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# THE QUAKER QUILL

THE NEWSLETTER OF QUAKER MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN

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# A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Happy New Year!

As we welcome 2025 at Quaker, I love to reflect on 2024 and all the good things we have been up to as a congregation. Enjoy the photo montage of the joyful work of the people of God...the Spirit is alive and well at Quaker and I pray that as we enter the new year we will find new ways to share the Good News to our community, city and world.

Peace,  
Anghaarad





# NEWS & EVENTS



## **COFFEE WITH THE PASTOR**

Join Anghaarad for coffee at The Bagel & I at 20584 Timberlake Road on Monday, January 13 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.



Due to inclement and cold weather, there will be **NO Lunch Bunch** for the month of January. Plan on joining us on February as we enjoy JT's Bar & Grill in Madison Heights.



## **2025 FLOWER CALENDAR**

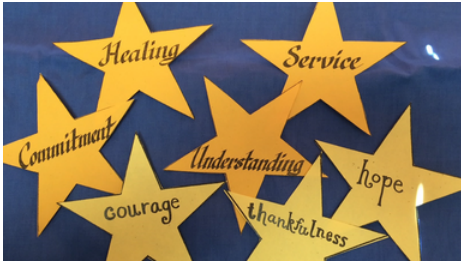
There are several open dates on the 2025 Flower Calendar if you are interested in placing flowers in the church one Sunday in memory of or in honor of a loved one. Contact the office if you are interested.

## **COMMUNION AT THE SUMMIT ASSISTED LIVING, BENTLEY COMMONS & WILLOW RIDGE**

Each month Quaker delivers communion to our neighbors at The Summit (2nd Tuesday at 10am), Bentley Commons (2nd Tuesday at 6pm) and Willow Ridge formally Valley View (3rd Thursday at 3:00pm). The residents at these homes 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.

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## **STAR WORDS**



On Sunday, January 5th we celebrated Epiphany in worship. As a part of the service, Anghaarad distributed "Star Words" to all who wish to receive one. For those who are unable to join us in worship...contact the office and we will draw a word for you. These words are a gift meant to inspire us with reflection and intention as we move into a new year.

## **CONFIRMATION SUNDAY**

On January 5 we confirmed the following youth: Allie Wood, Becca Spitzer and we confirmed and baptized Joy Jacob and Marley Neal. These young women did an amazing job and everyone please look for their faith statements to be in the February Newsletter.



## **ORDINATION & INSTALLATION SUNDAY**

January 26th during worship we will ordain and install the following new elders: Thomas Sorrells, Rae Reynolds and Amanda Stanbery. Previously ordained elders: Kent Ford and Gail Midkiff will be installed. Please pray for our new class of Ruling Elders as they begin their service on the Session.

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## **PULPIT EXCHANGE TO CELEBRATE MLK DAY**

Sunday, January 19 Anghaarad will be preaching across town at Fairview Christian Church and their pastor, Rev. Christopher Carter will be filling the pulpit here at Quaker. Seven faith leaders across Lynchburg got together and decided this would be a lovely way to honor Dr. King's legacy as well as remind us that as faith communities we are all a part of something bigger. I hope everyone will come and support Rev. Carter and make him feel welcome at Quaker.

## **PROPERTY COMMITTEE NEWS**

This month the Property Committee:

1. Had the rugs in the Library & Youth Room cleaned, deodorized & Scotch-guarded.
2. Prepared gas logs for the winter season.
3. Contacted Energy Air concerning the lack of heat in the upstairs Women's restroom.
4. Replaced kitchen doorknob with a pull handle.
5. Adjusted thermostats for the Turley-Schultz wedding & reception.

## **REMEMBER**

**When it gets icy and cold:**

**\* DO THE PENGUIN WALK \***

- Keep your knees relaxed
- Point your toes out
- Take short steps
- Walk slowly
- Extend arms out to keep balance





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## **RISE AGAINST HUNGER MEAL PACKING EVENT AFTER WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 26**

A little bit about Rise Against Hunger:

Rise Against Hunger works in countries worldwide to fight hunger, targeting communities facing high rates of food insecurity. They provide volunteer-packaged meals and other assistance, often through school feeding programs, to support nutrition, education and health for children and families facing hunger right now. They also partner with local leaders to implement sustainable agriculture and income-generating projects that support long-term solutions to food security and empower communities to become self-reliant and thrive.



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## **A NOTE FROM HAITI OUTREACH MINISTRIES ON THE FOOD MINISTRY IN HAITI:**

Last year we told you that Haiti was facing the worst hunger crisis in its history due to continued gang violence. The situation is even worse this year and more people in Haiti than ever are in need of humanitarian assistance to avoid starvation. The situation is dire, and is particularly acute in the communities we serve. With your help we feed our communities in several ways.

We feed lunch to 1,900 students in our primary and secondary schools so they receive the nourishment they need for life and have the energy to pay attention in class.

MICECC churches distribute food to those in need.

Our medical clinic also will be helping to feed extremely vulnerable families throughout the year by providing emergency food kits with funds donated this year. The kits include a supply of non-perishable food as well as essential hygiene and wellness items for the entire family.

Thank you for helping us serve our students and other vulnerable families.

Gary Fulton

Interim Executive Director

Haiti Outreach Ministries

Haitiom.org

PS: Will you spread the word about this need? Forward this message to a friend with a note about why Haiti matters to you.



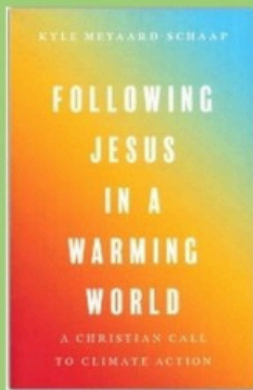




## Following Jesus in a Warming World

Jesus's first request of his disciples was "Follow me." Little did they know that, "This call to follow was the beginning of a journey of transformation and discipleship, where they would learn from his teachings, witness his miracles, and ultimately become the foundational leaders of the early Christian church." What about the church today?

If you want your eyes opened to what it means to be a follower of Jesus today, you will enjoy reading Kyle Meyaard-Schaap's book *Following Jesus in a Warming World: A Christian Call to Climate Action* published in 2023 by InterVarsity Press. It challenges readers to see their faith in a new light and take action based on that understanding. It emphasizes that caring for creation should be a joyful expression of faith, not a burden.



One reviewer writes, "Described as "a field guide for Christian climate action—one grounded not in a sense of guilt or drudgery, but in the joy of caring for creation," this book calls Christians to a deeper understanding of discipleship and witness. *Following Jesus in a Warming World: A Christian Call to Climate Action* invites readers to reconsider and expand our understanding of evangelism and what it truly means to spread the Good News in light of the climate crisis. For many of us, especially young people who yearn to feel seen and understood in their faithful advocacy, this book bears witness to the urgency of the climate crisis and affirms the Christian call to climate action."

In November 2021, an Earth Care Summit hosted by Presbytery of the Peaks Earth Care Team, a subcommittee of the Justice and Mercy Commission, recorded the following statement, "As a faith community, we can be a model to the larger community and a witness to the faith we profess by taking visible concrete actions that express what we believe about creation and our role in caring for it."

Grounded in Jesus' unconditional and reconciling love, this book speaks truth to power about God's Creation and humankind's responsibility in caring for it. It is a clarion call to live out one's faith in a meaningful and transformative way that actively addresses the defining moral challenge of our time.

Presbytery of the Peaks Earth Care Team--*Connecting, Equipping, Inspiring*

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## CONNECTING THE DOTS BETWEEN THE WASTE CRISIS & THE CLIMATE CRISIS WEBINAR

Webinar Date: Saturday, January 11, 2025

Time: 11:00am EST

Presenter: Elder Chris Burger

Zoom link & registration available at: <https://presbyearthcare.org/>



# DECEMBER MEMORIALS & GIFTS

## In Memory of Chuck McKeag

Shirley Morris  
Brenda & Melvin Scott

## In Memory of Emily & James Forrest

Natsuko & Paul Forrest

## In Memory of Jane Reynolds

Susan Manning  
Larry Reynolds

## In Honor of Stella & Robert Berry

Lucille Cable

### THANK YOU...

from the Missions Committee for your continuous support of our annual snack drive to benefit Parkview Mission's Food for Thought /Backpack program. Over 1,400 individually wrapped snacks were delivered last week. A special thank you to James Holznecht for his help in counting and loading the snacks.

### NOVEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT

	Nov-24	Monthly	Year to Date
Revenue		\$25,270.93	\$327,809.05
Expenses		\$30,744.18	\$329,088.70
Difference		(\$5,473.25)	(\$1,279.65)

### 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.





# JANUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Church Office Closed  6pm Pray for Church family	2	3	4
5 9am Sunday School 10am Worship Confirmation Sunday	6	7 10am Zoom Bible Study	8 2pm Memorial Service for Chuck McKeag 6pm Pray for Church family 6:30pm Property Committee 6:30pm Women's Bible Study	9	10	11
12 9am Sunday School 10am Worship 11:15am Undecorate the building	13 10am Coffee with Pastor at The Bagel & I	14 10am Zoom Bible Study 10am Communion at The Summit  6pm Communion at Bentley Commons	15 11am Centering Prayer  6pm Pray for Church family 6:30pm Women's Bible Study	16 3pm Communion at Willow Ridge	17	18 9am to noon Worker Bees  
19 9am Sunday School 10am Worship	20 Office Closed  	21 10am Zoom Bible Study	22 11am Centering Prayer  5:30pm Endowment Committee 6pm Pray for Church family 6:30pm Women's Bible Study	23	24	25
26 9am Sunday School 10am Worship 11:15am Rise Against Hunger  Session meeting	27 9am Cemetery Committee	28 10am Zoom Bible Study	29 11am Centering Prayer  6pm Pray for Church family 6:30pm Women's Bible Study	30	31	