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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Blessings & Peace to you,

The cool breezes of fall are finally upon us. A couple of weeks ago, I charged the congregation to be the church known for feeding people...we kicked off this challenge by pouring out blessings upon Blessing Boxes around Lynchburg. I've heard from so many of you that had never heard of a blessing box and how heartwarming it was to leave food for a neighbor in such a simple way. October is PEANUT BUTTER TIME!!! We will collect jars of peanut butter all month and deliver them to the Blue Ridge Food Bank at the end of the month. On October 24, the garden committee invites everyone to join them in harvesting sweet potatoes. Once the potatoes are ready they too will be delivered to the Blue Ridge Food Bank.

If you haven't signed up to write a reflection, prayer, poem or essay for the Advent Devotional it is not too late Please sign up ASAP! I hope to see everyone at Welcome Table on October 9th...this is a great time to invite a neighbor or friend! October means that we have World Communion Sunday on the first Sunday, Stewardship season begins and Kirkin' of the Tartan rounds out the month on October 25th. You will find more information about all the above in the newsletter.

The Session is inviting our congregation to be a part of Souls to the Poles on October 18th...this is a reminder of our civic duty as people of faith. We will pray for wisdom, peace and leadership during this election season. If you are in need of transportation to the voting booth, do not hesitate to let us know in the office and we will help you secure a ride.

I can't wait for everyone to see the art installation the Wodke family is working on for Stewardship this year...it is going to be amazing!!!!

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, October 9th 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 19 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 Olivers on Rivermont Avenue. Join us on Wednesday, October 21 at 11:30 am. We will need to give a final head count to the caterer by Monday, October 19. You can RSVP to Sara Curtis by text, call 434-941-3349 or email her at buzzandsara@gmail.com.



There will be a Congregational meeting this Sunday for the purpose of electing members of the Nominating Committee.

Session meets Sunday, October 18 for their Stated Meeting after worship at 11:15am.

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PROPERTY COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT

Quaker Memorial is blessed with a beautiful, historic campus—from our greenstone building and manicured lawns to our peaceful gardens and columbarium. But our true "Light on the Hill" isn't the greenstone, mortar, paved drive or trees; it is you, our congregation.

Because of your generous hearts, this space is alive with ministry. Together, we worship, fellowship, pack meal bags and Christmas gifts, host Habitat for Humanity yard sales, share tons of fresh produce from our community garden, and serve our neighbors in countless ways. Without your spirit, our campus would simply be an empty building and field.

We invite you to take a walk around our grounds and reflect on how God uses every corner of this property for His glory.

As you do, please consider how you might share your time, talents, and financial gifts to help our ministry shine even brighter. Whether that means supporting our ongoing outreach or lending a hand with grounds and building upkeep alongside our Property Committee or R.O.M.E.O.S., every contribution matters. Thank you for being the heart of Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church!

WHAT IS LEGACY GIVING?

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

Definition of Legacy Giving

Legacy Giving is sometimes called planned giving; however, it's different. It is a gift that someone intentionally plans in their lifetime, often through their will, trust, or estate plan. It is a deliberate act of stewardship and faith. The size of the gift is less important than the spirit behind it. It is an endowment that provides income both currently and well into the future.

How Legacy Giving occurred during the early years at QMPC

- Rebuilding the SRMH 1901 to 1904 and becoming Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church on May 15, 1910
- Building the Bain Building in 1942 - Bain total cash expenditures:\$9000
- Building the QMPC Sanctuary in 1950-Bain: \$20,000
- Building the South River Meeting House 1983 to 1990
- Building the Steeple, Bell Tower, bells, Organ, Narthex Library and upgrade of QMPC building 1989 to 1992

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This national movement began in the pews of the Black Church after the Civil Rights movement.

Historically, church volunteers would sign up to help provide transportation to members of their community who did not have access to a vehicle or public transportation. As early voting became more prevalent, the event has morphed into a Sunday set aside for the church to caravan after worship to the polls. In solidarity with our neighbor churches QMPC will participate in the 2026 Souls to the Polls. October 18th...at the end worship we will set aside time to pray for the upcoming election, encourage every member to vote, have voter registration cards in the narthex and a sign up for any member needing a ride to the polls. This is nonpartisan and a reminder that as Presbyterians participation in the public sector of life is a part of our faith identity...Lincoln famously reminded our country that we have a "government of the people, by the people, for the people." If you would be willing to provide transportation to a QMPC member to the polls, let the office know!!!

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It's Peanut Butter Time!



During the Month of October, we will collect peanut butter for the Blue Ridge Food Bank... our goal is to build a tower taller than our tallest member...that is going to be a LOT of peanut butter. All kinds of peanut butter are appreciated whether you are team crunchy or team creamy. We will even take other "nut butters" like almond butter or cashew butter. Let's keep feeding our neighbors!!!



Sweet Tater Harvest

Saturday, October 24
9:00am



It is time to harvest our Sweet Potato crop. The Gardening Team needs your help. Beginning at 9:00am, the digging will commence. These taters will be donated to Blue Ridge Food Bank

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Grounded in Gratitude

Stewardship Season starts this month...our theme this year is a reminder that we give to God from a place of gratitude. During worship we will hear moments of Stewardship & Mission. Watch your mail for a pledge card.

Be rooted and built up in him, be established in faith, and overflow with thanksgiving just as you were taught. Colossians 2:7

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Quaker Memorial Presbyterian invites you
to join us for our annual



KIRKIN' OF THE TARTANS

10:00am Sunday, October 25, 2026

5810 Fort Avenue, Lynchburg, Virginia

Everyone is welcome to wear attire
representing your family heritage:
tartans, lederhosen, reunion t-shirt
or Christmas jammies

We will celebrate the Reformation,
bless our families & fellowship after
worship with a potluck.

Don't forget to bring a dish to share!



2026 Advent Devotional

This Advent Season everyone is invited to be a part of our Advent Devotional.

Using the Daily Lectionary or Beloved Christmas Carols as a guide, we are asking everyone to write a 500 word or less reflection for a devotional book.

We are also asking everyone to include a brief prayer at the end of your reflection. All entries must be turned into the office by October 28, to give us time to edit and publish the booklet. This should be a fun tradition for our

Quaker family.

Sign up in the Narthex today.



Check out QMTPC folks blessing our community with food donations to Blessing Boxes!



September Memorials

In memory of Houston Crowder

Bob Beilfus

Shirley & Larry Bowers

Jane & Ben Bunnell

Sarah Garrett

Mary & C.E. Guthrow, Jr.

Mr. & Mrs. Robert C. Ladd

Maureen & Bob Lockridge

Gail & Joe Neal

Susan & Bob Shiflet

Carolyn & Reuben Womack

August 2026 End of Month Financial Report

Aug-26	Monthly	Year to Date
Revenue	\$20,375.28	\$255,798.79
Expenses	\$31,798.57	\$227,670.55
Difference	(\$11,423.29)	\$28,128.24

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.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7pm Chancel Choir rehearsals	2 8am Garden maintenance	3
4 9am Sunday School 10am Worship & Congregational meeting 	5 10am Art Class	6 8am Garden maintenance 9am Online Bible Study	7 6pm Women's Bible Study 6pm Pray for others at home	8 7pm Chancel Choir rehearsals	9 8am Garden maintenance 6pm Welome Table	10
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