

# The Quaker Quill



May 2021

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## WHAT DOES A “NEW NORMAL” LOOK LIKE?

We will eventually will get past the pandemic and either return to the way things were or will have become new versions of what God is calling us to be and to do. Given that the world will have changed, the former is probably not wise. This transition stage must be managed well, or we could emerge showing more signs of what was lost than what has been learned.

The session is anxious to involve more members in worship and is exploring what Christian Education, Fellowship, Community, Mission Outreach, Care and Nurture might look like as more members are vaccinated and able to return in person to the life and activities of the church.

Toward that end a Task Force has been formed to begin discussions on the future. Their first meeting was Wednesday, April 28. I have encouraged the task force not to just think in terms of “going back” to the way things were but to be open to how we can do ministry in light of our mission statement: ***Welcoming all, Serving Christ and Transforming Lives and our priorities of Intergenerational ministry, Enhanced communication among members, committees and with the surrounding community and involving more members actively in the life of the church.***

As a congregation we have tried a number of new ways to do ministry and it has allowed us to remain vital and vibrant during this past year. Some of these new approaches need to

continue, e.g. online streaming of worship for those who are homebound, out of town and to reach those hesitant to attend worship in person. Every week we reach around 100 people on line from the Lynchburg area as well as across the country It is exciting to think of the difference this can make in people’s lives.

Some of our former traditions may need to be tweaked as we learn what the long term impact of COVID and the immunizations may be. We certainly never want to “Throw the baby out with the bathwater”, but we may need to be creative in finding more ways to make our ministry meaningful, spirit-filled and transformative. At the same time we need to emphasize recapturing a sense of community in safe ways.

For those who may be interested, the Presbytery is hosting a zoom workshop on May 5 at 10:00 AM and again at 7:00 PM

The title is **Covid: Lessons Learned and Finding a Way Forward.**

If you are interested in attending go to the [Peakspresbytery.org](http://Peakspresbytery.org) website to register.

Faith is a journey and I am excited to be walking with you as we seek to discern what God is calling us to in the future.

Blessings

Nancy Dawson

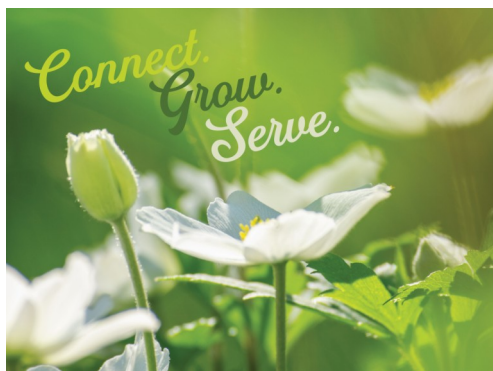
Interim Pastor



**April 2021 HIGHLIGHTS**

**At it's April meeting the Session approved:**

1. Adding Liz Huband as a designated signer on the church checking account.
2. Removing Howard Jennings, per his request, as a designated signer on the church checking account.
3. Forming a Task Force, consisting of members from the Fellowship, Christian Education and Worship & Music Committees, to develop a time-line as to when church activities will resume. Their findings will be reported to Session at its May meeting.
4. The following dates be added to the church calendar:
  - May 15-Clean up the Grounds-9:00-12:00-Bagged lunches provided
  - June 13-Cook out after church service
  - October 3-Stop Hunger Now



**In Memory of Jack Kerr**  
Bonnie Benedict

**In Memory of Richard Menconeri**  
Howard & Linda Jennings  
Amy & Tom Hills  
Randy Sayre

**In Memory of Laura Munson**  
David & Andrea Webb  
Howard & Linda Jennings  
Randy Sayre

**In Memory of Gladys Marcy**  
Howard & Linda Jennings

**In Memory of Ron Moyer**  
Howard & Linda Jennings

**In Memory of John Hubbard**  
Bob & Kathy Kaplan

**In Memory of Mary Andrews**  
Howard & Linda Jennings

**In Memory of Jim Garrett**  
Howard & Linda Jennings

**In Memory of Cecil Driskill**  
Sharon & Guy Hopkins

**In Memory of Rebecca Moore**  
Fran Underwood

# Church Wide Garden Clean Up And New Water Line Party Saturday, May 15; 9am -12pm

**Let's work together to beautify the church grounds!**

The Garden Committee and the Property Committee are teaming up for a church wide clean up day. There is a lot of work to do, and we need a lot of people to get it done.

**And the Fellowship Committee will make sack lunches for all!**



We will have 10 cubic yards of mulch to be spread among the various gardens: *Evers garden, Lockridge garden, gardens & bushes by church entrance, rose gardens, Meeting House garden, Burnett gardens and the Columbarium.* That is a lot of mulch moving! There will also be general yard clean up like picking up sticks, leaves and weeds.

Another project that will be in progress that day is putting in a permanent water line to the garden! This project is approved by Session and fully funded. The Community garden provides around 1400 pounds of food each year to the community, so having water close by will really help in maintaining the vegeta-

bles. No more long hoses stretched across the road and being driven over!

**This is a Covid safe event, everything will be outside and very spread apart. The CDC released a statement that masks are no longer needed outdoors for those vaccinated! Come enjoy some hard work & sweet fellowship with your church family.**



**So mark your calendar, bring a rake, shovel, pitch fork and some gloves and be ready to work together!**

## **Tuesday Bible Study on Zoom.**

The study through the book of Hebrews continues Tuesday mornings at 10 am on Zoom. Email the office if you would like to join.

## **Wednesday Evening Church-Wide Prayer Time**



We invite QMPC family to make every Wednesday 6pm to 7pm an intentional church-wide hour of prayer. Be a prayer warrior for those in need. Watch for the weekly email with prayer concerns.



## **May 6th at 7 PM**

The monthly Ladies Fellowship is the first Thursday of the month. So settle in your comfy couch with your favorite snacks or drinks and join the gals for a fun night of fellowship on Zoom May 6 at 7 pm.

**The family of Laura Munson** invites her QMPC friends to celebrate her life on Saturday, **May 22 at 11 am** here at the church. Laura passed away March 13, 2021.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 4:30 pm Kids Choir in sanctuary 	3 PNC 7 pm	4 10 am Bible Study Zoom	5 11 am Centering Prayer 6-7 pm Church Wide Prayer	6 7 pm Zoom Women's Gathering	7	8
9 Youth Sunday 	10 PNC 7 pm	11 10 am Bible Study Zoom	12 11 am Centering Prayer 6-7 pm Church Wide Prayer	13	14	15 9-12 Church wide Garden Clean Up Party
16 Session 4 pm	17 PNC 7 pm	18 10 am Bible Study Zoom	19 11 am Centering Prayer 6-7 pm Church Wide Prayer	20	21	22 11 am Laura Munson Funeral
23	24 PNC 7 pm	25 NO Bible Study Zoom	26 11 am Centering Prayer 6-7 pm Church Wide Prayer	27	28	29
←————— Nancy Vacation —————→						
30	31 Church Office Closed 	June 1 No Bible Study	←————— Nancy Vacation —————→			
<b>Sunday Morning Schedule:</b> 10:00 a.m. Worship Service In Sanctuary (socially distant seating) Or Online at YouTube (Quaker5810) or Facebook Live						