



The Quaker Quill



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SAYING GOODBYE

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I write this with all the mixed emotions that are a part of saying good-bye to you who have been so important in my life. Who would have thought when I said “yes” to serving as your Interim Pastor so much would happen and three years would have flown by. I believe that Quaker Memorial is in a strong and healthy place to move forward into the future and am glad that you, with God’s guidance, accomplished all you did during this interim period. I am excited for Quaker Memorial that you have called Anghaarad Dees to be your next installed pastor and am confident that she will provide the leadership, energy, creativity and faith as you walk together into a new chapter of your life in Christ.

Leaving a congregation that is so dear to me is not easy. I know that in the days to come, you will continue to be in my thoughts, heart and prayers as I grieve the end of being your pastor. I suspect the same might be true on your part as well. We can serve each other in this.

The separation policy from the Presbytery for a pastor leaving a congregation is that the pastoral relationship ends. It does not mark the end of love and care for each other as friends, but of necessity, it marks the end of our former pastoral relationship. What this means is that I will no longer provide pastoral oversight as those responsibilities will rest with Anghaarad.

One of my prayers is that you will form a strong relationship with Anghaarad as your pastor. I am also confident that you will be as welcoming of her and her husband, Zane, as you were with me and my husband, Richard. For the sake of Anghaarad’s success in her new call with you, and for Quaker Memorial’s faithful response to God’s will, you will find no greater advocate for Anghaarad than me.

My retirement begins on October 11 and I must admit that I am definitely looking forward to some “down time”. I will be staying in Lynchburg as my family is scattered across the US and my friends and support system is here. For the short term I plan to do some traveling with friends and then I will see what God has in store for me.

Blessings on you and all you serve.

***With Christ’s love,
Nancy Dawson***



SAYING HELLO

Greetings from South Georgia!

We are on our way...Zane and I hope to land in Lynchburg the middle of this month so that means we are currently packing, purging, sorting and tying up loose ends down here.

I am so excited and ready to learn more about each and everyone of you! I am very much aware that the Delta variant of the Covid virus has a way of dampening plans particularly when it comes to group gatherings. As much as I would love to have a big get together as soon as we arrive, I know that we must proceed with caution to keep everyone safe. My first priority as your pastor is to care for your well-being and I want everyone to make the best decisions for their health and the safety of their family. So, because we are in unusual times and we must get creative I would like to invite y'all to send me emails, social media messages, written notes or even texts introducing yourselves to me! Tell me your name, how long you have been at Quaker, what excites you most about the work of the church and a little bit about you! Fill my inboxes and mailbox with your stories!

Growing up in Mississippi, hospitality was a priority in my family. My mother opened our home all the time with dinner parties and even shelter. My great aunts' had Sunday dinner at their home on the family farm, Fawn Grove, and we were all expected to attend and of course we could invite all manner of friends and strangers to the table as well. When you arrived



and saw a particular china (yellow daisies with the gold band), you knew that one of the local preachers was coming to dinner that day and you better be on your best behavior. And when the time is right and we are settled, I promise I will invite y'all into our home for some southern hospitality on the preacher's china.

Zane and I are praying for y'all and for this transition time and we look forward to many wonderful years of ministry to come!

***Light and Love,
Anghaarad***

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You can use the mailing address at the church, if you wish to handwrite a note.



October 7 at 7 PM

The monthly Ladies Fellowship is the first Thursday of the month. So settle in your comfy couch with your favorite snacks or drinks and join the gals for a fun night of fellowship on Zoom October 7 at 7 pm.

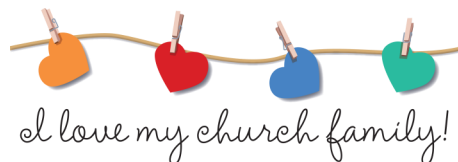
LUNCH BUNCH

Let's Go Downtown for Lunch!

For our October outing we will gather at Waterstone Pizza, 1309 Jefferson Street on **Wednesday, October 20 at 11:30 am**. The upstairs private dining room is reserved for us and they do have an elevator if needed. Their menu includes salads, sandwiches and pizza, so there is something for every taste. We always welcome friends and look forward to meeting new ones. If you want to share a ride or need a ride, let Sara know and she will coordinate carpooling. We have to give a final count to them on Monday, October 18. Please make your reservation by that time Contact Sara by call or text 434 941-3349 or by email - buzzandsara@gmail.com.

Wednesday Evening Church-Wide Prayer Time

We invite QMPC family to make every Wednesday 6pm to 7pm an intentional church-wide hour of prayer. Be a prayer warrior for those in need. Watch for the weekly email with prayer concerns.



I love my church family!

I am so appreciative of your many expressions of love and support following the unexpected passing of my daughter-in-law, Anne. Your thoughtfulness means so much. In Christ's Love,
Sarah Garrett



In Memory of Louise Russell

Marie Staton
Jane Crank
Brenda Craig/ Barbara Morris
Barbara Ward
Bob & Maureen Lockridge

In Memory of Marianne Howell

Andrea & David Webb
Randy Sayre
Sam Leslie

In Memory of Brit LeCompte

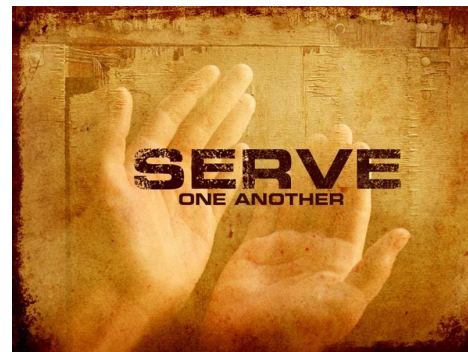
Kathy Beatrice

In Memory of Young at Heart Members

"Young at Heart" is no longer, and the remainder of funds was donated in memory of those members who have passed away. Given by the treasurer, Evelyn Glass.



Reception for Nancy on Sunday, October 10
Plan to stay after worship to celebrate our time with Nancy and say "farewell". There is a basket for cards in the Narthex.



Meal Packing Event Rescheduled!

Due to the rise in Covid cases, we have rescheduled the meal packing for Sunday, December 12. ***Please mark your calendars for this mission opportunity. A sign up sheet will be out in November.***



Thanks to all of you at QMPC, we are able to continue supporting our missions both local and international. This Fall, we will participate in two projects:

1. Food For Thought: This is our second year to participate in collecting prepackaged, nutritious snacks for children in Lynchburg who may not have much food outside of school hours. Park View Mission's Backpack program, Food for Thought, packs meal bags for children to take home on the weekends. We will collect the entire month of **November**. Watch for the collection bin around Nov. 1.
2. ParkView also has a program that allows people to "shop" for items needed when making a new home. Most needed are new or gently used kitchen essentials; anything you would find in a kitchen, but no larger than a microwave. These items can be left at the church and will be delivered to ParkView.


BELL CHOIR RESUMES! SHARE YOUR MUSICAL GIFTS WITH US!

We are looking to start up the Bell Choir this Fall to play during the Advent season and beyond. The Bell choir is open to any youth or adults who have played bells before OR who are comfortable reading music. Please call the church office or speak to Gerald Doyle if you are interested.



Tech Volunteers Needed!
We are looking for volunteers to run the computer and cameras as we stream our Sunday Worship service. Training will be provided! If interested, talk with Neal Gibson or call the church office.

October

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 10 am Brit LeCompte's Memorial Service online	2 9 am Garden Work day– dig sweet potatoes
3 	4	5 10 am Bible study Classical Conversations 5:30 pm Haiti Meeting	6 11 am Centering Prayer 6-7 pm Church Wide Prayer	7 7 pm Women's Gathering on Zoom	8 10 am Lynchburg Retired Teachers Meeting	9
10 Nancy's last Sunday. Reception following worship	11	12 10 am Bible study Classical Conversations	13 11 am Centering Prayer 6-7 pm Church Wide Prayer	14	15	16
17	18 Angharrad Dees starts at QMPC	19 10 am Bible study NO Classical Conversations (fall break)	20 11 am Centering Prayer 11:30 am Lunch Bunch at Waterstone 6-7 pm Church Wide Prayer 5:30 pm Endowment meeting	21	22	23
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Sunday Morning Schedule:
 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
 10:00 a.m. Worship Service In Sanctuary
 Or Online at YouTube (Quaker5810)
 or Facebook Live

Sunday Evening Schedule:
 4:30 p.m. Kids & Youth Choirs
 5:00 p.m. BIG
 5:45 p.m. Youth Dinner
 6:15 p.m. Jr. & Sr. High