



# The Quaker Quill



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## WELCOMING ALL, SERVING CHRIST, TRANSFORMING LIVES

Imagine that you are by the Jordan River and have just watched John baptize Jesus and heard God's declaration as Jesus came up out of the water, "Here is My Son. WOW! Who would have thought?

Now imagine that you watch as Jesus heads in the direction of the desert following what appears to be a wisp of smoke. And as he passes you by he stops and asks you to join him. "Me?" you ask with amazement. "Yes, You", he says. You wonder why and where to and for how long and are acutely aware that neither of you have any supplies. But you push those thoughts aside and fall into step beside Jesus.

As you walk, the minutes turn into days, the days turn into weeks, and the weeks fly by. Much of your time is spent in silence, but often Jesus talks about His Father and his words are filled with so much love and intimacy that you are longing for the same. "You can have that kind of relationship, you know," He says one day. "You just have to believe in me and trust me and My Father." Not exactly sure what he means, you do find that you are filled with a peace you have never had before. And it almost makes you forget how hungry you are.

Suddenly there is someone else with you. You don't recognize him, nor do you feel at all comfortable in his presence. You sense that Jesus is not surprised that this "person" is with you, but he is not happy about it either. With a smirk on his face, the tempter (as you will come to know him) challenges Jesus by saying, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." And you immediately think, BREAD, now that would be wonderful. Can Jesus do that? If so, why did he wait for 40 days? I am famished. But no sooner did you begin to imagine the delicious, warm taste of bread, Jesus answers the tempter, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God'"

You remember hearing those words in worship not too long ago, but they did not have the same impact or meaning as they do now. And as the reality that God's Word is more important to life than even meeting one's physical needs, the fact that there will be no bread today begins to sink in. As you look at him, Jesus does not seem in the least bit perturbed and you remember his words, "You can have that kind of relationship with me and My Father, just believe in me and trust me and My Father."

Suddenly, the tempter leads Jesus to the holy city and has him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God", the tempter said, "Throw yourself down for it is written, Your Father will protect you." But Jesus stood firm and said, "It is also written: 'Do not put the lord your God to the test.'" As you sense relief that Jesus will not be harmed, you realize that this tempter also knows God's Word and is good at using it. But Jesus knows and loves His Father and will honor Him above all.

Again the tempter took Jesus to a high mountain and showed him the kingdoms of the world. "All this I will give to you" the tempter said, "if you will bow down and worship me." Now you are scared and confused. "Doesn't Jesus already rule over all creation?" you think. And you know in your heart that for Jesus to worship the tempter would be the worst thing possible. But Jesus said, "Away from me Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve only him.'" And the Tempter left.

And angels came and attended Jesus.

Later, as you continued to ponder this incredible experience back at home, you know with certainty that you would never be alone whenever you found yourself in the desert. Jesus would be with you. And you realized in a deeper way that God's Word was the best defense against temptations, hardships and trials. And so you picked up your Bible and began to read.

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## *True Lenten Discipline*

Fast from judging others; Feast on Christ dwelling in them.  
Fast from emphasis on differences; Feast on the unity of all life.  
Fast from apparent darkness; Feast on the reality of all light.  
Fast from thoughts of illness; Feast on the healing power of God.  
Fast from words that pollute; Feast on phrases that purify.  
Fast from discontent; Feast on gratitude.  
Fast from anger; Feast on patience.  
Fast from pessimism; Feast on optimism.  
Fast from worry; Feast on God's providence.  
Fast from complaining; Feast on appreciation.  
Fast from negatives; Feast on positives.  
Fast from unrelenting pressures; Feast on unceasing prayer.  
Fast from hostility; Feast on non-resistance.  
Fast from bitterness; Feast on forgiveness.  
Fast from self-concern; Feast on compassion for others.  
Fast from personal anxiety; Feast on eternal truth.  
Fast from discouragement; Feast on hope.  
Fast from facts that depress; Feast on verities that uplift.  
Fast from lethargy; Feast on enthusiasm.  
Fast from suspicion; Feast on truth.  
Fast from thoughts that weaken; Feast on promises that inspire.  
Fast from shadows of sorrow; Feast on the sunlight of serenity.  
Fast from idle gossip; Feast on purposeful silence.  
Fast from problems that overwhelm; Feast on prayer that sustains.

***May God grant you a fruitful Lent.***



# SESSION MEETING

- First of three Elder training sessions was conducted by Nancy.
- Property Task Force was merged with the Property Committee.
- ROMEO'S & Security Team will be sub-committees of the Property Committee
- Conducted a first read of the Sound System Analysis.
- Building Security & the development of a Building Security Plan will be the responsibility of the Property Committee & it's Security Team subcommittee.
- Interior painting deferred until after remodeling/updating of bathrooms to prevent having to paint twice.
- One Great Hour of Sharing collection will be taken on Palm Sunday.
- Nancy will take vacation March 25-April 4

## Capital Campaign Update

We started our Capital Campaign in September of 2019 with the intent to raise \$250,000 to complete all the projects that the property task force presented to the session. We will finish the campaign on March 29th of 2020.

As of right now we have pledges of \$210,000 and have received \$205,000. We have enough funds on hand to complete all of our projects except one, the parking lot. A gracious thank you to everyone for supporting us so far.

I hope that everyone is seeing the fruits of our labors as the Property Task Force (now the Property Committee) has been very hard at work. You can see the new gutters and downspouts on the building, the new windows in the classrooms, the new heating/AC units, the repaired kitchen steps, and the repaired drainage. All of this is thanks to you and your generous support.

As we strive to finish out our campaign and complete our goal, we have reached out to four individuals that have agreed to challenge the rest of the congregation to support our final project, the parking lot. These members are matching the donations up to \$20,000 so that we can achieve our goal. We are asking each family to prayerfully consider donating \$200 more to the campaign to match this challenge.

Thank You for your Support  
The Capital Campaign Committee

## February Memorials

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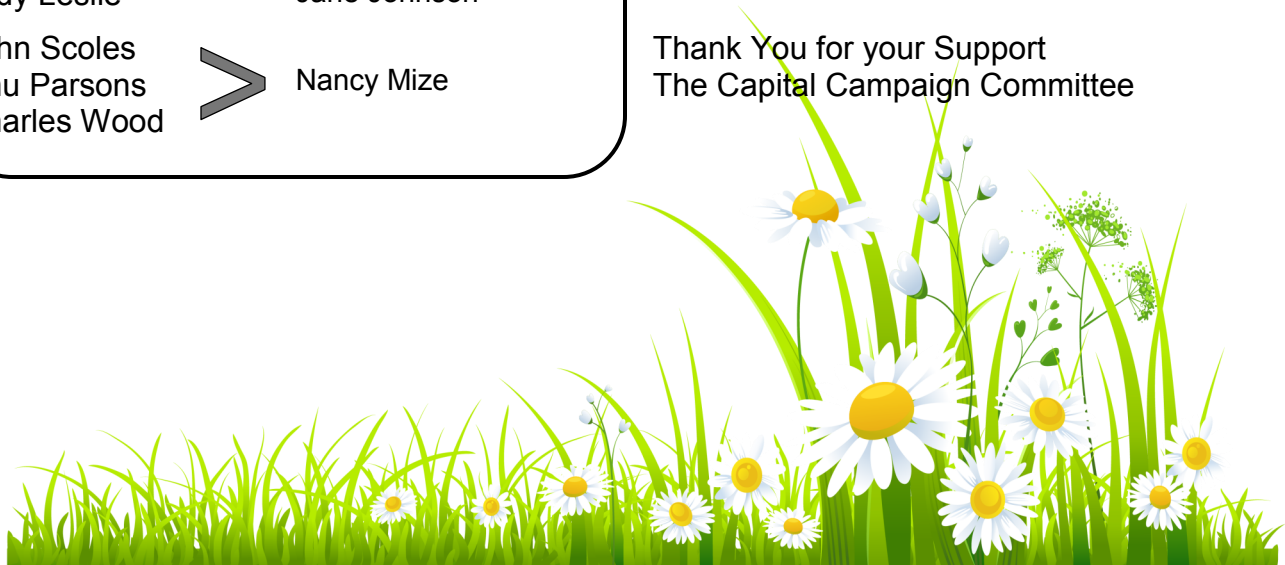
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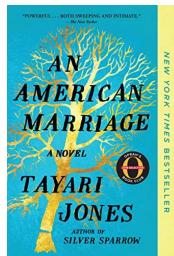
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### Book Club

This month we are reading *An American Marriage* by Tayari Jones. We will meet Thursday April 2nd at 10:00 a.m. at the church to review and share our reaction to this book. If you love to read and discuss what you have read, join us. For any questions contact Linda Jennings at 525-5423 or by email at [lcjenn805@gmail.com](mailto:lcjenn805@gmail.com).



### Wednesday Evening Prayer Group

The prayer group met in February and we prayed over the PNC, the Capital campaign, the Property Task Force projects, concern list and the needs of the church and community. In March we will meet on **Wednesday March 25<sup>th</sup>** starting at **6:45p** to continue to pray over these things, and anything else brought up. This prayer meeting is open to everyone. Our stated meeting time is the **4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month** starting at **6:45pm**.



### Lunch Bunch

Lunch Bunch is going to The Colonial Restaurant on

Wednesday, March 18 at 11:30 a.m. The Colonial is located at 8790 Wards Road across Rt. 29 from Yellow Branch School. Lunch Bunch is open to anyone who is interested in good food and good conversation. Please let us know if you can come by contacting Linda Jennings by Monday, March 16th by calling 525-5423 or email [lcjenn805@gmail.com](mailto:lcjenn805@gmail.com).



Young at Heart will meet Thursday, March 26, 2020 at 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. BYOL. Beverages will be provided. Cost \$2.00 per person. Our program in March will be our own Sally Sease, who will lead us in the singing of our favorite hymns. Just make your selections and join in!!!! Feel free to bring a friend or two.

### Are You a Crafter?

I have lots of materials that are up for grabs! Over the years I have tried many different styles of crafting. Now I am pretty much past the interest in crafts. Are you interested in any of the following items? They are free to anyone interested.

- Various colors of felt
- Various colors of ultra suede
- Wool roving
- Ribbon
- Pin backs (for making fabric lapel pins)
- Various fabrics (some suitable for quilting)

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# Christian Education



## TERRIFIC TUESDAYS

Join us for a great time of fellowship & growing in faith through Lent!

- Galatians Bible Study with Nancy: 5:00 - 6:00
- Dinner: 6:00 - 6:25
- Creativity and the Bible or Galatians Bible Study: 6:30- 7:30
- Kids: 6:30 - 7:30 (Homework/Games)



Thank you for all of your contributions on Souper Bowl Sunday. We collected over \$450.00. This money will be used by our youth group to help stock local food pantries.



Join us Sunday, March 8th, after service for Bingo and Lunch. \$10.00 will get you 10 games of BINGO and a lunch of soup and salad.



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Vacation Bible School**

**July 26 - July 30**

\* If interested in volunteering, please contact Julie

# MISSIONS

## Haiti Shoe & Sock Challenge Ongoing



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.



Be in prayer for the Haiti Team as they plan their next trip for later this year.

**Brook Hill Farm**  
Horse Rescue and Therapeutic Riding Center

**Helping People**

**Helping Horses**

1/28/2020

Happy New Year!

Our staff and youth greatly appreciate your support, helping horses, helping people. We have had a great year, and want to share with you so much success!

It is because of you and your generosity, that together, we continue to help horses and people heal!

Thank you again for your support!

Best wishes,

Jo Anne Miller  
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Executive Director

**Since our Inception:**

- 504 Horses Helped
- 100% Graduation Rate!

**2019:**

- 200 Participants
- 28 College Students
- 976 Volunteers
- 367 Visitors

# Attention Kroger Shoppers!

## Time for the annual Kroger Plus Card Rewards Renewal

Yes, we do have to re-sign up for the Kroger Plus card community rewards each year. If you signed up last year, please do so again. In 2018, we were awarded over \$310. If you have not signed up, please take this opportunity to join the 15 households that have. These funds go towards supporting our Haiti missions trip efforts.



### Why do my members have to re-enroll

**every year if they were already participating?** Kroger Community Rewards will be evaluated each year as we continually work toward improving our program to ensure that we offer the best option for our customers and nonprofit organizations. Re-enrollment gives each organization an opportunity to refresh their membership by spreading the word to new members and keeping the previous members informed of any changes to the program.

**Signing up for this does NOT affect your gas rewards program.**

### It is easy to sign up or renew, just follow these steps:

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.


# ***Thank You QMPC!***



# march



 **Sun**      **Mon**      **Tue**      **Wed**      **Thu**      **Fri**      **Sat** 

1	2	3 9 am ROMEOs 5 pm Terrific Tuesdays	4 10 am Prayer Shawl Group 11am Centering Prayer 5:30 pm Haiti Team meeting	5 10 am Book Club 3 pm Communion at Valley View 7 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	6	7 Tim Roach Funeral 12 pm Visitation 2 pm Service with reception following
8  11:15 Worship & Music 11:15 Care & Nurture BINGO & lunch	9 10 am Art Class 7 pm PNC	10 9 am ROMEOs 5 pm Terrific Tuesdays	11 11am Centering Prayer	12 6:30 pm Property Committee Meeting 7 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	13 10 am Lynchburg Retired Teachers General Meeting	14
15  7:30 pm Session	16 10 am Art Class 7 pm PNC	17 9 am ROMEOs 5 pm Terrific Tuesdays	18 10 am Prayer Shawl Group 11am Centering Prayer 11:30 am Lunch Bunch	19 7 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	20	21
22 Children's Choirs Sing	23 10 am Art Class 7 pm PNC	24 9 am ROMEOs 5 pm Terrific Tuesdays	25 11am Centering Prayer 6:45 pm Evening Prayer Group	26 11 am Young at Heart 7 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	27	28
29 11:15 am Capital Campaign meeting	30 10 am Art Class 7 pm PNC	31 9 am ROMEOs 5 pm Terrific Tuesdays				

## Weekly Sunday Schedule:

9:00 a.m. Sunday School	5:45 p.m. Youth Supper
10:00 a.m. Worship Service	6:15 p.m. Melody Choir
5:00 p.m. B.I.G. Youth Cherub Choir	Jr. & Sr. Youth Fellowship