

FEBRUARY 2025

# THE QUAKER QUILL

THE NEWSLETTER OF QUAKER MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN

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## **A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR**

Grace and Peace to You!

As we enter the month of February, I am looking ahead to the season of Lent. Ash Wednesday is not until March 5 but as pastors, we begin preparation for each season of the church calendar months ahead. This year I hope to focus us on what it means to Follow Jesus and to be sent by God into this world as ambassadors of love, mercy, and hope...we are the faithful ones tasked with sharing the Good News. Is God calling Quaker to action in our community? And what does that look like? How are we being sent?

In January we installed a new class of elders and our committees are beginning their new year...if you aren't currently serving on a committee, would you prayerfully consider joining one for 2025? All of our committees would welcome folks willing to serve but some of our committees could use some extra hands and feet around the table: Earth Care & Mission, Discipleship, and Finance. If you need more information, speak to a member of the Session or Anghaarad.

Hold one another gently in the coming days and weeks...I am constantly reminded that so many folks in our congregation are hurting, grieving, and struggling to just get through the days. Be a praying church...pray for one another and when a fellow sibling's name comes to your heart, take that as a nudge to reach out to them...pick up the phone, send an email, mail a note...it is always nice to know who is supporting us and loving us.

Love and Light,  
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

*featuring*

A Warm Welcome, Fine Food & Sweet Harmony  
Americana & Roots Music, Spirituals, Gospel Songs,  
Country Blues, Mountain Hymns & Civil Rights Anthems

FRIDAY EVENING  
FEBRUARY 14<sup>TH</sup> 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.

# NEWS & EVENTS



## **COFFEE WITH THE PASTOR**

Join Anghaarad for coffee at The Bagel & I at 20584 Timberlake Road on Monday, February 10 from 10 am to noon. Come for a cup of coffee, 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 JT's Grill, US 29 Business in Madison Heights. Join us on Wednesday, February 19 at 11:30 am. We will need to give a final head count to the restaurant by Monday, February 17 so please RSVP to Sara by text, call 434-941-3349 or email her at [buzzandsara@gmail.com](mailto:buzzandsara@gmail.com).

## **CHURCH-WIDE CRAFT CLEAN OUT AND ORGANIZATION OR CRAFT-A-PALOOZA!**

During the week of February 12th, members of the Discipleship Committee will be organizing our craft supplies. The plan is to declutter and have a better idea of what craft items we already have here in our building. The team will be sorting through closets, cabinets, and classrooms on all three floors and bringing the supplies to the fellowship hall to be sorted, categorized, contained and labeled. As part of the process we are certain to discover excess supplies to possibly donate to other organizations or to individuals in the church, we will keep folks in the loop. If you have a heart for this kind of work, you are welcome to join us...contact Valerie Rogers or Julia Bryan.

# NEWS & EVENTS

**Youth & Parent**

## BINGO NIGHT

Join us for a fun evening of Bingo & Calendar planning! All youth & parents are encouraged to come!

**Games | Prize | Party**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2**

5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall  
Bring your calendars  
Bring prizes for the Prize Table!  
Bring your ideas for service & fellowship activities!



## SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9**

YOUTH WILL BE COLLECTING DONATIONS AFTER WORSHIP...HELP US FILL THE SOUP POTS & FEED OUR NEIGHBORS!





## CONFIRMATION CLASS FAITH STATEMENT

Becca Spitzer



Becca is the daughter of Colin & Misty Vinson Spitzer. She is an 8th grader at Linkhorne Middle School and her mentor was Jill Wood.

My faith statement is about my love of dance. Dance is inclusive like God's love. He loves everybody, that is why I have all the these tiny people on my stole. They are also holding hands and hearts.

The butterflies and flowers are for growth and things yet to come.

I want to own a dance and performance studio for people with special needs because I think that everyone should be able to dance.

I have been dancing for 11 years. I was going to perform a ballet but I broke my foot at dance so I wrote a poem about how dance makes me feel safe and comfortable just like when I'm at church.

When i dance I dance for God  
He pushes me to keep going on.

Thank you for watching over me as I grow.

You are the Creator and this I know.

In the Bible it is said, dance and make music to offer him praise. I keep this with me all of my days.

When I dance I dance for God.

He helps me through these pains of mine. Every single time.

While I dance I look to the sky. Seeing what you made brings me true delight.

When I dance I dance for God.

Thank you for making the sun and the leaves, thank you for making the clouds, my friends , family and me.



*Against*

# HUNGER

Our 2025 packing event was a HUGE success...we packed over 10,000 meals in less than 2 hours and thanks to Nadege Haney we got to taste one of the meals, she prepared the rice as they do for the children in Haiti along with YUMMY black beans. Thank you to everyone who participated! Mark your calendars we will be back in 2026 the last Sunday in January...you don't want to miss!





## **JANUARY MEMORIALS & GIFTS**

### **In Memory of Chuck McKeag**

Doris Daniel (for Property Committee)

Tim & Ann Daniel

Fran & Kent Ford

Patricia Fulton

Sarah & Owen Guise

Sam Leslie

Joanne McKeag

Nancy Mize

Randy Sayre

Samantha & Jordan Spence (for Care & Nurture  
Committee)

Andrea & David Webb, Sr.

Carolyn & Reuben Womack

### **In Memory of Clay Johnston, Virginia & John Kerr**

Sharon Johnston

### **In Memory of Mary Dillon Cure**

Deborah & Preston Cure

## **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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9am Sunday School 10am Worship  GROUNDHOG DAY 5:30 pm Youth	3 4:30pm QMPC-UL-LMS Task Force	4 9am Zoom Bible Study	5 11am Centering Prayer  6pm Pray for others at home 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study	6  7pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7	8
9 9am Sunday School 10am Worship  SNOOPER BOWL	10 10am to noon Coffee with Pastor at The Bagel & I	11 9am Zoom Bible Study 10am Communion at The Summit  6pm Communion at Bentley Commons	12 11am Centering Prayer  6pm Pray for others at home 6:30 pm Property 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study	13 14 15 Craft Supply Clean Out in Fellowship Hall		9am to noon  WORKER BEES
16 9am Sunday School 10am Worship & Congregational Meeting	17  PRESIDENTS DAY	18 9am Zoom Bible Study	19 11am Centering Prayer 11:30 am Lunch Bunch  6pm Pray for others at home 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study	20 Presbytery meeting at Blacksburg Presbyterian  3pm Communion at Willow Ridge 7pm Chancel Choir	21	22
23 9am Sunday School 10am Worship	24	25 9am Zoom Bible Study	26 11am Centering Prayer  6pm Pray for others at home 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study	27 7pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	28	