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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,

It doesn't feel possible that we are half-way through the summer. This month our youth will be hitting the road for Montreat and Massanetta Springs for this summer's youth conferences. I will be heading to Montreat for two weeks to serve as a Small Group Leader for the Youth Conference and am looking forward to the time in the North Carolina mountains. Spending time with the young people in our church are always a good reminder that the kids are all right...the church is all right...our God is still at work and even in the midst of change all around we still have hope that God is up to big things.

Please sign up to help us with our 2nd Annual John Lynch Birthday Block Party! It takes lots of folks to make this event possible...Saturday, August 26th! We are looking for musical acts to help fill the stage that day...if you have a group or musical artist you believe would enjoy performing please get in touch with me ASAP!

Beginning this month, I will be serving our presbytery by moderating the session of Bedford Presbyterian Church as they traverse this season of transition. Their long time pastor retired in June and until they call a new pastor, I will be serving the session in this capacity. We have several congregations in our presbytery in this season of transition, may we hold them in prayer.

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, JULY 14 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.



We will be scheduling additional dates for Pictorial Directory photo sessions. Watch for announcements in the bulletin and emails! We also plan to go to our nursing homes and home bound members to take their pictures. We will start setting those appointments soon.

It is that time of year again to prepare for our next Block Party... we need lots of volunteers to make this event the success that it was last year. A sign up sheet is in the narthex...don't miss an opportunity to welcome our neighbors!

QUAKER MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
INVITES OUR NEIGHBORS TO JOIN US!

Happy
Birthday
John
Lynch



A BLOCK PARTY CELEBRATING
THE BIRTHDAY OF THE
FOUNDER OF LYNCHBURG
SATURDAY, AUGUST 26
3PM-DARK
BRING A CHAIR & YOUR
FAMILY



Coffee with the Pastor

Join Anghaarad for coffee back at Starbucks at 20186 Timberlake Road on Monday, July 17 from 10 am-Noon. Come for a Cup of Joe or tea and great conversation...this is a wonderfully relaxing time for all members of Quaker and friends.



This month **Lunch Bunch** will head to Market at Main at 904 Main Street. Join us on Wednesday, July 19 at 11:30 am. We will need to give a final head count to the restaurant by Monday, June 17 so please RSVP to Sara by text, call 434-941-3349 or email her at buzzandsara@gmail.com.

COMFORT TABLE NEWS

The Comfort Table Support Group has met a few times so far. Topics discussed have included caregiving and mental health. We will be reading the book *A Bigger Table* by John Pavlovitz this summer. It's available on Amazon. The July meetings will be on Thursday, July 13 and Tuesday, July 25 (instead of Thursday, July 27). Come and join us. We talk about our joys and concerns and will be brainstorming some activities for the fall. We meet in Moseley Chapel at 10 am.



NO AFTER HOURS

No After Hours this summer but we will resume in the Fall!

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS!

Last month when Anghaarad & Richard answered folks questions in worship. One of the questions was: "What books would we recommend for someone starting to read theology?" We listed several books and here they are:

- Faith Seeking Understanding by Daniel Migliore
- Life Together by Dietrich Bonhoeffer
- Being Presbyterian in the Bible Belt by Thornburg & Foote
- Courage to Be by Paul Tillich
- Christian Doctrine by Shirley Guthrie



Our partner ministry for over 30 years has seen a sizable uptick in requests for financial assistance this spring and summer. QMPC supports this important ministry through our annual budget; however, if members of QMPC would like to directly support IOA as they alleviate financial stress from some of the most vulnerable neighbors in our community, please indicate on your giving and we will send your gifts to IOA as they come in. If you are not able at this time to assist financially, please continue to pray for this ministry and our neighbors who are facing difficult times.

Amherst Presbyterian looking for bunk beds

Did you know that Amherst Presbyterian Church (where Michael Whorley is the Supply Pastor) along with Sweet Briar College has a refugee relief program? The program currently has a Syrian family that has located to the area and they are setting the family up with a home. They are in need of bunk beds for some of the children in the family. If you have a set that you no longer need, please contact Michael Whorley at 434-907-0548.



If you would like a copy of the book, they are on the desk in the office. The cost per book is \$13.



Are you interested in learning more about composting? Are you passionate about feeding the hungry?

The Garden & Earth Care teams have a new project and we would like your help. Each year, during the garden season, we purchase many bags of garden soil to fill in our beds. If we do a better job of composting, we can make our own soil and reduce our expenses. We are asking any interested members to get a compost bucket from the garden team. The bucket will be labeled with acceptable items and will have a lid. Fill this bucket up each week with your kitchen waste products and bring it to the church each Sunday or whenever it's full. A team member will dump it in our new composter and rinse your bucket out to return home for more compost. We will mix this compost with manure from Lewis and Mollie's houses and leaf mixture from the leaves on the church yard. Next spring, we will have made our own rich garden soil. Even if you don't work in the garden, you will be helping feed the hungry by providing our soil and reducing our expenses. Each year, QMPC donates over 1000 lbs of food to help feed the hungry. At present we have donated over 400 pounds of vegetables to Salvation Army, Daily Bread and the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank. If you are interested, contact the office and they'll put you in contact with a team member.

We have already picked and delivered over 500 pounds of vegetables to the Salvation Army and Food Bank this Spring and Summer. Join us every Monday and Thursday morning at 9 am to help pick our Garden's bounty!



MUSIC & ARTS CAMP



JUNE MEMORIALS

In Memory of Barbara Ward
by Sally & David Sease
Fay Willis
Ann & Tim Daniel

In Memory of Scott Robert
by Jane Bankovich
Bev at University of Lynchburg

In Memory of H.D. Morris (Garden Fund)
by Shirley Morris

Year to Date Financial Report (through May)

	May-23 Monthly	Year to Date
Revenue	\$ 20,295.46	\$ 158,815.76
Expenses	\$ 29,157.27	\$ 142,168.86
Difference	\$ (8,861.81)	\$ 16,646.90

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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