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THE QUAKER QUILL

THE NEWSLETTER OF QUAKER MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN

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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Grace & Peace to You my Friends,

Fall is in the air...that means cool mornings, colorful foliage, football, and back into the swing of things. Choir is back up and running...youth fellowship is meeting...Sunday school is back...and the church is humming with activity. Have you thought about getting more involved in the life of Quaker? This is the season to do so! Rally Day is that traditional day in life of the church to recommit to serving, learning, and growing together!

A big thank you to everyone who assisted with making our John Lynch Birthday Block Party a success!! Our crowd was a bit smaller this year, but everyone who came enjoyed their time even in the sweltering heat! Everyone was entertained by the School of Rock students (thanks Casey Wood for making this possible) and the smooth tunes from the Piedmont Jazz Trio. Thank you Richard for closing out our musical acts with a few tunes!

I will be out 2 Sundays this month...the first is for a funeral of a dear friend out in California...please remember all of Dusty's friends and family in this season of grief. The second is for Planning Team meeting at Montreat...I will be serving on the Planning Team for the Montreat Youth Conference next summer and this is when the team comes together to begin their work for the next conference.

Speaking of Montreat...would you like to go next summer? If you are interested in attending the Montreat Worship & Music Conference the dates are June 23-28 and all ages are welcome. Are you a high school youth ready to attend the Youth Conference? The dates for the Montreat Youth Conference are July 20-27. Are you an adult who might wish to serve as a Small Group Leader for the Montreat Youth Conference? The dates are the same. Are you a woman who would be interested in attending the Women's Connection (a 3 day conference), August 9-11? Are you worried about cost? We do have scholarship money for folks who wish to attend a Montreat conference. Sign ups for all three of these opportunities will begin this month and you can sign-up in the church office.

I hope to see folks at Coffee at First Watch the last Monday of the month and After Hours at Bootleggers on September 13...more information in the Newsletter!

Love & Light
Anghaarad



Singers & Listeners of All Ages - Everyone is Invited!

The Welcome Table

at

Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church

5810 Fort Ave, Lynchburg, VA 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, SEPTEMBER 15 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.



Sunday, September 10th

Come celebrate a new year of programming at Quaker! A group of our children will receive their Bibles during worship. Our Adult Sunday School kicks off at 9:00am in Mosley Chapel! Plan to stay after worship for a Potluck featuring stories from some of our long-time members about how life at Quaker and in Lynchburg has changed through the decades. You don't want to miss hearing stories from Doris Daniel, Phyllis Webb, David Webb, Sara Curtis, Janet LaPrade and more.



AFTER HOURS

Join us Wednesday, September 13 at 5:30pm at Bootleggers (50 13th Street, downtown). Come for conversation and libations!



This month **Lunch Bunch** will head to O'Charley's at 4042 Wards Road. Join us on Wednesday, September 20 at 11:30 am. We will need to give a final head count to the restaurant by Monday, September 18 so please RSVP to Sara by text, call 434-941-3349 or email her at buzzandsara@gmail.com.

Coffee with the Pastor

Join Anghaarad for coffee at First Watch Starbucks at 8000 Timberlake Road on Monday, September 25 from 10 am-Noon. Come for a Cup of Joe, tea or even breakfast and great conversation...this is a wonderfully relaxing time for all members of Quaker and friends.



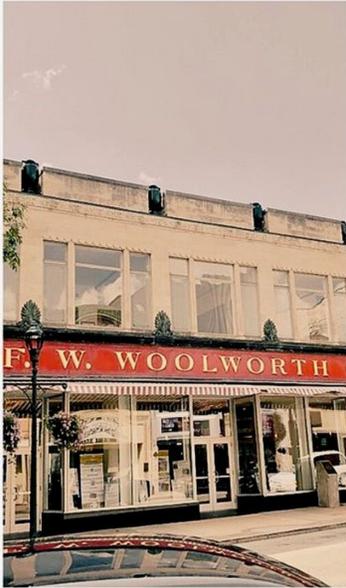
Communion at Bentley Commons & Valley View

Each month Quaker delivers communion to our neighbors at Bentley Commons (2nd Tuesday at 6pm) and Valley View (3rd Thursday at 3:00pm). The residents at both places truly enjoy having folks visit with them during these short worship services. If you would like to join us, please let one of the pastors or the office know that you are coming.



Got Confirmands?

We will be putting together the next confirmation class for all Quaker youth grades 7 and above who have not been through confirmation. If you have a youth that would like to take part this year, please let Pastor Anghaarad know as she begins planning this year's class. We are hoping to partner with a couple of our neighboring churches.




Bus Trip
INTERNATIONAL CIVIL RIGHTS CENTER & MUSEUM
GREENSBORO NC
October 7, 2023

Bus will pick up riders at the following locations:

- 9am-- Peace Presbyterian Church**
5646 Cloverdale Road
Roanoke VA 24019
- 10:15am-- First Presbyterian Martinsville**
1901 Patrick Henry Avenue
Martinsville VA 24112
- 11:30am-- Arrive in Greensboro NC**

The International Civil Rights Center & Museum-- commemorating the February 1, 1960, beginning of sit-ins at a whites-only lunch counter in Greensboro, by the N.C. A&T Four college students-- opened in 2010 as a comprehensive museum of the Civil Rights Movement in the United States.

see the Peaks Presbytery website to reserve your seat
bus transportation and museum admission included

Justice and Mercy Commission
 Racial Equity Subcommittee
 Blacksburg Presbyterian Church

Woolworth's Building, Greensboro, NC by w_lemay is marked with CC0 1.0.

Anghaarad is attending! If you would like to carpool from Lynchburg to the bus pick up, let the office know.



news and events

Calling All Singers!

All are welcome! If you have ever wanted to sing in the choir, now is the time. The Chancel Choir will have their first rehearsal on Thursday, September 7th at 7pm and will meet in the chancel area. Join us for singing, fun, and fellowship. Please contact Rose Peak if you have questions.



You are invited!

To celebrate Anghaarad's
50th Birthday

When: Saturday, September 23

Where: Ivy Hill Golf Club
1148 Ivy Hill Drive Forest, VA 24551

4 to 6pm
BBQ will be served

Please RSVP to Angie Ashman by
Sept. 18 at 434-907-1229 or abpower69@gmail.com

Property Committee Report

The Property Committee is looking for someone to consolidate our first aid kits. There are several that are located throughout the church. All of them need to be checked for out of date items. Ideally, we would like to consolidate what we have now into two kits; one for the office and another for the youth to take on outings.

If you can help with this project, contact Steve Bryan (bryan_se@msn.com) or the church office.

Items to Report:

- The A/C unit for the Sanctuary is in and working!
- The Committee approved the purchase of a defibrillator.
- Motion Sensor lights for the Quaker Parkway side of the church have been ordered.
- New parts were installed in the office folding machine.
- Approved purchase of two wall mount first aid kits for kitchen and downstairs hallway.
- The Worker Bees cleaned up the grounds in preparation for the John Lynch Block Party.
- A white board was mounted in Room 16 for the STAR homeschool group.
- Four sets of coat hooks were installed for the STAR homeschool group.

If you'd like to join the Property Committee, please contact Deborah at the church office or Steve Bryan (bryan_se@msn.com).

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 13, 6:30pm in the library.

COMFORT TABLE SUPPORT GROUP NEWS

The purpose of the Comfort Group is for the participants to support each other as we talk about some of our joys and concerns. It could be such things as health issues, mental health, caregiving, positive things happening in our lives and in our families or anything that we feel comfortable sharing. Things said in the group stay in the group unless specifically mentioned otherwise or if someone is in danger. Occasionally, we will go out to breakfast or lunch for our meetings. We may have guest speakers from time to time or have some other alternative activities as suggested by the group.

In August, the Comfort Group grew from 3 participants to 5! That's fantastic! Others are welcome as well. This is a "come as you are" and "come when you can" group. As people of faith we are meant to be in relationships and to support each other.

The meeting schedule for the remainder of 2023 is as follows:

Thursday, September 14

Thursday, September 28

Thursday, October 12

Thursday, October 26

Thursday, November 9

Monday, November 20 (breakfast-place and time TBD)

Thursday, December 14

Thursday, December 28

All Thursday meetings are held at 10 am in the Moseley Chapel on the lower level of the QMPC building.

AUGUST MEMORIALS

In Memory of Scott Robert

Given by:

Maureen & Bob Lockridge

Sally & David Sease

Year to Date Financial Report (through August)

	Aug-23	Monthly	Year to Date
Revenue	\$	27,645.75	\$ 248,442.92
Expenses	\$	28,416.04	\$ 231,757.63
Difference	\$	(770.29)	\$ 16,685.29

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.



John Lynchburg Block Party





Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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3 10am Worship	4 Church Office Closed 	5 10am Zoom Bible Study	6 STAR 11am Centering Prayer 1 pm Dot Franklin Graveside service at Spring Hill Cemetery 6pm Churchwide prayer for one another	7 8 am Garden maintenance 7pm Chancel Choir rehearsal	8 10am LRTA Board Meeting	9
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