

MAY 2025

THE QUAKER QUILL

THE NEWSLETTER OF QUAKER MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN

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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Grace and Peace to You!

We have moved in the season of Easter...a time of renewal not just in nature but in our lives. We had a lovely Easter Triduum: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Morning worship services. A very big thank you to everyone who prepared a casserole for the Maundy Thursday service, thank you to all of our elders who hosted tables, and finally a big thank you to the Fellowship team for preparing the salads, drinks and setting the tables. Thank you to the Choir and Rose for beautiful music at all three services. Thank you to David Webb Sr. for arranging for the brass ensemble to play on Easter morning. Thank you to all of the readers at the Tenebrae service and to Zane Dees who assisted with the lights. Thank you to Valerie Rogers for coordinating another super Easter Egg Hunt...everyone had a blast! Finally, thank you to everyone who donated lilies and filled the Flower Cross with blossoms and blooms...everything was beautiful! Christ is Risen!

For the past month or so, I have been participating in NonViolent Lynchburg's Vigils for Peace at the steps of Monument Terrace. These have been silent vigils for folks to come together and share the desires for a more peaceful community here at home in our city and around the world. I have found this to be a powerful spiritual experience and I would love to invite Quaker folks to join in if they feel so moved. The Vigils are on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month from 5:00pm-6:00pm and as the vigils are silent, participants are welcome to bring signs (if you need more information on what can go on a sign let me know and I will send you the guidelines).

Sunday, May the 4th the youth will be leading worship and hosting a spaghetti luncheon fundraiser...please make plans to attend and generously donate to the youth summer conference fund!

Jesus is on the loose, now let's go and follow him out into the world to love and serve our neighbors.

Love and 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
MAY 9th 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, May 19 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 the new location of Market on Main at 907 Main Street. Join us on Wednesday, May 21 at 11:30 am. We will need to give a final head count to the restaurant by Monday, May 19 so please RSVP to Sara by text, call 434-941-3349 or email her at buzzandsara@gmail.com.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

We have begun a study on the Work of Women in the Bible as a partner to Kathleen Norris' book "Quotidian Mysteries." We will not meet May 7th but will meet every Wednesday until the study is complete sometime in June! All women of Quaker and friends are invited to join us. Our gathering begins at 6:30pm and we meet in the library.



Quaker Memorial
Presbyterian Church
5810 Fort Ave Lynchburg

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FREE CLINIC OF CENTRAL VIRGINIA IS MOVED IN AND SEEING PATIENTS!

We are so grateful that we have the ability to host the Free Clinic as they rebuild their fire-damaged building downtown. They are fully moved in and seeing patients. Thanks be to God!

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The Garden Team will start meeting in the garden from 8:30 to 9:30am every Tuesday and Friday morning for garden maintenance and care. This will consist of weeding and watering the plants, spraying the plants and harvesting the vegetables. Care of the Memorial Garden will be weeding the beds, pruning the plants when appropriate and planting annuals.

There was 2.52 pounds of kale picked this week and taken to the Food Bank. We will provide vegetables to the Food Bank every Tuesday and to Daily Bread every Friday. We will also start picking up vegetable garbage from Daily Bread starting the first week in May. We generated compost from church members and Daily Bread's vegetable waste and spread it on the garden earlier this year. Thanks for Sam and Josie Miller's chicken manure and Lewis and Molly Garbee's horse manure that are enriching the entire garden.

The cabbage, collards and kale are growing and we will harvest them when appropriate. We will have our next big planting day on May 10 from 9am to 11:30am. We will be planting two rows of squash, two rows of zucchini, five hills of cucumbers, several rows of green beans, 60 tomato plants and 60 sweet potato plants. We will also be putting down black paper between the rows of tomatoes and between the cabbage plants.

Coffee, hot chocolate and doughnuts will be provided for those that join us. We need your hands and feet to serve God and his people in need!



holy week & easter 2025



EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

Thanks to everyone who helped make our celebrations wonderful occasion! Casey, Olivia & Brenna were FANTASTIC leading the music!! Reuben procured and planted our 2 new beautiful rose bushes (more are coming) and we can't wait! Our Garden Team, thanks to a generous memorial gift from Jane Reynold's estate and family dedicated a plaque at the garden giving thanks for all who have tended our garden and have died. It was a lovely day to be outside and enjoy the beauty of God's amazing Creation!



INTERFAITH OUTREACH RAFFLE

Raffle tickets are only \$5 each. The raffle will close May 6th with a drawing on May 7th. Get your raffle tickets by clicking on the QR code below. You can choose from many different adventures available.

A Perfect Gift!

Many More Prizes Online!

Interfaith Outreach Raffle

Make Memories to Last

APRIL MEMORIALS & GIFTS

In Honor of

Linda & Howard Jennings

Given by Randy Sayre

Jim Leach & Michelle O'Neil

in appreciation of all they do for the Memorial
Flower garden to make it so pretty

Given by Shirley Morris

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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