

SEPTEMBER 2022

# THE QUAKER QUILL

THE NEWSLETTER OF QUAKER MEMORIAL  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Greetings Friends in Christ,

It took over 2,000 water bottles  
400 door hangers  
50 posters  
40+ volunteers  
6 musicians  
2 ponies & 2 tractors  
1 bounce house  
and a fabulous "John Lynch"

To make our very first John Lynch Birthday Block Party a success. I remember saying to the session last fall in one of our first meetings... we need to throw a party for our neighborhood and boy did we! I would estimate that around 400 or so visitors came through during the day and everyone truly enjoyed themselves under our shade trees! Thank you Quaker for helping this vision come to fruition, it was worth all the hard work!

I am so excited for all the things happening this month...the calendar is FULL! We have Home School groups here during the week and the building is buzzing and hopping! Rally Day kicks off our Christian Education year and Choir will begin rehearsals on September 15. How good and pleasant it is when we gather together!

Please join me for coffee this month on September 8 or 28...it should be a wonderful time for conversation. Come and dream dreams with me about what the Spirit has in mind for Quaker in the days and years ahead!

Peace,  
Anghaarad



# Rally Day

**SEPTEMBER 11, 2022**



**COME FOR THE DONUTS...  
STAY FOR THE INFORMATION!**

**SEPTEMBER 11 AT 9:15AM  
IN THE SANCTUARY**



Come learn about all of the Christian Education Offerings this fall for children, youth and adults. We will have a short program in the Sanctuary followed by donuts & coffee in the Narthex. Bob Lockridge, David Gellert & David Webb will share about the new Adult Sunday School class, "Testimony: A Vocabulary of Faith", that will begin Sept. 19.



During worship many of our children and youth will be presented Bibles as we continue to uphold our baptismal covenant to help nurture them in the faith.

**IT SHOULD BE A FUN DAY OF CELEBRATION AND  
OPPORTUNITY THAT YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS!**



## **LUNCH BUNCHERS,**

September Lunch Bunch will be at one of the group's favorite choices - Colonial Restaurant - 8190 Wards Road on Wednesday, September 21st at 11:30 am. Colonial no longer takes reservations so seating instructions will be sent in an email closer to the date. RSVP to Sara at [buzzandsara@gmail.com](mailto:buzzandsara@gmail.com) or text or call 434-941-3349.



## **CREATIVE SPIRIT NIGHT**

Starting Wednesday, September 14 at 6:00pm Anghaarad will lead a weekly opportunity for creative folks to gather for reflection, conversation and fellowship. Everyone who comes is encouraged to bring whatever their creative activity might be (knitting, drawing, watercolors, jewelry making, journaling, writing, needlepoint, etc.). Each night will open with a meditative reading for reflection and then the group will work for an hour on whatever project they have brought with them. No need to sign up and of course guests are always welcome!

## **COFFEE WITH THE PASTOR**

Each month watch the newsletter to find out when Anghaarad will be at a local coffee shop. This is a great opportunity to come and talk about things happening at Quaker, ask her theological questions, find out what she is currently reading or just enjoy a cup of your favorite coffee. This month Anghaarad will be at the Starbucks on Forest Road (19399 Forest Road) on Thursday, September 8 from 10am to noon and Wednesday, September 28 from 2:00pm-4:00pm.

## **THE WELCOME TABLE**

We're gathering together again at the Welcome Table for another Potluck & Community Sing this Friday evening, September 9, at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. It's a relaxed, informal, and very welcoming occasion for members and guests alike; one visitor reported that all the hospitable people, good food, and fine singing made her feel right at home — and eager to come back! Bring a dish to share and come sing along with some old favorites.



## **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.





## **YOUTH FELLOWSHIP STARTS BACK SEPTEMBER 11**

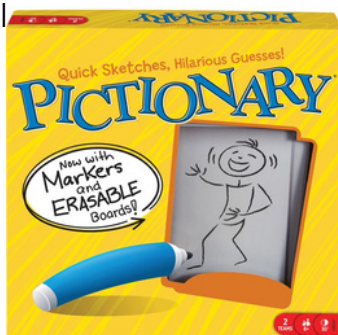
Our youth 6-12th grades will start back their Sunday evening programming with lots of fun and tradition. It's "Chair Night" and everyone will receive their "official" chair to join the circle.

On September 18 the youth are encouraged to bring their parents for a "Parents, Potluck & Pictionary Night"...Skip will

fire up the grill for hamburgers and hotdogs and our families are asked to bring side dishes.

The calendar for the year will be distributed,

any travel/medical releases needed will be available and decisions about Confirmation will be made so you don't want to miss all of the fun! Plus we will find out who is better at Pictionary the parents or the youth!



## **PRAYER PARTNERS FOR OUR YOUTH**

On September 18 after worship there will be an opportunity for anyone who wishes to be a prayer partner for our youth to sign up and even select their young person. The partners will pray for each other throughout the year. The hope is that more adults will make a connection with our youth and keep them connected to the church.

From birthday cards to sitting next to them in worship there are lots of ways for prayer partners to connect with each other. Please consider being an important person in the life of one of our youth.

## **BIG IS GETTING EVEN BIGGER!!**

For many years Quaker has had a wonderful opportunity for our older elementary kids called BIG (Believers in God). This has been such a great ministry that the Christian Education Committee has decided that everyone should be a part! This year we will have monthly BIG events for the entire church, from 0-100 you are invited. These events will be centered around fellowship, friendship and service. Below are all of the events planned for this school calendar so be sure to save these dates because you don't want to miss these opportunities!



September 25....	Mission Partner Night 5:45 pm
October 9...	Corn Maze 1 pm
November 20...	Advent Workshop 11 am
December 18...	Candlelight Service 5:30 pm
January 29...	Rise Against Hunger 11 am
February 5...	Talent Show & Dinner TBD
March 12...	Churchwide Movie Night 5:45 pm
April TBA...	Easter Egg Hunt
May 7...	Churchwide Picnic @ the Peaks 11 am



## MONTREAT 2022

Our youth and adults are home from a wonderful week at the Montreat Youth Conference. The theme "More Than Enough" reminded us that we are enough in the eyes of our Creator and we have more than enough to share with the world. A big shout out to Amanda Stanbery who made the cute shirts that our group wore on Wednesday.



- Seeking Sunday school volunteers for our Children's Sunday school, please see Julia Bryan or Liz Huband if you are willing assist with this program. We are going to be using our Godly Play program during Sunday school this year and need some of our folks who have already been trained to step up and become part of the rotation. Youth are welcome to volunteer as well.
- Fellowship Committee is seeking volunteers to help open and close the Coffee Closet each Sunday...if you are willing to serve please speak to Jane Reynolds or Skip Wodke.

## BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Thank you to everyone who donated backpacks for Parkview Mission. We received about 10 backpacks which will be distributed to children in our area who are in need. If any of our students or teachers would like to receive a blessing tag for the year we still have some in the office.



## SEPTEMBER'S PAINTING

The watercolor painting on display this month is the work of Smokey Watts, a well known Lynchburg artist. This painting is on loan from Phyllis Webb.

## GARDEN UPDATE

The garden is growing and providing many vegetables to those in need! The summer crops are winding down and in early September we will be adding collard greens to the garden. As of August 31, we have donated over 723 lbs of veggis! Our group works in the garden on Monday & Thursday from 8 to 9:30 AM. Others are always welcome to join us!





## JOHN LYNCH BIRTHDAY BLOCK PARTY



WOW! What a wonderful party this past Saturday. Our first ever (and hopefully not the last) John Lynch Birthday Block Party was a HUGE success!!! We had several hundred neighbors and friends join us under the shade trees for a great afternoon of music, food, fellowship, unicorns, tractors, history, games, face painting and a bounce house! A big thank you goes to everyone who helped make this event such a success! Thank you to Casey & Lilly Wood for bringing their band, Lilly Stargazer to perform! Thank you to Lewis & Molly Garbee for the Tractors! Thank you to David Webb Sr. who was a fantastic "John Lynch." Thank you to Richard Goodman & Banjo Bob for some toe-tapping folk music. Thank you to the youth who painted lots of faces. Thank you to everyone who came and welcomed our neighbors and guests. Thank you to Skip Wodke & Jane Reynolds who popped untold kernels of yummy popcorn. Thank you to Steve Bryan & Neal Gibson who wrangled all the electricity we needed. Thank you to everyone who served as a restroom attendant. Thank you to Julia Bryan, Liz Huband, Brandon Stanbery and other members of the committee who got all the activities, supplies, and vendors needed for the event. Thank you to everyone who distributed the door hangers (Scott & Angie Ashman are super stars for passing out over 100 hangers!). Thank you to everyone who helped set up and tear down the event.

Thank you to everyone who donated over 2,000 water bottles. Thank you for all who helped us recycle all those water bottles. Thank you to everyone who helped clean up the grounds. Thank you to Ted Delany and the Lynchburg Museum System for bringing a tent and helping share our story. Thank you to the University of Lynchburg for their assistance in publicizing this event. Thank you to Carolyn Eubanks who coordinated the official signing of the South River Meeting House Partnership and gave tours all day. Thank you to everyone who prayed for this event and for the weather to be bearable. And finally a very big THANK YOU to Steve & Phillip Hubbard who were the super heroes of the day hauling countless tables, chairs and the very heavy portable stage out onto the grounds and then back into the building. There were so many folks that helped make this event such a success and everyone I met on Saturday was so impressed by the welcoming atmosphere and hoped that we would do this again. So friends, I think we all need to go ahead and mark our calendars for the NEXT JOHN LYNCH BIRTHDAY BLOCK PARTY 2.0 on August 26, 2023! Here are a few pictures from the Block Party...you can see more on our Facebook page.



# EXCITING NEW PARTNERSHIP!



On Saturday, August 27, the South River Meeting House was the setting for a signing ceremony for a partnership between Quaker Memorial, the University of Lynchburg, and the Lynchburg Museum System to enhance South River Meeting House's interpretive program. Signing the partnership agreement were Anghaarad and Ted Delaney, executive director of the Museum System. University President Alison Morrison-Shetlar, who was out of town to attend a friend's funeral, had signed the document previously. Following the signing ceremony, Anghaarad, Ted Delaney, and University Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Allison Jablonski offered remarks on the value of the partnership to the organizations each represented and how it will make it possible for generations to come to learn about the historical significance of the Meeting House and the contributions of Lynchburg's early Quaker community.



## University of Lynchburg

The ceremony was followed by a wreath-laying at John Lynch's grave featuring a wreath that Anghaarad made of natural foliage from church property, in keeping with the Quaker tradition of simplicity.



## CAREGIVERS COMFORT GROUP



A new support group is forming to address the unique issues faced by those who care for a loved one. On Monday, September 12 at 6:30 pm, we will have an informational meeting for all in the community in the Library. Please invite others you know who are taking care of someone. From this meeting, a regular meeting time will be established. This group is part of the "Comfort My People" initiative which is part of the PCUSA. Contact Peggy Deyerle if you have questions at 434-258-1256.





## 2¢ A MEAL OFFERING

Quaker has supported this mission giving for many years and has been the recipient of 2¢ grants from the presbytery but it has been a while since we collected this offering in worship. Beginning, September 4 we will resume this practice on the first Sunday of the month, but with a new twist. Get ready to make some noise with your change. Our Noisy Buckets will be ready to collect your pennies, nickels, dimes and dollars for feeding programs in our local area and around the world. To learn more about the 2¢ a Meal program and history please follow this link <https://www.peakspresbytery.org/2-cents-a-meal/>

## ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE

Just a reminder that we now offer electronic giving. You can give simply by scanning the QR code below or go to our website [www.qmpc.org](http://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.



## FAREWELL TO OUR BOOKKEEPER, MARY WOERNER

The Personnel Committee must make the very bittersweet announcement that Mary Woerner, our long-time bookkeeper has announced her resignation of her position effective September 30, 2022. We have truly been blessed by Mary's tenure at Quaker. She has been an integral part of our ministry and work and we will miss her. We hope to send her off with all of our best wishes and gratitude. Christine will be collecting cards and tokens of appreciation in the office through September 23. The Personnel Committee has already begun the work of seeking a replacement...if you have any questions about the process please reach out to Gerald Doyle, chair of the committee.

## In Memoriam

### In Memory of William Lea

Dr. & Mrs. Ron Hendricksen

### In Memory of William Townsend


Bob & Maureen Lockridge

## QMPC FINANCIAL UPDATE



July Revenue	\$26,375.69
July Expenses	\$40,772.72
Difference	-\$14,397.03
YTD Revenue	\$210,866.26
YTD Expenses	\$199,230.59
Difference	\$11,635.67

# Hello September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 9 am Paint the Kids Choir room
4 Communion	5 Church Office Closed 	6 Classical Conversations 10 am Bible study	7 STAR Home School 11 am Centering Prayer 6-7 pm Church Wide Prayer	8	9 10 am Lynchburg Retired Teachers Board Meeting 6-8 pm The Welcome Table	10
11 Rally Day 11 am Children's Choir 5:45 pm Youth Group	12 6:30 pm Caregivers Comfort Group	13 Classical Conversations 10 am Bible study	14 STAR Home School 11 am Centering Prayer 6 pm Creative Spirit Night 6-7 pm Church Wide Prayer 6:30 pm Property	15  Christine Off	16  Christine Off	17
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## Sunday Schedule:

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship Service In Sanctuary or Online at YouTube (Quaker5810) or Facebook Live

11:00 a.m. Children's Choir (begins Sept. 11)

5:45 p.m. Youth Fellowship (begins Sept. 11)