

The Quaker Quill



November 2019

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WELCOMING ALL, SERVING CHRIST, TRANSFORMING LIVES

LIVING WITH GRATITUDE

The month of November gives us pause to stop and appreciate all the blessings in our lives such as:

- The creation in which we live with the changing colors on the leaves, or even now with bare trees preparing for winter and the hope of spring. The lovely fall flowers and less grass to mow, for blue skies of many hues and crisp fall mornings.
- The work we have been called to do whether it is school work, our career, part-time employment after retirement or children or grandchildren arrive, or the volunteer work we do. When we use the gifts and skills, experience and wisdom God has given us in some purposeful undertaking, we can appreciate the benefits of co-workers, volunteer friends, the people we meet and serve and the sense of a job well done!
- The families we have whether inherited by biology or chosen as loved ones in our lives. The experiences and memories we share, the knowledge that we are loved, respected, cherished and supported.
- The relationships we have with those at church, the freedom to worship freely, the opportunities to learn together, the joy received when serving those in need.

- To see and feel God in action, the assurance that we are not alone in good times and bad and the aha moments that bring us deeper in faith and even allow more questions than answers to arise.

I believe that we are called to express those appreciations to God and to each other. God is due our thanksgiving and praise. Other human beings are edified when we recognize the good they do whether out front where others can see or behind the scenes.

My challenge for all of this during this Thanksgiving Season is that we speak and share our thanksgivings to God and appreciation of others for we are all greatly blessed in so many ways.

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SESSION MEETING

Highlights from the October Session:

Property Task Force Report

- Contract for drainage work from C.L. Garbee Construction was presented and approved. Work will begin in approximately 2 weeks.
- Contract for gutter replacements from Brothers Who Do Gutters was presented and approved.
- Contract for window replacements & repair from Mark A. Moyer Construction was presented and approved.

Clerk Report

- Request to use the building for Bells of the Blue Ridge Concert on December 16-17 was approved.
- Letter from Presbytery confirming the renewal of Rev. Dr. Nancy Dawson's contract was read.
- Thank you note from CASA for use of the building was shared.

Capital Campaign Report

- 69 pledges have come in.
- The first 9 items on the list are funded and the next 4 are pledged.
- Purchase and installation of the Electronic Sign was approved.

Endowment Committee Report

- Request to place the Capital Campaign funds into an interest bearing account was approved.

Garden Committee Report

- Request to place a beehive in the garden was approved. This will provide increased pollination and eventually some honey.

Pastor Nominating Committee Report

- Currently working on the Ministry Information Form. Session will review the draft and give feedback by Nov. 3. There will be a Called Session Meeting on Nov. 10 at 9:30 am to approve the MIF.

Stewardship Committee Report

- A timeline was presented for the Stewardship Campaign: Nov. 10 is kickoff, Dedication Sunday is December 1.

October

Gifts & Memorials

Given in Memory of Judy Leslie

Nancy Mize
Gayle Guthrie
Evelyn Glass
Howard & Linda Jennings
Sara & Buzz Curtis
Beth Caister

Given in Memory of Virginia Pickrel

Sara & Buzz Curtis
Fran Underwood
Reuben & Carolyn Womack
Nancy Mize
Evelyn Glass
Jack & Ginny Kerr
Doris Daniel
Mary Hege
Sarah & Jim Garrett
National Association of Letter Carriers
Winelda Hall
Gary & Lynn Garner
Bob & Maureen Lockridge
Glenn & Patricia Doss
Stan & Janet Sosnowski
John & Janet LaPrade

Given in Honor of the Choir & Music

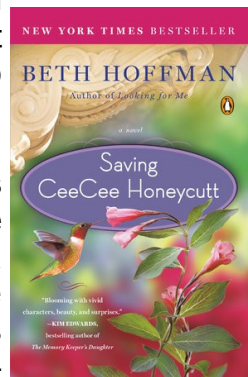
Brit LeCompte





Book Club

During November, book club will read *Saving CeeCee Honeycutt* by Beth Hoffman then get together to talk about it on Thursday, December 5th at 10:00 a.m. Even if you haven't read the book, join us! Find out who comes to book club and see what goes on. Depending on the topic, the interest the characters in the book evoke, the writing, and on the extra topics that come up, we meet for one to two hours and enjoy our time together.



Everyone is welcome to join us! For any questions contact Linda Jennings at 525-5423 or by email at lcjenn805@gmail.com.

Lunch Bunch



Before the Thanksgiving feasting begins, join Lunch Bunch at Red Lobster for lunch on Wednesday, November 20th at 11:30 a.m. Red Lobster is on the ring road at River Ridge Mall off Candler's Mountain Rd. Anyone is welcome to join us for a fun time with good food and plenty of conversation. Please let us know if you can come by contacting Linda Jennings by Monday, November 18th by calling 525-5423 or email lcjenn805@gmail.com.

Young at Heart

Young at Heart November 21

Come join us at Young At Heart on Thursday, November 21, 2019 at 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Again this month it is BYOL - beverages will be provided. Cost is \$2.00 per person. We will be entertained by Susan Carol, a well known Harpist and Soloist. **Note the date change** from the fourth to the third Thursday. Mark your calendar for Thursday November 21 and feel free to bring a friend or two.



Capital Campaign Update

The Capital Campaign would like to thank those members at QMPC that made a financial commitment to the QMPC Capital Campaign. As of October 27, 2019 we have received 71 pledges, amounting to \$194,420. We have received \$150,865 in cash which allowed the Session on 10-20-19 to award contracts for Drainage, Gutters and Windows & Trim to three different contractors. The Property Task Force continues to work with different vendors to complete all 17 projects costing about \$250,000 to transform "God's house into a Home". We need all the members of our congregation supporting the Capital Campaign to complete these goals. Your pledge is not due now but can be given all at once, on a weekly, monthly or biannual basis. The QMPC Capital Campaign runs from September 15, 2019 to March 31, 2020.

***Yours in Christ,
Capital Campaign Committee***

Fellowship News!

We're entering our busiest season in these next two months and could use some **extra hands**. There are a number of ways that you can give of your time and talent to help make our annual **Giving Thanks Dinner** and **Candlelight Buffet** extra special. Be on the lookout for sign-up sheets with ways that you can lend a hand.

Be sure to **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

- **November 24:**
**Giving Thanks Dinner
after church service**
- **December 15:**
Candlelight Buffet

Prayer Group

In addition to Centering Prayer that meets on Wednesday Mornings at 11am, there has been some expressed interest in starting a prayer group to pray out loud together. We would like to find a time that works for most to attend and rally around our PNC group as they do the work they have been nominated to do by the church and pray for the concern list as well. If you would like to participate in this group, prayerfully consider it and please contact the church by phone, email (office@qmpc.org) or in person and share with Christine what the best time is for you from the times below. We will work on narrowing it down as quickly as we can, when we get responses. We are not set up to take prayer requests yet but as soon as we are, we will make an announcement.

Suggested times:

- Wednesday - 6p to 7p or 6:30p - 7:30p or 7p to 8p,
- Friday - 6p to 7p or 6:30p - 7:30p or 7p to 8p
- Saturday - suggest a time
- Sunday - After worship or 6p to 7p while the youth meet for supper



Christian Education



SAVE THE DATES

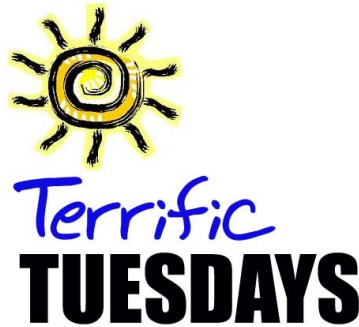
Dec. 1 Advent Workshop

Light lunch, decorating the church, crafts, and more

Dec. 7 Christmas Bazaar*

Sponsored by the Youth Group, from 9 - 3

*Still taking applications for vendors.



We would love to have you join us as we spend the next few Tuesday evenings together. Dinner is served at 6:00 followed by a fellowship activity and then we break into two groups for lessons. Julia Bryan is leading "Bible Journaling" which is an opportunity to express bible verses through creativity and Nancy Dawson is leading a bible study on "The Cup of Our Life".

YOUTH AT WORK

One Sunday evening near the end of September the Jr. and Sr. High youth, along with a few BIG, spent their meeting time helping in the garden and cleaning up the playground. Although we did not finish our projects we hope to get back out there soon.



MISSIONS



Representing QMPC at Churches for Urban Ministries

We are in need of someone to represent QMPC on the Churches for Urban Ministry board. This would include attending a monthly board meeting and communicating with the Missions Committee any news and supporting projects that need to be shared with the church. If you would be interested in serving QMPC in this way, please reach out to us by email qmpcmissions@gmail.com or by calling Christine at the church office. Let us know if you have any questions and we will be glad to help.



2019 Salvation Army Annual Red Kettle Bell Ringing

The Red Kettle Campaign is part of an overall budget that enables the Salvation Army of Greater Lynchburg to maintain the Center of Hope homeless shelter, the community feeding program, the emergency financial assistance program and several youth and adult enrichment programs in the community. It is the only emergency shelter in the Greater Lynchburg area that also has a feeding program open to residents and the community. In addition, they provide clothing, food baskets, rent and utility assistance to those who experience an emergency need during the course of a year.

Including our financial support and the Angel tree, each year we participate in the Red Kettle bell ringing campaign. **QMPC will be scheduled between the end of November and mid December. Watch the bulletin for dates and place and look for a sign up in the Narthex when we have the specifics. Hours are typically from 10am to 8pm in 1 hour intervals.**

You can sign up for as many spots as you would like and bring company if you can. Please mark your calendars to support this very important local mission, and be sure to show up for your timeslot(s).

MISSIONS

QMPC November-December 2019 Backpack Program Food Donations



Food for Thought is a backpack type of supplemental feeding program that provides food-insecure students with nutritious meals and snacks on Friday afternoons, to sustain them over the weekend.

Hungry children have weaker immune systems, are sick more often, have difficulty paying attention in class, and are less successful academically. In addition, hunger limits social development, and is linked to behavioral problems related to stress and fatigue.

For the month of November up to Dec 15th, we will be collecting these most needed items at this time of year for the backpack program.

Please bring in

- Granola bars
- Canned tuna
- Single serve oatmeal
- Small jars of peanut butter and jelly
- Cheese or peanut butter crackers

In January, we will check their most needed list again and post another list in the Quill and in the narthex. We will also be looking for an opportunity to go as a church group to pack bags at their location. **Volunteers are needed to pack bags at their warehouse:**

Wednesdays 4:30-6:30 pm

Saturdays 9:30-11:30 am

The Plaza - lower level 2323 Memorial Ave., Suite 27 - Lynchburg

We would like to work towards making this a multiple opportunity for the church to serve together outside of our walls and directly impact our community.

Worthy of note, one of our members, Brit LeCompte, for his 100th birthday, chose this program to receive donations instead of him receiving gifts. He also matched these donations and helped them raise about \$11,000. This provided for more than 600 backpacks.

Attention Kroger Shoppers!

Time for the annual Kroger Plus Card Rewards Renewal

Yes, we do have to re-sign up for the Kroger Plus card community rewards each year. If you signed up last year, please do so again. In the last year, starting September 2018, we have been awarded over **\$240**. If you have not signed up, please take this opportunity to join the 15 households that have. These funds go towards supporting our Haiti missions trip efforts.



Why do my members have to re-enroll

every year if they were already participating? Kroger Community Rewards will be evaluated each year as we continually work toward improving our program to ensure that we offer the best option for our customers and nonprofit organizations. Re-enrollment gives each organization an opportunity to refresh their membership by spreading the word to new members and keeping the previous members informed of any changes to the program.

Signing up for this does NOT affect your gas rewards program.

It is easy to sign up or renew, just follow these steps:

Visit <http://www.kroger.com>, under **Savings & Rewards**, select **Kroger Community Rewards**

- If you have NOT signed up your Kroger Plus card online before, you will need to create an account which requires some basic information, a valid email address and your Kroger Plus card. Give it a 24 - 48 hrs and then try to enroll.
- You can also call Kroger customer service. **Make sure you have your Kroger Plus card handy because they will need the number on the back of the card.** 1-800-KROGERS (1-800-576-4377) and select option 3. Tell the agent you want to enroll your Kroger Plus card in the community rewards program. Specify that your rewards go to **Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church NPO # HH690.**
- If you have signed up your Kroger Plus card online before, once logged into your Kroger account, search for **Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church either by name or HH690** and then click Enroll.

If you do not have a Kroger Plus card, please go to the customer service desk at any Kroger and they will help you get one.

Thank You QMPC!

Haiti Shoe & Sock Challenge Ongoing

Let's help stock our Haiti elementary kids with shoes & socks!

They need dress shoes for kids in K through 6th grade, sizes 5-12. **For the guys:** BLACK leather shoes (or fake leather, no canvas) and navy blue socks.

For the girls: BLACK flats, (NO patent leather, canvas, or heels). They can have a buckle and white socks with lace.



Haiti 2019-2020

At this time, there is a lot of chaos in Haiti and every aspect of Haitians' lives are affected by the increase in unrest going on over the last few weeks. Scarcity of food, safe drinking water, fuel, continuing breakdown of infrastructure and rising inflation is a reality they have been living with for a long time. Specifically, regarding our brothers and sisters we work with at Haiti Outreach Ministry and House Of Hope, the news that has been shared with us is that they are safe. The schools are closed at this time for the safety of the students and staff. We pray that they continue to be safe as we pray for resolution, and peace in the entire country.



The solar system that was installed last year was more timely than we could have imagined; but then again isn't that how the Lord works? We could not have foreseen what is currently happening. We believe God has a purpose and plan in all things and that our part is to be ready and willing to go when he tells us to. As such, we are still making plans to go in February, God willing. We continue to make preparations so that we will be ready when he says to go. Like in Matthew 25, the parable of the 10 virgins where 5 were prepared with extra oil and 5 were not or the parable of the talents where 2 maximized in what they had been given, but 1 didn't, we would like to be prepared. Those parables are about the second coming of Christ, however, on an earthly scale I think it can also be applied in being prepared for whatever the Lord has tasked us to do. Yes, we are in the middle of a capital campaign but His arm is not shortened and he will provide for all things he has commissioned us to do. Please continue to support our fundraising efforts as they come up over the next couple of months and keep Haiti and Haitians in prayer. God bless you all.

Some verses to read: Colossians 3:17, 2 Chronicles 15:7, Galatians 6:9

November 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 	4 10 am Art Class 7 pm PNC	5 9 am ROMEOs 6 pm Terrific Tuesdays	6 10 am S.R. Writers 11am Centering Prayer	7 10 am Book Club 3 pm Communion at Valley View 7 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	8 10 am Lynchburg Retired Teachers General Meeting Office Closed	9
10 9:30 am Called Session meeting 11:15 am Confirmation Class	11 10 am Art Class 7 pm PNC	12 9 am ROMEOs 6 pm Terrific Tuesdays	13 10 am Prayer Shawl 11am Centering Prayer	14 HumanKind Dinner 7 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	15	16
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24 	25 10 am Art Class 7 pm PNC 6:30 pm Neighborhood Watch Meeting	26 9 am ROMEOs	27 10 am Prayer Shawl 11am Centering Prayer	28 Office Closed	29 Office Closed	30

Weekly Sunday Schedule:

9:00 a.m. Sunday School	5:45 p.m. Youth Supper
10:00 a.m. Worship Service	6:15 p.m. Melody Choir
5:00 p.m. B.I.G. Youth Cherub Choir	Jr. & Sr. Youth Fellowship