

MARCH 2026

THE QUAKER QUILL

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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Grace and Peace to you,

We survived the ice and snow of 2026...a big thank you to the Property Committee and the Garbee family for all of their hard work keeping our parking lot and entryways clear. In spite of the weather lots of good things happened in February... thank you to all who donated to Souper Bowl of Caring...the youth appreciate your support of this annual mission endeavor. We packed 10,000 meals for Rise Against Hunger and everyone had a great time working together! Thank you to everyone who stayed to participate in this wonderful mission event!

We have stepped into the season of Lent. This year our theme, "Threads" is a reminder of all the ways we are connected not only to one another but to the tapestry that is the story of God. We are all threads and some days it feels like we are barely hanging on and some days it feels like the world around us is unraveling and some days we feel deeply connected to our Creator. Each week in worship we will hear stories of people who wove themselves into the story of the Gospel...their encounters with Jesus teach us much about our Savior and ourselves. I hope that everyone will take advantage of the Prayer Center set up in the Narthex...it is a tangible way to pray and weave yourself into the story.

Looking ahead to Holy Week...we will have our Maundy Thursday service, April 2nd at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall (this service will include a light meal followed by the celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper). Good Friday is set for April 3rd at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary...this will be a Tenebrae (Darkness) service and we hope everyone will attend. Our Easter Egg Hunt & Party is Saturday, April 4 at 10:0am. We are seeking volunteers and donations for this event. Easter Sunday is April 5 and we will have worship at 10:00am. Please be sure to make note of these activities to deepen your Lenten and Holy Week season.

Grace & Light,
Anghaarad

Singers & Listeners of All Ages – Everyone is Invited!

THE WELCOME TABLE

at

QUAKER MEMORIAL

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

5810 Fort Avenue, Lynchburg, Virginia 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 13th 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.

NEWS & EVENTS



COFFEE WITH THE PASTOR

Join Anghaarad for coffee at The Bagel & I at 20584 Timberlake Road on Monday, March 23 from 10 am to noon. Come for a cup of coffee, 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 Cracker Barrel. Join us on Wednesday, March 18 at 11:30 am. We will need to give a final head count to the restaurant by Monday, March 16 so please RSVP to Sara Curtis by text, call 434-941-3349 or email her at buzzandsara@gmail.com.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

...has begun studying Barbara Brown Taylor's book *Learning to Walk in the Dark*. We meet at 6pm on Wednesdays in the library. All women are welcome.



Session did not meet during February - thanks to all of the rescheduling due to the weather in late January and early February.

NEWS & EVENTS



Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour next Saturday evening before you go to bed. Daylight Savings Time begins next Sunday, March 8.

LIBRARY CLEANING & ORGANIZING

We did some amazing work and the books culled from our shelves will remain for one more week in the Narthex - free to good homes! Thank you to everyone who helped remove every book, wipe down every shelf, sort through all of the books and reshelve all the books we kept. The remaining culled books will be donated to local organizations that can put them to good use.

DAN WEIGAND SCHOLARSHIP

The purpose of the Dan Weigand Educational Fund is to provide financial assistance to those persons who are seeking an undergraduate degree or trade school certification. Any person who lives in, or whose family lives in, the greater Lynchburg area is eligible to apply. Applications can be obtained through the church office (office@qmpc.org).

APPLICATION DEADLINE- APRIL 15, 2026



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, March 29 10:00am Worship
All who wish to participate in the procession of palms please meet at 10:45am in the Fellowship Hall

Maundy Thursday, April 2nd 5:30pm
meal & worship in Fellowship Hall, Please RSVP by March 30th

Good Friday Tenebrae Service, April 3rd 7:00pm
in Sanctuary

Easter Egg Hunt & Party, April 4th 10:00am

Easter Worship Service, April 5th 10:00am

NEWS & EVENTS

SEEKING DONATIONS FOR OUR ANNUAL

Easter Egg Hunt



OUR EASTER EGG HUNT IS SET FOR APRIL 4TH
WE ARE SEEKING DONATIONS FOR OUR
EGGS-CHANGE SHOP AND SNACKS FOR THE SNACK TABLE. SIGN UP
TO DONATE SNACKS IN THE NARTHEX & A BASKET TO RECEIVE THE
PRIZES WILL BE IN THE NARTHEX THROUGH APRIL 2ND

Eggs-Change Items

INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED CANDY
COLORING BOOKS/CRAYONS
PUZZLES OR GAMES
SMALL TOYS (SMALL LEGO SETS,
MATCHBOX CARS, ACTION FIGURES)
STUFFED ANIMALS OR DOLLS
EASTER THEMED ITEMS
CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Snack Table

SLICED SEEDLESS GRAPES
SLICED STRAWBERRIES
ORANGE SLICES
COOKIES
CUPCAKES
MUFFINS
CHEESE CUBES OR STRING CHEESE

Calling All Easter Bunnies!

We are seeking volunteers to help make our Easter Egg Hunt a HUGE success!! Sign up to help in the office today and come our organizational meeting on March 22nd after worship.



NEWS & EVENTS

PROPERTY COMMITTEE NEWS

In the past month, the following projects have been completed:

- Purged and reorganized the Library
- Reinforced pews on one side of the sanctuary
- Performed a High Temp Safety Check on Fellowship Hall Boiler
- Turned off mini-split in library while the outside unit was encased in ice
- Purchased new ear mike for Anghaarad

With heavy hearts, we bid a fond farewell to the Free Clinic. They were able to move back to their downtown facility on February 27. We wish them well and will miss their joyful voices.

March 11, 2026-6:30pm-Property Committee Meeting

March 14, 2026-9:00am-Noon-Worker Bees

NEWS & EVENTS

EARTH CARE NEWS

We all know the three points of the Green Triangle: REDUCE, REUSE & RECYCLE. Although these are still the basis of green living, it has been expanded to the 7 "Rs":

Rethink–Step back and think about the type of consumer you want to be and what this means for the environment.

Refuse–Think before you buy and be prepared to not buy at all. Green consumers place themselves at the start of the buy-and-use cycle. They buy less and buy products that do the least harm to the environment.

Reduce–Buy less, buy products that have little or no packaging and that last a long time, borrow instead of buy, and compost. Items that are no longer needed or used are donated or sold.

Reuse–Upcycle instead of throw away. Examples: glass jars can be used to store dry goods, old toothbrushes are used to clean hard to reach areas...

Repair–Try to fix items before disposing of them. We can help conserve the earth's resources by fixing things and participating in the "Repair Movement."

Regift–When you regift, you give someone a gift that you received from someone else. Don't feel guilty! Passing it on to someone who will enjoy it more than you is a good thing.

Just follow this etiquette:

You are certain the gift is something the recipient will enjoy.

The gift is brand new and in its original packaging.

The gift isn't handmade or a family treasure.

Recycle (Compost)–Put things back into the waste stream to be used again. Glass is used for roads, plastics are melted down to make new products, and the organic waste that we compost is used to fertilize our gardens.

* This information can be found at <https://guides.wpi.winnipeg.ca>

Thank You

Dear Reuben & Quaker,

We continue to be grateful for Quaker's partnership with Rise Against Hunger. So far Quaker has packaged 73,224 meals with us since your first event in 2015. We truly could not serve the individuals and communities that we do without Great and loyal groups such as your. Look forward to planning another great experience in the future!

Dear Quaker Family,

You can always count on Quaker when trouble comes. After my fall last month from which I am recovering fine, your outpouring of love, cards, and caring even from some folks in assisted living, blessed me beyond words! Thank you each and everyone and I hope to be back soon dancing down the center aisle!

In God's Love, Sarah Evers

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.



MARCH 2026

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9am Sunday School 10am Worship	2	3	4 11:30am Centering Prayer 6pm Prayer for others at home 6pm Women's Bible Study	5 7pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	6	7
8  9am Sunday School 10am Worship	9 9am Cemetery Committee	10 10am Communion at The Summit 6pm Communion at Bentley Commons	11 11:30am Centering Prayer 5:30pm Endowment Committee 6pm Prayer for others at home 6pm Women's Bible Study 6:30pm Property committee	12 7pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	13 6pm Welcome Table	14 9am to noon Worker Bees 2pm Janie Roark Memorial Service
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