

OCTOBER 2025

THE QUAKER QUILL

THE NEWSLETTER OF QUAKER MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN

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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Greetings in the Name of Christ,

As we move into the Fall Season the calendar is filling up as the leaves turn beautiful autumnal colors and fall to the ground. I hope everyone will take an opportunity to participate with your church family in the myriad of opportunities to gather together!

Join us for the Sweet Potato Harvest on October 4...bring a dish and a friend to the Welcome Table on October 10...sign up for the Haiti Outreach Lunch on October 19...vote for one of Dads in Plaid throughout the month to support our youth...attend one of our communion services at one of the nursing homes...have coffee with me on October 20...bring your entire family to Kirkin' of the Tartan on October 26 for a blessing...join the Women's Bible Study starting October 8...so many opportunities and there are even more!!!!

We will be moving into the Stewardship Season in October and I encourage families to begin praying how they will continue to support the life and work of Quaker in 2026. I will be very honest, the income for 2025 has been much lower and slower than anticipated and the Session is having to look at significant cuts in the coming year. The Holy Spirit is up to great things on our little hill...but the truth of the matter is it takes financial support to do all of these wonderful things.

This fall, I will be rehearsing with the Opera on the James as part of the ensemble for Madame Butterfly, I have been officially cast as La Madre (the mother of Butterfly). The performances are November 7 & 9 at The Academy. It is always a joy to have an opportunity to sing beautiful music in our city.

I look forward to seeing many of our youth "tread the boards" this fall but I would love to support our youth who are participating in team sports...give me your schedules and I will do my best to attend a game.

I hope to see you in worship and invite a friend!

Grace & 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 & 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
October 10th 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.

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COFFEE WITH THE PASTOR

Join Anghaarad for coffee at The Bagel & I at 20584 Timberlake Road on Monday, October 20 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 head to Vinny's Italian Grill on Wards Road. Join us on Wednesday, October 15 at 11:30 am. We will need to give a final head count to the restaurant by Monday, October 13 so please RSVP to Sara by text, call 434-941-3349 or email her at buzzandsara@gmail.com.



A Congregational Meeting for the purpose of Electing the Nominating Committee has been called for October 5 immediately following worship. The following members have agreed to serve on the Committee: Mary Woodie, Josie Miller, David Sease & Grace Jacob.

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Property Committee News

The Property Committee has been busy with the following projects:

- Had bushes trimmed
- Had dead dogwood removed from beside South River Meeting House
- Had diseased boxwoods removed from beside the entrance ramp
- Replaced hard drive in DVR
- Had A/C in Pastor's office repaired
- Replaced 2 fluorescent lights with LED lights in third floor stairwell
- Removed rear pew from right side of sanctuary for repair
- Replaced split pew with pew from Narthex
- Descaled coffee makers
- Continued working in History room
- Replaced non-functioning security camera in Narthex
- Removed and discarded grids from playground
- Discarded stained rugs and ruptured beanbag chair
- Had lock repaired on front doors
- Had working mechanical lock installed on doors facing Quaker Parkway
- Replaced the computer in the Narthex

If you're interested in joining the Property Committee, contact the church office or Steve Bryan (434-401-6116).

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DADS IN PLAID



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Support the Youth of Quaker by voting for your favorite "Dad" to wear a Kilt for Kirkin' of the Tartan

Voting will start October 5th...each vote is \$1.00

the "Dad" who earns the most votes will participate in worship decked out in a kilt. Each of the men who have agreed to participate are up for wearing the kilt and truly love the youth of Quaker!

Be sure to vote often and join in the FUN!!!

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Join us for Haiti Outreach Ministries Day Sunday, October 19, 2025!!

Stay after church on October 19 for a Haitian meal and to hear from our special guests: Assistant Superintendent of Schools Nadege Haney, and Executive Director Bart Edwards (yes, our very own former Pastor Bart!) about God's work through Haiti Outreach Ministries in Port Au Prince, Haiti. QMPC has visited Haiti several times since 2013 to support the school students with some construction projects and a solar power project. The ministry has 3 elementary school campuses, each with a church, a school, and a clean water station. There is also a High School campus and a brand new fifth campus for a bible college, and a hospital which is under construction. QMPC currently sponsors 6 students whose photos are on a bulletin board near the elevator.

Unfortunately, mission trips were cancelled in 2020 because of the COVID pandemic and increasing political unrest in Haiti. Since then, the political situation and gang violence have not improved and continue to prevent teams from visiting Haiti. The good news is Bondye ap travay! God is working!! Despite the violence, unrest, and chaos the church is growing faster than ever, more people are turning to Christ than ever, the clinics are open when others are forced to close and all the students continue to pass their national exams with flying colors well above the national averages in Haiti. The clean water helps to keep cholera cases down in their neighborhoods while there are massive outbreaks around them.

You don't want to miss the meal of Haitian beans and rice, chicken, and creole sauce just like mission teams would be fed when visiting the ministry in Haiti while you hear and celebrate that God's kingdom is growing in Haiti without visiting teams! So sign up in the Narthex and plan to stay to hear about how to be involved in supporting student sponsorships through QMPC. Invite a friend or family member! We are trying to raise enough money to grow the endowment fund so that the interest growth on the endowment each year could cover all six of the church's sponsored students.

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WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY OCTOBER 5



JOIN US FOR WORSHIP AS WE CELEBRATE THE
SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S TABLE WITH
FELLOW CHRISTIANS AROUND THE WORLD.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays from 6:00pm-7:30pm
Library
Led by Anghaarad

First Meeting: October 8, 2025

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Join us Sunday, October 26 at
10:00am for our annual

Kirkin' of the Tartan

This beloved service is returning where we
bless all of our families and celebrate our
Scottish heritage...all are welcome to wear
attire that represents your family or heritage



Save the Date

November 16, 2025

Stewardship Lunch
after worship

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EARTH CARE CORNER

This year the Earth Care Committee invites our church family to reflect on the theme of Reduce—the first and most powerful of the “Reduce, Reuse, Recycle” trio. Reducing our consumption is a faithful act of stewardship, honoring God’s creation by minimizing waste before it begins.

Spotlight: The Environmental Cost of Drinking Water Packaging

Did you know that Americans purchase over 50 billion plastic water bottles each year? Most are used once and discarded—with only a fraction ever recycled. The environmental toll includes:

- Plastic pollution: Bottles often end up in landfills or oceans, harming wildlife and ecosystems.
- Carbon emissions: Manufacturing and transporting bottled water consumes fossil fuels and contributes to climate change.
- Water waste: It takes three liters of water to produce just one liter of bottled water.

Even alternatives like aluminum cans or cartons have hidden costs—from mining impacts to energy-intensive production. The most sustainable choice? A reusable bottle filled with tap or filtered water.

Faith in Action

This month, consider making a simple switch: carry a reusable water bottle, encourage others to do the same, and support policies that reduce single-use plastics. Small choices, multiplied across our community, can lead to big change.

Let’s reduce—for the Earth, for each other, and for generations to come.



MEMORIALS FOR SEPTEMBER

In memory of Jordan Spence

Given by:

Randy Sayre


Andrea & David Webb, Sr.

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.



OCTOBER

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | 1 11:30 Centering Prayer 6pm Pray for others at home | 2 7pm Chancel Choir rehearsal | 3 | 4 8:30 am to 11am Garden planting 2pm Agnes Erwin Memorial Service & Reception |
| 5 9am Sunday School 10am Worship: World Communion Sunday | 6 | 7 9am Zoom Bible Study | 8 11:30 Centering Prayer 6pm Women's Bible Study 6pm Haiti Mission Committee 6pm Pray for others at home 6:30 pm Property Committee | 9 10am Comfort Support Group 7pm Chancel Choir rehearsal | 10 9am Lynchburg Retired Teachers Board Meeting 10am General Meeting | 11 9am to noon Worker Bees |
| 12 9am Sunday School 10am Worship 11:15am Session | 13 | 14 9am Zoom Bible Study 10am Communion at The Summit 6pm Communion at Bentley Commons | 15 11:30 Centering Prayer 11:30am Lunch Bunch 5:30 pm Endowment Committee 6pm Pray for others at home 6pm Women's Bible Study | 16 3pm Communion at Willow Ridge 7pm Chancel Choir rehearsal | 17 | 18 |
| 19 9am Sunday School 10am Worship: Haiti Outreach Mission 11:15am Lunch | 20 10am to noon Coffee with Pastor | 21 9am Zoom Bible Study | 22 11:30 Centering Prayer 6pm Pray for others at home 6pm Women's Bible Study | 23 Presbytery Meeting at Northminster Church in Roanoke 10am Comfort Support Group | 24 | 25 |
| 26 9am Sunday School 10am Worship: Kirkin of the Tartan | 27 | 28 9am Zoom Bible Study | 29 11:30 Centering Prayer 6pm Pray for others at home 6pm Women's Bible Study | 30 7pm Chancel Choir rehearsal | 31  | |