NOVEMBER 2026

# THE QUAKER QUILL



# A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Blessings & Peace to you,

There is so much to be thankful for as we enter the month of November. We have had a wonderful Stewardship Season, thank you to all who have helped make the brochure, the moments for gratitude, the mailing and the art installation possible. I would say gratitude is definitely a foundational stone of the people of Quaker and I would add that generosity is another. This is truly a congregation built on the pillars of: Generosity, Gratitude, Faith, and Community…this is seen in all aspects of our life together through worship, service, and discipleship.

Thank you to everyone who donated peanut butter to the Blue Ridge Food Bank…we collected 248 jars!!!!! Over a dozen volunteers harvested our Sweet Potatoes and 343 pounds are curing down in our basement to get ready to be donated to our neighbors. This month we are collecting snack foods for Food for Thought, a backpack feeding program for students in Lynchburg area schools (suggested donations are in the newsletter). The Christmas Angel tree will be up beginning November 29th and this year we are exclusively collecting kitchen items for Interfaith Outreach to help homeless families set up house…those are not due until later in December.

I hope to see lots of Quaker faces at the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service on November 26, 9:30am The service will be at Quaker this year. And as the Advent Season begins this month, I will be offering a study on Wednesdays from Noon-1pm in the library. We will be looking at the study: "A Weary World" by Kathy Escobar. Books are $10 a piece. Our Annual Advent Workshop to prepare our facilities and ourselves for the Advent Season is November 22nd after worship.

November 6 and 8 you will find me onstage at the Academy with the Opera on the James as part of the chorus for The Magic Flute…all are invited.

As we move from a season of generosity into a season of thanksgiving and finally into a time of preparation, I hope that the beloved community, which is QMPC, will find different ways to participate in the life and work of our congregation.

Love and Light,
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
## Singing to Follow

Warm Welcome, Fine Food & Sweet Harmony

Americana & Roots Music, Spirituals, Gospel Songs,
Country Blues, Mountain Hymns & Civil Rights Anthems

## Friday Evening, November 13th 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.

# NEWS & EVENTS



## COFFEE WITH THE PASTOR

Join Anghaarad for coffee at The Bagel & I at 20584 Timberlake Road on Monday, November 16 from 10 am to noon. Come for a cup of coffee, 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 meet at Applebee's on Candler's Mountain Rood. Join us on Wednesday, November 18 at 11:30 am. We will need to give a final head count to the caterer by Monday, November 16. You can RSVP to Sara Curtis by text, call 434-941-3349 or email her at buzzandsara@gmail.com.



# NEWS & EVENTS

## PROPERTY COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT

The Property Committee has had a busy few weeks as we finalize next year's budget, review vendor contracts, and explore ways to better utilize our church home. Here is a brief update on our recent projects and priorities:

- Lawncare Contracts: To address significant cost increases over the past couple of years, our team is working to reduce expenses while keeping our 5-acre campus well-maintained.
- Roofing & Repairs: Recent rains revealed a leak in the fellowship hall. We hired a local company to replace the Fellowship Hall chimney flashing and install a new metal roof above the trash can area facing the Quaker Parkway. We are salvaging the existing slate for future repairs. This work will take place in late November or early December and is expected to last about a week.
- Building & Grounds: The ROMEOS and Worker Bees continue preserving historic documents, organizing storage areas, and maintaining the grounds. We are also mapping electrical panels and security systems, and exploring new sanctuary cleaning methods. As always, we welcome all who would like to help maintain our church.

## WHAT IS LEGACY GIVING?

For the next several months, we will be sharing information provided by Bob Lockridge in a luncheon in September to the Lunch Bunch group and other interested individuals about our Legacy Giving and Endowment program.

**History of the QMPC Funds**

QMPC Trustees managed funds with Session approval that came from the 1968 Fort Avenue property sale

- The property sold for $75,000; after a $7,500 realtor's commission and $15,000 for sanctuary air conditioning, $52,500 remained.
- The courts identified four Lynchburg investment organizations for the funds; annual returns were designated for benevolence and supported missionary work from 1969 to 1996.
- In 1996, Session received court approval to invest the Property Fund in any Session-approved investment.

**History of the QMPC Funds**

Cemetery Fund restrictions

- The 1972 cemetery addition extended the rock wall and added plots for members; proceeds established the Cemetery Fund to maintain both cemetery areas.
- Dr. Bernard E. Bain and Edna B. Bain bequeathed quarterly funds, now directed to the QMPC Cemetery Fund.
- The fund may be used only to maintain or improve the old and new cemetery areas.

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## Snack Food Drive

Once again we are collecting Snack Food for Parkview Food for Thought Program
A backpack feeding program for students in need from Lynchburg area schools.
All donations need to be child-friendly, nutritious, non-perishable, easy-to-prepare meals and snacks. Deadline is November 29th. Suggested food items:

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| Ramen Noodles | Juice Boxes | Oatmeal |
| Mac & Cheese Cups | Fruit Cups | Chips |
| Protein Bars | Dried Fruit | Microwavable |
| Granola Bars | Fruit Gummies | Soups, Chili or Stew |
| Slim Jims | Pretzels | Shelf Stable Milk |
| Crackers | | |



# NEWS & EVENTS

You and your family are invited
Thanksgiving Day,
November 26 at 9:30am

## Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

**hosted by Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church**

*Please bring a non-perishable food for local blessing boxes.*

## Christmas Angels arrive Sunday, November 29



Once again we will be collecting items to support homeless families through Interfaith Outreach Association. All items this year will be kitchen & dining items to help these families set up in a new home with all that they need to prepare a meal.

Some of the suggested items that will be on the tree this year are: dishes, pots & pans, utensils, baking pans, small appliances, and silverware.

We are asking everyone who takes an angel to leave an angel ornament in its place.

**All angel gifts need to be returned to the church by December 23, 2026**
**Thank you in advance for your generosity.**





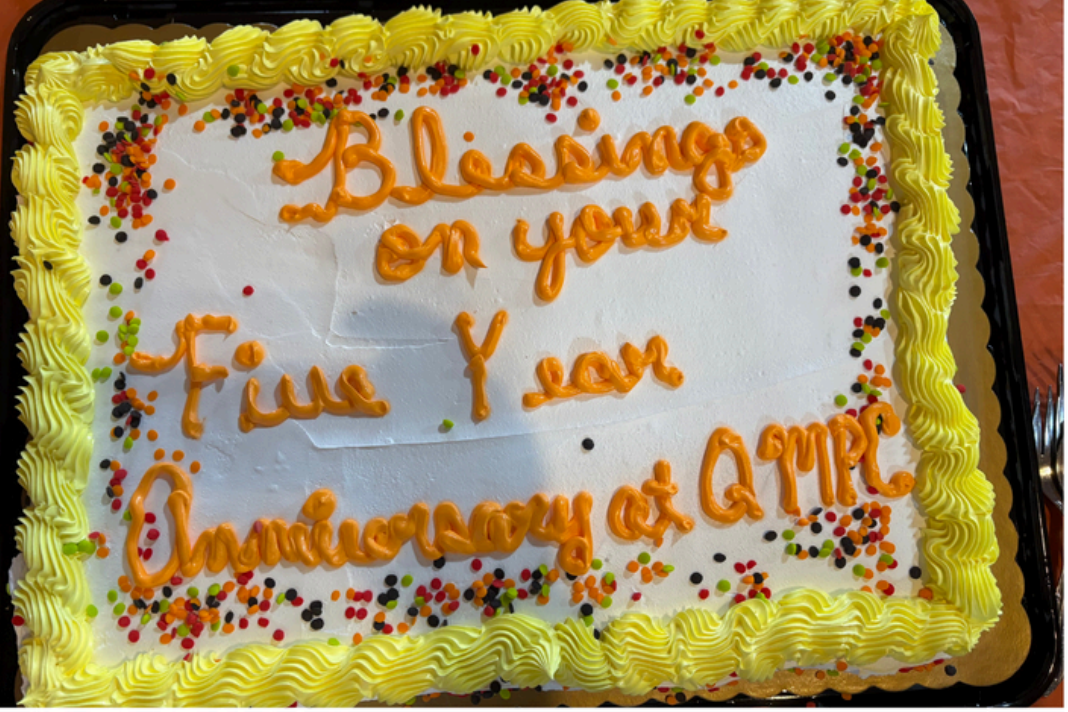









What a wonderful weekend at QMPC... 343 pounds of sweet potatoes were harvested--lots of volunteers helped, 242 jars of peanut butter were collected, a bagpiper in worship, a potluck lunch, complete with cake and celebration of Anghaarad's 5 years as our pastor. WOW!! Blessings Abound!


Blessings
on your
Five Year
Anniversary at GMPC









# October Memorials

**In memory of Houston Crowder**

**Diane & William Hetzel**

**In memory of Kathy Beatrice**
**Dana Chenault**

**Thank You!**

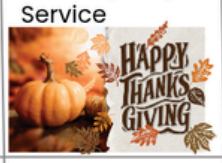
Thank you QMPC! You were so generous with your acts of kindness during this time when we lost both parents. God Bless you,

Sheryl Kesselring and family

# Online Giving Available

Just a reminder that we now offer electronic giving. You can give simply by scaning the QR code to the side or go to our website 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 2026

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1<br><br> | 2<br>10am Art Class | 3<br>9am Online Bible Study | 4<br>11:30am Centering Prayer<br>6pm Pray for others at home | 5<br>7pm Chancel Choir rehearsal | 6 | 7 |
| 8<br>9am Adult Sunday School<br>10am Worship | 9<br>10am Art Class | 10<br>9am Online Bible Study<br>10am Communiion at The Summit<br>6pm Communion at Bentley Commons | 11<br>11:30am Centering Prayer<br>6pm Women's Bible Study<br>6pm Pray for others at home | 12<br>7pm Chancel Choir rehearsal | 13<br>6pm Welcome Table | 14<br>Memorial Service for Kathy Beatrice |
| 15<br>9am Adult Sunday School<br>10am Worship<br>11:15 am Session | 16<br>10am Art Class | 17<br>9am Online Bible Study | 18<br>11:30am Lunch Bunch<br>11:30am Centering Prayer<br>6pm Women's Bible Study<br>6pm Pray for others at home | 19<br>3pm Communion at Willow Ridge<br>7pm Chancel Choir rehearsal | 20 | 21 |
| 22<br>9am Adult Sunday School<br>10am Worship | 23<br>10am Art Class | 24<br>9am Online Bible Study | 25<br>Church Office Closed<br>12 noon Advent Study<br>6pm Pray for others at home | 26 Church Office Closed<br>9:30am Interfaith Thanksgiving Service<br><br> | 27<br>Church Office Closed | 28 |
| 29<br>9am Adult Sunday School<br>10am Worship | 30<br>10am Art Class | | | | | |