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How are you Living Your Faith?



Live your faith. It's a phrase that we hear often in church or from mentors and peers, but it can be difficult to articulate what that really means. For such a simple phrase, we often feel paralyzed with how to act on the words and live our faith in our everyday lives. Living your faith is not something that is only confined to the four walls of the church, like volunteering in the nursery or leading a Sunday school class. Instead, it's an everyday, outward expression of your love for God and what He is doing in your life. It's a choice that we must make, and it's one that impacts everyone around us.

Below are five ways to intentionally live your faith in simple, everyday actions you may already be doing.

Be a friend.
Do nothing out of selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility consider others as more important than yourselves. Philippians 2:3

Who knew that living your faith could start with something as simple as being a friend to others? Being a good listener and attentive friend to those around you can express Christ's love through you, it shows others that you care, and that they're important to you.

Use your gifts.
Just as each one of you has received a gift, use it to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:10-11

The Lord has blessed each of us with unique gifts that we can use to further His Kingdom. Sometimes, we don't even realize we have those gifts, but they've been given to us for the purpose of living and sharing our faith. Think about the gifts God gave you. What is an easy way for you to put just one of those gifts into practice to glorify God?

Radiate positivity.
A joyful heart is good medicine, but a broken spirit dries up the bones. Proverbs 17:22

Living your faith can be as simple as just having a positive attitude! Every morning, before we even get out of bed, we have a choice to make as to whether or not we will be positive or look for all of the small things to worry about. People take notice of our attitude and actions, and it's our task as Christ-followers to be an example for others in this way. Try to simply smile at one or two strangers today, you'll be blessed by how it makes you feel and you never know what kind of impact it can have on their day!

Show your gratitude.
Give thanks in everything; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:18
We all have things to be thankful for, but it can be easy to overlook them or take them for granted if we aren't consciously recognizing the blessings around us. Thank your friend for taking the time to listen to you



when you've had a rough morning. Thank your spouse for folding the laundry. Write a note to let someone know how grateful you are for them. Finding the time in your day to recognize and react to the things around you will open your eyes and the eyes of others to the kindness and blessings that God has provided for you.

Do your best.

Whatever you do, do it from the heart, as something done for the Lord and not for people.

Colossians 3:23

At the end of the day, no one is perfect. We are all just trying to do our best and make Jesus proud, and **we will make mistakes**. But consciously choosing to do your best in everything you do is an outward expression that you are following what God asks of us in the Scripture. By working for the Lord and doing things for His glory instead of your own, **you are living your faith** and showing a great example to others around you.

(DaySpring, *Live your Faith*)

Editor's Note: *If you have items for the monthly newsletter you can email them to Teddi Miller (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 15th of the month prior to the publishing month. Thank you!*



A LOOK at the BUDGET

	Revenues	Expenditures
March	\$20,318.23	\$30,584.46

Special Note - From the numbers shown above there was a deficit of (\$10,266.23) for the month of March 2019. The contributions of the congregation are extremely important and are essential to support the many missions of our church as well as our staff. Please pray for the financial health of our church.

Thanks - Many congregation members and regular visitors contribute many hours to make our church a Christian place of worship and fellowship. Thank you for your talents and gifts!

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



From the Pastor's Palette

One of my favorite books is *Gift From the Sea* by Anne Morrow Lindbergh. The book consists of various introspective chapters, each centering around a “shell” metaphor, a “gift” from the sea, where Anne spent time alone to refresh her mind and spirit from the hustle and bustle of city life. Examining the configurations of the shells prompts Anne to think differently about life, relationships, marriage, and the aesthetic beauty of the human mind and heart.

A similarly touching book by Elisabeth Tova Bailey is titled *The Sound of a Wild Snail Eating*. In her book, Elisabeth describes what she observes around her during a long, debilitating illness. When she receives a plant complete with a woodland snail living within its soil, she becomes fascinated with the simplicity of its life. Soon, she develops a kind of relationship with the small creature, caring for it and feeding it leaves, its quiet munching a solace in her loneliness. While others might have found the tiny snail insignificant, Elisabeth realizes that each part of creation, whether human or creature, is part of an entire interwoven network of relationships that make our world fascinating and exquisitely beautiful. In understanding the mysterious life of the snail by her bedside, Elisabeth gains new insights into her own place within the world. In calling attention to the remarkable phenomena of the natural world around us, the book celebrates the resilience of human existence even in our darkest times.

As we leave the dark, cold barrenness of winter and enter into spring, we too notice the budding branches, the sound of returning birds, the green of unfolding, new leaves, the bursting forth of color. Warm winds blow white and pink petals across the roadways and paths. Rains pool and form muddy birdbaths. Bees begin pollinating flowers. Flower beds fill up with tulips and daffodils. And with spring comes a feeling that life is in the air. Indeed it is.

Life is a theme that God has developed from micro to macro in every part of the world from the first day of creation. As we continue in May celebrating the resurrection life of Jesus, his post-resurrection appearances to his stunned disciples, and the birth of the early church, we can get an awe-filled sense of how wondrous Life as a disciple can be.

Being a disciple of Jesus is a commitment to paying attention to the little miracles around us, the way life always springs from death and darkness, the way no matter how many times we try to “nail” Jesus down or wipe Him away, He always reappears powerfully and mightily in the world in new and exciting ways with His healing hand and loving heart.

This month as you prepare to be touched by the power of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, remember that Life starts with a seed. You are that seed. And now is your time to burst forth with the love and beauty of the Gospel message so that all the world can experience the life-giving love of Jesus.

Never for a moment believe that your contribution is not enough. You just may be the next small miracle in someone else's life.

If you have a need to talk about something happening in your life, whether in sadness or joy, the pastor's door is always open and her ear always listening. Just give a call or email.

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Missions Commission



FEAST Food Pantry items for the month of May include spaghetti sauce and pasta.

Loaves and Fishes Community Dinner is Thursday, May 2 at Trinity Lutheran Church Parish Hall. Dinner will be prepared by QUMC Mission Team and all are welcome. Doors open at 5:30 and dinner will be served at 5:45 p.m. Please come and join us for dinner and fellowship with our community neighbors.

American Red Cross Blood Drive will be hosted by QUMC on May 3 in Miller Hall from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m. Please consider giving the gift of life, it could be the most important gift you will ever give.

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 March offering went to a single mother of four (pre-school through high school) who lost their home and are now homeless. Our May offering will be on May 26.

For more information on these missions commission items contact Carol Pertuit (610-346-6713 or carolpertuit@verizon.net).

Crossroads Pregnancy Center Quakertown Baby Supplies Collection: Center is in need of supplies for newborns to age 3. Please put your items in the box in the Narthex by May 12. Thank you!

Supplies needed include: diapers/pull-ups, wipes, baby lotion, formula, baby food, bottles/nipples, sippy cups, small toys for infants and toddlers.



Kid's Club

Upcoming events for May:

Wednesday, May 22, Iron Pigs Game (look for details on page 7 of this newsletter.

For more information contact Christine Rush at rushcm@npenn.org.



For Your Information

A Big Welcome to QUMC's New Youth Director!

We are pleased to announce the addition of our new QUMC youth leader, Angelo Maldonado, Jr. Make sure to introduce yourself to Angelo and his family and welcome them into our church community.



Angelo's bio:

Angelo is an ardent youth leader and promoter who shares an incredible passion for the art of serving the community. He was born and raised in a Hasidic, Orthodox Jewish Community known as Boro Park Brooklyn. He now lives in Macungie and serves as an ambassador of youth, striving to inspire and enthuse the generations of today and tomorrow.

Angelo's goal in serving as the new Youth Director of QUMC is to build a strong connection with the aspiring young minds of today's society. His primary objective is to cultivate and nurture the leaders of tomorrow. He strives to raise awareness about mental illness and has successfully organized hundreds of concerts, outreaches, and events for the victims of mental illness, depression and bullying.

Angelo serves as the founder of Takeover Ministries – a non-profit organization geared towards helping the youth rise above the adversities of life. Takeover Ministries has helped many youths that are battling with drug addiction, depression, suicide and bullying. He has had the honor of traveling throughout the United States and abroad using his extensive knowledge to educate the churches, youth leaders, and pastors about building a robust connection with the youth via street evangelism, outreach and concerts.

He shares an enormous passion for music and has acquired a great deal of acclamation and recognition as a recording artist. He's performed with the likes of legendary Patti Labelle, Brian McKnight and several Grammy Award, Academy Award and Golden Globe-winning artists and musicians. He also had the honor of collaborating with Multi-Grammy nominated and Golden Globe-winning artist Wyclef Jean and signed a recording contract with him.

Angelo greatly cherishes serving as the new Youth Director and is honored to work in tandem with the wonderful people of QUMC. He is always in the quest for betterment and on the lookout for an opportunity to create a positive impact on the lives of others.

He is a happily married husband to his lovely wife Heather Maldonado and a proud father of four wonderful children ages 20, 18, 11, and 8.



Tent Revival: Be a Sponsor for June 9 All Day Event

Looking for sponsors so we can provide a program booklet for the Tent Revival All Day Event! The professionally printed keepsake will include details of the day, as well as advertising space and/or space for sponsorship by the church family, friends, and neighbors of QUMC.

Sponsorship Costs:	Full Page	\$100
	Half Page	\$50
	Quarter Page	\$25

Sponsorship forms are available in the church office and narthex. Return form with payment to Pastor Lori or the church office.

Got the Word?

Preparations are underway for meaningful and personal Bible presentations 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). We need 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 also 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 you can be added to the chain at any time.

Faith Preschool Registration Open for the 2019-2020 School Year

Detailed program information may be obtained online at www.qumc.com or in the promotional brochures available in the lobby. Additional questions may be directed to Jessica Albright (215.536.8172 or faithpreschoolofficemanager@gmail.com).

"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).





Upcoming & Ongoing Events



Music Sunday is May 5!

There will be one worship service at 11:00 a.m. Please note Sunday School will be held at its regular time of 10:00 a.m. Please join us!

Quarterly Congregational Meeting and Pot Luck Luncheon will also be held on Sunday, May 5 in Miller Hall. Meeting will be held at 12:30 p.m. A Pot Luck Luncheon will be offered prior to the meeting. Please consider joining us and bringing an item for the luncheon. Volunteers are needed to help set up in Miller Hall prior to 11:00 a.m. on Sunday and to tidy up after the meal ends. (Remember to retrieve your food containers and any leftovers afterward).

Quakertown Arts Alive Festival, May 18

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

Please contact Molly Minarik (610.282.3708 or craftlover38@aol.com) if you are interested in joining in on the fun! Thank you!

Calling All Baseball Fans!

A family outing is planned to see the Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs baseball team play on Wednesday, May 22 at 7:05pm. 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 for those who are willing to transport anyone who does not have a ride. The sign up is 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!

Methodist Revival All-Day Tent Meeting, Outdoors and Under the Tent! Sunday June 9, 2019 - 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Something for everyone!

Exciting worship with International Preacher Leonard Sweet and Pastor Lori preaching four services through the day!

Bible stories & Bible giveaways to kids of the community, Bible time, prayer groups, live music and Gospel sings, barbecue with all the fixins, pool baptisms and altar calls

Confirmation ceremony and presentation of Mission projects by the Confirmation class

Healing and anointing at the evening service

Start spreading the word... talk to people in your neighborhoods and communities! Let them know about this time of excitement and exploration and what it might mean to them, all while getting a taste of what it means to be part of a loving, non-judgmental, open-to-all faith community!



QUMC Hosting District Event on June 10!

This is a District event that includes breakfast, lunch and refreshments at breaks. This event could involve 100 to 125 participants. We are looking for volunteers, particularly early on at breakfast time, to help set up a buffet-style spread. Volunteers are needed to work two shifts; 7:00 to 10:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. so no one has to commit to a full day.

Participation in events like this provides the added benefit of getting church members involved who normally do not have an opportunity to meet or work together. It's a great opportunity to get involved with other members while working together on worthwhile church ventures.

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

Women's Retreat in Cresco, Pennsylvania includes lodging and five meals. Bring snack to share. Cost is \$135. Look for more info in the upcoming months.

VBS PRESENTS...



June 24-28th 6:30-8:30 p.m.
ages 3-5th grade

registration is open!
online at www.qumc.com
or there are forms by the VBS display.

adult and youth are needed as crew leaders
watch the bulletin for other ways to help!

contact Megan (megan@mcmichaelfamily.com) or
Allison (agghorm@gmail.com) to help.



Looking for ways you can help?



Tent Revival: Upcoming Event, June 9

Looking for volunteers interested in serving on the core team for this event. Important meeting dates are on

Wednesdays as follows:

May 8	6:15 p.m.
May 15	6:15 p.m.
May 22	6:15 p.m.
June 5	6:15 p.m.

District Meeting Hosted at QUMC on June 10

Volunteers needed, particularly early on at breakfast time, to help set up a buffet-style spread. We are looking for assistance on two shifts; 7:00 to 10:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. so no one has to commit to a full day.

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

We are in need of teachers and volunteers for Vacation Bible School. Please contact Megan McMichael (megan@mcmichaelfamily.com or 267.373.9576) or Allison Ghorm (agghorm@gmail.com or 610.432.7539) for more information on how 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 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...

Is still looking for some volunteers. Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month. Contact Mary Ellen (Molly) Minarik (610.282.3708).

A Children's Moment - Children Time During Church Services

The 11:00 a.m. Sunday morning worship service 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. Contact Marj Lofland (215.257.7389 or imaginativeekhan@hotmail.com).



Family Matters



Happy Birthday!

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.

Notes of Thanks:

Thank you QUMC for your warm welcome earlier this month! It was a blessing to worship again with you, and a joy to share a piece of our lives and ministry in El Salvador with many of you. We are so grateful for your prayers and support of our peace work in El Salvador through Mision Vida y Paz (MVP).

If you would like to learn more about our ministry, please visit our Facebook page - Mision Vida y Paz. You can find information about our ministry, pictures of our volunteers in action, and the link to the organization that processes our US donations. If you would like to be added to our newsletter email list, or if you would just like to stay in touch, please feel free to email me, Molly, at molly.r.jamison@gmail.com.

We look forward to hearing from many of you and to sharing more about our journey of God's mission in El Salvador in the years to come. Know that we continue to pray for our QUMC family.

In God's great love and peace, Molly & Eliberto (Jamison) Juarez

I want to thank everyone for your cards, prayers, and phone calls, and the wonderful visits from Pastor Lori during my recent illness.

Paul R. Eichlin, Sr.

Dear Church Friends,

Words cannot express my heartfelt thanks for all the cards, prayers and phone calls, and conversations with Pastor Lori. I truly appreciate your kindness during this difficult time of dealing with breast cancer. Praise God I'm doing well. Love you all very much.

In Christian Love, Ethel Hurley

Dear Church Family,



Thank you to my church family for the cards, prayers, and phone calls following my recent surgery and recovery.

God Bless You, Laura Clymer



May 2019

Church Activity Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
**SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE 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 6:30 a.m. Life Group 10:00 a.m. Kitchen Reserved 5:00 p.m. Fellowship Dinner 6:00 p.m. Program 6:15 p.m. Tent Planning Meeting 7:00 p.m. Choir	2 2:00 p.m. Life Group 2:15 p.m. Life Group 5:30 p.m. Loaves & Fishes Dinner	3 8:30 a.m. Life Group 2:00 p.m. Blood Drive	4 Confirmation Class Moravian Walking Tour
5 Native American Sunday 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Music Sunday Worship 12 noon Congregational Lunch 12:30 p.m. Congregational Meeting 6:00 p.m. FPS Board	6 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts	7 7:00 p.m. Trustees	8 6:30 a.m. Life Group 5:00 p.m. Fellowship Dinner 6:00 p.m. Program 6:15 p.m. Tent Planning Meeting 7:00 p.m. Choir	9 2:00 p.m. Life Group 2:15 p.m. Life Group 6:45 p.m. Praise Band Meeting	10 8:30 a.m. Life Group	11
12 ** Happy Mother's Day 2:00 p.m. Independence Court Service	13 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts 7:00 p.m. Willow Stream Homeowner's	14 7:00 p.m. Finance	15 6:30 a.m. Life Group 10:00 a.m. Friendship Circle 5:00 p.m. Fellowship Dinner 6:00 p.m. Program 6:15 p.m. Tent Planning 7:00 p.m. Choir	16 2:00 p.m. Life Group 2:15 p.m. Life Group	17 Confirmation Class Trip to Greek Festival	18 Quakertown Arts Alive Miller Hall Reserved 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast 8:30 a.m. Ladies' Breakfast
19 ** 12 noon Kid's Club End of Year Celebration	20 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts 7:30 p.m. Milford Trumbauersville Democrats	21  Election Day	22 6:30 a.m. Life Group 6:15 p.m. Tent Planning Meeting 7:00 p.m. Choir 7:05 p.m. Trip to Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs	23 2:00 p.m. Life Group 2:15 p.m. Life Group	24	25
26 ** QUMC Cares Sunday	27  Memorial DAY	28 7:00 p.m. Missions	29 6:30 a.m. Life Group 5:00 p.m. Fellowship Dinner 6:00 p.m. Program 7:00 p.m. Choir	30	31	