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# THE QUAKER QUILL

THE NEWSLETTER OF QUAKER MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN

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# A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Several folks have asked for a copy of the remarks I made at the opening of worship on July 14 in response to the attempted assassination of former president Trump. My letter to you this month is a copy of those words but with this added this plea....as this election season ramps up and the vitriol heightens to a frenzy may we find ways to engage one another with care and compassion instead of anger and fury. May we choose the way we engage in the conversations around the election with thoughtful discourse and not hateful division. Let us resist cheap shots and pettiness and instead practice mutual forbearance with one another. I pray for our country as we enter this season and may we remember that we are people of The Way of Jesus and may we behave accordingly.

I know that many of us went to bed last night or awoke this morning to the news of an attempted assassination of the former president, Trump. It is news that has shocked us and has reminded us that political violence is always waiting to spring into action. I am grateful that this attempt was unsuccessful...I pray for his healing and I grieve for all the lives lost in yesterday's actions and my prayer is that we will rise above the divisions that continue to tear the cloth of democracy in our country and keep us from being truly at peace. The darkest hours of American history, the ones shadowed by political violence, remind us that incitement and hatred must be constantly challenged. Now is the time for a unified voice to stand up and say...ENOUGH...it is time to stop cheering on the pundits and candidates that use incendiary language. Maybe John Prine was right...it is time for us to blow up our tvs and throw away our papers. We all play a role in this whether we want to believe it or not...every time we turn on cable news for hours on end...every time we share a mean-spirited meme on social media...every time we fan the flames of violent rhetoric...every time we feed the social discourse of our side is better than your side...every time we throw our hands up in the air and declare both sides are bad and there is nothing we can do...my friends Pogo said it and it is still true: We have met the enemy and he is us...we continue to feed the billion dollar media behemoth with our participation and our apathy. We must raise our unified voices and say the time of division is over. Violence has no place in a democratic society and we must stop the current political situation that benefits destruction, violence, evil and division. There is enough love and compassion to go around. We must make a commitment to peace. As the beloved people of God we are called to be a unique people of peace not just in our own communities but into all the world. Violence only begets more violence...whether it is violent rhetoric or violent actions...I urge us to be a people of peace...to use the language of peace...to speak with peace whenever we can...to promote peace in every corner of our lives from our nuclear families to our social media footprint. We cannot forget that Jesus says to us: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." Fear Mongering is the exact opposite of peace...don't give in to the temptation to drum up conspiracy theories and point fingers, it only adds fuel to the fire of evil. My friends as we gather in this time to worship together let us begin by practicing peace here in this place. It has been our custom for quite some time to give a very passive sign of peace to our neighbors...but today, I invite you to get up, move around the room, shake hands/embrace/make eye contact as you feel comfortable and truly greet one another with the Peace of Jesus...for it is the only peace that can change the world.

Shalom,  
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 & Community Sing

A Warm Welcome, Fine Food & Sweet Harmony

Americana & Roots Music, Spirituals, Gospel Songs,  
Country Blues, Mountain Hymns & Civil Rights Anthems

FRIDAY EVENING, AUGUST 9<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:30

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.



## Coffee with the Pastor



Join Anghaarad for coffee at The Bagel & I at 20584 Timberlake Road on Monday, August 12 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.



This month **Lunch Bunch** will head to Ledo's Pizza at 126 Old Graves Mill Road. Join us on Wednesday, August 21 at 11:30 am. We will need to give a final head count to the restaurant by Monday, August 19 so please RSVP to Sara by text, call 434-941-3349 or email her at [buzzandsara@gmail.com](mailto:buzzandsara@gmail.com).

## Handbells are back this Fall



and Gerald Doyle will be directing. We would like to invite anyone who has thought they might enjoy playing handbells or are curious about what it takes to be a part of the Handbell Choir to join Gerald and the current members of the Handbell Choir on Sunday, August 18 at 3:30pm in the Sanctuary for an introduction! No experience is necessary and anyone age 14 and up is welcome to participate! Regular rehearsals will begin September 8th on Sunday afternoons.

## Chancel Choir Rehearsals

The Chancel Choir rehearsals will resume on Thursday, September 5, the first Thursday after Labor Day. All are welcome!



**The Church Office will be closed Monday, September 2 for the Labor Day holiday.**





## **Massanetta Springs Sunday**

August 11 during worship...everyone please plan to join us!

Massanetta Springs is in the middle of a Capital Campaign for much needed improvements to their housing options. Quaker's session has agreed for the years 2023, 2024, and 2025 to have a Sunday set aside to celebrate Massanetta Springs and collect a special offering to help support the capital campaign. The youth and adults who traveled to 'Netta this summer will be here to share their favorite experiences from this summer's Middle School Conference.

## **Parkview Mission Workday Scheduled**

On Saturday, August 31, we will have an opportunity to help pack backpacks and see how our donations of snacks and personal hygiene items are being shared with the children and youth in our community. From 9:30 to 11am, you can help in Parkview's Food for Thought program packing these backpacks. There is a signup sheet in the Narthex if you would like to help with this outreach opportunity.



## **Boots & Bowties Formal Event**

To support Parkview Mission

Saturday, August 24, 2024

6:00pm to 11:00pm

The Virginian Hotel (712 Church Street)

Help support our mission partner with their largest fundraiser of the year...tickets are going fast. The cost is \$150 per person. Please visit

<https://parkviewcommunitymission-bloom.kindful.com/e/bow-ties-formal-event->  
to secure your tickets!

A collection of school supplies scattered on a light green surface. There are many colorful pencils, several paper clips in various colors, a red backpack, a pair of scissors, a ruler, and a watercolor palette. The text 'BACKPACK & SCHOOL SUPPLY' is in large, bold, black capital letters, and 'DONATIONS' is in white capital letters on a black rectangular background.

## BACKPACK & SCHOOL SUPPLY DONATIONS

We will be collecting backpacks & school supply donations for Lynchburg area students on August 4 during worship!

## BLESSING OF THE *Backpacks*

Sunday, August 4 during worship  
All students, teachers, & administrators are  
invited to bring their bag for a blessing & a tag!

A row of five cartoon children standing with their backs to the viewer. From left to right: a boy with dark skin and curly hair wearing a green backpack; a girl with orange hair wearing a blue backpack; a boy with blonde hair wearing a brown backpack; a girl with dark skin and pigtails wearing a purple backpack; and a girl with brown hair wearing a yellow backpack. They are all wearing colorful clothing and shoes.



# news and events



## CONFIRMATION CLASS

This Fall we will have Confirmation Classes, one Sunday a month after worship for all youth grade 7 and up. You will see the schedule below. The youth will meet with Pastor Anghaarad & elders as they prepare to make their own profession of faith!

### SCHEDULE

August 25, 2024 after worship  
September 22, 2024 after worship  
October 6, 2024 before & after  
worship  
Confirmation Sunday, October 27

## Happy Birthday John Lynch Block Party 2024

The session has set the date for this year's  
Block Party to September 28  
With the hopes that it will be cooler than previous years!

August 11 after worship  
there will be a planning meeting to prepare for the  
festivities...all who would like to help make plans, join us!

We are looking right now for musical acts,  
food trucks, and entertainment...if you have  
contacts or ideas let Anghaarad know!





## Our 2nd Annual Music & Arts Camp was a BLAST!!!

Thanks to everyone who volunteered and we hope to see everyone back next year for a great week of singing, dancing, playing, creating and praising!





**Happy 100th Birthday to Lucille Paige!**  
**We had a joyful celebration on Sunday, July 14th.**





# Massanetta Middle School Conference

## Here are a few pictures from our kids at Massanetta





## Montreat Youth Conference 2024

Here are a few pictures from our folks who traveled to Montreat July 20-27



## **JULY MEMORIALS & GIFTS**

### **In Memory of Pauline Raynore**

Sarah Garrett

### **In Memory of Jane Reynolds**

Mr. & Mrs. R. Wayne Childs

Coley, Eubank & Company

Barbara N. Lansche

Rebecca Powell O'Connell

Jane Putnam

Glennys Sheppard

Gloria & Roy Stiltner

Winton Women's Golf Association

### **In Memory of Margaret Tucker**

Glennys Sheppard

## **Thank You!**

Dear Quaker family,

My mom, Lucille Paige, would like to thank you all for the kind birthday wishes, cards and gifts for her 100th birthday this year. She found your recognition deeply touching.

Ray Paige

## **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](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.





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 7:30 am Garden maintenance	3
4 10am Worship Blessing of the Backpacks	5	6 7:30 am Garden maintenance	7 11am Centering Prayer 6pm Prayer for others at home	8 10am Comfort Table Support Group	9 7:30 am Garden maintenance  6:30 pm The Welcome Table	10
11 10am Worship Massanetta Sunday & special offering received 11:15 am John Lynch Block Party planning meeting	12 10am Coffee with Pastor at The Bagel & I	13 7:30 am Garden maintenance  10am Communion at The Summit  6pm Communion at Bentley Commons	14 11am Centering Prayer 6pm Prayer for others at home	15   4pm QMPC-LMS -UL Task Force	16 7:30 am Garden maintenance  3pm Carey Rice funeral & reception	17
18 10am Worship 11:15 am Session  3:30 pm Handbell choir meeting	19	20 7:30 am Garden maintenance	21 11am Centering Prayer 11:30 am Lunch Bunch 6pm Prayer for others at home	22 10am Comfort Table Support Group 3pm Communion at Willow Ridge	23 7:30 am Garden maintenance	24  6pm Boots & Bowties Parkview Mission Fundraiser
25 10am Worship 11:15am Confirmation Class	26	27 7:30 am Garden maintenance	28 STAR Home-school Group in building 11am Centering Prayer 6pm Prayer for others at home	29	30 7:30 am Garden maintenance	31 9:30 am to 11am Park View Mission Work Day