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Celebrating 50 Years...United

It was a time of war, riots and protests - just weeks after the assassination of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

A time when it seemed much of the world was violently splitting apart, yet a group of Wesleyan Christians peacefully and joyfully were coming together—and a new United Methodist Church was born.

On April 23, 1968, at General Conference in Dallas, Texas, two bishops followed by two children, two youths, two adults, six ordained ministers, two church officers and finally all 10,000 people present joined hands and repeated in unison:

“Lord of the church, we are united in thee, in thy church, and now in The United Methodist Church. Amen.”

On this day the United Methodist Church was formed. The new denomination was given birth by the merger of two churches. The 10.3 million-member Methodist Churches and the 750,000 member Evangelical Brethren Church came together, each with distinguished histories and influential ministries in various parts of the world. With this merger a new logo was also created to represent this coming together. A traditional symbol—the cross—was linked with a single flame with dual tongues of fire. This ties the United Methodist Church to God through Christ (cross) and the Holy Spirit (flame). Most church members know that the symbol is a sign that “this is a place where United Methodists gather.” But not everyone recognizes how, and why, it is important to use the denomination’s full name. It is always important to use the denomination’s full name to represent both parties that came together and worked to keep with Jesus’ prayer **in John 17:21** that believers “will be one.”

Today the United Methodist Church is:

Global: We speak many languages and live in many countries—with different cultures, ethnic traditions, national histories and understandings of Christian faith and practice.

Inclusive: All persons are welcome to attend our churches and receive Holy Communion, and are eligible to be baptized and become members.

Grounded in Scripture: United Methodist faith is guided by Scripture tradition and experience.

Wesleyan: The United Methodist Church has a Wesleyan heritage, and as such, places an emphasis on mind and heart and putting faith and love into practice.

Concerned about social justice: The United Methodist Church and its predecessor bodies have expressed concern for God’s children everywhere — the poor, the orphaned, the aging, the sick, the oppressed and the imprisoned.

Mission-oriented: Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. We strive to nurture followers of Christ who then reach out and teach others about the love of Jesus.



"How Would You Answer Jesus?"

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

There is a philosophy in business that a great leader is not the one who has all the answers, but the one who asks the right questions. Questions can spark a revolution! Take Joseph N. Welch as an example. He was serving as a lawyer in front of Joseph McCarthy's Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, commonly known as the Army-McCarthy Hearings. On June 9, 1954 McCarthy displayed a recklessness that immediately had the potential to destroy a bright young man's career in Welch's law firm. McCarthy put the name of this young man out into the world with the slimmest thread of "evidence". Welch responded:

"Until this moment, Senator, I think I have never really gauged your cruelty or your recklessness. Fred Fisher is a young man who went to the Harvard Law School and came into my firm and is starting what looks to be a brilliant career with us....Little did I dream you could be so reckless and so cruel as to do an injury to that lad. It is true he is still with Hale and Dorr. It is true that he will continue to be with Hale and Dorr. It is, I regret to say, equally true that I fear he shall always bear a scar needlessly inflicted by you. If it were in my power to forgive you for your reckless cruelty I would do so. I like to think I am a gentleman, but your forgiveness will have to come from someone other than me."

When McCarthy tried to renew his attack, Welch interrupted him:

"Senator, may we not drop this? We know he belonged to the Lawyers Guild ... Let us not assassinate this lad further, Senator. You've done enough."

Then Welch dropped the question that would be the beginning of the end of Joseph McCarthy's irresponsible hearings and attacks:

"Have you no sense of decency, sir? At long last, have you left no sense of decency?"

Questions have tremendous power and Jesus used them to confront people with their attitudes, bias, and thinking on many matters. During the month of May we will let Jesus confront us with a few of those questions (see below) that are found in the earliest gospel that was written, Mark. The revolution of the world still goes on as people are confronted by Jesus and his questions today.

In God's loving embrace of grace,

Pastor Tom ☺

Some Questions Jesus Asked

May 6	Mark 10:51	What do you want me to do for you?
May 13	Mark 14:6	Let her alone; why do you trouble her?
May 20	Mark 8:23	Can you see anything?
May 27	Mark 5:30	Who touched my clothes?





From Missions Commission

Feast Food Pantry items for the month of May include: spices and condiments.

Spring Clean Up at Camp Innabah, Saturday, May 5th, 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 8:00 a.m. to carpool, returning to the church by 5:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

American Red Cross Blood Drive: May 4 from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex. For information on any of these events, contact Carol Pertuit (carolpertuit@verizon.net or 610-346-6713).

Spring Rummage Sale News



The Spring Rummage Sale was held April 20-21, 2018. The Friendship Circle would like to say “thank you” for supporting the sale.

Thanks to everyone who donated items, baked, and gave of their time to help with preparation, assistance during the sale and clean up after the sale. With your help we were able to have another successful sale, raising over \$2,500. 10% of the funds will be tithed to missions and the balance will be used to fund necessary projects or items in the church.

Please mark your calendars for the Fall Rummage Sale, October 26-27, 2018.



Fellowship Dinners

Due to popular demand, Wednesday Fellowship Dinners will continue during the month of May on the following dates: May 2, 9, 16. 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!



First Responder Sunday



Sunday, May 6 at all worship services, QUMC will honor first responders for their dedication to the communities they serve. Gift bags of prepackaged goodies have been assembled and delivered to show our appreciation to first responders of the community. Our goal is to recognize local fire companies, police stations, paramedics, etc. in the Quakertown and surrounding area.

For more information, please contact Bonnie Cornelius (corneliusblynn@gmail.com or 215.529.0821).



Take Me Out to the Ballgame

Calling all baseball fans! A family outing is planned to see a Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs baseball game.

Date: Sunday June 3, 2018, 1:35 p.m. game time

Tickets are \$15 per person. Please feel free to sign up to bring your friends and family.

Those attending are invited to meet in Miller Hall at 12:00 noon for a pizza lunch before we head to the game. Carpooling may be available for those who do not have a ride. Anyone who can assist with driving would be appreciated.

Deadline to sign-up and pay for tickets is May 27. Contact Christine Rush (csreds@comcast.net or 215-264-4815) to purchase tickets.

Update from the Board of Trustees



The project to remodel the men's restroom near the narthex has been completed. A big thank you to Nick Stout and his dad who did a fantastic job painting the restroom for our church.



‘Well done, good and trustworthy servant...’ Matthew 25:23a

The May 2018 newsletter marks the end of one era and the beginning of a new one. After many years of acting as Editor of the monthly newsletter, Mary Schwer has stepped down and passed the torch. There simply aren't enough words to thank Mary for her time, talent, and expertise in writing and preparing the newsletter. Her thoughtful perspective, exceptional skills, and attention to detail were nothing short of perfection. Mary's contribution as Editor will be missed and the standard she has set is one we will continue to strive to maintain.

Beginning with this issue, Teddi Miller has assumed the responsibilities of Editor. Teddi looks forward to serving the church in this capacity and asks that we be patient as she transitions into this role. Mary has done a fine job for a very long time and will be a hard act to follow.

Items for the newsletter can be emailed to Teddi at teddimiller@gmail.com or can be placed in the "newsletter editor" mailbox in the church office. To assure your items are published in the next month's newsletter, please email Teddi or drop off information in the church office mailbox by the 15th of the month prior to the publishing month. Thank you!



**A LOOK
at the
BUDGET**

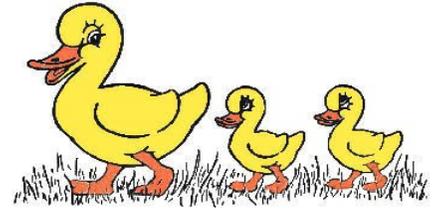
	Revenues	Expenditures
March 2018	\$20,987.29	\$25,195.68
Year to Date 2018	\$76,277.03	\$72,537.02

Notes:

1. First and foremost, the Quakertown United Methodist Church is grateful for the faithful support of the congregation. The Lewis Center for Church Leadership reminds us that faithful giving is a fruit of our spiritual maturity.
2. There are many opportunities that can be provided to our church community because of your prayers, faith, and financial support.
3. The Annual Church Audit is available in the church office.



Family Matters



HAPPY BIRTHDAY to: June Roth - May 2.

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

Vacation Bible School is June 18-22, 2018!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT QUMC PRESENTS

ROLLING
RIVER
RAMPAGE

JUNE 18-22 6:30-8:30 p.m.

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!



Vacation Bible school is just around the corner!

Registration is now open! Sign-ups can be found in the narthex, the weekly bulletins or on the QUMC website (www.qumc.com) To register online, just click on the registration form on the homepage.

Volunteers.... We need your help! This ministry would not be possible without your help. Volunteers are needed to work as Crew Leaders (both youth and adult). We are also looking for a nurse each night. Sign-up forms can be found in the weekly bulletin. If you have never volunteered for this ministry, please consider it this year. The experience is sure to bring you joy!



May 2018

Church Activity Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>** SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE</p> <p>8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship</p>		<p>1 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Reserved 7:00 p.m. Trustees</p>	<p>2 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>3 2:00 p.m. Life Group 2:15 p.m. Life Group</p>	<p>4 2:00 p.m. Blood Drive</p>	<p>5 8:15 a.m. Spring Clean-Up at Camp Innabah</p>
<p>6 ** First Responder Appreciation Sunday 10:00 a.m. New Member Class 6:00 p.m. Life Group</p>	<p>7 7:00 p.m. Grace Notes</p>	<p>8 1:00 p.m. Kitchen Reserved 7:00 p.m. Finance</p>	<p>9 6:30 a.m. Life Group 9:00 a.m. Kitchen Reserved 5:00 p.m. Fellowship Dinner 6:30 p.m. Joyful Noise 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir</p>	<p>10 2:00 p.m. Life Group 2:15 p.m. Life Group</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>13 ** MOTHER'S DAY 10:00 a.m. New Member Class 6:00 p.m. Student Ministries, Life Group</p>	<p>14 7:00 p.m. Grace Notes, Hospitality, Willow Stream Homeowners</p>	<p>15 ELECTION DAY (Miller Hall in use)</p>  <p>7:00 p.m. Leadership</p>	<p>16 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>17 2:00 p.m. Life Group 2:15 p.m. Life Group</p>	<p>18 5:00 p.m. Depart for The Loft Retreat →</p>	<p>19 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast 1:00 p.m. Miller Hall and Pavilion Reserved</p>
<p>20 ** New Member Sunday 6:00 p.m. Life Group</p> <p>→</p>	<p>21 7:00 p.m. Grace Notes 7:30 p.m. Milford-Trumbauersville Democrats</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 6:30 a.m. Life Group 6:30 p.m. Joyful Noise 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir</p>	<p>24 2:00 p.m. Life Group 2:15 p.m. Life Group</p>	<p>25 Barbara Hafler Vacation →</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27</p>	<p>28 MEMORIAL DAY</p> 	<p>29</p>	<p>30 6:30 a.m. Life Group 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir</p>	<p>31 2:00 p.m. Life Group 2:15 p.m. Life Group</p>		