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# THE QUAKER QUILL

THE NEWSLETTER OF QUAKER MEMORIAL  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Grace & Peace to You!

January was a busy month here at Quaker! A record number of volunteers assisted with Rise Against Hunger and we had a blast packing 10,100 meals. Thank you to everyone who participated in this awesome mission project. We ordained and installed a new class of elders and welcomed into membership our Confirmation Class. We have included the faith statements in the newsletter, all three of them did an outstanding job! Welcome Grace, Olivia and Joseph...we are so glad you are a part of the Quaker family!

This month we will move into the season of Lent as we journey 40 days towards the cross and the joy of Easter morning. As we prepare to enter Lent, I hope that you will prayerfully consider ways you might deepen your journey. You might choose to fast (give up chocolate, caffeine, social media) or you might add a spiritual practice (daily prayer, meditation, walking)...I would love to know what your plans are as you journey these 40 days.

To mark the ending of the season of Epiphany all are invited to a Mardi Gras Open House at my home, February 18th from 5:00pm to 8:30pm. Come enjoy a little cajun cuisine, fellowship and les bon temps!

Peace,  
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, February 10 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.





The Youth of Quaker invite you and your friends for a Spaghetti luncheon and Talent Show after worship THIS SUNDAY, February 5. The youth will serve a yummy meal and share their talents. Do you have a talent you would like to share? Any non-youth can share their talent by paying a \$10 entry fee. Proceeds from this will support our youth attending Massanetta Springs and Montreat Conferences this summer. A love offering will be collected to cover the cost of the meal. Please RSVP TODAY to make sure we have enough spaghetti for everyone.



Souper Bowl of Caring is next Sunday, February 12. Our youth will be collecting dollars after worship in soup pots to help tackle hunger!! Half of the money will support Rise Against Hunger and the half will support the local Food Bank. We hope to see you there and our soup pots overflowing with your generosity!



This month Lunch Bunch will head to Iron & Ale, 104 Cornerstone Street. Join us on Wednesday, February 15th at 11:30 am. We will need to give a final head count to the restaurant by Monday, February 13th so please RSVP to Sara by text, call 434-941-3349 or email her at [buzzandsara@gmail.com](mailto:buzzandsara@gmail.com).



### **COFFEE WITH THE PASTOR**

This month join Anghaarad for coffee back at Starbucks at 20186 Timberlake Road on Monday, February 20th from 10am-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.



### **TUBING OUTING TO WINTERGREEN**

The youth are going Tubing at Wintergreen on February 26th with our friends from St. Andrew Presbyterian Church. We would like to extend the invitation to other members of Quaker...if you would like to join us please RSVP by February 8th so that we can insure getting enough passes for everyone! We are working on a group rate so we don't know the cost of the tickets yet...but we will let folks know as soon as we hear!

### **AFTER HOURS WITH THE PASTOR**

Anghaarad will have another gathering at The Waterdog (1016 Jefferson Street) on Monday, February 27 beginning at 6:30pm. Come have a beverage of your choice and join in some great conversation.



...continues this month on Wednesday evenings 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 as always, guests are welcome!



The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, February 22 at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary. All are invited to attend this solemn service of confession and contrition. We acknowledge that we have all fallen short of the glory of God and we remember our mortality with the words: "Remember you are dust and dust you shall return." Any who wish to receive the sign of ashes will be invited to participate as part of the service. Lent is the season leading up to Easter. Forty days of fasting, penitence and remembrance typically shape how many followers of Christ journey towards Easter. At QMPC this Lenten season we will have opportunities for folks to participate in a variety of spiritual practices beginning with Ash 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.



Olivia Evans

Daughter of Hunter & Sara Evans

7th grader at Brookville Middle School

if I'm being honest, this was hard to write because I'm a 13 year old and don't know much about my faith but I know how I want to grow in my faith. When preparing for this, I compared my faith to dance. In the beginning, I was a little scared, and didn't know a lot of steps, but as I have grown, learned more and practiced I am more comfortable, and know ways to express myself. I want to grow in my faith like I know how I have grown in dance learn and get better through time. and just as I feel, I'm never alone at dance I am never alone in my faith with God.

Grace Jacob

Daughter of Michael & Tami Jacob

9th grader at Virginia Episcopal School

Four years ago my Opa died, I was ten years old and didn't really understand at first. I remember Miss Laura picking Joy and me up and telling us that my Opa wasn't doing well. She drove us to the church and I sat in the last pew with my head bent down repeating over and over to God: "You've saved once before, please save him again." I was so confused, just praying God would save him. When we left the church, Miss Laura asked if we wanted McDonalds and Joy and I said: "No, our mom doesn't let us eat that." So, instead we got Chick-fil-a. When I got home I walked in the door to see my family crying. They told me that Opa had passed away. I felt betrayed by God. Ten year old me was upset and didn't understand why this happened. I didn't pray for a couple of days. I was sad and confused. One night, I went outside on the porch, the sun was setting. The sunset had colors of bright blue, pink, and purple. The sky was so beautiful. My heart felt this warmth from it, that even though my Opa wasn't with us down here, he was still with us, up there. From that moment on, sunsets are what remind me of God everyday. And even if the sun sets...it will always rise again.





Joseph Robert

Son of Laura and Scott Robert

8th grader at New Covenant School

Life with the church can supply you many things, it brings you to new places, it can give you opportunities, but most importantly it helps your faith and understanding of God grow. It is also a solid foundation that you can rely on. Because God created everything, metaphors of him can be seen everywhere. The way that I understand him comes from the perspective of a boy who sees him when he is doing the thing he loves: sailing.

The main attributes of sailing can be seen from a new perspective to teach about the triune God. Before you can go sailing you need a boat. It starts off as trees are being cut down and processed into boards. Then they are assembled and made into a boat. The sails must also be made; they are woven tight to catch even the lightest winds. After a long time, the boat is in the water, and now you can go sailing. You head away from land in search of stronger winds. You have the deep endless ocean in front of you, below you, around you, and with your boat kicking up the sea spray you have the ocean above you as well. In the open ocean your search for strong winds is finished because they have found you. The sails unfurl and grab hold of the wind driving you forward. The boat seems to be flying as you glide over the never-ending sea. With the wind whistling in your ears, your body rising and falling to the rhythm of the waves, you feel excitement, wonder, joy, and love. The love is coursing through your veins, making you want to shout and sing a song. Your boat is standing strong. It was never made to conquer the wind and seas, but to work in unison. This boat combines three things into one effective unit that changes your life. The boat represents Jesus. He carries us through our lives. He is the son of God, who became human to bridge the gap between us and God. The wind is the Holy Spirit. It moves us and gives us the opportunity and the ability to spread the word of God. The Holy Spirit uses the Bible; the bible is the sails, which catches the Holy Spirit. And the ocean is God the father because his love is unfathomable and endless. All three components are vital for sailing to work. The triune God needs all three parts but is one person. The triune God can be explained using a sailing as an example.

The church gives so many opportunities to me to thrive as a child of God. The church exposed me to the great acts of men and women in the past, who did selfless and powerful deeds in God's name. Sailing reminds me of those stories, so now I have written a story of my own: it is a story where God shines through. It is also a symbol of the church. There once was a man named John who was a fisherman. He learned his trade from his father, who learned it from his father. He was out alone fishing in the deep blue sea when a storm hit him. He was tossed about left and right, lost his bearings, and didn't know where land was.





Then a large wave came and threw him out of his boat, the thing that was protecting him from the now dark and turbulent waters. Out there in the water he thought he was dead; the only thing keeping him alive was a piece of driftwood. He drifted for a day until he came upon a child, who was thrown from a boat in the same storm. Miraculously, the child was still alive but was now struggling to keep his head above the water because he was exhausted from treading water for a long time. Now John had a choice. He could either let the child drown or give him the driftwood but risk himself drowning. He made the choice to give the child the wood. When he did so he saw in the distance his boat drifting in the water.

The man was on a journey. He was going through his life, doing what his family taught him to do, and yet his knowledge failed him when he needed it the most. But through his journey, he learned something that his parents couldn't teach him. He learned what the attributes that God is known for really mean. He learned of mercy, kindness, self-control, and love. The man's journey was life, the boat which he sailed in was the church, and the storm was the doubts and questions that might try to persuade you to turn away from God. When he was drifting at sea, he was lost and needed to find his boat, as many people need God to save them. The saving of the child brought him out of his sorrow, and he finally saw clearly what he needed to do. He saw the will of God and the doubts that once plagued him were no more. That is why he saw his boat. The boat did not leave him; it was there the whole time. He just didn't see it. The boat welcomed him back. The boat was the church. At first you trust it because your parents trusted it. Now you believe in it. When you had lost faith in it, it stayed near to you. When you needed it the most, it welcomed you with open arms. It is the church of God, full of people who love you and will stand with you in your darkest hour. It let you become a better follower of God because you overcame trials and tribulations when you thought you were alone, but it was there the whole time. The church helps you by getting you different places physically and mentally by you learning not only about yourself through it but a deeper understanding of God.

I believe in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. I believe that he is the one and only powerful God, who loves me and cares for me. My hunger for him will be filled, and my thirst for him will be quenched. He will protect me and stand by me through the best moments of my life and when it is full of worries, concerns, and doubts. He has prepared for me a life that best honors him, and I am prepared to live it, praising him, and spreading his word to all who will listen in hopes that they too will find Christ and believe in him and all that he stands for. Jesus died and rose again to wipe away our sins so that we can have an everlasting life with him. I believe that the church and the church family will stand by me and teach me how to be a better follower and believer in God. I love God and I love sailing. When I sail, I see God. Now I see him and his works all around me. God is hard to understand, but by using metaphors you can explain him and the church. Faith in God is a wonderful thing to have. It is said that hope walks but faith leaps. I hope my leap into life as a member of the church can strengthen my faith so I can learn more about him and spread his love and his word.



## JANUARY MEMORIALS

Missions Committee

by Andrea & David Webb

in memory of Claire Hubbard (Steve Hubbard's mother)

Rise Against Hunger

by Andrea & David Webb

in memory of Sylvia Denny

Sound System Improvement for Hearing Impaired

by Linda Deyerle Locklier

in memory of Norris Deyerle

by Sara Curtis

In memory of Greg Woodie

by Jane Roark

In memory of Leslie Nicole Hudson



### THANK YOU

To all who participated in packing over 10,000 meals for Rise for Hunger last Sunday. Thank you for taking your time to help the less fortunate. We will plan on doing this project again in 2024.

'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'

Matthew 25:40 (NIV)

The Missions Committee

It is with much love and gratitude towards my church family that I thank you for all your concerns, prayers, beautiful cards and phone calls during my son Greg's illness and passing. God bless all of you.

Mary Woodie

Reverend Dees,

Thank you and the church community for the support, service, and reception for Sylvia. Everything was absolutely beautiful and exactly what Sylvia would have wanted. Please pass on our gratitude to everyone that helped.

David, John and Laurie Denny

### 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.





# February 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> STAR Homeschool Group 11 am Centering Prayer  6 pm Church wide Prayer 6 pm Creative Spirit Night	<b>2</b> 9:30 am Caregivers Support Group  7 pm Choir rehearsal	<b>3</b> 2 pm Cemetery/ Columbarium Committee meeting in Moseley Chapel	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship 11:15 am Talent Show and Spaghetti Lunch Youth fundraiser  	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 10 am Zoom Bible Study	<b>8</b> STAR Homeschool Group 11 am Centering Prayer 6 pm Church wide Prayer 6 pm Creative Spirit Night	<b>9</b> 6:30 pm Caregivers Support Group 7 pm Choir rehearsal	<b>10</b> 10 am Lynchburg Retired Teachers Board Meeting  5 pm Fellowship Committee Meeting 6 pm The Welcome Table	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship 11:15 am Worship Committee meets   No Youth Group	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 10 am Zoom Bible Study  	<b>15</b> STAR Homeschool Group 11 am Centering Prayer 11:30 am Lunch Bunch 6 pm Church wide Prayer 6 pm Creative Spirit Night	<b>16</b> 9:30 am Caregivers Support Group  Presbytery Meeting on Zoom  7 pm Choir rehearsal	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  5-8:30 pm Mardi Gras Open House at Anghaarad & Zane's (1301 Edley Place)
<b>19</b> 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship 11:15 am Children's Choir rehearsal 11:15 am Session	<b>20</b> 10 am to noon Coffee with Pastor at Starbucks (7805 Timberlake Road)	<b>21</b> 10 am Zoom Bible Study	<b>22</b> STAR Homeschool Group 11 am Centering Prayer 6 pm Church wide Prayer 6:30 pm Service  	<b>23</b> 5:30 pm Haiti Missions Committee meeting in Moseley Chapel  7 pm Choir rehearsal	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  5pm STAR Home School Banquet in Fellowship Hall
<b>26</b> 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship 11:15 am Children's Choir rehearsal  Youth to Wintergreen for tubing  	<b>27</b>  6:30 pm After Hours at The Waterdog  	<b>28</b> 10 am Zoom Bible Study				