



The Quaker Quill



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CHRIST SHINES IN THE DARKNESS AND THE DARKNESS DID NOT OVERCOME IT

John 1:1-5 *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. **What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.**"*

This picture was taken by Kipp Teague. It is a powerful image of how the light of Christ overcomes the darkness. This passage from John 1:1-5 is referring to creation – how out of the darkness and the void, the Triune God created all things that came into being. And the light that overcame the darkness was Christ. In contrast to the darkness and nothingness, Christ is the light of all people.



This image also pertains to Easter. How through the love of God the Father, the sacrifice of Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit, Christ overcame sin and death. His was and is the light that cannot be hidden by darkness.

While I hated not being able to be together on Easter and am so sorry that we experienced technical difficulties as we tried to live stream the worship, I am thankful that we are in this Easter

season during this pandemic. What a wonderful message of hope even as we continue with "social distancing", persistent hand washing routines and "stay at home" mandates. The darkness we are in will not last. Many are working to provide treatments for those with the virus and to develop an immunization.

The light of Christ shines through the creative ways in which people are celebrating each other, connecting with others, entertaining themselves and others virtually, and most of all in the many ministries provided by Quaker Memorial and so many other churches.

I was reminded yesterday in worship that as I focus on God and not on my own issues, my heart is lifted and I am filled with joy instead of sadness, frustration and anxiety. It has been said, "Quit telling God how big your problems are and start telling your problems how big your God is" This focus will give us peace and hope as Christ's light shines in the darkness.

Many thanks to all who every week share their Spiritual Gifts so we can worship together. I miss seeing you and long for the time (and it is coming) when we can gather in person to praise and glorify God.

Stay safe and know that God and your Church Family is with you in Spirit and in prayer.

Blessings,
Nancy Dawson
Interim Pastor

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

At the meeting on April 25, 2020, the Session:

- Approved a membership transfer request from Mike and Pam McPeake
- Moved Children's Worship from CE committee to Worship & Music committee
- Approved the motion that QMPC remain closed through May 17, 2020
- Denied, at this time, a request from the Church of the Nazarene to use the sanctuary to video their worship service. Request will be granted once the pandemic restrictions are lifted.
- Approved the formation of a Session Task Force to determine the parameters for transitioning the opening of the church building to worship and other activities in an orderly and safe fashion.
- These parameters will be presented to the Session for approval.
- Task Force members are: Julia Bryan, Nancy Dawson, Gerald Doyle, Liz Huband, Steve Hubbard and Bob Lockridge

The Story of Children's Worship

Part 1-The Beginning

It all started around the year 2000, when Colin Huband (then about 5 years old) told his mom, "Mom, I don't like our church, it's boring. I like Grandma's church!" After a few questions to clarify why, Liz discovered that Colin loved going to the Children's Worship program at her mother-in-law's church. That was all it took to get the ball (and Liz) rolling. Soon afterward, the program was presented to Ann Graham, then Director of Christian Education. Ann liked the concept and presented it to, and gained approval from, the Session.

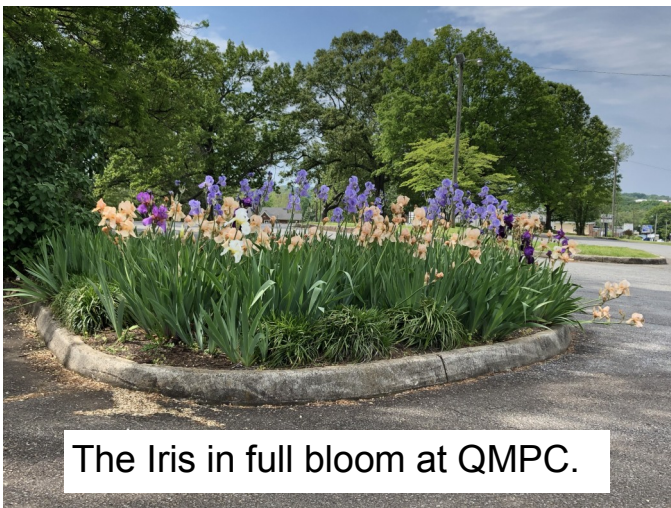
The interim pastor at the time, Frank Avery, requested that the program be in place by Rally Day. That didn't leave much time, so Liz recruited me to help set up the program. Ann set up a training session and we quickly found volunteers who were willing to come to training and be a part of this new mission.

We found a room in the Day School wing and started getting it set up as a worship space for our young ones. Luckily, Sonja Stewart, co-author of the book/program, "Young Children and Worship," gave us all the instructions and patterns we needed. Now to find someone who could cut all the wooden figures for us. Tom Overman stepped in to help. He cut all the figures for us from wood he already had.

Liz and I went to work coloring and laminating the paper figures and cutting, gluing and stitching the felt underlayments used in the stories. Sara Evers sewed silk paraments for us in all the colors of the church calendar. A Christ Candle, candle stand and candle snuffer, along with a Pewter Cross were added to the worship space. "The Kid's Study Bible" would be used so that the Word of God would be read at a level the children could understand. Trays were set up with figures and accessories for each of the stories. Things were beginning to take shape.

Rally Day arrived...thanks to all who helped along the way, we were ready to begin this new mission at QMPC.

Julia Bryan



The Iris in full bloom at QMPC.

In Memoriam

Gifts received in April

IN MEMORY OF:	GIVEN BY
Tim Roach Buzz Curtis	Jim & Sarah Garrett
Tim Roach Buzz Curtis	Jane Roark
Tim Roach	Amy Donahue/Chip Roark
Buzz Curtis	Nancy Perry
Buzz Curtis	Samantha Spence
Buzz Curtis	Marie Staton
Buzz Curtis	Doris Daniel
Buzz Curtis Anita Dezendorf	David & Andrea Webb
Buzz Curtis	Curtis & Rebecca Whorley
Buzz Curtis	Shirley Morris
Buzz Curtis	Carole & Jerry Morcom
Buzz Curtis	Eloise Smith
Buzz Curtis	Mary Gills Spencer
Buzz Curtis	Wayne & Patricia Richardson
Buzz Curtis	Montague Betts Co.
Buzz Curtis	Bob & Carolyn Eubank
Buzz Curtis	Mid & Wendell Armstrong
Buzz Curtis Anita Dezendorf Angela Geer	Mike & Lisa Cawthorne
Buzz Curtis	Georgetta Plants
Buzz Curtis	Carol & Bill Bush
Angela Geer Anita Dezendorf John Scoles	Evelyn Glass

IN MEMORY OF:	GIVEN BY
Buzz Curtis	Donna Sanderson
Buzz Curtis Anita Dezendorf	Jack & Ginny Kerr
Buzz Curtis	John & Janet La Prade
Buzz Curtis	Jane Crank
Buzz Curtis	Steve & Susie Hubbard
Buzz Curtis	Barbara Ward
Buzz Curtis	Barbara Curtis
Buzz Curtis Anita Dezendorf	David & Sally Sease
Buzz Curtis	Nancy Walkup
John Scoles Tim Roach Angela Geer Anita Dezendorf Chuck Wood Buzz Curtis Bill Cress	Howard & Linda Jennings
Bill Cress	Laura Tibbs Milburn
Anita Dezendorf	Sara Curtis
Angela Geer Anita Dezendorf Buzz Curtis	Reuben & Carolyn Womack
Angela Geer Anita Dezendorf Buzz Curtis	Nancy Mize
Buzz Curtis	Sharon Johnston
Buzz Curtis	Kelley Russell family
Buzz Curtis	Roger & Janice Dixon
Bill Cress	Scott & Marcia Delicate



Book Club

Book Club will not meet in May as we continue to practice social distancing. We look forward to June and hopefully, the lifting of the Governor's order to stay at home. Continue to read and share ideas for books with fellow book club members. Recently I read *Unorthodox: The Scandalous Rejection of My Hasidic Roots* by Deborah Feldman. This is a non-fiction book but reads like a novel; very interesting. I have also read *A Drop in The Ocean* by Jenni Ogden. Ogden takes one on a sweeping journey, rich with unique characters and places, moving backward and forward in time to reach the poignant and heartfelt lesson that love is about letting go. Try one of those and let me know what you think.

For any questions contact Linda Jennings at lcjenn805@gmail.com or 525-5423.



Lunch Bunch

Lunch Bunch will **not** meet in May. Please pray that the quarantine will not

be needed in June so that we can see each other again. In the meantime, know that Howard and I miss seeing all of you and look forward to a time we can be together again.



Is cancelled for May! Stay Well!

Book of Galatians

Zoom Bible Study with Pastor Nancy

Nancy is doing a study through the book of Galatians on ZOOM Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Zoom is easy to use and just requires an email address so we can invite you. You will have to download the software, but it is free.

Send an email to office@qmpc.org if you want to join, and please indicate which time you will participate.

Wednesday Evening Church-wide Prayer Time



We would like to invite QMPC family, near and far, to make every Wednesday 6pm to 7pm an intentional church-wide hour of prayer. If a different hour works better for you, feel free to modify

that, but if you can at that hour, please do. The point is to get us all praying for needs that are near to us as well as all other situations we or others are facing. Read each name on each list and the concern out loud or quietly, in giving thanks or petitioning on their behalf. Do it individually or with family and/or with friends. Call each other and share this prayer time together. Lord knows we all need it. Be a prayer warrior for those in need and even those we think are not in need.

Before the distancing, we had 2 prayer groups that met. Centering Prayer at 11am every Wednesday morning, and the Wednesday Evening prayer group once a month on the 4th Wednesday at 6:45pm. God willing, we will resume that schedule soon and all are welcome to be a part of either group or both. If you have any questions, please contact the church office by phone or email.

Christian Education

VBS Needs Volunteers

We are still planning for Vacation Bible School this summer and we need volunteers.

Bible School is scheduled for July 26-30 from 6:00 – 8:30 each evening.

Dinner will be served from 5:00 – 5:45.



HERE IS WHAT WE NEED:

Someone to prepare dinners, run AV equipment, Assembly Time Leader, Sparky the Dragon, Craft Leader, Bible Storytelling Leader, Recreation Leader, Volunteers to Station Leaders and Crew Leaders.

If interested in volunteering? Email Julie at juliedyke0906@gmail.com.

YOUTH GROUP



Youth Group Update

Since we cannot gather together right now, your youth leaders and Sunday School teachers want you to know we miss you and we are praying for you!

In place of the Youth Group meeting on Sundays, Alex Haney hosts a Zoom video call at 6:30pm every Sunday for approx 30 min to 1 hour. All youth and BIG kids are welcome. We usually go around

and catch up, talk about the week, highs and lows, sometimes show and tell about things we've done. When there is time we do a short devotion and a game, say a prayer together etc. The first goals are to catch up with your church friends and hear some words of encouragement from one another and/or the scriptures.

Call or text Alex, 540-292-3352 haneyja314@gmail.com. to get the meeting login info and stay connected with each other!



HEY KIDS!

SINCE WE CAN'T MEET TOGETHER RIGHT NOW, GO TO OUR WEBSITE TO FIND A WORSHIP SERVICE JUST FOR YOU!

[HTTPS://WWW.QMPC.ORG/WORSHIP-AND-MUSIC.HTML](https://www.qmpc.org/worship-and-music.html)



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 10 am Communion pick up
3 Communion	4 PNC on Zoom 7 pm	5 10 am Bible study on Zoom	6 6-7 pm Church Wide Prayer (at home)	7	8	9
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17	18 PNC on Zoom 7 pm	19 10 am Bible study on Zoom	20 6-7 pm Church Wide Prayer (at home)	21	22	23
24	25 Office Closed MEMORIAL DAY 	26	29 6-7 pm Church Wide Prayer (at home)	20		

Weekly Sunday Schedule:

10:00 a.m. Worship Service Live at twitch.tv/QMPC
6:30 p.m. Youth Group Live on Zoom