



# Quakertown United Methodist Church

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## Missions Commission



**FEAST Food Pantry** items for the month of March include peanut butter, jelly, and jam.

**Easter Dinner donations** are needed for Jerusalem House. Please consider donating a ham or non-perishable side dishes for our neighbors in Allentown. Hams can be placed in the refrigerator and side dishes on the counter in the kitchen, clearly marked JH. Pastor Dan Adams told us they reach out to over 300 families in the community through their ministry.

**QUMC Cares Special Offering** is taken the fourth Sunday of each month. Sponsored by Missions, this offering is used to reach out to someone in the Quakertown area who is going through a difficult time. The last offering went to a widowed senior citizen in economic need. Suffering from stage four cancer, she supports her daughter and granddaughter who needed to move in with her. Those we help come to us through Quakertown School District and St. Luke's Hospital.

**Missionaries Visit Rescheduled!** Eliberto and Molly (Jamison) Juarez, missionaries with Mision Vida y Paz in El Salvador, will be visiting with QUMC on Sunday, April 7. They will be speaking very briefly at each service. Missions will host a luncheon after the 11 o'clock service where Eliberto and Molly will offer a presentation and answer any questions.

For more information on Missions, contact Carol Pertuit (610-346-6713 or [carolpertuit@verizon.net](mailto:carolpertuit@verizon.net)).

**Editor's email address:** If you have items for the monthly newsletter you can email them to Teddi Miller at [QUMCNewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:QUMCNewsletter@gmail.com) or you can put them in the newsletter mailbox in the church office. To assure your items are published in the next monthly newsletter, please email Teddi or drop off the information in the church newsletter mailbox by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to the publishing month. Thank you!



## *From the Pastor's Palette*

“The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world.”  
--Jesus (Matthew 13:37-38, NIV)

In the well-worn story of Babel (Genesis 11:1-9), a group of self-minded and ambitious contractors convert God's fertile field (in this case a coastal plain in the area of Shinar in the agricultural belt of Mesopotamia) into an artificial garden city, constructing a bona fide architectural fortress complete with a watch-tower pyramid, made of brick and tar. The reason the fearful builders give for their citadel creation is as follows: “Otherwise, we will be scattered over the face of the whole earth.” We all know how that story ends. God confuses their language and scatters them throughout the land.

God's act of scattering appears no less than three times in the space of only nine lines of scripture. God is effecting an intervention. No stronghold of reason nor rationale is sufficiently cemented enough to keep God out! In a divinely disruptive act, God ploughs the edifice under, and in God's role as Divine Sower, re-seeds the field for covenantal love and relational mission. Babel is a story of divinely enforced Diaspora. For God is a relational God. The covenant is a relational covenant. And God's people were created to be people of the field.

The Hebrew word for “scatter” is *puwts*. In Greek, it is *diaspeiro*. Both meanings suggest the meaning of “sowing.” The word for where they are “sown” is *erets* –meaning throughout the earth, ground, land, or field. God's primal metaphor in Genesis is the garden. God's primal instruction to humans (*adama* or ground/earth/field) is to “till and keep” the covenant within the “field or garden” of our hearts and to bear the fruit of that covenant relationship with God into all generations (through time) and throughout all of the *adama* (through physical space and human relational space or the communal field). God's masterful instructive is a relational metaphor. If God's people continue to bear forth the seeds of the covenant, God will continue to have a people.

Most interpreters have read Babel as a finger-wagging story, an Old Testament crime and punishment story. But I believe, Babel is a saving story. A mission story. God's story of a relationship with humanity that issues in a vast field of promise and an abundance of grace.

Join in ministry and mission by engaging in your community! If you'd like to know ways to be a "GOOD" (get out of doors) church, let the pastor know your excitement and interest! Or join us for our next thinktank session!

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# *Christian Education Opportunities*

## “Methodist Identity: Our Beliefs”

Running through the end of April, join Gail Schadler and the Faithbuilders in Room 109 during the Sunday School hour for a Wesley Ministry Network video series. This study covers distinctive elements of Christian faith in the Wesleyan/Methodist tradition. Pastor Lori will facilitate this class March 24, March 31, and April 7 while Gail is on vacation.

## “Around the Table with Jesus”

Wednesdays in Lent at both 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., “Around the Table with Jesus” is a Lenten Bible Study that will allow you to follow Jesus’ last months as one of His disciples around the table. Feast on His presence as you feast on Mediterranean meals just like the ones Jesus may have shared. This study will be held by Pastor Lori in the Pastor’s Conference Room and will continue throughout Lent.

## Sunday Evening Life Group

Change in time: This Life Group will now meet at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings during the Sunday School hour. The group is continuing a study of Ruth via Right Now Media. Please join us on Sunday mornings in the Parlor.

## Lenten Programming

The Wednesday night Lenten program is underway and continues through April 10.

5:00 p.m. Fellowship Dinner

6:15 p.m. Lenten Worship

7:00 p.m. “Around the Table with Jesus” Bible Study with Pastor Lori



## ***For Your Information***

Lenten Devotionals are available on the counter in the lobby. This booklet contains both the Bible Study and Daily Devotionals.

New Director of Music Ministries Bethany Neely started February 18. When you have an opportunity, please introduce yourself and make her feel welcome.

Inclement Weather is Here! With winter weather upon us, please keep in mind that the church follows the lead of the Quakertown School District; if school is dismissed early for inclement weather, church activities for that evening are cancelled. If school is closed, all church activities are also cancelled for that day. Church staff may or may not be present at the church, depending on road conditions. In regard to Worship and Sunday School, church schedule changes and cancellations can be found on the Facebook page (QuakertownUMChurch), the website ([qumc.com](http://qumc.com)), or on WFMZ Channel 69 Stormcenter.

The Board of Trustees now has an email address: [trustees@qumc.com](mailto:trustees@qumc.com). Contact the Trustees directly at this email address with any building-related questions or concerns.

Prayer Chains of QUMC are just one of the ways we care for each other. There is both an email chain and a phone chain. To put someone on the prayer chain, contact Janet Finch at [jmfumw@aol.com](mailto:jmfumw@aol.com) or 215-538-0835. If you need something on the prayer chain immediately, be sure to call the Finch's home number to leave a message.

If you would like to be included in the group that is praying, contact Janet.

"Did you know?" article of the month is looking for guest writers. If you have an interest in participating in this Intentional Faith Development project by writing an article, contact Babs Kerns at [babs.kerns@gmail.com](mailto:babs.kerns@gmail.com).

### FAITH PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION is now open for the 2019-2020 School Year

Faith Preschool provides classes for 2's, 3's, and 4's that offer high-quality, affordable, early childhood education in a Christian setting by caring, experienced staff. Detailed program information may be obtained online at [www.qumc.com](http://www.qumc.com) or in the promotional brochures available in the lobby. Additional questions may be directed to Jessica Albright at [faithpreschoolofficemanager@gmail.com](mailto:faithpreschoolofficemanager@gmail.com) or by calling 215-536-8172.



# Upcoming & Ongoing Events



Church Council will meet Tuesday, March 19, 7:00 p.m.

Church Council is an open meeting and all are welcome and encouraged to attend.

The Spring Rummage Sale is coming soon!

Save the dates, Friday, April 26 and Saturday, April 27. Start collecting your unwanted but still in good condition and usable items for Friendship Circle's twice-annual rummage sale. Baked goods are also needed for the bake sale. See the April newsletter for more information. Contact Becky Petko (215.536.4741) with questions or for more information on ways you can help.

The Confirmation Class has planned a field trip:

April 6: Meet at church at 4:00 p.m. to depart for the 7:00 p.m. showing of "Jesus" at Sight & Sound Theater in Lancaster

Any parent of a confirmation student or other adult from the congregation can sign-up to join us. See Pastor Lori for more information.

Coffee Hour with the Pastor, Wednesdays at 3:00 p.m. in the Library

Come and hang out with Pastor Lori to talk and share coffee or tea. Talk, have a biscuit or two, and bring your creative ideas for ministry and mission!

Good Grief! is held Monday nights at 7:30 p.m. in the Library

Are you grieving a loss of a loved one? An identity? A divorce? A life change? Come and join us Monday nights.

QUMC Kid's Club, upcoming events through May 2019

March: To be determined

April: Friday, April 12, beginning at 7:00 p.m. through Saturday at 9:00 a.m.  
We're going to have an overnight Lock-In at the church with light breakfast in the morning.

May: Sunday, May 19, 12 noon to 2:00 p.m. End of the year celebration!

For more information on Kid's Club, contact Christine Rush ([rushcm@npenn.org](mailto:rushcm@npenn.org)).



## ***Looking for ways you can help?***



### Serving our Community

Looking for an opportunity to serve our community? Independence Court has asked our church to provide a 30-minute worship service of prayer, scripture and song at their facility the second Sunday of each month at 2:00 p.m. Several church groups have already signed on to participate. Contact Gail Schadler (267-733-3328) if you would like to be part of this outreach ministry. If we can get enough groups to participate, each group will only need to serve once or twice a year.

### Nursery Room Attendants Needed

We are looking for nursery help for the 9:00 a.m. service. If you are able to serve in this way, please contact Bill Scott (215-620-7413 or [bill.scott@remmey.com](mailto:bill.scott@remmey.com)).

### Hospitality Committee is still looking for some volunteers.

Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month. Contact Mary Ellen (Molly) Minarik at 610-282-3708.

### Faith Preschool

Seeking volunteers to read Bible stories to the preschool children once a week in the three- and four-year old classes. See Pastor Lori if you are willing to share your faith with the youngsters of our preschool program.

### A Children's Moment - Children's Time During Worship

The 11:00 a.m. Sunday morning worship service offers Children's Moments each Sunday. This is a nice opportunity to reach out to our congregation's youngest with a message of love and inclusion in our church family. Please sign up for a Sunday to share a moment in time with God's little children. It is as easy as smiling at a new born baby. For more information, contact Marj Lofland (215-257-7389 or [imaginativekhan@hotmail.com](mailto:imaginativekhan@hotmail.com)).



# Family Matters



Happy Birthday to:

Dorothy Largent – March 11, Edith Lightkep – March 18 , and Mary Schwer – March 28

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

Notes of Thanks:

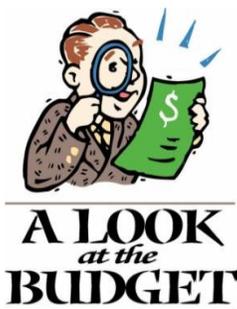
*Dear QUMC Educational Endowment Committee, Thank you for the grant for school.*

*Sincerely, Nick Stout*

*Thanks to all who helped with the Family Festival Sunday. This event was set up to remind our community of the presence of QUMC in its children’s Christian Education and recreational activities.*

*The Hospitality Committee*

*Thanks to all who organized and helped support the Jammies for Jesus outreach ministry of the QUMC Christian Education program to benefit Kids Peace. Thanks also to everyone who donated pajamas for this program.*



	Revenues	Expenditures
January	\$19,806.39	\$14,928.05

**Initial Envelopes:** A thought to consider...making a small donation (\$2 to \$4) each time you have an Initial Envelope will help QUMC offset the costs of those envelopes in our budget.

**Audit:** The annual audit is in progress.

**Commitment Cards:** It is **never** too late to make your 2019 financial commitment to the church. Cards are available in the church office or from Pastor Lori.

**2019 Budget:** A copy of the 2019 adopted budget is available in the church office.



# March 2019

## Church Activity Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>**SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE</b> 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship				1 8:30 a.m. Life Group	2 Miller Hall Reserved
3 ** 10:00 a.m. Confirmation Class  Miller Hall Reserved	4 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts 7:00 p.m. Grace Notes 7:30 p.m. Grief Group	5 6:00 p.m. Commissioning for Imposition of Ashes 7:00 p.m. Trustees	6 6:30 a.m. Life Group 10:00 a.m. "Around the Table" Bible Study 3:00 p.m. Coffee Hour with Pastor Lori 5:00 p.m. Fellowship Dinner 6:15 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship 7:00 p.m. "Around the Table" Bible Study, Chancel Choir	7 2:00 p.m. Life Group 2:15 p.m. Life Group	8 8:30 a.m. Life Group	9 Confirmation Class Trip to Historic St. George's UMC
10 ** Girl Scout Sunday 10:00 a.m. Confirmation Class  Miller Hall Reserved	11 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts 7:00 p.m. Grace Notes, Hospitality 7:30 p.m. Grief Group	12 7:00 p.m. Finance	13 6:30 a.m. Life Group 10:00 a.m. "Around the Table" Bible Study 3:00 p.m. Coffee Hour with Pastor Lori 5:00 p.m. Fellowship Dinner 6:15 p.m. Lenten Worship 7:00 p.m. "Around the Table" Bible Study, Chancel Choir	14 2:00 p.m. Life Group 2:15 p.m. Life Group 6:30 p.m. Christian Ed	15 8:30 a.m. Life Group	16 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast 8:30 a.m. Ladies' Breakfast
17 ** 10:00 a.m. Confirmation Class	18 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts 7:00 p.m. Grace Notes 7:30 p.m. Grief Group, Milford Trumbauersville Democrats	19 7:00 p.m. Church Council	20 6:30 a.m. Life Group 10:00 a.m. "Around the Table" Bible Study 3:00 p.m. Coffee Hour with Pastor Lori 5:00 p.m. Fellowship Dinner 6:15 p.m. Lenten Worship 7:00 p.m. "Around the Table" Bible Study, Chancel Choir	21 2:00 p.m. Life Group 2:15 p.m. Life Group	22 8:30 a.m. Life Group	23
24 ** Quakertown Cares Sunday 10:00 a.m. Confirmation Class <b>31 **</b> UMCOR Sunday (One Great Hour of Sharing) 10:00 a.m. Confirmation Class	25 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts 7:00 p.m. Grace Notes 7:30 p.m. Grief Group	26 6:30 p.m. Worship 7:00 p.m. Missions	27 6:30 a.m. Life Group 10:00 a.m. "Around the Table" Bible Study 3:00 p.m. Coffee Hour with Pastor Lori 5:00 p.m. Fellowship Dinner 6:15 p.m. Lenten Worship 7:00 p.m. "Around the Table" Bible Study, Chancel Choir	28 2:00 p.m. Life Group 2:15 p.m. Life Group	29 8:30 a.m. Life Group	30