

NOVEMBER 2024

# THE QUAKER QUILL

THE NEWSLETTER OF QUAKER MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN

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## **A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR**

Grace and Peace,

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing...

November is the month we count our blessings and give thanks to God for all God has done for us. Families travel near and far to be together 'round the table in the familiar traditions of turkey and dressing. I am mindful that for some of our families a chair will be empty for the first time and for others conflict maybe keeping them apart...I pray for all who find the holidays difficult for whatever reason. I am mindful that this election month is also a reminder of all of the deep divisions in our country as well as our families...may we all find a way to live in peace with one another.

November is Stewardship Month. Our theme this year, "All In," asks us to give our all to the One who gave all for us. To get really practical: the church doesn't run without the gifts of our members that is financial as well as time...QMPC needs all of us doing our part in order to care for one another and serve our community with grace and love. I hope that everyone will join us on November 10 for Stewardship Dedication Sunday...during worship we will dedicate our pledges and after worship we will have a lovely celebration with tapas prepared by our own Steve Hubbard. If you did not receive a pledge card in the mail...please let the office know ASAP and we will get one to you.

Finally, I would love to invite QMPC folks to see me in the chorus of the Opera on the James performance of La Boheme on November 8 & 10 at the Academy.

Shalom,  
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  
NOVEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:30

Bring a Dish or Two & a Friend 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 18 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 Merredith's on Dixie Airport Road in Madison Heights. Join us on Wednesday, November 20 at 11:30 am. We will need to give a final head count to the restaurant by Monday, November 18 so please RSVP to Sara by text, call 434-941-3349 or email her at [buzzandsara@gmail.com](mailto:buzzandsara@gmail.com).



**Our Confirmation Class** - As they meet with the Session this month to present their Faith Statements. Confirmation Sunday will be in December.

**Our Nominating Committee** - As they continue their work of compiling the slate for our next class of Elders to serve on the Session.



## NOVEMBER SNACK DRIVE



The Missions Committee is collecting individually packaged snacks for its annual support of Parkview Missions Backpack for Kids program during the entire month of November. These snacks are a part of weekly meal bags for food-insecure students in Lynchburg and the surrounding area. They are currently providing bags to over 1000 students weekly.

Items may be left in the baskets in the Narthex near the office. Thank you in advance for your generous support.



# ALL IN

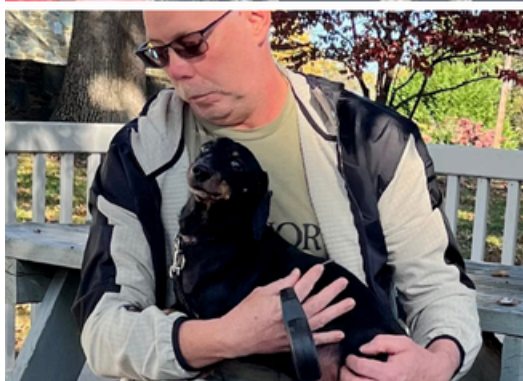
**STEWARDSHIP DEDICATION NOVEMBER 10, 2024**

**DURING WORSHIP WE WILL DEDICATE OUR PLEDGES**

**EVERYONE IS INVITED TO STAY FOR A RECEPTION AFTER WORSHIP**

**TO CELEBRATE OUR LIVE TOGETHER AT QUAKER...WE HOPE EVERYONE WILL BE ALL IN!**





Meet Taylor, DJ, Gypsy & June...all four were blessed at our recent Blessing of the Animals

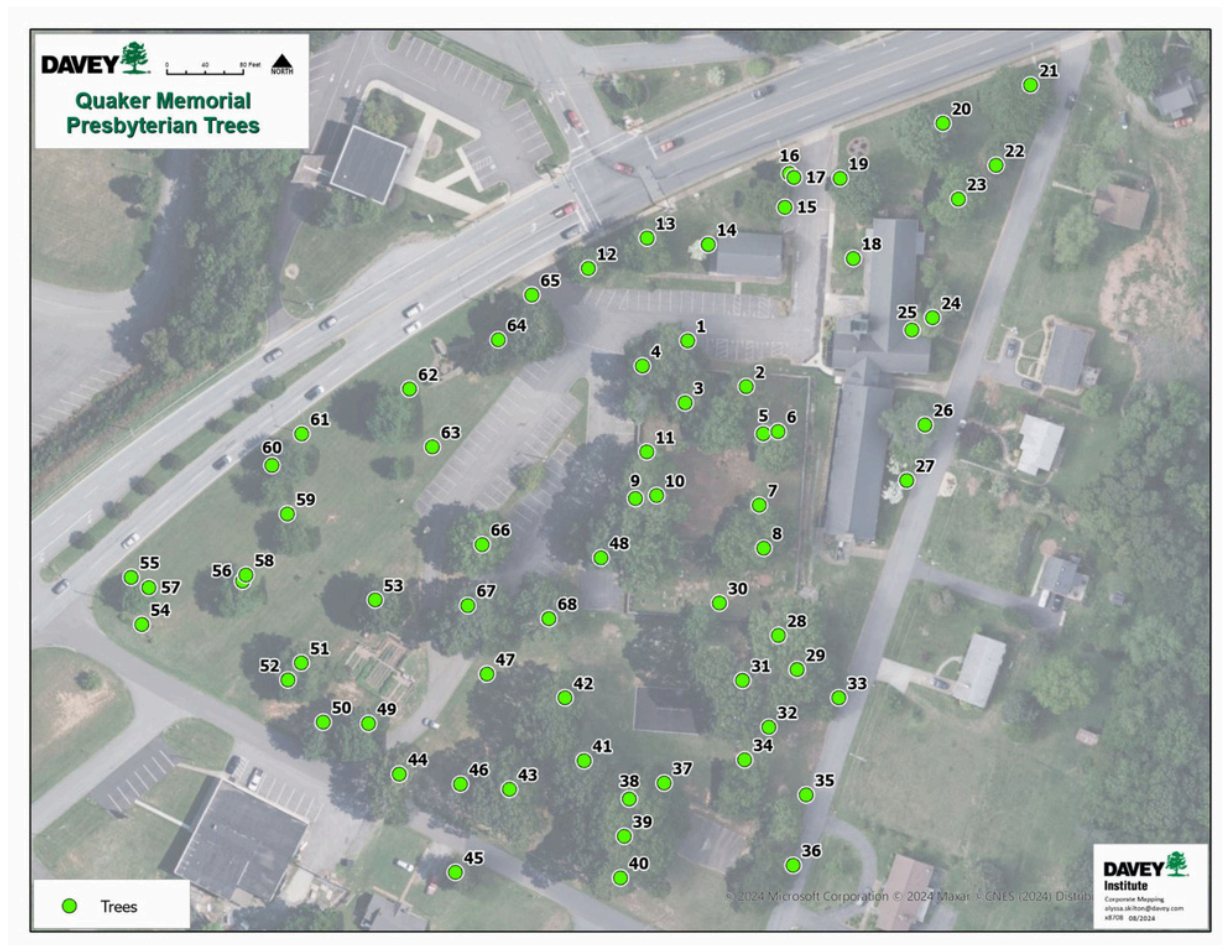
Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, November 20 at 6:30pm

Anghaarad will be leading a study for Women starting this month with an interest and organizational meeting...women of all ages are invited to participate in this study group that will meet downstairs. If you are interested in being a part of the group but can't attend the first gathering please let Anghaarad know your availability.







### **From the Property Committee**

As you can see in the satellite view of our church property, we have almost 70 trees! And, just like our members, they range in age, size, and health.

With so many trees, the Property Committee has been working with an arborist, Mr. Dean Dykeman. He has put together a multi-phase plan to address the health and safety of the trees on our property.

The first phase, which hopefully can be funded this winter, includes twelve trees, and concentrates on the trees around the parking lot, church building, and playground. Dead wood will be removed and canopies will be raised. The locust near John Lynch's grave will be cut down.

Subsequent phases will address maintenance issues of all of the trees on the property.





### **From the Property Committee (continued)**

In other news, the Property Committee has been busy with the following:

- Changing light bulbs
- Decluttered the vestibule closet and the library
- Yard cleanup in preparation for the Block Party
- Weather stripping and new hinges on main doors
- Repaired frayed wires of locking system on main doors
- Sanctuary A/C failure-Repaired under warranty
- Outside locked mailbox replaced after vandalism
- Mulch spread around trees and flower beds
- Hung the Battle of Lynchburg Map donated by Glenn Flint
- Contracted with CLC to have large bushes behind sanctuary A/C unit removed
- Contracted with CLC to trim and shape the bush by the side entrance so that it's 4' away from the A/C unit
- Met with Dean Dykeman of Arboristry to determine maintenance needed on trees and boxwoods
- Acquired insurance from Brotherhood Mutual
- Contracted with Ed Gibson to replace windows on the older wing
- Ordered main Door Lock Box as requested by Lynchburg Fire Department
- Replaced broken PCUSA signs
- Cleaned folding chairs in the Fellowship Hall
- Added security cameras to the back of the church property
- Installed a filtered tap in the kitchen
- Replaced the light switch in the Pastor's office
- Fixed the folding machine...AGAIN!

We took the High Road and have returned from Scotland. It was truly a wonderful trip for everyone who traveled through the ancestral home of the Presbyterian Church. We visited beautiful places, ate great food, sipped some Scotch whiskey, learned lots of history, worshipped in St. Giles and enjoyed everyone in the group's company. It is good to be home but what a lovely trip on the bonnie, bonnie banks of Loch Lomond. Here are a few pictures from our AMAZING trip. Now where to next?





## OCTOBER MEMORIALS & GIFTS

### **Donations to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance**

In Memory of  
The Honorable Richard S. Miller  
Andrea & David Webb, Sr.

In Honor of  
The Marriage of  
Audrey Webb and Walter Kahrs

### **In Memory of Ginny Kerr**

Shirley Morris  
Andrea & David Webb, Sr.

## **Church Financial Report**

Sep-24	Monthly	Year to Date
Revenue	\$43,973.21	\$283,383.67
Expenses	\$34,815.84	\$264,745.85
Difference	\$9,157.37	\$18,637.82

## **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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 9am Sunday School 10am Worship 2pm Visitation 3pm Funeral for Ginny Kerr	4	5 10am Zoom Bible Study	6 11am Centering Prayer 6pm Prayer for others at home	7	8 6:30 pm Welcome Table	9 9am to 11am Garden Work Day
10 9am Sunday School 10am Worship 	11	12 10am Zoom Bible Study 10am Communion at The Summit 6pm Communion at Bentley Commons	13 11am Centering Prayer 6pm Prayer for others at home 6:30pm Property Committee meeting	14 10am Comfort Table Support Group	15	16
17 9am Sunday School 10am Worship 11:15 am Session meeting	18 10am Coffee with Pastor Cemetery Committee meeting	19 10am Zoom Bible Study	20 11am Centering Prayer 11:30am Lunch Bunch 6pm Prayer for others at home 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study meeting	21 3pm Communion at Willow Ridge	22	23
24 9am Sunday School 10am Worship 11:15am Luncheon & Advent Workshop 	25	26 10am Zoom Bible Study	27 Office Closed 11am Centering Prayer 6pm Prayer for others at home	28 Office Closed 	29 Office Closed	30