

MAY 2026

THE QUAKER QUILL

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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Grace and Peace to Everyone,

May is here and so many things happen this month to remind us how busy our lives are. It is packed with emotions, activities, transitions. We celebrate our high school and college graduates as they complete this chapter of their lives and look forward to the next step of the journey. Our families are frenzied as they rush to and fro with all the end of school year activities. Our church calendar is exciting with lots of ways to fellowship together:

May 3rd is Youth Sunday and we will honor our graduating seniors: Macy Neal, Gracie Jacob, and Sophia Haupt...plan to stay for the reception after worship and greet each of these amazing young women. On April 26th we said farewell to Shadia Suleman, one of our Sweet Briar students who has sung with our choir for the past 2+ years. She graduates from Sweet Briar on May 16th and we wish her well on the next phase of her journey.

On May 24th we will have our annual Pentecost Picnic after worship. Discipleship is providing the hot dogs, fixings, and drinks. We are inviting others to bring side dishes. Be sure to wear your best Pentecost red, orange, or yellow to show your Church Spirit! Welcome Table will be gathering on May 8th and the Property Committee has a wonderful Worker Bee Day and the Garden Team is has lots of opportunities to help get the garden planted for a new season...be sure to make note of all those dates.

Property is also resurrecting ROMEOS in a new way for the entire church...be sure to see how you might be called to be a part of this group. Looking ahead we have a new event planned for June 14th "Birthday Party for Everyone" and to prepare for that event we are beginning to collect donations for the Meals on Wheels birthday boxes and we are looking for 12 cake donations...more information on page 7.

I hope everyone has a wonderful month and I hope to see you in worship and in honor of Mother's Day to quote our buddy, Skip: "do something nice for your momma."

In Christ,

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 8th* 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 11 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 JT's Grill in Madison Heights. The restaurant is on US 29 Business. Join us on Wednesday, May 20 at 11:30 am. We will need to give a final head count to the restaurant by Monday, May 18 so please RSVP to Sara Curtis by text, call 434-941-3349 or email her at buzzandsara@gmail.com.

QMPC Shirts for Sale!

Support the QMPC youth and show off your QMPC pride with a custom t-shirt, available in short or long sleeve. The proceeds go to help our youth travel to Montreat Youth Conference this summer. Order yours today...we will take orders from April 19-May 10. Short Sleeve shirts are \$20 and Long Sleeve shirts are \$24 (extended sizes add \$2)



There is an order sheet on the table in the narthex. Place your payment in the provided envelopes and write your name and order on the envelope. Place the envelope in the offering plate or you can leave it on the office desk.

NEWS & EVENTS

PROPERTY COMMITTEE NEWS

Relaunch the ROMEOS!

The Property Committee is excited to relaunch a beloved ministry—with a fresh twist! This effort will help care for our church while creating a great opportunity for fellowship.

Years ago, many will remember the “ROMEOS”, a group that gathered weekly for coffee, conversation, and sharing their talents.

Now, we’re bringing it back with a new meaning:

ROMEOS: Reaching Out with Many Hands, Equipped to Offer Service

No special skills needed—just a willing heart. And it’s open to everyone!

We’ll kick things off with monthly gatherings starting Wednesday, June 10, 2026, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

Come join us—lend a hand, share some laughs, and enjoy the fellowship!

If you are interested in this opportunity for fellowship and service, please contact Larry Epperson; lgpperson@gmail.com

Adopt-A-Garden!

The Property Committee invites individuals, families, and groups to help care for our church grounds by adopting a garden area. This is a great way to serve together while easing the workload of the small group who have faithfully maintained our campus for many years.

We have about 20 garden spaces—large and small—available to choose from. A map and sign-up sheet will be located in the Narthex.

What does it mean to Adopt-a-Garden?

You’ll help keep your selected area looking its best by:

- Weeding
- Watering as needed
- Trimming and tidying
- Assisting with annual mulch spreading (typically each May)

Join us in keeping Quaker Memorial beautiful year-round!

Contact Larry Epperson, chair of the Property Committee if you are interested.

st month, the following projects have been completed:

NEWS & EVENTS

Beautifully Made



Youth Sunday 2026

Youth Sunday is May 3. Please join us to support the hard work our youth have put into making this service so special. The service will be followed by a reception to honor our 3 seniors.

SAVE THE

D A T E

Our annual Arts & Music Camp will be July 13-16. More information will be coming soon!

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We had a lovely Earth Day Celebration on April 19th. Thank you to our Earth Care Committee, Property Committee and Discipleship Committee who helped make it all possible. We planted a lovely Ginkgo tree near the cemetery wall in memory of Russ Pawlas. His family was present and the youth led us in beautiful music. If you would like to expand our trees and gardens by donating a tree or shrub in memory of someone, please speak with Anghaarad or a member of the session and we will be happy to honor your request.



Pentecost Sunday

May 24, 2026

Join Anghaarad at the craft table in the Narthex before worship starting at 9:15am to create a Pentecost appropriate headband, lapel decoration or party hat to celebrate the Birthday of the Church! And don't forget to wear red!



NEWS & EVENTS

You are invited to a Whole Church
Birthday Party
June 14, 2026 following Worship

We will celebrate everyone's birthday...12 months of birthdays means 12 cakes! Let's see which month has the most birthdays!

We will also pack Birthday Boxes for Meals on Wheels. The Discipleship team is looking for volunteers to bake cakes

AND we will start collecting shoe boxes & donations for the Birthday Boxes!

If you are willing to bake or purchase a cake for this event, please reach out to Josie Miller, chair of the Discipleship Committee.

Help us fill Birthday Boxes for Meals on Wheels,

June 14

We are collecting Shoe Boxes and the following items to go in the boxes. Place donations in baskets in Narthex





What a Beautiful
Holy Week & Easter
Season



Memorials Received in March & April

In memory of Jane Roark

Kathy Beatrice
Dana Chenault
Sara Curtis
Peggy Deyerle
Karen & Ricky Donahue
Sarah B. Garrett
Theresa Mays

Patty & Les Mulligan
Brenda & Melsin Scott
Sally & David Sease
The Shelton family
Retail Marketing Solutions, LLC
Samantha Spence
Dinah & Michael Watson

In memory of Stella & Robert Berry

Lucille Cable

Thank You

To everyone at Quaker,

Thank you all for your cards, messages, visitations and prayers during my recent illness. A spontaneous brain bleed, similar to a stroke, has affected my left side and my overall movement, but rehab at VBSH is bringing me back and I hope to finish up at home with home health and getting my difficult skill sets back. God bless you all.

Love, Michael Whorley

Financial Report for March

	Mar-26	Monthly	Year to Date
Revenue		\$61,556.07	\$140,337.69
Expenses		\$30,605.99	\$85,304.70
Difference		\$30,950.08	\$55,032.99

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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Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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<p>3 9am Sunday School 10am Worship</p> 	4	<p>5 9am Online Bible Study</p>	<p>6 11:30am Centering Prayer</p> <p>6pm Pray for others at home 6pm Women's Bible Study</p>	7	<p>8 Lynchburg Retired Teachers 9am Board meeting 10am General meeting</p>	9
<p>10 9am Sunday School 10am Worship</p> 	<p>11 10am to noon Coffee with Pastor</p>	<p>12 9am Online Bible Study 10am Communion at The Summit 6pm Communion at Bentley Commons</p>	<p>13 11:30am Centering Prayer</p> <p>6pm Pray for others at home 6pm Women's Bible Study</p>	14	15	16
<p>17 9am Sunday School 10am Worship 11:15am Session</p>	<p>18 4:30pm QMPC-LMS-UL Task Force</p>	<p>19 9am Online Bible Study</p>	<p>20 11:30am Centering Prayer 11:30 am Lunch Bunch 6pm Pray for others at home 6pm Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>21 Presbytery Meeting at Blacksburg Presbyterian</p> <p>7pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	22	23
<p>24 9am Sunday School 10am Worship 11:15am Church Wide Picnic</p> 	<p>25 Church Office closed</p> 	<p>26 9am Online Bible Study</p>	<p>27 11:30am Centering Prayer</p> <p>6pm Pray for others at home 6pm Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>28</p> <p>7pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	29	30
<p>31 9am Sunday School 10am Worship</p>						