

MAY  
2023

# THE QUAKER QUILL

THE NEWSLETTER OF QUAKER MEMORIAL  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## **A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR**

Grace & Peace to You my Friends,

May is always a month that seems to burst forth with so much! It is packed with so many things: emotions...activities...transitions. We celebrate with our high school and college graduates as they complete this chapter of their lives and look forward to the next step of the journey. We rush to and fro with all of the end of school year activities that fill our calendars. We rejoice in the longer days and warmer temperatures as the promise of summer is on the horizon. We celebrate mothers, aware that for some this is a day of joyous gratitude and for others this is a difficult day filled with grief and regret. As parents burst with pride over their graduates in one moment and mourn the impending departure of their babies the next...may we hold one another with a little more kindness and gentleness.

We had a wonderful Earth Care Celebration and hope to make this an annual event. Thank you to all who made the day so memorable...thank you to Gracie Lanier for the guidance on planting of the trees (and the beautiful dogwood saplings), Jane Reynolds for the cookies & lemonade, Bob Lockridge for pushing QMPC to become an Earth Care Congregation, Jill Wood for her work with the tree planted by the youth, Casey Wood & the youth for beautiful music on the church grounds and for the lives of Norris Deyerle and Lucy Haupt in whose memory the trees were planted.

We need planners, workers and organizers for our next John Lynch Birthday...everybody loved the event so much last year we need to do it again! If you are willing to help get our next party put together please join us for a Planning Meeting on Tuesday, May 9th at 6:00pm in the library.

Love & Light  
Anghaarad



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, MAY 12 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.



Be sure to join us Sunday, May 7 for Youth Sunday. Our youth will be leading the worship service and our senior, Faith Jacob will share her reflections and meditation. Come support our young leaders!



### **Communion at Bentley Commons**

Beginning in May, Quaker will regularly deliver communion to our members and friends at Bentley Commons on the second Tuesday of the month at 6 pm. We have a longstanding tradition of doing this at Vally View on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 3 pm. Richard and Angharad along with our Elders assist in this service each month and if you are interested in this pastoral outreach speak with one of the pastors.

### **New "Comfort My People" Group**

Beginning in late May, there will be a new opportunity to share joys and concerns, "just talk" in a safe environment and to grow spiritually together. As part of QMPC's participation in the PCUSA's "Comfort My People" Initiative and in the spirit of the Welcome Table, it will be called the Comfort Table. Beginning on May 26 at 9:30 am, it will be held on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month on the lower level of the church in the Moseley Chapel. Bring your favorite coffee mug or tea cup and perhaps a snack. We may plan some outings to either breakfast, lunch or dinner from time to time. The function of this group may evolve over time as we explore our interests and needs. Got questions? Email, text or call Peggy Deyerle at [mrsdeyerle@gmail.com](mailto:mrsdeyerle@gmail.com) or 434-258-1256.

### **Notary Services Available**

Deborah has received her commission as a Notary for the Commonwealth of Virginia. If you need documents notarized, call her and set up a time to come by.





### **Hygiene Item Drive During the Month of May**

The Missions committee will be collecting hygiene items for Parkview Missions that will be distributed to Lynchburg City School students.

The following items are some of the ones most frequently asked for: toothbrushes and toothpaste, combs, soap and body wash, mouth wash, wash cloths, hand sanitizer, shampoo and conditioner.

Items may be left in the Narthex during the month. Thank you in advance for your support of this need in our community.



This month **Lunch Bunch** will head to Westside Deli at 7701 Timberlake Road. Join us on Wednesday, May 17th at 11:30 am. We will need to give a final head count to the restaurant by Monday, May 15 so please RSVP to Sara by text, call 434-941-3349 or email her at [buzzandsara@gmail.com](mailto:buzzandsara@gmail.com).

### **CREATIVE SPIRIT NIGHT**

...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!

**Our last meeting will be May 24. We will take the summer off and resume in the fall.**



### **NO AFTER HOURS this month**

No After Hours in May...lots of busy folks as the school year comes to an end, but we will resume in the Fall!

### **Coffee with the Pastor**

This month join Anghaarad for coffee back at Starbucks at 20186 Timberlake Road on Monday, May 15 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.





## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!



Faith Jacob will graduate from Heritage High School  
Savannah Sorrels will receive her bachelor's degree from Liberty University



## News from the General Assembly of the PCUSA

Stated Clerk, Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson announced that he is stepping down from his position effective June 30th. He has served in this capacity since he was elected in 2016. At the most recent meeting of COGA, he had announced that he would not seek a third term, in order to give the committee time to begin the process to assemble a nominating committee. After much prayer and time with his family, he has discerned that the time is now for him to step down from the highest ecclesial office in the PCUSA. He has led our denomination through some very challenging years, including two General Assembly meetings in the time of Covid which was no small task. Dr. Nelson has said from the beginning of his tenure that the PCUSA is not dying, we are reforming. He foresees major reforms to come over the next few years and pledges his continued support for the church as it navigates where the Spirit is leading us next. Dr. Nelson has served as pastor, church planter, advocate and clerk but through it all he has been an unwavering voice for justice and inclusion. As he and his wife, Gail and daughter, Alycia make this transition into this new season may we join with all who pray for them and give thanks for his faithful service to the church.

**TAKE ME OUT  
TO THE BALLGAME**

Join your Quaker family for a fun night cheering on our local baseball team! May 31 at 6:30pm  
We need 20 folks to get the group rate...sign up today!

**LYNCHBURG  
HILLCATS**



**QMPC Mission committee update from our March 28, 2023 meeting:**

We approved the first quarter payments for local and international missions that we sponsor from our QMPC Mission budget in 2023. See chart below:

The committee felt that the congregation really wanted to do Rise Against Hunger on a yearly basis instead of an every other year basis. Our budget for Rise Against Hunger is \$1500 per year and the cost to do Rise Against Hunger is about \$4000 per year. We have used our budgeted \$1500 this year already! Reuben is going to apply for a grant from two-cents-a meal, we will work with the youth group and Super Bowl Sunday collection for additional funding and we will ask the congregation to help us with final funding of this very important mission that we have at QMPC. Our next Rise Against Hunger packing day is scheduled for January 28, 2024. Mark your calendar!

The QMPC Haiti Mission committee recommended to the QMPC Mission committee that we not travel to Haiti at this time due to conditions but that we sponsor six children through Haiti Outreach Ministry (HOM) on a yearly basis. QMPC has sponsored two children over the last eight years in Haiti. We have funds that we have raised for trips and supplies for Haiti and felt that this would be the best utilization of the funds. For more information check out the website of HOM <https://www.haitiom.org/>

We had our first Earth Care Worship Service at QMPC on April 23, 2023. It was great! More to follow from the Earth Care Committee.

QMPC Mission Committee sponsors a Hygiene Congregational Drive for Parkview Ministry every May. You can find more information about this drive in this newsletter.

The QMPC Mission Committee wants to make the QMPC Webpage, QMPC Facebook Page and other Social Medias come alive with what is happening at QMPC with our missions programs! Diane Baldwin and Jessica Francis are heading up a subcommittee to make this happen. If you have ideas please reach out to either one of them with your ideas.

	2023 Mission Budget	2023 Mission Payment (First quarter)
General Benevolence POP	\$10,000	\$2,500
Salv Army/Local Hardship	\$2,000.00	\$500
Blue Ridge Area Food Bank	\$1,200.00	\$300
Daily Bread	\$1,700.00	\$425
Free Clinic of Central VA	\$2,000.00	\$500
Interfaith Outreach	\$2,200.00	\$550
Meals on Wheels	\$2,900.00	\$725
Habitat for Humanity	\$1,000.00	\$250
Massanetta Donation	\$500.00	\$0.00
Montreat Donation	\$500.00	\$0.00
Brookhill Farm	\$1,000.00	\$250
Rise Against Hunger	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
Parkview Mission	\$1,700.00	\$425
Global Missions Total (Local & International)	\$18,200.00	
QMPC Total Benevolent Giving	\$28,200.00	



## **News from the Property Committee**

In reference to the four vandalized air conditioners:

- After our \$2,500 deductible, Church Mutual Insurance has agreed to pay us \$14,642.93 initially with \$8,928.22 paid once repairs are complete.
- The Narthex unit was repaired and is working. The Chancel area unit has been partially repaired, and is awaiting additional parts to complete. A new unit is on order to replace the 30 year old unit in the Sanctuary.
- The session voted to investigate other options for the library at this time. Note that it is also a 30 year old unit with the air handler located above a 12ft. suspended ceiling.
- Southern Air estimates the cost to replace the Sanctuary unit and repair the Narthex and Chancel units to be \$40,879.65.

Other items to report:

- A pickup truck load of old electronic items was taken to the city collection site on April 8.
- Door stops were added to the library doors.
- Audiofetch Enabled WiFi network connection was added to enhance the worship experience for those with bluetooth compatible devices such as hearing aids or ear buds. Information signs are posted by the church hearing devices and in the vestibule.
- Repaired outside lights by the sign on Fort Ave and South River Meeting House.
- Plaster ceiling in kitchen was repaired.
- Estimate was obtained for painting the front offices.



**Please join us on May 13 at 9:00am to spread mulch and clean out the flower beds. Bring your wheel barrows, garden gloves, rakes, etc. and help us “Spring Clean” the churchyard.**





## QMPC Earth Care

The Earth Care team at QMPC has been busy with the celebration of Earth Day on Sunday 4/23. We planted 3 trees and will be ordering memorial plaques. The Garden team has mulched all of the trees and will take care of watering them. The worship committee did a wonderful job planning the service. It was very meaningful.

Keep an eye out for updates on the bulletin board and please feel free to join the earth care team or provide your ideas and input regarding Earth Care at Quaker.

Attached is an interesting article and quiz about recycling. Please take a look and think about how you can recycle to keep bad things out of our landfills and oceans.

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/climate-solutions/interactive/2023/recycling-tips-mistakes-quiz/?utm\\_campaign=wp\\_news\\_alert\\_revere\\_trending\\_now&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=alert&location=alert](https://www.washingtonpost.com/climate-solutions/interactive/2023/recycling-tips-mistakes-quiz/?utm_campaign=wp_news_alert_revere_trending_now&utm_medium=email&utm_source=alert&location=alert)

Also consider composting your kitchen waste. Contact a garden team or earth care team member if you want to learn more.

We are excited about our certification as an Earth Care Congregation by the PCUSA. There are 300 churches nationwide and we are the 4th in our Presbytery to be certified. We are always looking for new members and ideas.

Submitted,  
Jane Reynolds  
Earth Care Education





# Earth Care Sunday Celebration







## DISCOVER QUAKER

A 2-part class for new members, visitors, or inquirers to learn more about Quaker's history, mission, & outreach. Sundays, May 28 & June 4 11:15am with lunch included.



## GARDEN NEWS

We are planting 50 tomato plants, 72 sweet potato plants, cucumbers, squash, zucchini and Blue Lake pole beans on May 6, 2023 from 9 AM to 12 noon. Come and join us!

### **Music and Art Camp**

We are looking for at least 2 volunteers to serve as lead teachers for our Music & Art Camp in the mornings from June 12-16th. No experience is required and a small compensation will be provided. If you are interested, you can contact Savannah Sorrels for more information [savannahsorrels@gmail.com](mailto:savannahsorrels@gmail.com) or by phone at (301) 710-3560.



## APRIL MEMORIALS

In Memory of Wendell Armstrong  
by Helen Ford

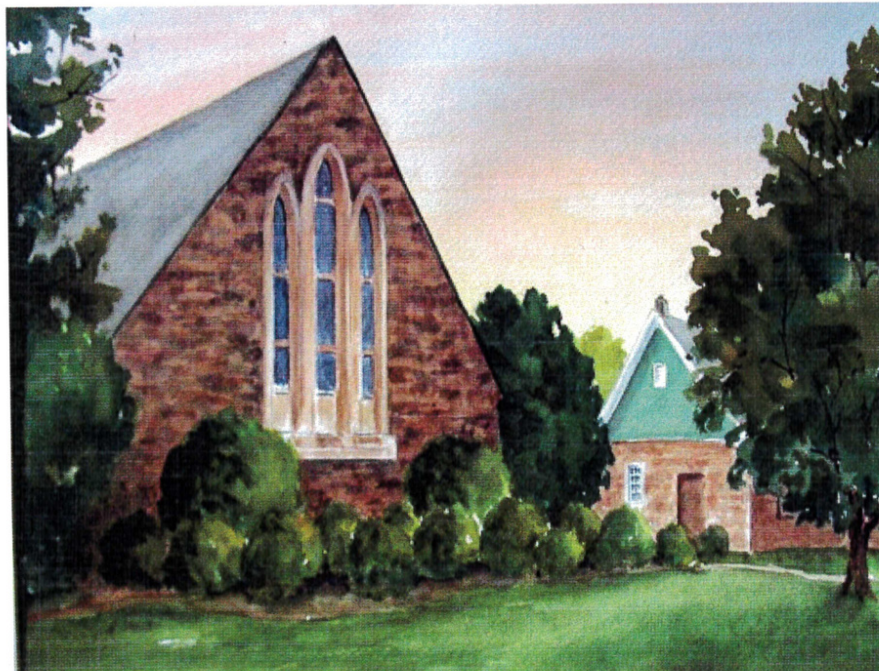
An antique rose has been added to the Church rose garden in loving memory of Becky Moore.

### Year to Date Financial Report

	Mar-23 Monthly		Year to Date
Revenue	\$ 43,310.99	\$	89,356.98
Expenses	\$ 25,147.51	\$	82,964.74
Difference	\$ 18,163.48	\$	6,392.24

### 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](http://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.



# MAY 2023

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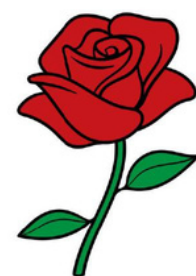

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	1	2 10am Bible Study on Zoom	3 STAR Home-school Group 11 am Centering Prayer 6 pm Pray for one another 6 pm Creative Spirit Night	4  7 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal	5	6 Presbytery meeting  Garden planting
7 9am Sunday school 10 am Worship  11:15 am Children's Choir Church Wide Picnic	8	9 10am Bible Study on Zoom  6 pm John Lynch Birthday celebration planning meeting 6 pm Communion at Bentley Commons	10 STAR Home-school Group 11 am Centering Prayer 6 pm Pray for one another 6 pm Creative Spirit Night 6:30 pm Property Committee	11  7 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal	12 10 am Lynchburg Retired Teachers Assoc. meeting  6 pm Welcome Table	13 9 am Biscuit Buddies-Spreading mulch and cleaning flower beds
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