

SEPTEMBER 2026

THE QUAKER QUILL





A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Greetings QMPC Family,

WOW! What a busy and amazing month August has been. We collected school supplies for Lynchburg area students...we blessed backpacks...we hosted a workshop on Domestic Violence...we attended the Presbytery Day of Service and Learning...we heard from our youth who attended Montreat Youth Conference...we hosted a HUGE Yard Sale for Habitat for Humanity...and we finished the month with ICE CREAM!!! It doesn't get any better than that does it? Whew, now let us take a tiny breath before we get busy in September.

This month I hope that you will join us at the Welcome Table, sign up to write an entry for our Advent Devotional, attend the Legacy Lunch, and help me celebrate my birthday a little early with An After Hours with the Pastor on Sunday, September 13 at 6:30pm at The Water Dog...to make sure there is room enough, please RSVP to the office by 9/10.

As the busy-ness of the new school year begins to ramp up this is my reminder to our youth and their families to share with me your sports, plays, and other extracurricular schedules so that I can add them to my calendar.

And finally, September is a great time to join a committee. If you have ever thought about being more involved in the life and work of Quaker, well here is your chance. If you are interested in joining a committee then please reach out to me or a member of the session and we will put you to work.

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, September 11th 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.

NEWS & EVENTS



COFFEE WITH THE PASTOR

Join Anghaarad for coffee at The Bagel & I at 20584 Timberlake Road on Monday, September 21 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 have a catered luncheon in combination with a presentation by the Endowment Committee on the importance of Legacy Giving here at the church. Join us on Wednesday, September 16 at 11:30 am. We will need to give a final head count to the caterer by Monday, September 14. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex or you can RSVP to Sara Curtis by text, call 434-941-3349 or email her at buzzandsara@gmail.com.



AFTER HOURS

Join Anghaarad to celebrate her birthday at The Water Dog on Sunday evening, September 13 at 6:30pm. Please RSVP to the office by Thursday, September 10 to make sure there is enough room.



Session meets Sunday, September 20 for their Stated Meeting after worship at 11:15am.

NEWS & EVENTS

PROPERTY COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT

The Property Committee continues to monitor and address issues both inside and outside our church building. While some of what we do may be considered "work," it is truly a blessing to serve alongside fellow members and tackle the challenges we encounter. Here are some of the projects we addressed this past month:

Summer Humidity

During the hot, humid summer months, our HVAC systems remove a significant amount of moisture from the air. Managing that moisture has been a major focus for the Property Committee.

We installed a condensate pump in the Youth Room air handler to prevent potential overflow issues that could damage the kitchen ceiling.

We also installed a pump for Anghaarad's dehumidifier, allowing water to drain directly outside and eliminating the need to manually empty the water tank, which typically required attention two or more times each day.

Mini-Split Air Conditioner Cleaning

Southern Air recently performed a deep cleaning of the mini-split air conditioning units in the offices of Anghaarad, Deborah, and Sheryl. This much-needed maintenance will help improve performance and efficiency. We plan to continue this work on the remaining mini-split units over the coming months.

A special thank you to our staff for their flexibility and assistance while their offices were temporarily relocated during the cleaning process.

Ice Machine Door Repair

We repaired the door on the kitchen ice machine, restoring it to proper working condition.

ROMEOS

We have adopted a new meaning for the acronym R.O.M.E.O.S.: Reaching Out Means Everyone Offering Service!

In August, a suggestion was made to clean or possibly replace some of the memorial plaques beneath each stained-glass window in the sanctuary because many had become worn and difficult to read. After taking a closer look, David Webb discovered that the cleaner used on our handbells was very effective at restoring the plaques' shine and readability. Although the process is time-consuming, we hope to complete the remaining plaques during future work sessions.

The ROMEOS team also cleaned windows and helped create additional space for Yard Sale donations, as the designated storage room had become overcrowded.

We meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m., and our mission is simple: to make our church a little better.

Join us whenever you can. We'd love to have you serve with us!

NEWS & EVENTS

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

Legacy Giving
EDUCATIONAL
Luncheon

SEPTEMBER

WED | 16 | 11:30
am

catered by Merredith's Restaurant

The Lunch Bunch and all interested QMPC members are invited to this educational program to learn about the history of our Endowment and five ways members can support QMPC's mission, ministry, and financial health through legacy giving.

please RSVP by September 14

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Presbytery Day of Service & Learning

Five members of QMPC attended the presbytery event hosted by Forest Presbyterian. We packed seeds, attended workshops, shared a yummy meal, and helped the Hill Cities Neighborhood compose a sculpture out of nonperishable food! Our sculpture won a \$500 gift to Daily Bread. The nonperishable food items were donated to Bedford Community Ministries. Our winning sculpture was a paddleboat!



THANK YOU! THANK YOU!



YARD SALE

Our yard sale to raise funds for the Habitat for Humanity Faith Build was a HUGE success! Thank you to everyone who donated items, helped set up the sale, advertised the sale, worked the sale, served drinks, donated snacks, served as a cashier, delivered left-over items to Mission Thrift and shopped 'til you dropped! We made just shy of \$5,000!!!! WOW!

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.

NEWS & EVENTS

Women's BIBLE STUDY

Explore the Word, reflect with purpose



**begins Wednesday, September 9, 2026
6:00 PM**

All women are welcome to join Anghaarad for an informal study this fall, our first meeting will be in the Fellowship Hall.



August Memorials

In memory of Houston Crowder

**Dr. Lewis Angelo Arthur
Rachel & Wayne Brown
Phyllis & Joseph Callicott, Jr.
Eugenia & Bill Davidson
Ann & Rodger Fauber
Mr. & Mrs. Robert C. Ladd
Lauralyn Martin
Sue R. Pitts
Sally & David Sease
Randy Sayre
Pat & Farshid Shahrokhi
Andrea & David Webb, Sr.**

**In memory of Jane Roark
Kelsie Yates**

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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Sun

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Fri

Sat

		1 8 am Garden maintenance 9am Zoom Bible Study	2 11:30am Centering Prayer 6pm Praying for others at home	3	4 8 am Garden maintenance	5
6 10am Worship	7  Church Office closed	8 8 am Garden maintenance 9am Online Bible Study 10am Communion at The Summit 6pm Communion at Bentley Commons	9 10am ROMEOs 11:30am Centering Prayer 6pm Women's Bible Study 6pm Praying for others at home 6:30pm Property Committee	10 7pm Chancel Choir rehearsals begin	11 8 am Garden maintenance 6pm Welcome Table	12 2pm Houston Crowder service & reception
13 10am Worship 6:30pm After Hours at the Water Dog	14 10am Art Class 4:30pm LMS-UL-QMPC Task Force	15 8 am Garden maintenance 9am Online Bible Study	16 11:30am Centering Prayer 11:30 Legacy Giving Program (Lunch Bunch) 6pm Women's Bible Study 6pm Praying for others at home	17 3pm Communion at Willow Ridge 7pm Chancel Choir rehearsal	18 8 am Garden maintenance	19 9am to noon 
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