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THE QUAKER QUILL

THE NEWSLETTER OF QUAKER MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN

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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Grace & Peace to You my Friends,

This month we journey deeper into Lent as we approach Holy Week. This is a very busy time of year, but a very meaningful one if you make it so. I would encourage everyone to make room in your schedules to participate in the Holy Week services beginning on Sunday, March 24 with Palm Sunday. Maundy Thursday will once again be a light meal and remembrance of the Last Supper in the Fellowship Hall. The Discipleship Team will need to know how much food to prepare so reservations are requested. You can sign up in the Narthex or in the office. The meal and service will begin at 6:30pm. Good Friday will be a Tenebrae Service (service of darkness) at 7:30pm. As we hear the passion story read, the lights will be dimmed until we sit in total darkness...we are then dismissed into the night as we await the promise Easter morning.

Easter Egg Hunt for all ages is scheduled for Saturday, March 30 at 10am and this is a fun morning for everyone, please invited your neighbors and friends to join us in the Fellowship Hall. Don't miss the work day in the Sanctuary, March 23 as we get everything gussied up and shined up for Easter!

I look forward to seeing everyone on Easter morning in their Sunday Best as we sing the triumphant hymns of the resurrection!

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, MARCH 8TH
6:30 – 8:00

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.



AFTER HOURS WITH THE PASTOR...

Will meet March 6th at 6:00pm at Water Dog, downtown...all are welcome. If the weather permits we will sit outside by the fire pits.



COFFEE WITH THE PASTOR

Join Anghaarad for coffee at The Bagel & I at 20584 Timberlake Road on Monday, March 18 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 Truss at 2204 Bedford Avenue. Join us on Wednesday, March 20 at 11:30 am. We will need to give a final head count to the restaurant by Monday, March 18 so please RSVP to Sara by text, call 434-941-3349 or email her at buzzandsara@gmail.com.

COMMUNION AT BENTLEY COMMONS, THE SUMMIT & VALLEY VIEW

Each month Quaker delivers communion to our neighbors at Bentley Commons (2nd Tuesday at 6pm) and Valley View (3rd Thursday at 3:00pm). We are also now serving communion at the Summit Assisted Living on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 10am. The residents at these places truly enjoy having folks visit with them during these short worship services. If you would like to join us, please let one of the pastors or the office know that you are coming.



Don't miss opportunities to study together our book for Lent, ***Pause: Spending Lent with the Psalms*** by Elizabeth Caldwell. Angharad leads a class on Thursdays at noon in the library and our Adult Sunday school is learning together, Sundays at 9am in Moseley Chapel.





GOT CONFIRMANDS?

We will be putting together the next confirmation class for all Quaker youth grades 7 and above who have not been through confirmation. If you have a youth that would like to take part this year, please let Pastor Anghaarad know as she begins planning this year's class. We are hoping to partner with a couple of our neighboring churches.



SCOTLAND TOUR 2024

Join Anghaarad for a trip to Scotland (October 7-October 15, 2024). The trip will cost \$3895 per person and includes coach travel, hotels, some meals, tipping, and fees. **It is not too late to sign up for this trip. You can still get a registration slip from the office and pay a deposit of \$2000 to QMPC to hold your spot.** All balances on the trip will need to be paid by July 10, 2024. The trip will include Edinburgh, Iona, St. Andrews, Loch Ness, Stirling, Culloden and an opportunity to explore Scotland's sacred heritage. A full brochure with all the details is in the office. This trip is also open to friends, family and other members of Peaks Presbytery.



Holy Week and Easter Services



Come Worship With Us!

Palm Sunday and procession of Palms,
Sunday March 24 at 10:00am Worship
If you would like to participate in the procession,
please gather in the Fellowship Hall at
9:50am for instructions (all ages are welcome)

Maundy Thursday, dinner & communion,
March 28 at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall
Please RSVP if you plan to attend.

Tenebrae Good Friday Service,
March 29 at 7:30pm in the Sanctuary

Easter Egg Hunt & Celebration,
March 30 at 10am in the Fellowship Hall

Easter Morning Resurrection Service,
March 31 at 10:00am Worship



Palm Sunday

March 24 at 10am worship

Join us for the Procession of Palms at 9:50am in the Fellowship Hall. All ages invited!



Maundy Thursday

Join us for dinner and communion around the table
March 28 at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall
Please RSVP



Good Friday

Tenebrae Service

7:00pm
in the sanctuary

Justice & Mercy Commission
CEDEPCA Subcommittee

EXPLORE *Guatemala* ...AND BE TRANSFORMED!

Who...?
The **Presbytery of the Peaks** is inviting its members to travel with members from the **James** to the Central American nation of Guatemala to be amazed by the natural beauty of the country and its people, and with the work of the **Protestant Center for Pastoral Studies in Central America (CEDEPCA)** and its agencies.

When...?
The trip is scheduled for **April 15-22, 2024**

How...?
Cost for the educational trip is \$1120 + airfare**

****First time Peaks travelers to CEDEPCA are eligible to apply for a stipend to help defray the cost.**

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Photographs by travelers from the April 2023 trip



NEW BROCHURE STAND FOR THE SOUTH RIVER MEETING HOUSE



Thank you Lowell Milton! The beautiful new brochure stand for the South River Meeting House that was installed in February. This stand allows us to put brochures out for visitors whenever the building is closed. The craftsmanship is excellent and ties in beautifully in front of our historic Meeting House!

Speaking of Meeting House...save the date for May 15th at 5:30pm for a lecture on the history of the Quakers in Virginia that will be held in our Sanctuary. The event will be free and open to the public.

Oh...one more Meeting House bit of news. Carolyn Eubanks trained some University of Lynchburg history students and faculty and they are now up and ready to provide tours of the building. We will be offering training for QMPC members soon, please watch for the opportunity to learn more about this important piece of Lynchburg history that we have the honor of being the caretakers of.



FEBRUARY MEMORIALS & GIFTS

In Memory of Mid Armstrong

Nancy Cress

Debra & Randy Knaak

Jill Knaak

Raye & Ralph Reynolds, Amy, Landon &

Hannah Perkins & Chris Reynolds

THANK YOU

Phyllis & Bob Beilfus deeply appreciate the many expressions of sympathy from our Quaker family following the death of Bob's sister, Betty Jane in January.

JANUARY 2024 FINANCIAL REPORT

	Jan-24	Monthly	Year to Date
Revenue		\$46,458.27	\$46,458.27
Expenses		\$23,536.16	\$23,536.16
Difference		\$22,922.11	\$22,922.11

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.





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<p>3 9am Sunday School 10am Worship: 11:15 am Children's Choir 4 pm Youth Choir 5:15 pm Youth Fellowship</p>	<p>4 5:45pm STAR Homeschool Debate Club</p>	<p>5 10am Zoom Bible Study</p>	<p>6 STAR Home-school Group in building 11am Centering Prayer 6pm Pray for others at home 6pm After Hours at The Water Dog</p>	<p>7 Noon :Lenten Book study in library 7pm Chancel Choir rehearsal</p>	<p>8 10am Lynchburg Retired Teachers 6pm Welcome Table Potluck Dinner & Hymn sing</p>	<p>9 </p>
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<p>17 9am Sunday School 10am Worship: 11:15 am Children's Choir 1:15 am Session 4 pm Youth Choir 5:15 pm Youth Fellowship</p>	<p>18 10 am to noon Coffee with the Pastor at The Bagel & I (20584 Timberlake Road) 5:45pm STAR Homeschool Debate Club</p>	<p>19 10am Zoom Bible Study </p>	<p>20 STAR Homeschool Group in building 11am Centering Prayer 11:30 am Lunch Bunch 6pm Pray for others at home</p>	<p>21 Noon: Lenten Book study in library 3pm Communion at Valley View 3pm QMPC-UL-LMS Task Force 7pm Chancel Choir rehearsal</p>	22	23 9am to noon Worker Bees deep cleaning sanctuary
<p>24 PALM SUNDAY 9am Sunday School 9:50am Gather in Fellowship Hall for Palm procession 10am Worship: 11:15 am Children's Choir 4 pm Youth Choir 5:15 pm Youth Fellowship</p>	<p>25 5:45pm STAR Homeschool Debate Club</p>	<p>26 10am Zoom Bible Study</p>	<p>27 STAR Homeschool Group in building 11am Centering Prayer 6pm Pray for others at home</p>	<p>28 MAUNDY THURSDAY 10am Comfort Table Support Group Noon :Lenten Book study in library 6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Dinner & Communion in Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>29  7:30 pm Tenebrae Service</p>	<p>30 10am to Noon EASTER EGG HUNT </p>
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