



# **Quakertown United Methodist Church**

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## ***What's in Your Easter Basket?***

**A**s you pack Easter baskets for children and friends, stop to think about what's in your Easter basket. We all need to pause now and then to take an opportunity to be still and allow our Creator to fill us up with His goodness and love.

The Easter season is a wonderful time for this, as we begin to reflect again on the sacrifice of Jesus and all that His resurrection means. As we look forward to Easter Sunday, we'll likely be planning celebrations and filling baskets. But how are we preparing our hearts for Easter? Let's consider how we might pose the question: Am I ready to empty my basket and allow God to fill it? Is my heart ready to pour into others as Jesus did? If not, how can I prepare for a beautiful experience of His love and grace?

Sometimes, it's helpful to step away from our everyday environment for some time alone with God. Sure, He is always with us and we can talk with Him all day long. But just like a spouse or a dear friend, it's nice once in awhile to let go of all we are doing in that moment, and completely focus on that cherished relationship.

What are those well-worn paths in your everyday life? Do you spend a lot of time sitting at your desk or cubicle? Cooking or cleaning? Taxiing kids everywhere? Find some little ways to point yourself toward Jesus throughout the day. Use a mug with a message for your favorite daily drink or keep a devotional in the car for parking lot time. Finding simple ways to become aware of God's presence will become a thread of joy that runs all through the season.

So as we enter the coming weeks, let's each take some time to fill up in our own way with His joy, hope and peace. Whatever you choose to do, may it be something that not only fills your heart, but allows you to pour into others as Easter arrives.

*From Dayspring - Live Your Faith*



## *From the Pastor's Palette*

*"I will put my breath within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on a sure foundation, and you will know deep in your heart that I, the Breath of Life, have spoken and made it happen." (Ezekiel)*

**E**aster is nearly upon us, and we are reminded of the resurrection power of God and the life-giving breath of the Holy Spirit that feeds and sustains us.

The Church is an entity that requires God's breath, Jesus' presence and power, in order for it to function as the Church. A true church resides in relationship with God in spirit and in truth, filled with the power and glory of the Holy Spirit of Jesus Christ.

The church is an organic being. It is not a building, it is not merely a social gathering of like-minded people, or even a group of community worshippers following the traditions set down before them. The church is not a social institution, not a political institution, but the organic being of Jesus, resurrected and alive in the Holy Spirit's breath, bought to life in order to witness to the truth of God's power and glory in the world, despite the world.

The question we must always ask of ourselves is this: are we operating as a valley of dry bones (focused only on our own devices) or will we welcome the change that comes with Holy Spirit renewal?

Revival is not a result of something we do, not the great programs we put in place, not the amount of ministries our church can accomplish in a year, nor the amount of money we bring in, or even the number of people in our pews. But revival is a working of the Holy Spirit.

How we wish it were we who could figure out the right strategy, the proper things to do, the leaders to put into place, or the trick of the trade to draw in the people we desire. We become frustrated with our efforts and disillusioned with our culture. And yet the answer is so simple. It comes down to faith. It comes down to surrendering our plans, and strategies, and hopes, and agendas, and putting our faith in Jesus.

"I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh," said God (Ezekiel 36:26). Only God can give renewed purpose to a desolate life. Only God can impart new life into a lost community or a hopeful church.

As we celebrate the coming resurrection of Jesus, know that He calls upon His holy Church in the world to put faith in Him, to trust in His presence and power, and to enter into the world confident in His restoring Spirit. For we don't need to worry about the future, we only need to put our trust in the Jesus of the present. The rest will take care of itself...all in Jesus' time.

For ways you can become part of a prayer group or life issues group serving our community, contact the pastor at [loribethwagner@gmail.com](mailto:loribethwagner@gmail.com).



# Missions Commission



FEAST Food Pantry items for the month of April include hearty soup and crackers.

Missionary Visit Reschedule Date: 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 and then Missions will host a luncheon after the 11:00 a.m. service where they will have a presentation, share information and answer any questions.

Easter Egg Candy Sale: We will be taking orders for homemade eggs again this year (peanut butter and coconut cream). The cost is \$6 for 1/2 pound and \$12 for a pound. Order forms are available in the narthex and eggs will be available for pick up on Sunday, April 14.

Easter Dinner Donations for Jerusalem House are needed by Sunday, April 14. 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 told us Jerusalem House reaches out to 300 families in the community in their ministry.

QUMC Cares Special Offering: The fourth Sunday of each month Missions has a special offering to reach out to someone in the Quakertown area who is going through a difficult time. The last offering went to a family of five who lost everything in a house fire. The next special offering will be on Sunday, April 28. Those we help come to us through Quakertown School District and St. Luke's Hospital.

Contact Carol Pertuit (610-346-6713 or [carolpertuit@verizon.net](mailto:carolpertuit@verizon.net)) for more information on Missions programs.



## Kid's Club

Upcoming events for April and May:

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 a light breakfast in the morning.

May: Wednesday, May 22, Iron Pigs Game (look for details on page 7).

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



## Christian Education Opportunities

### “Methodist Identity: Our Beliefs”

Running through the end of April in the Faithbuilders (Room 109) during the Sunday School hour is a Wesley Ministry Network video series.

### “Around the Table with Jesus”

Wednesdays in Lent at 10:00 a.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.

## *Lent and Holy Week Schedule*

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. Lenten Bible Study

### Sunday, April 14:

8:00 a.m. Traditional Palm Sunday Worship  
 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Palm Sunday Worship  
 10:00 a.m. Procession of the Lambs at Sunday School  
 11:00 a.m. Traditional Palm Sunday Worship  
 12:30 p.m. Easter Egg Hunt  
 2:00 p.m. Living Last Supper Rehearsal and Costume Fitting

### Thursday, April 18:

7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service & Living Last Supper Presentation

### Friday, April 19:

12 noon Good Friday Community Service at First UCC, Quakertown  
 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Tenebrae Service

### Sunday, April 21

6:00 a.m. Sunrise Service  
 6:45 a.m. Easter Morning Breakfast  
 8:00 a.m. Traditional Easter Morning Worship  
 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Easter Morning Worship  
 10:00 a.m. Making & Baking Resurrection Rolls at Sunday School  
 11:00 a.m. Traditional Easter Morning Worship





## ***For Your Information***

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

Easter Flowers – Those who have ordered Easter Flowers: gifts will be recognized in the bulletin Easter Sunday. Flowers may be picked up after the 11:00 a.m. service.

Got the Word? Preparations are underway for a meaningful and personal Bible Presentation this September for our young people. If you have or know of a child who will be entering third grade, please contact Tammy Swearingen (trswearingen@verizon.net or 215-538-7513). Time is needed to prepare your child's Bible for this special milestone in their Christian journey! If you have an older child who has not yet received a Bible, please communicate that to Tammy as well.

The Board of Trustees now has an email address: 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 (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. Also, if you would like to be included in the group that is praying, let Janet know and so that you can be added to the chain.

Faith Preschool Registratoin is open for the 2019-2020 School Year! 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 (faithpreschoolofficemanager@gmail.com or 215-536-8172).

"Did you know?" article of the month: If you have an interest in participating in this Intentional Faith Development project by writing an article, contact Babs Kerns (babs.kerns@gmail.com).

**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!



# Upcoming & Ongoing Events



## Lent is Here! 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. Lenten Bible Study

## “Think Tank,” Sunday, April 7, 4:00 p.m.

Leaders of the church are encouraged to attend this “Think Tank” at Pastor Lori’s home.

## Easter Egg Hunt – Join us Sunday, April 14, 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

All children (ages 1 through 12) are invited to come share the joy of Easter at the Quakertown United Methodist Church Easter Egg Hunt.

There will be story time, an Easter craft and an Easter Egg Hunt.

Payment of \$1 per child is due at the time of registration. Place completed registration forms (along with payment) in the registration box in the narthex no later than Sunday, April 7.

This special event will be held rain or shine! Don’t forget to bring an Easter basket or bag for the goodies!

Donations of egg fillers, such as small individually wrapped candies and trinkets are also needed. These items can be placed in the designated box in the narthex.

## Quarterly Congregational Meeting & Pot Luck Luncheon, Sunday, May 5 in Miller Hall.

Meeting at 1:00 p.m. A Pot Luck Luncheon will be offered 12 noon to 1:00 p.m. Please consider joining us and bringing an item for the luncheon. Volunteers are needed to help set up in Miller Hall before the 11:00 a.m. service and to tidy up after the meal ends. (Remember to retrieve your food containers and any leftovers afterwards.)

## Quakertown Arts Alive Festival, Saturday, May 18

The church is looking for volunteers, both youth and adult, to team up and take a two-hour shift assisting at our Arts Alive booth by distributing seed packets and helping children decorate a take-home flower pot.

Please contact Molly Minarik (610-282-3708 or [craftlover38@aol.com](mailto:craftlover38@aol.com)) if you are interested in joining in on the fun! Thank you!



Vacation Bible School: Save the Date!

Monday June 24 through Friday June 28, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Spring Rummage Sale – We need all kinds of rummage items. Collect your unwanted, but still in good condition, and usable items and bring them to Miller Hall for Friendship Circle’s Spring Rummage Sale!

Sale Dates:

Friday, April 26, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Light lunch will be served beginning at 11:00 a.m. and there will be a baked goods sale table.

Saturday, April 27, 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon.

“Bag” sale, \$4 to fill a bag!

Donations can be brought to Miller Hall at the following times:

9:00 a.m. to 12 noon, Monday April 22 through Thursday, April 25

6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 24

Baked goods may be delivered Thursday and Friday morning after 9:00 a.m.

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.

Help is needed for:

Set-up on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

Assistance during the sale on Friday and Saturday

Clean-up on Saturday, 12 noon to 2:00 p.m.

Contact Becky Petko (215.536.4741) with questions or for information on ways you can help.

Calling All Baseball Fans!

A family outing is planned to see the Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs baseball team play, Wednesday, May 22, 7:05 p.m. Tickets are \$11 per person (includes a \$2 ballpark credit). Please feel free to sign up to bring friends and family. Carpooling can be available by those willing to transport anyone needing a ride. Sign up in the narthex or contact Christine Rush (rushcm@npenn.org or 215-264-4815) if you are interested in purchasing tickets. We are looking forward to a fun family night out at the Pigs! Hope you can join us!

Pocono Plateau Camp and Retreat Center: Save the Date - October 11-13, 2019

Women’s Retreat in Cresco, PA includes lodging and (five) meals. Bring snack to share. Cost is \$135. Look for more info in the coming months.

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!

Grief and Life Issues Group, 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.



# Looking for ways you can help?



## Trustees Spring Clean-Up Day: Saturday, April 6, 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon

Help us to beautify our church building and grounds while sharing a morning of fellowship, coffee and donuts!

## Spring Rummage Sale help is needed for:

Set-up, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, April 23, 24, 25  
Assistance during the sale, Friday and Saturday, April 26, 27  
Clean-up, 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m., Saturday, April 27

Contact Becky Petko (215.536.4741) with questions or for more information on ways you can help.

## Vacation Bible School, June 24 to 28, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

We are in need of teachers and volunteers for Vacation Bible School. Please contact Megan McMichael or Allison Ghorm for more information on how you can help (megan@mcmichaelfamily.com or 267-373-9576 and (agghorm@gmail.com or 610-432-7539).

## 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 Room help for the 9:00 a.m. service. If you are able to help, please contact Bill Scott (215-620-7413 or bill.scott@remmey.com).

## Hospitality Committee

We are looking for some volunteers. Meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month. Contact Mary Ellen (Molly) Minarik (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 Church Services

The 11:00 a.m. Sunday morning worship conducts Children's Moments every 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. To share in this ministry, contact Marj Lofland (215-257-7389 or imaginativekhan@hotmail.com) .



# Family Matters



## Happy Birthday:

William Diller – April 5, Nancy Prusch – April 8, Audrey Diller – April 17, 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 know.

## Notes of Thanks:

*A sincere thank you to everyone who sent cards and for the many calls for my birthday in February. I appreciate my church family at QUMC so much.*

*Marie Frankenfield*

*Dear QUMC Family,*

*Thank you for the beautiful handmade prayer shawl that was sent to our family. It is absolutely beautiful and has provided much comfort during some difficult days. We are thankful and blessed to have such a wonderful church family.*

*God Bless, Kendra & Brad Mushrush, Shawn, Gavin, Kasey and Emily*

*Thank you for allowing us to use your wonderful facility once again for the Cub Scout Pack 13 Pinewood Derby and Blue & Gold Banquet. We took up a collection and will be donating to your church.*

*Thanks again, Elena Powell, Pack 13 Committee Chair*



## **A LOOK at the BUDGET**

|          | Revenues    | Expenditures |
|----------|-------------|--------------|
| February | \$22,655.80 | \$21,640.93  |

**Thank You** - Your continued support of our church makes a difference in not only what happens here but also in our community!

**Audit** - The Audit for the 2018 QUMC fiscal year is completed. A copy is in the church office.

**Commitment Cards** - It is *never* too late to make your 2019 financial commitment to your 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.



# April 2019

## Church Activity Calendar



| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday                         | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday   | Saturday   |
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|  | <b>1</b><br>6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts<br>7:00 p.m. Grace Notes<br>7:30 p.m. Grief & Life Issues Group                                     | <b>2</b><br>7:00 p.m. Trustees  | <b>3</b><br>6:30 a.m. Life Group<br>10:00 a.m. Around the Table with Jesus, Friendship Circle<br>3:00 p.m. Coffee Hour<br>5:00 p.m. Fellowship Dinner<br>6:15 p.m. Lenten Worship<br>7:00 p.m. Lenten Bible Study, Choir   | <b>4</b><br>2:00 p.m. Life Group<br>2:15 p.m. Life Group   | <b>5</b><br>8:30 a.m. Life Group<br>9:00 a.m. Kitchen Reserved   | <b>6</b><br>8:00 a.m. Trustees Spring Clean-Up<br><br>Confirmation Class Trip to Sight & Sound |
| <b>7 **</b><br>Missionary Visit 12 noon<br>Mission Lunch 4:00 p.m.<br>Leadership Think-Tank at Pastor Lori's Home                      | <b>8</b><br>6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts<br>7:00 p.m. Grace Notes, Hospitality<br>7:30 p.m. Grief & Life Issues Group                        | <b>9</b><br>7:00 p.m. Finance   | <b>10</b><br>6:30 a.m. Life Group<br>10:00 a.m. Around the Table with Jesus<br>3:00 p.m. Coffee Hour<br>5:00 p.m. Fellowship Dinner<br>6:15 p.m. Lenten Worship<br>7:00 p.m. Lenten Bible Study, Choir   | <b>11</b><br>9:00 a.m. Kitchen Reserved<br>2:00 p.m. Life Group<br>2:15 p.m. Life Group  | <b>12</b><br>8:30 a.m. Life Group<br>9:00 a.m. Kitchen Reserved<br><br>Kid's Club Lock-In →                                      | <b>13</b>  |
| <b>14 ** Palm Sunday</b><br>10:00 a.m. Procession of the Lambs<br>12:30 p.m. Easter Egg Hunt<br>2:00 p.m. Living Last Supper Rehearsal | <b>15</b><br>6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts<br>7:00 p.m. Grace Notes<br>7:30 p.m. Grief & Life Issues Group, Milford Trumbauersville Democrats | <b>16</b>                       | <b>17</b><br>6:30 a.m. Life Group<br>10:00 a.m. Around the Table with Jesus<br>3:00 p.m. Coffee Hour<br>7:00 p.m. Lenten Bible Study, Choir  | <b>18 Maundy Thursday</b><br>2:00 p.m. Life Group<br>2:15 p.m. Life Group<br>7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship/Living Last Supper Presentation | <b>19 Good Friday</b><br>8:30 a.m. Life Group<br>12 noon Community Good Friday Service<br>7:00 p.m. Good Friday Tenebrae Service | <b>20</b><br>8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast<br>8:30 a.m. Ladies' Breakfast                          |
| <b>21 ** Easter</b><br>6:00 a.m. Sunrise Worship<br>6:45 a.m. Breakfast<br>10:00 a.m. Making & Baking Resurrection Rolls               | <b>22</b><br>6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts<br>7:00 p.m. Grace Notes<br>7:30 p.m. Grief & Life Issues Group                                    | <b>23</b><br>7:00 p.m. Missions | <b>24</b><br>6:30 a.m. Life Group<br>3:00 p.m. Coffee Hour<br>7:00 p.m. Choir  | <b>25</b><br>2:00 p.m. Life Group<br>2:15 p.m. Life Group  | <b>26</b><br>8:30 a.m. Life Group<br>9:00 a.m. Rummage Sale  | <b>27</b><br>9:00 a.m. Rummage Sale  |
| <b>28 **</b><br>QUMC Cares Offering<br>10:00 a.m. Miller Hall Reserved   | <b>29</b><br>6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts<br>7:00 p.m. Grace Notes<br>7:30 p.m. Grief & Life Issues Group                                    | <b>30</b>                       | ← Miller Hall Reserved for Rummage Sale →  |  |  |  |
|  |   |                                 | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> <b>**SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE</b><br/>                         8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship<br/>                         9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship<br/>                         10:00 a.m. Sunday School<br/>                         11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship                     </div> |  |  |  |