

MAY 2024

THE QUAKER QUILL

THE NEWSLETTER OF QUAKER MEMORIAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Greetings Siblings in Christ,

May is here and with it comes beautiful flowers, warmer days, graduations, and end of school year celebrations. On May 5th our youth will be leading us in worship and they have prepared a wonderful, joyful worship service...you don't want to miss!

For Pentecost this year we will celebrate the birthday of the church with a little cake and luncheon after worship on May 19th. Please plan to stay after worship and bring a side dish to accompany hot dogs & chips that the Discipleship Committee will provide along with drinks.

I am also mindful that Mothers' Day is in the month of May and for some this is a joyful day and for others it is tinged with grief. We have some in our congregation who will recognize their first Mother's Day without their mother, some who have estranged relationships with their mother or their children and others who had hoped to be mothers and it wasn't meant to be. As we honor the mothers in our lives, may we be mindful of those who approach this day with sadness this year.

Looking ahead to the summer it is not too late to join us for the Montreat Worship and Music Conference, June 23-28...we have room in our house for a few more folks. The cost to stay in the house is \$400 and the cost for the conference is \$440.

I look forward to seeing everyone in worship this month and I hope that you will invite a friend to come and see the joy that is at Quaker!

Love and Light,
Anghaarad



LUNCH BUNCHERS,

Our May Lunch Bunch is at The Great American Grill on Wards Road (in the old Ruby Tuesday building next to Cracker Barrel). Join us at 11:30 am, Wednesday, May 15. We always welcome visitors and ask that you include them in your count for reservations. I have to notify the restaurant on Monday, May 13 with a firm count and would appreciate you making your reservation prior to that time. Please RSVP to Sara Curtis at 434-941-3349 by text or call or email buzzandsara@gmail.com.



WEDNESDAY EVENING

CHURCH-WIDE PRAYER TIME

We invite QMPC family to make every Wednesday 6pm to 7pm an intentional church-wide hour of prayer. Be in prayer for those in need. Watch for the weekly email with prayer concerns.



GARDEN PLANTING

Planting day will be May 4, 2024 from 9 AM till noon. Our rain they will be May 11 from 9 AM till noon. All ages are welcome to join us as we prepare our garden for another successful season of sharing fresh produce with our community.

Lots to plant that includes the following:

- 60 sweet potato plants
- 30 Better Boy Tomato plants
- 30 Big Boy Tomato plants
- Blue Lake Pole Beans to run up the fence in raised beds around perimeter
- Cucumbers with a wire cage on top to let the cucumbers run up.
- Yellow Squash in the raised beds
- Zucchini in the garden ground space

INVITE A FRIEND

May 19 is a great day to invite a friend, coworker, neighbor, or stranger at the grocery store to worship with us here at Quaker. We will have a picnic lunch after worship!



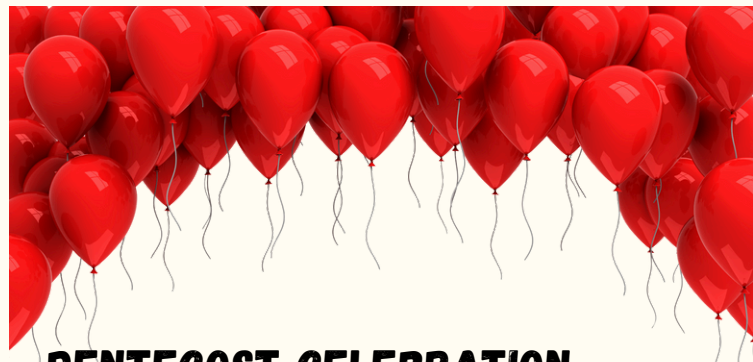
YOUTH SUNDAY 2024

The youth will lead worship on May 5th and will feature sermons from three of our seniors: Elizabeth Plucker, Sarah Robert and Lilly Wood. We hope to see you here!



Coffee

Coffee with the Pastor
Join Anghaarad Monday, May 20th from
10am to Noon at The Bagel & I on Timberlake Road
for coffee & conversation.
All are welcome!!!!!!



PENTECOST CELEBRATION

On May 19 we will celebrate Pentecost Day with a lunch after church and birthday cake. The Discipleship committee will provide hot dogs, fixings, birthday cake, and chips, others are encouraged to bring side dishes. Everyone is invited to wear red, orange or yellow to worship that morning. We hope that you will join us for worship and stay for a birthday party!



Mark your calendars today for July 8-11 and invite your friends to our 2nd annual Music & Arts Camp for children. We will have opportunities for children to sing, play instruments, create artistic masterpieces, dance and play. We are also looking for volunteers to help. If you would like to volunteer contact Valerie Rogers or Sam Miller on the discipleship committee.



AFTER HOURS WITH THE PASTOR

Join Angharad Wednesday, May 29th starting at 6:00pm at Benjamins on 221 in Forest...we will gather on the back porch for conversation.

All are welcome!!!!!!



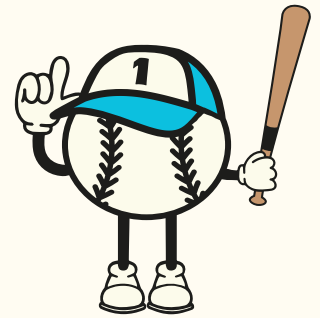
HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

The Lynchburg Faith Communities will be hosting a Holocaust Remembrance Service or Yom HaShoah on May 5th at 4:00pm. The service will be held at First Christian Church (3109 Rivermont Drive). We hope that many folks from QMPC will come and participate in the service.

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME

May 30th at 6:30pm Hillcats Baseball

Join your Quaker family in the ballpark for a fun night of baseball, hotdogs & cracker jacks! Sign up in the Narthex or by calling the church office if you would like to attend the game. Tickets will be \$10 a person.



DOCUMENTARY VIEWING

The Lynchburg Area Interfaith Clergy will be hosting a viewing of the documentary, [Bad Faith](#) on May 19th at 7:00pm here at Quaker. The documentary addresses the issues around Christian Nationalism and what it means for our country as well as our faith. If this is something you wish to view please feel free to join us. The plan is to follow the viewing with some roundtable discussions.

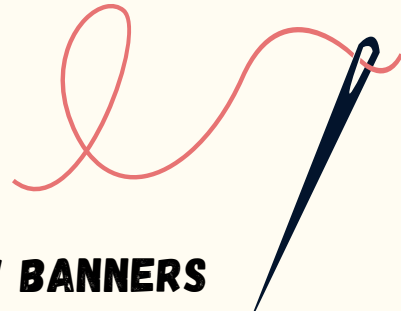
GRADUATION CELEBRATIONS!

We want to celebrate with all of our graduates this spring. Please let the church office know if you have a graduate (high school, college, grad school) by May 31 so that they can be included in the June Quill and if you have a picture we would love to include that as well.



NEW BANNERS

Thank you to everyone who signed up to assist with creating new banners for our sanctuary. We will have a short meeting on May 8 at 5:30pm for everyone who can be present to begin making assignments and developing a plan. Watch your emails for updates and more information.



EARTH CARE CELEBRATION

On April 21 we had a lovely (albeit chilly and windy) Earth Care Celebration. The youth sang while folks ate snacks in the narthex before we headed out to the cemetery to plant an Oak Tree in memory of Scott Robert. Thank you to our Earth Care Team for securing a grant from the Presbytery for the tree.



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, May 10th 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.

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.



The Weigand Scholarship provides financial assistance to QMPC and other church members in the Lynchburg area. Students seeking an undergraduate degree with financial need are encouraged to apply. The deadline to apply for this scholarship is May 20, 2024.

LECTURE AT QMPC

We had a lovely crowd for our first ever lecture at Quaker as part of our partnership with University of Lynchburg, Lynchburg Museum and the South River Meeting House. We were excited to feature Rebecca Pickard who presented The Last Sayings of Sarah Lynch Terrell and the Radical Abolitionists of the South River Quakers of Lynchburg. A big thank you to our steering committee who made this possible and our AV Team who went above and beyond to get all of the technical aspects taken care of. We hope to have more lectures like this one in the future.



When Deborah returns from vacation more information will be added to the May quill so be sure to check back