



# **Quakertown United Methodist Church**

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**Share Christ   Grow in Christ   Serve Christ**

**April 2018**

## **And After the Parade?**



Everybody loves a parade, with the crowds, the music, the air of excitement.

Traditionally, the annual Easter Parade - when people walked along the Boardwalk decked out in fancy hats and new Easter finery - was a much-anticipated event.

Every Easter churches experience an Easter parade of sorts, their pews filled with worshippers, for which the Lord is to be praised.

The first Easter parade was actually held before Easter, on the day we celebrate as Palm Sunday. It was not a typical parade. No bands, no floats, no balloons. Just a one-donkey parade. Jesus was headed into Jerusalem, where he well knew what he faced. Crowds, who thought he was their much-anticipated liberator, waved palm branches and shouted “Hosanna!”.

And after the parade? In the days that followed, the air of excitement dissipated. Jesus calmly submitted to arrest as the people who had welcomed him now became disillusioned. Some of them even joined in the insistent chorus of “Crucify him!”

People had done what we so often do. They had fashioned the Messiah into their image of what he should be. When Jesus failed to be what they wanted him to be their fervor turned to hostility or indifference. They did not really know Him.

Easter Sunday services are always exciting. Flowers beautify sanctuaries, stirring music fills the air, the Lord is praised.

And after the parade?

The Sunday following Easter is sometimes referred to as “Low Sunday,” because typically attendance drops dramatically. The excitement has disappeared. Things are back to “normal.”

Could it be that some of us, who join the “Easter parade” so willingly on Easter, do not really know Jesus? If we did, wouldn’t we want to return again and again to worship with others who know the joy and “blessed assurance” that the first Good Friday and Easter Sunday made possible. Get to know Jesus and join the eternal parade.



# "Making a Break with Self-Defeating Ideas"

By the Rev. Dr. Thomas S. Robinson, III

After Easter, it's ironic that so many disappear from the church. The most empowering story of all time is shared, and people leave and go back to such ordinary and less-than-inspiring lives. Routines. Yet God has so much more to give you and me. That's why the month of April will include some powerful messages of how you can live a dynamic and improved life!

Did you know you can make miracles happen every day? Come out on April 8<sup>th</sup> and learn how!

We all know God loves us, right? But does God like us as well? My mom used to say to me in my teenage rebellious years, "Tommy, I love you, but right now I can't stand you." Do you think we ever do things that God thinks that way, too?

Are you aware that the limits you perceive for yourself are of your own making? God doesn't limit our capabilities. God has big plans. Come out on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April to find ways to break free from your self-imposed limits and follow God into greater accomplishments.

Do you believe you don't make much of a difference in the world? That your life doesn't matter all that much? Join me on the 29<sup>th</sup> of April and discover how much you do matter and how you can live up to God's inborn potential within you to make a difference on a daily basis.

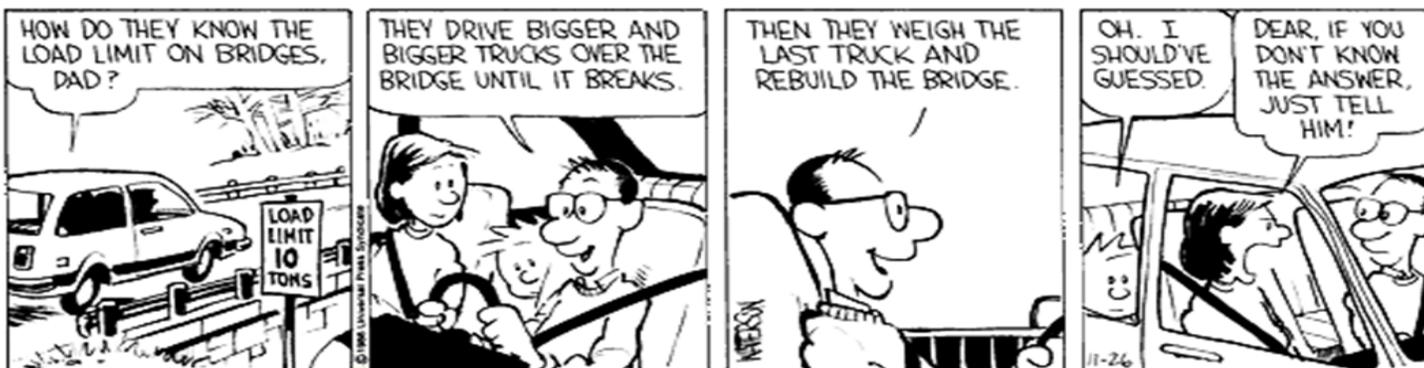
In God's loving embrace of grace,

*Pastor Tony*

## The Post-Easter Worship Journey

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| Sunday, April 8 – How to Make a Miracle Happen            | Luke 9:51-56 & John 6:22-35   |
| Sunday, April 15 – God Loves You (But Does God Like You?) | Luke 15:1-7                   |
| Sunday, April 22 – How to Live Limitless!                 | John 14: 10b-12 & Eph. 1:3-14 |
| Sunday, April 29 – How to Live the Difference-Making Life | Luke 10:25-37                 |

And for fun, here's a Calvin and Hobbes strip about **limits**:





## From Missions Commission

FEAST Food Pantry items for the month of April: cleaning products.

A Day of Service at Jerusalem House in Allentown, Saturday, April 21. We will be building shelves and working in the food pantry. Meet at the church at 8:30 a.m. and carpool. Please bring a bag lunch.

Spring Clean-Up at Camp Innabah, Saturday, May 5, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. We will be preparing the camp for the upcoming camping season. Meet at the church at 8:15 a.m. to carpool. Lunch will be provided.

For information on any of these events, contact Carol Pertuit ([carolpertuit@verizon.net](mailto:carolpertuit@verizon.net) or 610.346.6713).

## Spring Rummage Sale



Collect your unwanted but still in good condition and usable items and bring them to Miller Hall for Friendship Circle's Spring Rummage Sale, coming up Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to noon, April 20 and 21. A light lunch will be available Friday, as well as a baked goods table.

Bring your donations to Miller Hall at the following times: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, April 16, 17, 18, 19, from 9:00 a.m. until noon. You may also bring them Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 8:00.

Needed for sale: baked goods, jewelry, kitchen utensils, dishes and glassware, tools, games, clean clothing in good condition, toys, other usable items. Absolutely NO televisions, computers, other heavy or large items, please! Also needed: paper and plastic grocery bags.

Contact Becky Petko (215.536.4741) with questions or to find out how you can help.



## Kid's Club Lock-In

Kid's Club Lock-In at the church beginning Friday, April 13 at 6:00 p.m. Kids of the church are invited to join us for food, fun, and fellowship at this popular overnight event. Pick-up is by 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 14. For details, or to sign-up, contact Babs Kerns ([babs.kerns@gmail.com](mailto:babs.kerns@gmail.com) or 267.825.5693).



## First Responder Sunday



QUMC will honor first responders for their dedication to the communities they serve at all worship services on Sunday, May 6. Prior to that day, we will prepare and deliver baskets of baked goods, as well as an invitation to join us, to local stations.

We are asking for the help of the congregation in providing contact information for local fire companies, police stations, paramedics, etc. Our goal is to recognize those of Quakertown, as well as those from surrounding municipalities. Volunteers are also needed at the church on Wednesday, April 25 to bake, cut and wrap baked goods, and to assemble baskets. Help is also needed to deliver baskets during evening hours on specified days.

If you can help in any of these ways, please contact Bonnie Cornelius ([corneliusblynn@gmail.com](mailto:corneliusblynn@gmail.com) or 215.529.0821).



## Spring Clean-Up

Join the church family for Annual Spring Clean-Up Day, Saturday, April 14, 8:00 a.m. to noon. Many hands make light work! Come on out for fellowship, coffee, and donuts.

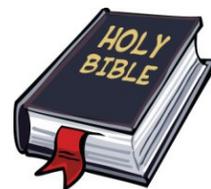
## A Job Well Done!



A huge thanks to all who helped make the recent Ministry Fair a success! Special thanks to Bonnie Cornelius for coordinating this event showcasing the many ways QUMC serves both the congregation and community-at-large.



Sincere appreciation to Joan Dickerson for donating a wooden pedestal Bible stand to the church in memory of her late husband, Edward Dickerson. A neighbor of Marie Frankenfield, Joan attends QUMC.





## Fellowship Dinners

Due to popular demand, Wednesday Fellowship Dinners will continue for six additional weeks. Dates as follows: April 4, 11, 25 and May 2, 9, 16. Please note there is no dinner on April 18 due to the Spring Rummage Sale. Dinner is served beginning at 5:00 until 6:30 p.m. Bring a dessert to share. All are welcome. Come on out for this time of food and fellowship with the church family of QUMC!

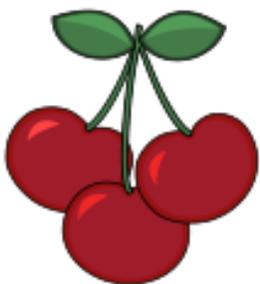
## Recipe: Food for the Soul



Ingredients: Prayer, faith, loving kindness, patience, understanding, trust, hope, truth, thankfulness, unselfishness, satisfaction, forgiveness, salvation.

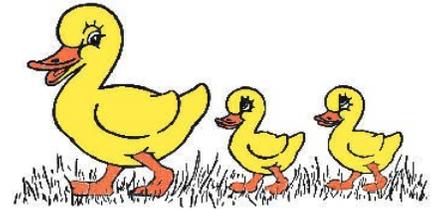
Combine an unlimited amount of each of these ingredients and you will have good food for the soul. Feel free to share it.

Recipe from the kitchen of Mary B. Schwer





# Family Matters



HAPPY BIRTHDAY to: Bill Diller - April 5; Nancy Prusch - April 8; Audrey Diller - April 17;  
Mynalee Hibbard - April 19.; Evelyn Lewis - April 22.

If you are 80 years old (or over) and would like your birthday included in the newsletter, please let the church office now. Many thanks!

## A NOTE OF THANKS:

*“On behalf of the Trumbauersville Cub Scout Pack 13, I would like to say thank you for allowing our organization the use of your facility for our annual Pinewood Derby and the annual Blue and Gold/Cross-Over Ceremony. It is because of organizations like yours that our next generation of young men and women learn the skills and values that our future community and business leaders will need. By supporting the Cub Scouts you are helping our children learn the value of teamwork and hard work but more importantly, you are helping them learn the value of giving back to the community.*

*Because of your support and the support of other local businesses, the Pinewood Derby was a success. The Scouts and their siblings were able to enjoy friendly competition and cheer their cars on to victory. We were able to raise funds that will sustain our organization during the rest of this year. Please accept our sincerest appreciation and thank you again for your support.”*

*Elena Powell, Pack 13 Committee Chair*



## A LOOK at the BUDGET

Revenues through the end of February 2018 - \$55,289.74

Expenditures through the end of February 2018 - \$43,795.92

### Important Notes:

1. The QUMC annual audit has been completed. A copy is available in the church office.
2. We continue to reach out to the congregation now that our church has added the new assistant pastor. This much needed position also needs your support in prayers and presence, as well as your financial contributions.
3. Quakertown United Methodist Church is grateful for your faithful stewardship.



# April 2018

## Church Activity Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 ** HE IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!</p>	<p>2 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts 7:00 p.m. Grace Notes</p>	<p>3 7:00 p.m. Trustees, Missions</p>	<p>4 6:30 a.m. Life Group 10:00 a.m. Friendship Circle 5:00 p.m. Fellowship Dinner 6:30 p.m. Joyful Noise 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir</p>	<p>5 2:00 p.m. Life Group 2:15 p.m. Life Group</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8 ** 6:00 p.m. Life Group, Student Ministries</p>	<p>9 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts 7:00 p.m. Grace Notes, Hospitality</p>	<p>10 7:00 p.m. Finance</p>	<p>11 6:30 a.m. Life Group 5:00 p.m. Fellowship Dinner 6:00 p.m. VBS Meeting 6:30 p.m. Joyful Noise 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir</p>	<p>12 2:00 p.m. Life Group 2:15 p.m. Life Group</p>	<p>13  6:00 p.m. Kid's Club Lock-In</p>	<p>14 8:00 a.m. Spring Clean-Up Day 1:30 p.m. Wedding/Vow Renewal</p>
<p>15 ** 6:00 p.m. Life Group, Student Ministries</p>	<p>16 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts 7:00 p.m. Grace Notes 7:30 p.m. Milford- Trumbauersville Democrats</p>	<p>17 7:00 p.m. Leadership</p>	<p>18 6:30 a.m. Life Group 6:30 p.m. Joyful Noise 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir</p>	<p>19 2:00 p.m. Life Group 2:15 p.m. Life Group</p>	<p>20 9:00 a.m. Rummage Sale</p>	<p>21 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast 8:30 p.m. Day of Service at Jerusalem House 9:00 a.m. Rummage Sale</p>
<p>← Miller Hall and Kitchen Reserved for Rummage Sale Preparations , Set-Up, and Sale →</p>						
<p>22 ** 6:00 p.m. Life Group, Student Ministries</p>	<p>23 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts 7:00 p.m. Grace Notes</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 6:30 a.m. Life Group 5:00 p.m. Fellowship Dinner 6:30 p.m. Joyful Noise 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir</p>	<p>26 2:00 p.m. Life Group 2:15 p.m. Life Group</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
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