



# The Quaker Quill



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## Resurrection Power Is On The Loose

The title to this article is taken from the Presbyterian Outlook weekly e-mail on the lectionary passages written by Jill Duffield, Editor. Not only is it appropriate for this season of Easter, but it speaks to our time of transition as well. God is at work in the life of this church as evident in our worship and music, mission efforts, care for members, and involvement in the Bible Studies to discern God's call to the church.



This **Sunday, May 5** we will gather as a congregation following worship to discuss the composite report of the Bible Study and the composite report of the survey that was taken several weeks ago. Over 60 people participated in the Bible Studies and 64 people completed surveys. Many thanks go to the facilitators and Soft Data Task Force: Julia Bryan, Gerald Doyle, Howard Jennings and Tim Roach and to the Hard Data Task Force for the survey: Eric Barringer, John Lanier, Bob Lockridge, Steve Hubbard, Lauren Hubbard and Nikki Kariuki.

A prominent theme for both the Bible Study discussions and the survey results is that God is calling us to find new ways to reach younger adults and families while, at the same, time honoring our traditions and meeting the need of our older members.

It is important that everyone attend the luncheon and discussion of the reports as your voice is needed in this process of moving toward calling a new pastor. Please contact the office (239-2548) to sign-up for this gathering if you have not already done so.

Blessings on all the various ministries that you do!

*Rev. Dr. Nancy Dawson*

Interim Pastor

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# PASTOR SEARCH PROCESS

There were a number of questions that arose during the last Bible Study Discussion sessions and on the survey (conducted 04-14-19) regarding the search process and time line. The following provides a general process and time frame, though we all know that any final decisions will be within God's timing.

In preparation for writing a Mission Plan for QMPC and identifying the qualities and characteristics of the next pastor, the session approved entering into a Discernment Process as follows:

## GOALS OF THE SEARCH PROCESS

- ✦ To instill a passion for the spiritual welfare of others that will shape and form the ministry and mission of the church.
- ✦ To discern the unique ministry and mission to which God is calling the church
- ✦ To enroll the congregation in a spirit-filled level of commitment to God's future for the church.
- ✦ To identify the qualities, characteristics and skills needed in the next Installed Pastor
- ✦ To elect the next Installed Pastor for QMPC

## OVERVIEW OF THE PROCESS AND STEPS

### 1. Soft Data Task Force for Bible Study and Discernment:

Through Spiritual Discernment, we seek:

- to recognize what God is already doing,
- to see situations and opportunities from God's perspective
- to listen for what God desires for the present and the future
- to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit to hear and obey.

Nearly 60 people from the church participated in this 6 week study designed to listen to God's call to QMPC for Mission and Ministry. It was completed 04-19-19 and will be reported to congregation on May 05, 2019.

Soft Data Task Force Members: Phyllis Beilfus, Julia Bryan, Tim Roach and Howard Jennings with Nancy Dawson serving as consultant.

### 2. Survey of the Congregation – 64 people completed the survey on 04-14-19 and the results will be reported to congregation on

May 05, 2019.

Hard Data Task Force Members who planned and implemented the survey: Eric Barringer, Nikki Kariuki, Bob Lockridge, Steve Hubbard, Lauren Hubbard and John Lanier.

### 3. Hard Data Task Force:

Collection and Analysis of the demographic data for the area. Faith preferences and social needs of those in the community are assessed along with projected growth expected in Lynchburg and the surrounding areas. See Task Force members listed in # 2.

Report to the congregation: target date – Mid May to June 2019

### 4. Property Task Force

Assessment of the building use and its maintenance. This task force has conducted a walkthrough of the inside and outside of the building and identified a number of ways QMPC can be more welcoming (see the signage that directs people to various rooms). They are also assessing how to make use of our ample space and planning for major repairs to the gutters, downspouts, drainage, windows, etc.

Property Task Force Members: Tim Roach, Neal Gibson, Julia Bryan, Diane Baldwin, Phyllis Webb, Liz Huband, Doris Daniel, Howard Jennings and David Webb.

Report to the congregation: target Date - Mid May to June

### 5. Outreach

Interviews with young families and young adults regarding faith needs and preferences for worship as well as ministry and mission programs for children, youth and young adults.

Task force members: a variety of session and congregational members are gathering this data.

Report to the congregation: Target Date – June

### 6. Session Retreat to write the Mission Study Report.

This report will be submitted to the Committee on Ministry (COM) of the Presbytery of the Peaks for approval. Report to Congregation and Submission to COM – July

### 7. Permission by COM to Elect a Pastor Search Committee -Target Date – July

### 8. Pastor Search Committee Elected by Congregation Target Date - August

QMPC Nominating Committee will recruit and nominate members to serve with input from the congregation.

### 9. The search committee will write a Church Information Form consisting of the Mission Study Results, programs and goals, the position description for the next installed pastor, as well as qualities and characteristics needed to lead the church in answering God's call.

Once this form is completed it will be posted on the Position Opportunities Website of the PC(USA). The search committee may also post the opportunity in a variety of PC(USA) publications as well as conduct direct recruitment of recommended pastors.

**10. Pastor Information Forms** (resumes) will be received by the search committee, potential candidates will be contacted and references will be checked. Interviews of potential candidates will be conducted via computer and in person and sermons will be reviewed on line and in person.

**11. The decision to extend a call** to a candidate is made after extensive discussion by the PNC and when a consensus is reached.

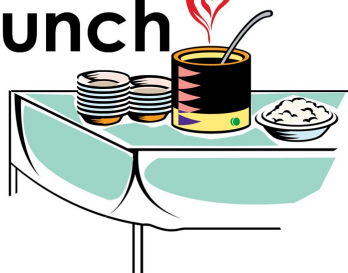
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God still redeems and renews us still today, often in ways we least expect. This time of transition between Installed Pastors is a wonderful time to celebrate God's ongoing transformation in our lives. Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church is Christ's church and the Triune God is still at work empowering us to do God's mission and ministry. Yes, we are a different church than we were years ago, and we are a vital, vibrant church. Just as God had an amazing plan for reconciling the world, God has a plan for the future of Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church. When our deepest desires are aligned with the deepest desires of God's heart, then individuals and congregations are fulfilling the purpose for which God created them and God is glorified and praised. During this time of discernment, we give thanks for all that we have and are and we can look with hope to the future to which God is calling us. For questions contact any member of Session or Nancy Dawson.

## Fellowship Lunch



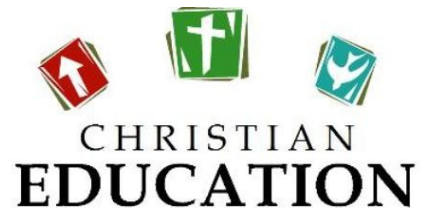
### FELLOWSHIP NEWS

**May 5** we will be having a luncheon after the service. **Food & drinks will be provided.** Join us as we discuss the results of our Discernment Bible Study.

## Personnel Committee Report

As you know, the personnel committee on behalf of the session has been searching since November for a person to fill our Part-time position as Director for Christian Education and Youth. I am writing on behalf of the session and the Personnel Committee to let you know that we entered into an employment agreement with Julie Dyke to be our Director of CE and Youth. YEA!

Most of you probably already know Julie well as she has been an active member of Quaker Memorial and a volunteer in the Youth and Sunday School Program for decades while her daughters were in the programs. Julie has a wealth of knowledge and experience in these areas and a passion for seeing the programs continue to grow and thrive. Julie's application was sent with a deep sense of call and commitment to the church and these programs.



This is a part-time position which will be re-evaluated at the end of September. The best part is that Julie can "hit the ground running" to provide immediate coverage for planning this Summer's VBS, Montreat, Massenetta, Youth Sunday, fall Sunday School Classes for children and any new summer or fall Bible Study/Spiritual Nurture Programs for adults.

We are excited that Julie has joined our staff and think she will be a wonderful addition in helping to make our Christian Education and Youth Programs grow.

Thank you for all your prayers and support!

Gerald Doyle  
Chair, Personnel

**MATTER OF BALANCE  
FALLS PREVENTION CLASS OFFERED**  
**Mondays and Wednesdays June 3rd – 26 from 10:30 a.m.– 12:30 p.m.**

Presented by Central Virginia Alliance for Community Living  
At Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church

- *Are you concerned about falls?*
- *Have you fallen in the past?*
- *Do you restrict activities because of concerns about falling?*
- *Are you interested in improving flexibility, balance and strength?*

If you can answer yes to any of these questions, you will want to join this free 8 session class. Together we will problem-solve, share practical solutions, build skills, have great group discussion and participate in falls prevention exercise training.

To have this class we must have 8 participants, but we can have no more than 14.

Register early by calling Linda Jennings, 525-5423 or email at [lcjenn805@gmail.com](mailto:lcjenn805@gmail.com).



MANAGING CONCERNS ABOUT FALLS



### Lunch Bunch– May 15

Join Lunch Bunch Wednesday, May 15th at Liberty Station at 11:30 a.m. (515 Bedford Avenue, Bedford, VA). We hope you will join us to sample some of their delicious dishes such as salt and pepper catfish or the ciabatta turkey sandwich. Please let us know if you can join us by contacting Linda Jennings by Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup> by calling 525-5423 or by email at [lcjenn805@gmail.com](mailto:lcjenn805@gmail.com)

### Book Club– June 6



In the month of May, book club will read *An American Family* by Khizr Khan. We will meet June 6th at 10 a.m. to discuss it. We hope you will consider joining us. Everyone is welcome! For any questions, contact

Linda Jennings at 525-5423 or by email at [lcjenn805@gmail.com](mailto:lcjenn805@gmail.com).

### Young at Heart

Young at Heart will meet on Thursday, May 23 at 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Our menu this month will include fried chicken, mac & cheese, green beans and rolls, plus beverages and dessert. The cost is \$2.00 per person. Come join us and be entertained - A big surprise!!!

May will be our last get together for the summer and we will be making decisions for the future of our group. Please join us for food, fun and fellowship. You will not be disappointed.

### The Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will not formally meet this summer, although we will be working at home to add to our supply of needed goods. Our next meeting will be the first Wednesday after Rally Day in September. Watch for dates and times.

Over the years our Ministry has provided prayer shawls to members and friends who are sick, having surgery, are grieving, getting married, and having babies. We have given shawls to shut ins at Christmas, and scarves to high school graduates. The last several years we have provided hats and scarves to the homeless and others in need of warmth. We have recently added mittens to our list.

With all this we are desperately in need of help! Our membership is down to two active members and we can do just so much. If you knit or crochet, or would like to learn how, we need you! Attending all our meetings is not absolutely necessary - work at home. We can come pick up your handiwork or you can drop it off at the church for us.

It would be a shame to see this much needed ministry of QMPC dissolve. If you can help, or know someone who can, contact Diane Baldwin: [lybgknitter44@gmail.com](mailto:lybgknitter44@gmail.com) / 434-609-2360.





Youth group and children's choirs are winding down. The year will culminate on **May 19 with Youth Sunday**, where the youth will help with the worship service. Following the worship service the families will have the End of Year Picnic.

## Children's Choirs May Schedule

**Sunday, May 5:** The Cherub Choir and Melody Choir singers will rehearse together at 5:00 PM in the choir room. At 5:45 we will join the teens for youth supper. Around 6:15 we will all go into the Sanctuary for a Youth Sunday "dress rehearsal". The singers in my two choirs may be picked up at 7:00 PM.

**Sunday, May 12:** This is *Mother's Day*, so there are no youth activities that evening. However, I would like to hold a quick rehearsal with the Cherub and Melody Choirs right after morning worship, 11:00 AM. Then the children will be free to leave and enjoy Mother's Day with their families.

**Sunday, May 19: Youth Sunday!** All members of the children's choirs, BIG and youth groups need to arrive at 8:00 A.M. Yes, that's early, but we will have a complete run through of the Youth Sunday service. After rehearsal, the children and youth will enjoy a light breakfast together.

Youth Sunday concludes this choir year for my two groups, the Cherub and Melody Choirs.

What a WONDERFUL year we have had making beautiful music together for God!

*Helen Ford*



## SAVE THE DATE! VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**We need volunteers. Please consider giving of your time to help us with this week of lessons, crafts, skits, science experiments and stories.**

**Dinner will be provided to the workers and their families, so come join us as we share our love with God's children. If interested in volunteering please contact Julie at (430) 420-0851, Liz at (434) 944-6258 or call the church office.**

# QMPCC Community Garden

The QMPC Community garden is growing! We have already donated 2.5 lbs of lettuce to the food bank with more growing every day.



We are very excited that last Saturday, a group of Girl Scouts came to help tend the garden. We had a good time weeding, laying mulch, picking, planting and watering. They were such a big help in the garden. After that, we all delivered the picked produce to the Salvation Army together. Thank you all. We hope to see them again.

We are in need of people to help deliver produce. Often we pick in the evening and then put the produce in the church fridge and someone delivers it to the food bank or salvation army the next morning. If you would be available to help with delivering please let Amy McCarty know! You can choose to do it regularly or to be "on call" as you are available!



**HAPPY SPRING!**

## Kroger Community Rewards

You can still earn money for missions when you register your Kroger Plus card. Here is how to do it:

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.



## In Memoriam

### In Memory of Curt Taylor

Jim & Sarah Garrett  
Nancy Mize  
Robert & Carolyn Eubank

### In Memory of John Cure

Brock Barkley

### In Memory of Virginia Hodges:

Robert & Carolyn Eubank


### In Memory of Hadley Hunt

Gail Midkiff

### In Honor of the Choir

Brit LeCompte



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10 am Prayer Shawl 10 am South River Writers 11am Centering Prayer	2 10 am- Book Club 3 pm Communion at Valley View 7 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	3	4 Fellowship meal Set up
5 Fellowship Meal and Discernment Study Results	6 10 am Art class	7 9 am ROMEOS	8 11am Centering Prayer	9 7 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	10 10 am Lynchburg Retired Teachers Meeting	11
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19 Youth Sunday  Worship Commit- tee Meeting  7:30 pm Session	20 10 am Art class	21 9 am ROMEOS	22 11am Centering Prayer	23 11 am Young at Heart  7 pm Choir Rehearsal	24	25
26	27 Office Closed <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b> 	28 9 am ROMEOS	29	30	31	

**OUR REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
5:00 p.m. B.I.G. Youth  
Cherub Choir

5:45 p.m. Youth Supper  
6:15 p.m. Melody Choir  
Jr. & Sr. Youth Fellowship