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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Grace & Peace to You my Friends,

We are in the season of Lent. It is often seen as a season of darkness in contrast with Advent which is seen as the season of light. Too often we are afraid of darkness but we mustn't be for sometimes in the dark we see God more brilliantly and clearly. It is in the dark that new things grow and it was from the darkness of the tomb that Christ was risen. Darkness is the womb of life and it is a place of healing. This Lenten season we are exploring the many invitations of Christ to be participants in this life of faith. We are invited to say no, to ask questions, to feel accepted, to seek healing, to experience wholeness, to bear witness, and to claim resurrection. Years ago, I was taught at a conference that the work of ministry is to invite people along. I really like this language of invitation...we all like receiving invitations in the mail, usually they are for wonderful things like parties and weddings. How might this idea of "invitation" reshape the way in which we see life in the church? I hope that you will read this as your invitation to find your place at Quaker and to deepen your connection with this wonderful community and with Jesus.

Our identity as Christians begins with the invitation to the table...to gather with people from east and west and north and south to sit at table with our Lord and with the community. This hopeful claim is what led to the Lenten Meals...how do we intentionally gather at the table with fellow believers and remember our connectedness? I hope that you have and/or will accept the invitation to join one of these meals. A big thank you to all of our hosts: Linda & Howard Jennings, Julia & Steve Bryan, Sally & David Sease, Angie & Scott Ashman, Susie & Steve Hubbard, Sue & Doug Evans, Josie & Sam Miller, and Maureen & Bob Lockridge. Our Book Study on Thursdays dives deeper into this topic of Meeting Jesus at the Table...even if you can't come to the study I would encourage you to pick up a copy of the book to read...it is very thoughtful.

Friends, you are the hands and feet of Christ in this world...you are the ones who invite others to come and taste and see the goodness of God. I hope that you will reflect on all these "invitations" that we receive and invite others to come along too.

Love & Light
Anghaarad

Thank you to everyone who came to the Mardi Gras Open House...it was super fun and Zane is really bummed that he missed all of you...but hopefully next time and we promise there will be a next time!



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 10 AT 6:00

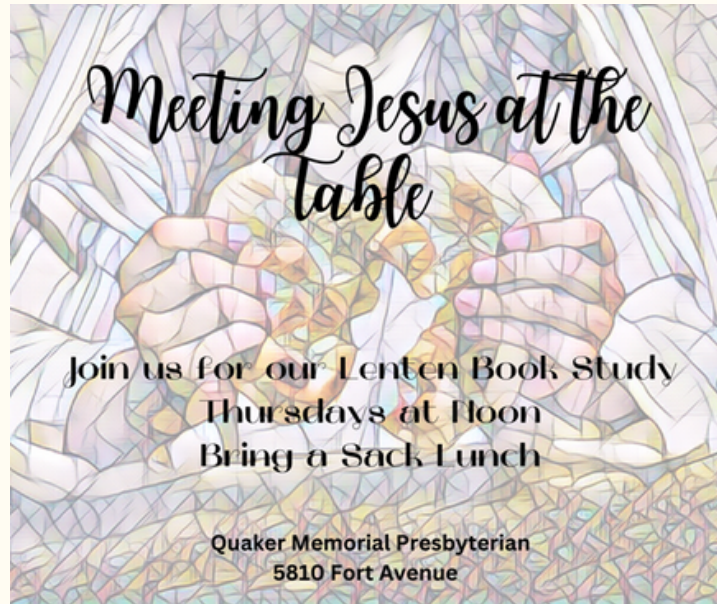
Bring a Friend or Two & a Dish to Share!

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.



Book Study for Lent

This Lenten season folks will have the opportunity to participate in a book study. Join us on Thursdays at noon as we discuss the book ***Meeting Jesus at the Table***.



A Lenten Invitation

As we continue through the season of Lent, remember that you are invited to deepen your journey through a variety of ways. Please consider participating in one of the Lenten Meals...there are still openings for lunch and dinner. Join us in worship as we explore the many ways we are "invited" into life with Christ and life together. Come to our Lenten Book Study on Thursdays at noon. Stop by the Prayer Center set up in the Narthex each week and engage in the prompts presented around the many topics we are exploring this Lenten season.

Join in the Contemplative Prayer time on Wednesdays at 11:00am in our sanctuary. You are invited to join us at the Welcome Table for a little eating, some singing and a lot of sharing. It is not too late to begin a spiritual discipline (prayer, fasting, serving). You are invited to several opportunities...please take advantage of them.



This month Lunch Bunch will head to Harbor Inn at 3220 Old Forest Road. Join us on Wednesday, March 15th at 11:30 am. We will need to give a final head count to the restaurant by Monday, March 13th so please RSVP to Sara by text, call 434-941-3349 or email her at buzzandsara@gmail.com.

Coffee with the Pastor

This month join Anghaarad for coffee back at Starbucks at 20186 Timberlake Road on Monday, March 20th from 10 am-Noon. Come for a Cup of Joe or tea and great conversation...this is a wonderfully relaxing time for all members of Quaker and friends.



AFTER HOURS with the Pastor

Anghaarad will have a gathering at Iron and Ale (106 Cornerstone Street) on Tuesday, March 14 beginning at 6 pm. Come have a beverage of your choice and join in some great conversation.



...continues on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm Anghaarad will lead a weekly opportunity for creative folks to gather for reflection, conversation and fellowship. Everyone who comes is encouraged to bring whatever their creative activity might be (knitting, drawing, watercolors, jewelry making, journaling, writing, needlepoint, etc.). Each night will open with a meditative reading for reflection and then the group will work for an hour on whatever project they have brought with them. No need to sign up and as always, guests are welcome!

We will not meet March 29.



Handbell Choir

Come and join the Handbell Choir and help us Ring the Bells... rehearsals are Sundays at 3:00pm downstairs in the music room. If you don't know where that is...ask and someone will get you to the correct place. If you've never played bells before but are interested in joining in all the ringing fun...come and try it out and see if this is something for you. Gerald Doyle is directing the group and welcomes all questions and newcomers!

Salisbury University Students Here for Worship and Concert Sunday, March 12

Returning to QMPC on March 12th will be Dr. John Wesley Wright and his students from Salisbury University's Department of Music and Theater! They were last here in 2018 and presented an incredible program titled "From Baroque to Broadway" for their afternoon performance. They also sang in the morning service. Please join us March 12th for this event at 3pm as well as our 10:00 morning service. You will not be disappointed!





There are two scholarship opportunities for local students that are members of Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church:

The Weigand Scholarship provides financial assistance to QMPC and other church members in the Lynchburg area. Students seeking an undergraduate degree with financial need are encouraged to apply. The deadline to apply for this scholarship is April 17, 2023.

The G. Rudolph Leonard Scholarship, distributed by First Presbyterian Church, is available to active members of any Presbyterian Church (USA) which is located within a nine-mile radius of the Presbytery Office. The amount of the annual grant will vary according to need and availability. The deadline to apply for this scholarship is 3:00 p.m. on Friday, May 5, 2023.

Information and applications for both scholarships are available in the Church Office.



It's that time once again! Time to prepare the garden for planting. We invite anyone from the congregation interested to join us on our scheduled days...

Preparation work days for garden site are March 8th and 13th from 9:30 -11:30. Our goal is to Rototiller the lower garden, place rows and drip hose in the lower garden, clean up the rest of the garden area, rototiller and place drip hose in the raised garden where appropriate. We will also prepare the memorial garden with the Rototiller on those days.

Garden Planting work day is scheduled for March 18th (with a rain day March 25th) from 10am to noon. Planting days are on Saturday so that we can involve the garden team as well as the congregation in this process.



Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023 10:00am

All who wish to join in the procession of palms, gather in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45am

Maundy Thursday, April 6 6:30pm

We will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a meal followed by Communion

Good Friday, April 7 7:00pm

Tenebrae Service in the Sanctuary

Easter Sunday, April 9 10:00am

Celebrate the Resurrection in the Sanctuary...don't forget to bring flowers to place on the cross.

(Easter Egg Hunt for Children TBD)

FEBRUARY MEMORIALS

In Memory of Barbara Afflerbach
by Nancy Mize

In Memory of Sylvia Denny
by Nancy Mize
by Randall Sayre

In Memory of Wendell Armstrong
by Phyllis & Robert Beilfus
by Nancy Mize
by Nancy & John Perry, III
by Randall Sayre
by Carolyn & Reuben Womack

by Andrea & David Webb for Rise Against Hunger

In Memory of Claire Hubbard (Steve's mother)
by Andrea & David Webb

In Memory of Chuck Wagner
by Bertram Dodson, Jr.

In Memory of Tom Cline
by Nancy Mize

Thank You

To our QMPC Family,

QMPC has been our 2nd home - our family - for 53 years and we are so grateful to the staff and congregation for being the hands and feet of Christ serving us during these past few weeks. You have

- Walked through the valley of the shadow of death with our father/husband through visits, prayer & music to bring him comfort;
- Prepared a table before us both at the house and the reception with plentiful nourishment; so much that our cup runneth over;
- Created a beautiful witness to the resurrection and celebration of his life as he now dwells in the house of the Lord forever.

We make a joyful noise unto the Lord, for you have served the Lord with gladness and we give thanks for His people and the love, care, and support given to us in honor and memory of our husband/dad/grandpa - Wendell Armstrong.

Blessings overflow... our most heartfelt 'thank you.'

Mid, David, Laura, Lisa, Julie, Gary & family

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 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 STAR Home-School Group 11am Centering Prayer 6pm Pray for Each Other 6pm Creative Spirit Night	2 Pianos tuned 12pm Book Study 2pm STAR Tutor Meetings 7pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	3	4
5 9am Sunday School 10am Worship 3pm Handbells 4pm Concert 5:45pm Youth Group	6	7 10am Bible Study on Zoom	8 STAR Home-School Group 9:30am to 11:30am Garden prep 11am Centering Prayer 6pm Pray for Each Other 6pm Creative Spirit Night 6:30pm Property	9 12pm Book Study 7pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	10 10am Lynchburg Retired Teachers Association Meeting 6-8pm The Welcome Table	11
12  9am Sunday School 10am Worship 3pm Handbells Church Wide Movie Night	13 9:30am to 11:30am Garden prep	14 10am Bible Study on Zoom 6pm After Hours at Iron & Ale (106 Cornerstone Street)	15 STAR Home-School Group 11am Centering Prayer 6pm Pray for Each Other 6pm Creative Spirit Night Session Packet Deadline	16 12pm Book Study 7pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	17	18 9am Biscuit Buddies 10am Garden Planting 
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