

NOVEMBER 2023

# THE QUAKER QUILL

THE NEWSLETTER OF QUAKER MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN

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## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Grace & Peace to You my Friends,

We are in full swing this Stewardship season, our theme: "Together" has been a lovely rallying cry for all of the saints of Quaker. I hope you have taken time to get a closer look at all of the photographs on the chancel table and baptismal font and smiled at seeing so many of our friends and family together. We will have two more Sundays of sharing "Prayer Squares" in worship. One member shared how powerful the experience was for them to not only write down what was on their heart but they found it a very meaningful privilege to take home the prayer of another.

Our Nominating Committee has begun their work and I ask everyone to pray for them as they seek the leaders God is already calling to serve as the next class of Elders. The committee is: Liz Huband, Sharon Barringer, Adam Deyerle and Gerald Doyle.

This month begins a very hard season for so many people...holidays are always a reminder of loss. If you find yourself grieving...it is okay...be gentle with yourself. Remember, we are not alone in this season nor are we alone in grief, even when it feels like we are. We plan to have a Longest Night service in December to name aloud this grief and hardship, watch for the announcement as we get closer to the day. I would invite anyone, who needs a safe place to pour out their grief to come find solace in the sanctuary. Throughout November and December, I will have a candle on a stand as well as music that can be played for folks to come and sit the sanctuary as they have need.

And finally, my prayer is all will have a Happy Thanksgiving, as we give thanks for all that we have from God and are able to share with one another!

Love & Light  
Anghaarad



Singers & Listeners of All Ages - Everyone is Invited!

The Welcome Table  
at  
Quaker Memorial  
Presbyterian Church  
5810 Fort Ave, Lynchburg, VA 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, NOVEMBER 10 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.



### **COFFEE WITH THE PASTOR**

Join Anghaarad for coffee at The Bagel & I at 20584 Timberlake Road on Monday, November 13 from 10 am-Noon. Come for a Cup of Joe, 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 Bentley's on Bedford at 2302 Bedford Avenue. Join us on Wednesday, November 15 at 11:30 am. We will need to give a final head count to the restaurant by Monday, November 13 so please RSVP to Sara by text, call 434-941-3349 or email her at [buzzandsara@gmail.com](mailto:buzzandsara@gmail.com).



### **AFTER HOURS**

Join us Thursday, November 9 at 6:00pm at 7 Rooftop Bar (1208 Commerce Street #701, downtown). Come for conversation, libations and a FANTASTIC VIEW!

### **COMMUNION AT BENTLEY COMMONS & VALLEY VIEW**

Each month Quaker delivers communion to our neighbors at Bentley Commons (2nd Tuesday at 6pm) and Valley View (3rd Thursday at 3:00pm). The residents at both places truly enjoy having folks visit with them during these short worship services. If you would like to join us, please let one of the pastors or the office know that you are coming.



**Don't forget to set your clocks back an hour before you go to bed this Saturday night!**



**The Church Office will be closed on Wednesday, November 22, Thanksgiving Day, November 23 and Friday, November 24 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.**



## **GOT CONFIRMANDS?**

We will be putting together the next confirmation class for all Quaker youth grades 7 and above who have not been through confirmation. If you have a youth that would like to take part this year, please let Pastor Anghaarad know as she begins planning this year's class. We are hoping to partner with a couple of our neighboring churches.



## **BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS NOVEMBER 5TH AT 3:30PM**

Please join us for a Blessing of the Animals under the shade trees by the playground. All furry, scaly, feathered friends are welcome as well as photos of beloved pets unable to travel or who have left this world. If you do bring your pet, please be sure that they are leashed, crated or otherwise restrained.



## **STEWARDSHIP DEDICATION SUNDAY NOVEMBER 12**

Together...We... grow, thrive, give, share, care, are better. This stewardship season we have reflected on the ways in which we are better together. It is together that we share what we have to care for others, to nurture the next generation, to shine the light of Christ in our community. On Stewardship Dedication Sunday you will have the opportunity to present your pledge to the continuing work of Quaker for the next year. Your pledge helps our Session adequately plan for the coming year...we trust in your generosity to continue the good work already begun. You should have received a mailing that included a pledge card, please spend the next few days prayerfully considering your pledge. During worship on November 12, we will joyfully bring forth our pledge cards and dedicate them to the service of God's Kingdom. We look forward to seeing everyone there!



## **SCOTLAND TOUR 2024**

Join Angharad for a trip to Scotland (October 7-October 15, 2024). The trip will cost \$3895 per person and includes coach travel, hotels, some meals, tipping, and fees. An initial deposit of \$195 is due by November 5, 2023 to receive the early bird discount for a \$100 savings. All balances on the trip will need to be paid by July 10, 2024. The trip will include Edinburgh, Iona, St. Andrews, Loch Ness, Stirling, Culloden and an opportunity to explore Scotland's sacred heritage. A full brochure with all the details is in the office...but we have been guaranteed 18 spots on this tour until January 2024 (so don't miss out on the opportunity). This trip is also open to friends, family and other members of Peaks Presbytery.



### **SNACK DRIVE FOR PARKVIEW MISSION'S FOOD FOR THOUGHT**



Our annual snack drive is during the entire month of November. This year, you may pick up one of the teal shopping bags on the table in the Narthex, fill it with snacks and return it to the church filled or just bring your snacks and place them in the barrel in the Narthex. There is a QR code attached to the bag with suggested items. You may also keep the bag if you wish. Either way, you will be supporting this weekly program for food-insecure students. Thank you in advance for helping provide food for around one thousand local students each week.

**ADVENT**  
*Workshop*

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26  
AFTER WORSHIP  
GOURMET SOUP BAR  
prepared by Steve Hubbard  
DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR THE SEASON  
MAKE AN ORNAMENT FOR THE CHURCH & HOME  
PREPARE YOURSELF FOR ADVENT



Peakland Baptist is hosting a Craft Fair on November 12 from 1 to 4pm to support Interfaith Outreach. Peakland Baptist is at 4018 Peakland Place in Boonsboro.







## **YOUTH SUMMER CONFERENCES**

We hope that all of our youth will take advantage of Youth Summer Conferences at Massanetta Springs and Montreat...for youth who are planning to attend in 2024 we are asking that a \$100 deposit be turned in by November 15th as we begin the process of registering!

## **YOUTH ACTIVITIES FOR NOVEMBER**

Nov. 5 No Youth Fellowship...Choir will meet at 4:00pm

Nov. 11 QMPC Night at Dunbar Theatre for Drowsy Chaperone Jr.

Nov. 12 FROYO after Worship...we will carpool down to Sweet Frog for Frozen Yogurt & Fellowship

Nov. 19 Underground Church (Misty Vinson-Spitzer dinner)

Nov. 25 Advent Workshop after Worship



## **SUPPORT OUR YOUTH**

This month we have youth performing at Dunbar in the production of ***Drowsy Chaperone Jr.*** the weekend of October 10-12. Let's have a Quaker showing at EC Glass on Saturday, November 11 at 7pm. Pastor Anghaarad will be in the lobby early and will help direct folks to seats together.

**Congratulations** to Heritage High School Theatre who placed 2nd in the High School Theatre Festival at the Virginia Theatre Association Conference in October and Congratulations to Elizabeth Plucker who a Top Tier Award for Playwriting at VTA.

## **TRICK OR TREAT FOR HUNGER**

Thank you for all of the Donations! The youth collected lots of nonperishables for the Blue Ridge Food Bank, thank you to everyone who donated groceries!





## **STEWARDSHIP FOR OUR QMPC FOOD MISSIONS**

Rise against Hunger Congregational packing party is January 28, 2024. Place on your calendars!

- QMPC pays Rise against Hunger \$4000 to provide packing supplies, support us in packing and shipping 10,000 bags to national and international recipients
- Rise against Hunger line item in our QMPC Mission budget is \$1500 a year
- We need your Stewardship commitment to support this mission in person and with your financial pledge

Think about joining our QMPC Garden team and be a steward of God's creation and to help feed the hungry!

- QMPC Garden provided over 1350 pounds of vegetables to the Blue Ridge Food Bank, Daily Bread and Salvation Army this year
- Who's in the garden? We meet Monday and Thursday mornings from 8:30am to 10am to water, weed, tie up and sucker tomatoes, thin carrots and pick vegetables during the growing season. We have somewhere between 3 and 5 people join us on a regular basis but we need more help and would love to see more people get involved!
- 4 to 5 Saturdays a year from 9 to 11 AM we need additional congregational help for planting plants and seeds, digging sweet potatoes and carrots, staking tomatoes and restoring the soil with horse manure, compost and cleaning up. We usually have 6-12 people help with this and could use more help.
- During our last two scheduled Saturday gatherings we dug sweet potatoes and carrots and spread manure and applied lime. We were blessed to have extra help from Alicia DeWever and Valerie Rogers who brought their daughters.
- A garden subcommittee of Jane, Glennys and Jim Leach was established after they expressed an interest in increasing the beauty of the garden for the church as well as creating a memorial garden for those people that worked in the garden who have passed away. We want congregation members to provide perennials to be planted in the spring and in the fall. If you have any perennials please contact Jane and if you are interested in working with the memorial garden subcommittee please contact Jane.

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### **STEWARDSHIP FOR OUR QMPC FOOD MISSIONS (CONTINUED)**

- QMPC Composting project: We need your “compost”! Horse manure from Lewis and Molly Garbee, Chicken manure from Sam and Josie Miller, 2 five gallon buckets of compost from Daily Bread each week and compost brought in by church members each week has added up to 50 gallons of lovely compost to date! Thanks! Please bring in your compost on Sunday and one of Garden team well help you put it in the compost tumbler. If Sunday does not work call Deborah at church and she will connect you with one of the members of the QMPC Garden Team.
- Grant update: QMPC has applied for and received \$2500.00 from the Presbytery of the Peaks Justice and Mercy Commission for updating the garden beds over the next 3 years. A Earth Care Mini grant application to the Presbytery of the Peaks Earth Care work group has been submitted for \$400 to pay for the compost tumbler and buckets. This is pending.

QMPC Garden mission is supported by individual gifts directed to the garden fund, by grants and by the time commitment from our QMPC members.

QMPC has delivered Meals on Wheels as a church team for 40 + years to present.

QMPC Budget line item gifts to local food missions in the Lynchburg area include the following:

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| • Lynchburg Salvation Army          | \$2000 per year |
| • Blue Ridge area Food Bank         | \$1200 per year |
| • Daily Bread                       | \$1700 per year |
| • Meals on Wheels                   | \$2900 per year |
| • Parkview Mission/Food for Thought | \$1700 per year |

QMPC every November has a Snacks Food drive and every May has a Personal Hygiene drive for Food for Thought.

As we reflect on our responsibilities to be good stewards... to be the hands and feet of Christ, we think of ways we can contribute to our church family, to our local, national and world communities with our talents and financial gifts.

QMPC Mission Committee and QMPC Garden Team

# FLOWERS

## JANUARY

January 7 - (open)  
 January 14 - (open)  
 January 21 - Sara Curtis  
 January 28 - Whorley

## FEBRUARY

Feb. 4 - Helen Ford  
 Feb. 11 - (open)  
 Feb. 18 - Sarah Garrett  
 Feb. 25 - Peggy Deyerle

## MARCH

March 3 - Laura Jones  
 March 10 - Sarah Evers  
 March 17 - (open)  
 March 24 - Palm Sunday  
 March 31 - Easter Sunday

## APRIL

April 7 - Sara Curtis  
 April 14 - Sam Leslie (Ann)  
 April 21 - (open)  
 April 28 - (open)

## MAY

May 5 - Evers Children  
 May 12 - Ford family  
 May 19 - Ford family  
 May 26 - Scott & Angie  
 Ashman

## JUNE

June 2 - (open)  
 June 9 - Ford Family  
 June 16 - Ford Family  
 June 23 - Sara Curtis  
 June 30 - Glenn Flint

## JULY

July 7 - (open)  
 July 14- Lois Sandidge  
 July 21 - (open)  
 July 28 - (open)

## AUGUST

August 4 - (open)  
 August 11 - Peggy Deyerle  
 August 18 - Sam Leslie (Judy)  
 August 25 - Scott & Angie  
 Ashman

## SEPTEMBER

September 1 - Mary Woodie  
 September 8 - Womack  
 September 15 - Shirley Morris  
 September 22 - Carolyn Eubank  
 September 29 - Lockridge

## OCTOBER

October 6 - Pam Caulkins  
 October 13 - Julia Bryan  
 October 20 - Garbee  
 October 27 - Josie Miller

## NOVEMBER

November 3 - Lockridge  
 November 10 - (open)  
 November 17 - Whorley  
 November 24 - Beilfus

## DECEMBER

December 1- Ford family  
 Dec. 8, 15, 22 Poinsettias  
 December 29 - (open)



This is our flower calendar for 2024. If you want to continue to give flowers, please let us know by calling the office or emailing at [office@qmpc.org](mailto:office@qmpc.org). Please let us know if you have any requests for flower colors and who the flowers are given in honor or memory of. If you do not currently provide flowers and would like to take one of the open dates, please let the office know. We order the flower arrangements from Kathryn's Flower Shop and the cost for the 2 arrangements are \$70. In the past, we have used only white arrangements for the first Sunday of every month but we are changing that next year. The arrangements can be any color you request.

## OCTOBER MEMORIALS & GIFTS

### In Memory of Dot Franklin

Given by:  
Jane Roark  
Carolyn & Reuben Womack

### In Honor of Doris Daniel's 101st Birthday

Sara Curtis

### In Memory of Scott Robert

Anonymous

### In Honor of Howard & Linda Jennings

Dana Chenault

### In Memory of J.J. & Joanne Vagi

Jon Vagi



Congratulations to parents Emily and Aaron Epperson, grandparents Carol & Larry Epperson, great grandmother Sarah Evers and great aunt Joan Woodroof on the birth of Henley Joelle Epperson. Henley was born on September 30.

### YEAR TO DATE FINANCIAL REPORT (THROUGH OCTOBER)

	Sep-23 Monthly	Year to Date
Revenue	\$ 20,991.86	\$ 267,934.75
Expenses	\$ 24,025.14	\$ 253,724.30
Difference	\$ (3,033.28)	\$ 14,210.45

### 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](http://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.



# November 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 STAR Home-school Group downstairs 11am Centering Prayer 6pm Pray for each other	2  7pm Chancel Choir rehearsal	3	4
5 <b>All Saint's Day</b> 9am Sunday School 10am Worship 11:15 am Children's Choir 3:30pm Blessing of the Animals 4pm Youth Choir 4:45 pm Youth Fellowship	6	7 10am Zoom Bible Study Group	8 STAR Home-school Group downstairs 11am Centering Prayer 6pm Pray for each other 6:30 pm Property Committee	9  6pm After Hours at 7 Rooftop Bar 7pm Chancel Choir rehearsal	10 10am Lynchburg Retired Teachers Assoc. Board meeting  6pm The Welcome Table Potluck & Hymn Sing	11
12 <b>Dedication Sunday</b> 9am Sunday School 10am Worship 11:15 am Children's Choir 4pm Youth Choir 4:45 pm Youth Fellowship	13 10 am to noon Coffee w/ Pastor at The Bagel & I	14 10am Zoom Bible Study Group  6pm Communion at Bentley Commons	15 STAR Home-school Group downstairs 11am Centering Prayer 5:30 pm Endowment Committee 6pm Pray for each other	16  Presbytery Mtg at First Pres  3pm Communion at Valley View 7pm Chancel Choir rehearsal	17	18
19 9am Sunday School 10am Worship 11:15 am Children's Choir 11:15am Session 11:15am to 1:30pm Pictures taken for Pictorial Directory 4pm Youth Choir 4:45 pm Youth Fellowship	20 10am Comfort Table Support Group meets for breakfast at Cracker Barrel	21 10am Zoom Bible Study Group	22 11am Centering Prayer 6pm Pray for each other	23 	24 Church Office closed	25
26 9am Sunday School 10am Worship 11:15am 	27	28 10am Zoom Bible Study Group	29 STAR Home-school Group downstairs 11am Centering Prayer 6pm Pray for each other	30  7pm Chancel Choir rehearsal		