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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,

October is one of my favorite times of the year...something about the cooler days, changing leaves, college football, and fire pits in the backyard. Speaking of Fire pits...Zane & I will be cranking ours up in the early evenings when we are home and if you want to stop by and sit a spell, please feel free to join us. October is when we begin our season of Stewardship...at Quaker we have so much to be grateful for and it is from our gratitude that we share what we have.

I want to thank everyone for making my birthday celebration so lovely. It was a wonderful party...a big thank you to Scott & Angie Ashman for assisting Zane with all of the planning and for securing the location. Everything was perfect...the food, the music, the decorations, and most of all the people! Thank you!

I will be out of the office the second week of the month for a continuing education week at Montreat. I will be attending the conference: "Holy Shift" about how we navigate the changes in the church. If we are honest there is so much that is different in this post-pandemic world...changes have been coming for quite some time, but the pandemic has brought us to a cross-roads, how do we embrace this change, lean in to it, see what the Spirit is up to as we look ahead. Often, we see this kind of seismic change as something to fear, but maybe we need to readjust our thinking and see it as an opportunity for great possibilities.

This month, be kind to yourselves and to one another...slow down, enjoy the changing of the seasons, enjoy all the things pumpkin if that makes your heart happy and remember that sometimes God's creation reminds us that change is a good thing.

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, OCTOBER 13 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.



COFFEE WITH THE PASTOR

Join Anghaarad for coffee at First Watch at 8000 Timberlake Road on Monday, October 16 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 Milan Indian Cuisine on Wards Road at Hills Plaza. Join us on Wednesday, October 18 at 11:30 am. We will need to give a final head count to the restaurant by Monday, October 16 so please RSVP to Sara by text, call 434-941-3349 or email her at buzzandsara@gmail.com.



AFTER HOURS

Join us Monday, October 23 at 6:00pm at Bootleggers (50 13th Street, downtown). Come for conversation and libations!

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.

WORSHIP & MUSIC CONFERENCE

If you would like to join a group of folks from Quaker going to the Montreat Worship and Music Conference next summer please sign up in the church office by October 25...this way we will know how to plan for housing. The dates are June 23-28 and it a wonderful conference for all ages.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, OCTOBER 8

The Session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, October 8 immediately following worship for the purpose of electing the Nominating Committee so that they may begin their work preparing a slate of officers for the next class of Elders. Anyone can be nominated from the floor to be a part of the committee; however, it is vital that if there is someone you wish to nominate from the floor that you have secured their willingness to serve before you nominate them. Once the Nominating Committee is elected there will be an opportunity for members to suggest names to serve on the Session.



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.



Kirkin' o' the Tartan

In celebration of Reformation Sunday (October 29), we will have a simplified Kirkin' of the Tartan complete with a bagpiper and blessing of families. Those in worship (and online) will be invited to come forward for a blessing as a family...family groups can be whomever you wish to bring forward (pew neighbors, friends, chosen family - are all welcome). Everyone is also encouraged to wear attire that represents their family or heritage...if you have a tartan wear it, if you have a family reunion t-shirt wear that or if your family wears matching pjs for Christmas and are bold enough to show up in your jammies...we welcome you!



Scotland Tour 2024

Join Angharad for a trip to Scotland (October 7-October 15, 2024). The trip will cost \$3895 per person and includes coach travel, hotels, some meals, tipping, and fees. An initial deposit of \$195 is due by October 29, 2023 to receive the early bird discount for a \$100 savings. All balances on the trip will need to be paid by July 10, 2024. The trip will include Edinburgh, Iona, St. Andrews, Loch Ness, Stirling, Culloden and an opportunity to explore Scotland's sacred heritage. A full brochure with all the details will be in the office soon...but we have been guaranteed 18 spots on this tour until January 2024 (so don't miss out on the opportunity). This trip is also open to friends, family and other members of Peaks Presbytery.



- October 1: World Communion Sunday
- October 8: Congregational Meeting
- October 29: Reformation Sunday including Blessing of the Families
- November 5: All Saints Day
- November 12: Stewardship Dedication Sunday
- November 26: Advent Workshop
- December 3: First Sunday of Advent
- December 17: Candlelight Service

Concert at University of Lynchburg Featuring Lynchburg's Quaker History

On Friday, October 20 at 7pm in the Sydnor Performance Hall on the University of Lynchburg Campus, there will be a Concert featuring the University's Wind Symphony and Orchestra, String Ensemble, Community Big Band and others. This concert will feature stories of Lynchburg including the Quaker history. The students involved in this concert and their director have toured the Meeting House. They are also borrowing several of our artifacts to display outside the hall and some of the students will even be wearing some of our Quaker costumes. The concert will also include stories of the Monocan Indian Nation, the Civil War and the "Bedford Boys.

Tickets to the concert are required but free. Please let the church office know if you would like tickets to this interesting program.



Youth Fellowship

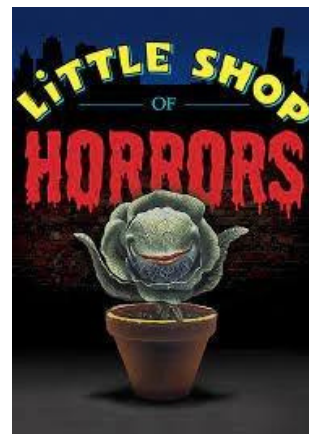
We are back in the saddle for another great year of fellowship, service, fun, and faith formation with our Youth Fellowship. This year we are extending a welcome to our 5th graders to join in the excitement. A group of parents, youth, and youth leaders put together a calendar for the year and we hope that our participation will be high! We have created a google calendar to help track all of the activities happening with our Youth...not just their church activities but also school activities. Please share with Pastor Anghaarad if your activity calendars and we will add them to our google calendar. Here is the link to this year's calendar and if you would like to serve the youth a meal you will see the dates available and can contact one of our youth leaders (Liz Huband, Susie Hubbard, Skip Wodke, Michael Jacob or Pastor Anghaarad) to volunteer.

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0?cid=ZWJiYzdmYzZiYTJkMzJkNmUwOWY3NTU5MTYwYTAiZThlMjUzNWJkY2RiYjcwMzU0NGM2MzdhMTIzYjJjZTAwMkBncm91cC5jYWxlbmRhci5nb29nbGUuY29t>

Support our Youth



This month we have youth performing in productions at EC Glass and Heritage the weekend of October 12-15. Let's have a Quaker showing at EC Glass on Thursday, October 12 for the play: "Play On!" and Heritage for the musical: "Little Shop of Horrors" on Saturday October 14. Pastor Anghaarad will be in the lobby early and will help direct folks to seats together.



SEPTEMBER MEMORIALS & GIFTS

In Memory of Dot Franklin

Given by:
Helen Petrill
Carolyn & Reuben Womack

In Honor of Anghaarad's birthday

Sara Curtis
Doris Daniel (for youth)
Phyllis Webb

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

Thank you very much for the prayers, sympathy cards, and words of comfort after the death of my husband, Davis. I am so grateful for the support of my church family.

Ruth Kirby

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.



October

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

<p>1 9am Sunday School 10am Worship: Communion & Two Cents a Meal offering</p> <p>5:15pm Youth Fellowship</p>	<p>2 8am Garden Maintenance</p>	<p>3 10am Zoom Bible Study</p>	<p>4 STAR Homeschool Group downstairs 11am Centering Prayer</p> <p>6pm Churchwide prayer for one another</p>	<p>5 8am Garden Maintenance</p> <p>7pm Chancel Choir rehearsal</p>	<p>6</p> 	<p>7 9 to 11am Digging Sweet potatoes and carrots in the garden</p>
<p>8 9am Sunday School 10am Worship 11:15 am Congregational Meeting</p> <p>5:15pm Youth Fellowship</p>	<p>9 8am Garden Maintenance</p>	<p>10 10am Zoom Bible Study</p> <p>6pm Communion at Bentley Commons</p>	<p>11 STAR Fall Break 11am Centering Prayer</p> <p>6pm Churchwide prayer for one another 6:30 pm Property Committee</p>	<p>12 8am Garden Maintenance 10am Comfort Table Support Group</p> <p>7pm Chancel Choir rehearsal</p>	<p>13 10am Lynchburg Retired Teachers Association Board Meeting</p> <p>6pm Welcome Table</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15 9am Sunday School 10am Worship 11:15 am Session</p> <p>5:15pm Youth Fellowship</p>	<p>16 8am Garden Maintenance 10am to noon Coffee with Pastor at First Watch</p> 	<p>17 10am Zoom Bible Study</p>	<p>18 STAR Homeschool Group downstairs 11am Centering Prayer</p> <p>6pm Churchwide prayer for one another</p>	<p>19 8am Garden Maintenance 3pm Communion at Valley View</p> <p>7pm Chancel Choir rehearsal</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 9am to noon Worker Bees</p>
<p>22 9am Sunday School 10am Worship</p> <p>5:15pm Youth Fellowship</p>	<p>23 8am Garden Maintenance</p> <p>6pm After Hours at Bootleggers</p>	<p>24 10am Zoom Bible Study</p>	<p>25 STAR Homeschool Group downstairs 11am Centering Prayer</p> <p>6pm Churchwide prayer for one another</p>	<p>26 8am Garden Maintenance 10am Comfort Table Support Group</p> <p>7pm Chancel Choir rehearsal</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 9am Sunday School 10am Worship: Kirkin Of the Tartan</p> <p>5:15pm Youth</p>	<p>30 8am Garden Maintenance</p>	<p>31 10am Zoom Bible Study</p> 				