (for all ages) for fellowship and a fun Bible Study.

June 23 the Property Task Force will share their recommendations regarding maintenance needs of the building and various uses of the property for programs and services beyond those which we have now.

Finally in late June/early July we will have a congregational gathering to discuss the faith, mission and ministry needs and preferences of young adults/young families as well as those of older adults.

As you can see life here at QMPC is flourishing and alive with God's Spirit. You are an important part of this congregation and I hope you will make every effort to participate in these events as together we seek God's call to us for the future.

Oh, and do remember to "stop and smell the roses" during these wonderful days of summer.

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Lunch Bunch– New time this month!

Lunch Bunch will meet on our usual day of Wednesday, June 19th at Famous Anthony's but a bit **later** than our normal time. Our lunch time for June is **1:00 p.m.** Famous Anthony's is located at 2104 Ward's Road, just a few blocks from the church. Please RSVP to Linda Jennings at 525-5423 or lcjenn805@gmail.com by Monday, June 17.:

Book Club– New date this month!

During June, book club will read *The Tuscan Child* by Rhys Bowen. Our book club normally meets the 1st Thursday of the month, but that is July 4th this year. Because of that and some travel plans, we will meet **Thursday, July 18th at 10:00 am** to talk about *The Tuscan Child*. That also gives everyone a little more time to read the book! Everyone is welcome to join us! For any questions, contact Linda Jennings at lcjenn805@gmail.com or 525-5423.



Young at Heart finished this season with a most enjoyable program by Patricia Belcher on her experiences in the Peace Corp. We all enjoyed a delicious lunch. We will not meet during the summer and will reconvene in September with new and exciting programs. Watch your Quaker Quill for details on what will be coming down the pike. Come join us for happy and interesting times together in the 2019-2020 season. We are not old folks - just Young at Heart!!!



SESSION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights from the May 2019 Session Meeting:

- Christian Ed proposed an intergenerational Bible study class July 28– Aug.1 during VBS.
- Church security was discussed and further information will be gathered.
- Missions provided information about “Our Little Pantry” and discussion of whether it is feasible here.
- Report of the May Presbytery meeting was given.
- A Session Retreat was scheduled for July 19-20.
- Property Task Force recommended that committees collect and organize their supplies & property. The goal is to complete this over the summer.

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

The Fellowship Committee will have **cake & beverages** after church service on **Pentecost Sunday, June 9**. Be sure to **wear red** on Sunday



In Memoriam

In memory of Bob Johnson
Doris Daniel
Sam & Judy Leslie

In memory of Rebecca Moore
Alice Sullivan

Christian Education



VBS is July 28 – Aug 1

We would like to offer an Adult Bible Study this week from 6:45 – 8:00 p.m. each evening related to our VBS Theme. Sign up in the Narthex or contact the church office.



You Are Invited!

The CE Committee would like to invite you to a Sunday School Breakfast on June 16 beginning at 8:45. Not only is this a time for fellowship between friends but we will also be providing an intergenerational Sunday School lesson entitled, "Let's Go Camping".

Please sign up in advance on the sheet in the Narthex or by contacting the church office.



Congratulations to our three seniors graduating high school:

- *Cady Jones, Jefferson Forest High School*
- *Philip Hubbard, Jefferson Forest High School*
- *Clark Dawson, Rustburg High School*

MISSIONS

across the street & around the world

2019 Water Filter Challenge

We are all spoiled. Turn on the tap and we have drinkable water. But for most in Guatemala, this is not the case. The Presbytery is asking every church to contribute to the purchasing of 2 water filters so that water filters can be given out by CEDEPCA to those in need. Each filter costs \$50. If you can't manage a \$100 donation, please consider amount you can comfortably donate. Thank you for your help in this life saving endeavor.

Make checks to Blacksburg Presbyterian Church and put Water Filter on the memo line, and mail to Blacksburg Presbyterian Church, 701 Church St, SE., Blacksburg, VA 24060-5213.

Haiti Shoe & Sock Challenge

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.



Giving Children Hope & Purpose For The Future

PRESBYTERIAN CHILDREN'S HOME OF THE HIGHLANDS, INC.
WYTHEVILLE, VIRGINIA

Thank you so much for
the opportunity to do a Minute
for Mission. Let me know if
I can be of service in any way.

-Zac

Community Garden Update



It seems that summer has arrived with a heat wave! We picked all of the lettuce before it bolted and delivered over 30lbs to the Food Bank and Salvation Army. The kale is growing tall and the cabbages are forming heads. We have three rows of beans all coming up - the first row planted is already blossoming! We have two rows of tomatoes in the ground, a bed of zucchini and a bed of yellow squash. With all this heat the plants are growing fast! **Please stop by and see all that we are growing to help those in our community who are in need!**

Kroger Community Rewards

You can earn money for missions when you register your Kroger Plus card. Here is how to do it:

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.



kroger community rewards





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Helen Ford Recital
2 Minute for Mission Congregational Gathering & lunch (Hard Data Report)	3 9:30 am Cup of Our Life Bible Study 10 am Art class 10:30 am Balance Class	4 9 am ROMEOS 7 pm Property Task Force	5 10:30 am Balance Class 11am Centering Prayer	6 10 am- Book Club 3 pm Communion at Valley View 7 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7	8
9 Pentecost Fellowship with Cake 6:00 pm Session	10 9:30 am Cup of Our Life Bible Study 10 am Art class 10:30 am Balance Class	11 9 am ROMEOS	12 10 am S.R. Writers 10:30 am Balance Class 11am Centering Prayer	13 7 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	14	15
16 9 am Sunday School Breakfast 	17 9:30 am Cup of Our Life Bible Study 10 am Art class 10:30 am Balance Class	18 9 am ROMEOS	19 10:30 am Balance Class 11am Centering Prayer 1:00 pm Lunch Bunch	20 7 pm Choir Rehearsal	21	22
23 Property task force report  30	24 9:30 am Bible Study 10 am Art class 10:30 am Balance Class	25 9 am ROMEOS	26 10:30 am Balance Class 11am Centering Prayer	27	28	29

Montreat Music Conference June 23-29

Sunday Schedule (Summer)
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship Service