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THE QUAKER QUILL

THE NEWSLETTER OF QUAKER MEMORIAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Greetings Quaker Family,

What a wonderful Stewardship Season we have had this year. It has been so great to hear all of the different stories in worship and Skip's beautiful jug has been a beautiful reminder that we are truly blessed by the many gifts God has "Poured Out" upon us. Your pledges make the work of Quaker possible. The Spirit is on the move here in our midst; we see it each week in worship, in our mission endeavors, around the Welcome Table and the care shown our members, building and grounds. I hope to see everyone at the Time and Talent Fair on November 13th...after we have dedicated our financial pledges in worship it will be a wonderful opportunity for everyone to commit their time and talents to the work of the church. There are so many ways for each of us to be the hands and feet of Christ in our community and I hope that you will find your place!

This month, we move into the season of Advent...for many this is their favorite time of year. For others this is a difficult time as well. Our theme this year is "Tell us of the Night...the Story that Changed the World." As we reflect upon the light of the season we will also honor the darkness...Barbara Brown Taylor wrote in her book *Learning to Walk in the Dark*: "...new life starts in the dark. Whether it is a seed in the ground, a baby in the womb, or Jesus in the tomb, it starts in the dark." In order for us to appreciate the light we must experience the dark. In worship we will light the candles, sing beloved carols and hear again the stories around the manger as we move closer to joy of Christmas. Please plan to stay after worship on November 20 for our Advent Workshop and help us decorate the church for the season as well as craft some Advent activities you can use at home.

As I give thanks for each and everyone of you and how you have supported me, my first year as your pastor I am mindful that we are truly a church rich in blessings. I hope that as you gather with friends and family this Thanksgiving that you have much to give thanks for and have a safe and blessed gathering. In gratitude for this first year at Quaker and in memory of my mother, Zane and I have purchased a Ginkgo tree to be planted on the grounds of Quaker. Thank you and I look forward to seeing you in church!

Blessings,
Anghaarad





CONGREGATIONAL MEETING THIS SUNDAY

This Sunday the Session has called a Congregational Meeting for the purpose of electing the new class of officers to the session. The Nominating Committee has completed their work and is ready to present their slate: Steve Bryan, Peggy Deyerle, Steve Hubbard, Sam Miller, Gabe Trent and Elizabeth Plucker.

A big thank you to this years Nominating Committee for their hard, diligent and prompt work: Neal Gibson, Julia Bryan, Elizabeth Plucker, David Sease and Sara Curtis.

USHER TRAINING

Sunday, November 6th after worship we will have training for anyone interested in serving on an Usher Team. It takes about 30 minutes and its such an important ministry of welcome at Quaker, all are welcome!

YOUR COFFEE WITH THE PASTOR

This month join Anghaarad for coffee at White Hart Cafe (1208 Main Street) on Tuesday, November 15th from 10am-Noon. Come for a Cup of Joe or tea and great conversation...this is a wonderfully relaxing time for all members of Quaker and friends.



AFTER HOURS WITH THE PASTOR

This month by request, Anghaarad will host a chance to grab whatever beverage you prefer after work for some conversation, questions, and fellowship. November 8th beginning at 5:30pm, Anghaarad will be at the Water Dog downtown (1016 Commerce Street).



LUNCH BUNCHERS...

In November, Lunch Bunch will head to Logan's Roadhouse, 4046 Wards Road. Join us on Wednesday, November 16th at 11:30 am. We have reserved a private seating area where we can sit together and enjoy fellowship and good food. We will need to give a final head count to Logan's by Monday, Nov. 14th so RSVP to Sara by text, call 434-941-3349 or buzzandsara@gmail.com.



THE WELCOME TABLE

We will be gathering again at the Welcome Table on Friday evening, November 11 at 6:00. I enjoy this event so much, not just for the beautiful harmony we make with music I love so well, but because the idea of welcoming others is central to who we are as Christians.

The earliest Christian gatherings we know about were likely held in the evenings, after work. They featured a collective meal and singing, as well as some stories of Jesus and, maybe, a little exhortation or preaching. As the years progressed, these gatherings would have come to include the sharing of writings by Paul and others, and eventually the gospels. They would also probably have included communion, although that was likely part of the meal they were sharing.

The eating and singing came first.

It can be daunting to invite someone to a worship service, no matter how welcoming and inclusive it is, no matter how dearly we love and are eager to share our own approach to the rituals of our faith. It can be daunting to accept such an invitation. What is familiar and comfortable to us may seem strange and awkward to others.

But inviting people to eat and sing — and talk and laugh and ‘chill’ — is different. It’s low-key. It’s informal. The chairs are more comfortable than pews, and we can all look at each other instead of all facing the front of a sanctuary. I’m convinced that it’s a perfect way to introduce newcomers to what is best about our church: the people, the food, and the music!

I hope to see many of you there — with some friends, old and new!

*Our December gathering will be on the 9th and will have a Christmas theme. We’ll sing familiar carols, and also a few Christmas songs from the folk tradition you may not know and love — yet.

There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. If you would like to join us for the welcome Table, please sign up or call the church office at 434-239-2548 and let us know you are coming.





STEWARDSHIP DEDICATION SUNDAY & TIME AND TALENT FAIR

November 13 during worship we will dedicate our pledges as we bring our stewardship season to a close. It should be a wonderful day of celebration and hope for the future. Following worship we are inviting everyone to join us in the Fellowship Hall for a Time and Talent Fair. Steve Hubbard is preparing delicious treats and our Session committees will present a variety of opportunities for folks to participate more fully in the life and work of Quaker. Our theme for stewardship this year has been "Poured Out," we are so grateful of the many ways God pours God's self out into the church and to us...grace, mercy, love, blessings are all freely given to us. We respond to God's generosity by pouring out our gifts to the church and to the world.

Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
your old men shall dream dreams,
and your young men shall see visions. Joel 2:28

Stewardship is truly the season in which we dream dreams for the future and craft our vision for ministry in the here and now. Please plan to be attend.

ADVENT WORKSHOP

Sunday, November 20th after worship everyone is invited to stay for our Annual Advent Workshop. We will have sandwiches for all who wish to eat a bit of lunch before we commence to all of the activity. During the workshop we will work on creating some new Chrismons for the Chrismon Tree as well as have a Chrismon hospital for some of our vintage ornaments that need a little TLC. We will decorate the church for the Advent and Christmas Season. Prepare Advent activities for families to take home and of course it should be a fun afternoon for all ages.



Each Wednesday night at 6:00pm Anghaarad will lead a weekly opportunity for creative folks to gather for reflection, conversation and fellowship. Everyone who comes is encouraged to bring whatever their creative activity might be (knitting, drawing, watercolors, jewelry making, journaling, writing, needlepoint, etc.). Each night will open with a meditative reading for reflection and then the group will work for an hour on whatever project they have brought with them. No need to sign up and of course guests are always welcome!



HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY TO OUR VERY OWN DORIS DANIEL!!

It is not everyday that a church gets to celebrate a centenarian and what a joy it was to surprise Doris with a birthday hat and yummy cupcakes.



THANK YOU FROM MARY DILLON CURE

Thank you for all of the cards, and prayers and kind thoughts. I appreciate and love my church family.

2¢ A MEAL OFFERING

Quaker has supported this mission giving for many years and has been the recipient of 2¢ grants from the presbytery but it has been a while since we collected this offering in worship. We take this offering on the first Sunday of the month. Get ready to make some noise with your change. Our Noisy Buckets will be ready to collect your pennies, nickels, dimes and dollars for feeding programs in our local area and around the world.

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 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.





TRICK OR TREAT SO OTHERS CAN EAT

Our youth collected non perishable food from our neighbors for a local Food Pantry and boy did they do an awesome job! Grace Jacob deserves a big thank you for her hard work! We appreciate all of the Quaker members who assisted with this project by bringing bags filled with food.

THIS YEAR'S CONFIRMATION RETREAT...

at the Ashman's Lake House was a fun weekend of learning, eating and playing! Thank you to Alex & Nadege Haney, Susie Hubbard, Skip Wodke, Zane Dees, Tami Jacobs and of course Scott & Angie Ashman for making it possible. Our confirmands this year are Olivia Evans, Grace Jacob and Joseph Robert. Please pray for them as they continue this confirmation journey with their mentors: Bob Lockridge, Liz Huband, and Skip Wodke. Confirmation Sunday is January 22, 2023.



CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

A new support group meets on Thursday nights at 6:30 pm to address the unique issues faced by those who care for a loved one. All are welcome. Contact Peggy Deyerle if you have questions at 434-258-1256.



Seeking Sunday school volunteers for our Children's Sunday school, please see Julia Bryan or Liz Huband if you are willing assist with this program. We are going to be using our Godly Play program during Sunday School this year and need some of our folks who have already been trained to step up and become part of the rotation. Youth are welcome to volunteer as well.

Also, The Fellowship Committee is seeking volunteers to help open and close the Coffee Closet each Sunday...if you are willing to serve please speak to Jane Reynolds or Skip Wodke.

Welcome!

To our new Bookkeeper, Sheryl Kesselring. Sheryl was born and raised in Simi Valley (suburbs of Los Angeles), California. She has lived in 4 different states and made her final move to Virginia to be close to her grandchildren. She retired from PCHP in March 2021 but remained on staff until last August. Working as the Secretary for the First Presbyterian Church of Durango, Colorado she was encouraged by the Pastor to complete her education. She got her BA in Accounting and MBA after the age of 50 and has worked in an Accountant position for manufacturing, hospitals, and the Insurance industry. Sheryl says she is so happy to be a part of Quaker Memorial Presbyterian as her education and experience has brought her full circle back to the church.

Sheryl will be in the church office every Wednesday morning. She has also been attending Sunday services. Please stop by to meet her or introduce yourself at worship so Sheryl can put a face with a name! We are so glad to have her with us!

November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 10 am Bible Study	2 STAR Home School 6 pm Creative Spirit night	3 6:30 pm Caregivers Support Group 7 pm Choir Practice	4 2 pm Cemetery / Columbarium Committee	5
6 2 cents a meal offering Congregational Meeting 11:15 am Usher Training 5:45 pm Youth	7	8 10 am Bible Study 5:30 After Hours with the Pastor at The Water Dog	9 STAR Home School 6 pm Creative Spirit night	10 6:30 pm Caregivers Support Group 7 pm Choir Practice	11 11 am Lynchburg Retired Teachers Board Meeting 6pm The Welcome Table	12
13 Dedication Sunday Time & Talent Fair after worship 5:45 pm Youth	14	15 10 am Bible Study	16 STAR Home School 6 pm Creative Spirit night	17 Presbytery Meeting in Roanoke 6:30 pm Caregivers Support Group 7 pm Choir Practice	18 Senior High Retreat at Massanetta	19 9am Biscuit Buddies (BYOBiscuit)
20 Advent Workshop after worship	21	22 10 am Bible Study	23 No STAR Home School No Creative Spirit night	24 Happy Thanksgiving 	25 Church Office Closed	26
27 5:30 pm Session NO YOUTH	28	29 10 am Bible Study	30 STAR Home School 6 pm Creative Spirit night			

The Property Committee Invites you to Join the “B-3’s!”

What does “B-3” stand for?

1. **Biscuits** (bring your own, coffee will be provided)
2. **Building**-we’ll be completing projects around the building.
3. **Buddies**-Fellowship & being a buddy to our building.
4. The “3” is also a reminder that we’ll meet on the **third Saturday** of the month.

Our building is in need of some TLC,
So on the third Saturday of the month
Be a Helper Bee
As we complete projects around our property.

OUR FIRST PROJECT

WHEN: November 19, 2022

WHERE: Meet in the Fellowship Hall

TIME: 9:00am-12:00pm

The wood in our Sanctuary is dying of thirst, so our first project will be to clean, repair and protect the pulpits, pews, etc. This will prepare our Sanctuary for the Advent/Christmas season.

We will eat our biscuits & enjoy a time of fellowship before beginning our project.

If you have any questions, contact Neal Gibson (wierddad66@hotmail.com) or Julia Bryan (oddspirit07@gmail.com)