

The Freier Flyer

Quakertown United Methodist Church

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Goodbye Winter, Hello Spring



Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land. Song of Solomon 2:12 NIV

Spring is such an amazing time of year. It's a time when billions upon billions of plants—everything from trees and bushes to flowers and even the tiniest little blades of grass—begin to cover the earth, bringing with it a sense of hope and renewal. And, it's even more amazing when we consider that it was only a week ago when we looked out our windows to see cold, bare tree branches, along with dead, yellowish grass, and a mixture of rocks and dirt. **What a powerful transformation!** So powerful, in fact, it's hard **not** to notice the parallels between the coming of the new season and the renewal of one's heart in Jesus as we say 'goodbye winter, hello spring.' In Revelation 21:5 NLT, it says "I am making *everything* new."

Do you feel removed or distant from God? Do you want a do-over? Have you lost sight of what is important in life? Do you need to renew your heart for Jesus? If so, why not take the time this spring to enjoy the flowers, to thank God for His beautiful creation, and ask Him to renew your heart? **Ask God to completely transform you** so that you can live out His will for your life and shine His light for others to see.

Let's take a moment to review what Scripture says about the change of seasons and the renewing of our hearts:

* Let us acknowledge the Lord; let us press on to acknowledge him. As surely as the sun rises, he will appear; he will come to us like the winter rains, like the spring rains that water the earth." Hosea 6:3 NIV

* Ask the Lord for rain in the springtime; it is the Lord who sends the thunderstorms. He gives showers of rain to all people, and plants of the field to everyone. Zechariah 10:1 NIV

* The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Psalms 19:1 NIV

* And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you - you of little faith? Matthew 6:28-30 NIV

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When we look at seasons in the Bible, we are reminded that Jesus has the power to transform the earth—in a matter of weeks we will watch new life blossom from what now seems to be desolate and bleak. Spring renewal is one of the most beautiful gifts we are given each year. In the Scriptures above, we also find that Jesus has the power to transform our hearts. He promises to shower us as the spring rains water the earth, provide for us with the work of His hands and care for us more than the flowers of the field. Why not take a moment this spring to breathe in these truths? And, as we watch the powerful transformation on earth as winter melts into spring, let's also ask God to transform our hearts so that we can grow closer and closer to the loving arms of our Almighty Father.

Article by Gini
Dayspring - Living Your Faith



*“I am the resurrection and the life.
Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die.”
John 11:25-26*

A Note from the Stewardship Committee



One of the essential elements of a strong church has always been a successful youth program. Over the past years we had strong youth programs with excellent youth pastors. Our current Youth Pastor, Kathryn Swan, is carrying out that tradition.

However, in December of 2020, the financial budget for 2021 was presented to the Church Council for the final approval. The anticipated income for 2021 was \$20,000 short of the budget requirements. A recommendation was made to terminate the position of Youth Pastor to balance the budget. After much discussion, this proposal was soundly rejected. It was determined this church needs the special skills of a Youth Pastor to meet the needs of our young people and to have the church grow and move forward. Kathryn is meeting these challenges and thus, meeting one of the most important needs of our church. Not only is she well qualified, but also well-liked by the youth. The parents believe in her and the programs and ideas she has implemented.

We realize these are difficult times with the COVID-19 virus and the resulting problems of not having consistent traditional worship and other important activities. Every generation is challenged in these times, but the strain is especially difficult for our youth and their parents. We are asking for additional funds to make up this budget shortfall. Please give careful thought and prayer to this need to help us continue to maintain our current youth program under her leadership.

For those who have not returned their 2021 Commitment Card to the church, please add an additional amount to your pledge to the General Fund. If you need a new or additional pledge card, please contact the Church Secretary (215.538.7817 or barb@qumc.com) to obtain one. If you prefer to send a separate contribution, please make sure to note your envelope number, denoting "Youth Pastor Contribution" on your check. Your prayerful consideration is greatly appreciated.

With God's guiding hand leading the way, let us move forward to a positive and productive year.

Respectfully submitted,
The Stewardship Committee



The Pastor's Palette

Everybody loves a “love song.” We listen to them on the radio, play them on instruments, sing them to ourselves in the shower and the car. We identify with them when we are both joyful and sad. One of the most beautiful love songs in the world is the Song of Songs, attributed to King Solomon of Israel.

The Song of Songs feels like an intimate glimpse into a young couple's courting or marriage. At the very least it delves into two people's desire for one another. Jewish rabbis and scholars traditionally interpret the Song as a grand sensory/sensuality metaphor for our relationship with God. Our passion for God is not meant to be a mere intellectual experience but a highly emotive, sensory, passionate one. We are meant to long for God, to submit to God with our bodies, minds, and spirits, and to rejoice in the covenantal relationship, as in a marriage or wedding.

One of the interesting and intriguing customs in the Jewish marriage ceremony is the “breaking of the glass.” Some theologians attribute the breaking of the glass at the conclusion of the ceremony as the symbolic breaking or shattering of the old life of a man and woman and the embracing of their new marriage in the hope it will be unshatterable. Older traditions going back to the time of Jesus, as noted in the Talmud (Berakhot 5:2), attribute the breaking of the glass as an acknowledgement that “where there is rejoicing, there should also be trembling.” While it is a joyful occasion, one enters into the marriage covenant also with an awareness of the seriousness of the obligation.

No matter how you look at it, or what interpretation you choose, marriage and love metaphors in scripture are covenantal markers wrapped in covenantal language. “Cutting” of covenants and anointings with oil are leitmotifs from the time of Abraham through the breaking of body and pouring of blood in the sacrificial love of Jesus on the cross.

Speaking of breaking and pouring –that's exactly what Mary (in Matthew and Mark, an unnamed woman) does as she lovingly and abundantly and prophetically anoints Jesus at the home of Lazarus in Bethany with oil of spikenard poured out from a “broken” vessel of alabaster before his road to the cross and his resulting resurrection.

The act is highly symbolic and semiotic. It calls upon and recalls the language both in the Song of Songs and the Exodus. It finds resonance in the anointing of the tabernacle...i.e. God's dwelling place in Exodus 29:21, and of the anointing of priests with the blood and oil from the altar. But there is another very important meaning, one that resonates with the marriage covenant.

Alabaster in those days was “Oriental Alabaster” most likely made in Alabastron in Egypt, where the stone was quarried. A stalagmitic limestone, Egyptian alabaster was a soft, carvable stone of calcite. Veining through it was often brown streaks of iron. The stone was carved into beautiful vases, urns, and above all perfume and ointment vials. These would be filled with fragrant oil. One of the most expensive was the oil of spikenard imported often from India. The story in the gospels tells us the spikenard in that jar that Mary wielded and poured out (12 oz. or so) was worth a year's wages.

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Some Hebrew sources claim that typically a perfume vial of spikenard would be given to a young woman as part of her dowry. Upon her betrothal, she would break the vial and anoint her groom's feet. This metaphor has potential deep meaning seeing Jesus as bridegroom and His followers as supplicants and "bride," especially given that Mary (as named in John) uses her hair to wipe Jesus' feet. No respectable, unmarried woman would show her hair to an unmarried man, let alone touch him with it, nor sit at his feet among men. The scene is suggestive of the kind of intimacy shown in the Song of Songs. If we hold that the Song exhibits the covenantal relationship between God and people, then Mary is breaking all boundaries to point to Jesus as Messiah, Lord, Savior, and Son of God. He is high priest, king, and prophet, but He is also groom, partner, and intimate companion. Her passion for her Lord and Savior is seen in this, her sacramental act.

Mary used for her "ceremony" spikenard, broken open from an alabaster jar, a jar perhaps that belonged to her dowry but also that might be used for the "breaking of the glass" culminating a wedding celebration. In her own brokenness, in the brokenness of the world, this sacrificial act is beautiful, her servanthood is bitter and sweet, and it symbolizes the sacrifice of Messiah Jesus, the heartbreaking and beautiful act of God in love for God's people. As Jesus' body will be broken and his blood poured out, so too does Mary break through the barriers of convention, break all decorum, break down into pure humility, and pour out her devotion to Him, anointing him in a prophetic act that will define his coming journey to the cross.

As Mary broke that seal on the alabaster jar, she entered fully into relationship with Jesus as a disciple, in full faith, and in full knowledge of who He was as Messiah and Lord. The breaking of the seal is the start of a new covenantal relationship, and the sign of fulfillment of God's ancient promise. The time had come. And just as later several women would first recognize the signs of Jesus' resurrection, here too, Mary recognized the significance of who Jesus was better than anyone else yet had.

If Jewish sources are correct, in this act, Mary sacrifices her dowry, her future devotion to husband or other—whether other religions, family, future husband, or household. She becomes the "bride of Christ," putting Him first in her life. And she uses her own hair, now filled with spikenard as her servant's apron, much like Jesus will do when He washes His own disciples' feet. Mary's hair is her strength, her empowerment, her crowning of glory, her intimacy, and her prayer shawl, as she both anoints him for battle in the power of the Holy Spirit and anoints him with the oil of gladness and joy in prophesy of his victory. As she consecrates Jesus, she defines her own "walk" with Christ. His feet are anointed, but she is the one who is given a "soul pedicure" as she commits to a life not just of being but of doing, of discipleship in action.

Jesus notes that she prepares him for burial. But just as in the breaking of the glass in the marriage ceremony, the moment is both bitter and sweet. For she knows who He is. And she trusts in his resurrection promise. And in this, she is fully committed.

The act of breaking the seal and pouring out is her faith confirmed, faith that is not merely traditional, or pharisaic, or legal, or ritualistic but loving and loyal. Mary confirms the kind of covenantal relationship with God known to the first patriarchs, a relationship between God and people that goes far beyond mere worship, but that depicts a passionate love story between God/Jesus (bridegroom) and willing bride.

Today that love story persists.

We as followers of Jesus, worshipers of the One True God, are called to enter into relationship with Him. We are called to anoint Him and ourselves with the oil of sorrow, as well as the oil of gladness as our Lenten

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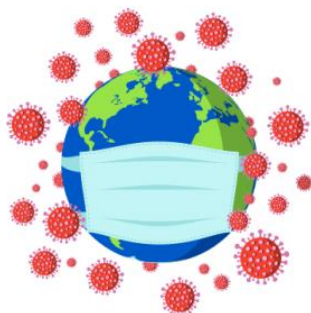
journey turns into resurrection promise and we both mourn his sacrifice but celebrate his victory. From here on in, we are His companions, His lovers, His partners, as He lives out His resurrection life in us and through His body the Church.

Be full of love, people of God. Be passionate about your faith and devoted in your love of Jesus. Your life is part of God's beautiful love story. And you are His beautiful beloved.

Rev. Dr. Lori Wagner

Please note that Pastor Lori Wagner will continue to serve our church until July 1. Pastor Lori's last Sunday with us is Pentecost Sunday, May 23. The pastor will be on vacation time May 30, June 6, June 13, and June 20. June 27 is Transition Sunday (all transitioning pastors do not preach that week.)

If you require pastoral assistance at any time prior to July 1, please contact Pastor Lori (loribethwagner@gmail.com or 360.298.8327).



COVID-19 Update

Check your email or USPS mail to keep updated about COVID-19 updates in regard to the church.

We will continue to provide updates in keeping with the changing positivity rates in Bucks County and whether we will be able to continue to meet in person. Worship will continue throughout the year: 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. In-Sanctuary Worship, 9:00 a.m. Parking Lot Worship (just drive-in and tune to 87.9) and 11:00 a.m. Livestream Worship (you can find us on Facebook or on our QUMC YouTube Channel). If you opt to meet outdoors, masks must still be worn.

The Church Secretary will continue her daily check-in for mail and will continue to utilize the church office as needed. Otherwise, she will be working remotely from home. The Financial Secretaries will continue to count weekly offerings, the Pastor will occasionally stop in, and the Sexton will continue to clean the building.

All meetings and groups must meet online. If you need a ZOOM link for such purposes, contact the Church Secretary (barb@qumc.com or 215.538.7817).



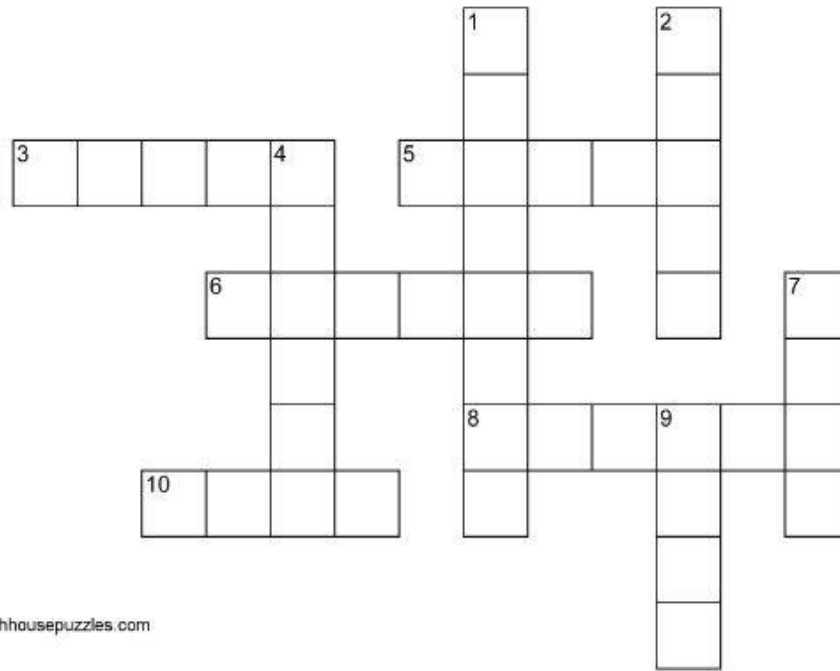
Hey Kids!

As a special treat, I have included some fun puzzles for you this month. They can be found on pages 7 & 8 of this newsletter.

Have fun and Happy Easter!

Love, Mrs. Minarik

Easter



www.churchhousepuzzles.com

ACROSS

- 3 This was left behind in the tomb
- 5 Jesus died on this
- 6 The body of Jesus was prepared after his death and they put what on it
- 8 Holiday we celebrate for Jesus rising
- 10 Jesus died on a cross for our what

DOWN

- 1 Mary thought Jesus was this
- 2 Who rose from the dead on the third day
- 4 This was folded up in the tomb
- 7 She looked in the tomb to find Jesus gone
- 9 Jesus was placed in this after his death

WORD BANK: Cross, easter, gardener, jesus, linen, mary, napkin, sins, spices, tomb.



Easter Story

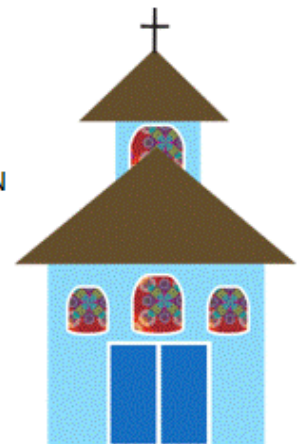
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Come out and join our youth for some fun, fellowship, and exploring our faith!

If you have any questions about Confirmation or Youth Group, contact Pastor Kathryn (kathrynswan19@gmail.com or 610-348-2632).

Hello and Happy "Spring" QUMC!

March was a busy month for the youth and the Confirmation class! We were hoping to do a few different things this month, however it was a flexible month to say the least. Our snow tubing trip to Bear Creek kept getting pushed back and finally happened on Tuesday, March 16!

Pastor Kathryn had scheduled a Suicide Awareness Training for March 2020 (before COVID shut everything down) but after a few conversations in the last few months regarding mental health and people who we might know that have been struggling, Pastor Kathryn scheduled the training for Sunday, March 14. The parents thought it was best to have this training and conversation in-person, so the Confirmation Class and a few other youth and parents gathered in person at the trainer's location at another church in Quakertown. Pastor Jim and the confirmand from the other church joined us as well for this training. It was a special time for everyone to meet and gather in-person.

Confirmation Class continues to meet weekly. Pastor Kathryn has started to meet with a couple of the girls from the youth for a time of "coffee and chats". If there are any other girls in the preteen/early teenage group who would like to join in this time together, just send Pastor Kathryn an email!

The youth are still planning to make the little outdoor library this spring. If you have any books to donate, (or building materials or donations to help build the library) anything would be appreciated! Remember to keep our youth, Confirmation class, and mentors in prayer!

Confirmation meets on Thursdays at 4:00 p.m. For the boys who have sports, Pastor Kathryn meets with them on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

The youth are the future of our church so continue to keep them, and the Confirmation Class, in prayer!

KEEPING READING FOR MORE FROM THE QUMC YOUTH!

In the Spotlight:

This month's confirmand and mentor in the spotlight are Justin Murray and Sharon Vietmeier!

I am Justin Murray. I am 12 years old and I am in 6th grade at Quakertown School District. I like to play baseball and basketball. I also like to play video games with my friends. A fun fact about myself? I can turn my tongue into a clover shape. What I like about confirmation so far is that I like both of the pastors very much. I have learned about the different roles at the church and I have learned about lent. I gave up donuts and can't wait until I can have one again. I am also learning about interesting stories from the Bible. I am very lucky to have Mrs. Vietmeier as my mentor. She has been doing a lot of fun stuff with me and she is a good teacher. I have had fun roller skating, snow tubing and going to lunch with her. She is such a nice person.



Hello, I'm Sharon Vietmeier, a mom and wife who loves wrestling, basketball, golf, reading and being active and involved. My mentee is Justin Murray. I enjoy spending time with kids and love that I get to share my Jesus journey with others. I love hearing about kids and their activities, while helping them navigate through this Christian experience.

From the Youth Pastor, Kathryn Swan:

Greetings Friends of QUMC!

I just attended the Tools for Ministry youth training and I am attaching something that is very important to people of all ages! As everyone knows by now I am very passionate about mental health, self-care, check-ins, and open conversations. I was lucky enough to hear about an amazing opportunity to participate in a mental health check-in challenge. The speaker from Tools for Ministry sent out a link for this 20-day mental health challenge. The YOUTH CHALLENGE IS MAY 3-23. There is also an adult/youth leader challenge starting APRIL 11. I encourage parents/mentors/adults to join in with me!

Tools for Ministry Challenge

How it works:

The Challenge is designed to provide the space for you to choose a variety of individual healthy practices coupled with team support and encouragement. This Challenge is designed for 6th graders and up.

Please note that a children's version is under construction.

To begin the journey and build your personal mental health toolbox, follow the steps below:

1. Register for The Challenge.
2. After registration, you will receive a confirmation that includes a link to a Google drive that has resources and a fillable checklist (printable list of activities and completion dates).
3. 24 hours before the start, a reminder email is sent with:
 - a link to the Google drive;
 - a link to a personalized fillable checklist that will be used for The Challenge and for you to record your progress for prizes and your personalized Team Reach group to join (with instructions).
Please note: All communication will follow Safe Sanctuary Policies. There will be no one-on-one communication.
4. Each day, select something from the list of Challenge Activities and complete it. Then log it on your checklist (personalized fillable PDF). (If you don't do something each day, it's ok! You earn prizes for forward motion.)
5. Each day, interact with your personalized Team Reach group and read any check-ins/mini motivational texts sent.
6. On day 20, your activity is to complete an evaluation/reflection form you'll receive in your email.
7. Once you've completed your evaluation/reflection form and personalized check-list, submit them to toolsforhealthyminds@gmail.com to receive your invitation to select your prizes.
8. Your mission, if you choose to accept it, is to select your prizes.
9. Receive your prizes and rejoice and be glad in it!
10. Get ready to do it again!

Rewards:

Eligibility of prizes begins at completing four days of challenges, increasing in value every four days. Prizes range from motivational stickers, gift cards (Wawa, Sheetz, Dunkin, Starbucks, etc.), products from selfcareisforeveryone.com, books, journals, products from top Christian artists and more!

Upcoming Challenges:

Join us for a scheduled challenge or invite a team to join you for a special date:

March 8 - 27 (conference staff and selected guests)

April 5 to April 24 (youth leaders)

May 3 to May 23 (youth)

The link to sign-up is below. I encourage everyone to make an effort to join in. (You still get prizes even if you do just four days!) I am signed up for the challenge starting on April 5th and I encourage all parents to join in.

toolsforhealthyminds.com

Blessings as we take this season to reflect and indulge in self-care. Remember, you can't pour from an empty cup. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out and email me at kathrynswan19@gmail.com.

Grace and Peace to all!

Pastor Kathryn

From Missions Commission



For more information on Missions outreach programs of the church, contact Carol Pertuit (610-346-6713 or carolpertuit@verizon.net).

From Eliberto & Molly (Jamison) Juarez:

A Request...

Early this year, Mision Vida y Paz received a generous donation to help cover Covid-19 related relief costs for our volunteers, students, and larger communities. This donation has opened doors for MVP to jump back into ministry through both previous and new models of support. As we surveyed the needs and explored the best ways to use this money, it became evident that these funds would only cover a small part of the great need before us. Covid has not only affected the health of our communities, but many families have been without work for over a year now.

Mision Vida y Paz has an amazing opportunity to support our communities through this Covid Relief Fund. We have already seen families blessed by small donations.

Understanding the current need, and anticipating what we will discover in the next few months, we would like to triple our Covid Relief Fund. We are asking that you consider giving a one time donation that can be used for Covid Relief Efforts in the communities where we serve. For those of you who received the most recent stimulus check, would you consider giving part or all of your stimulus check to impact the lives of families in El Salvador who haven't received any economic assistance during this time? Consider the impact just a small gift could make on the lives of our friends and communities in El Salvador.

We hope you will consider giving to MVP's Covid Relief efforts. We know that as the schools reopen, hundreds, if not thousands, could be touched by the hope we share through the ministry of MVP.

If you would like to give to the ministry of MVP and our Covid Relief efforts, visit <http://bit.ly/mvpgive> to make an online donation or contact Molly at mjamisonjuarez@internationalministries.org for more information.

Thank you for partnering with us!

Message from the Missions Team:

As many continue to struggle through these difficult times, please know these local organizations would welcome your financial support:

Quakertown Community Outreach (quakertowncommunityoutreach.org)

Quakertown Cares (greatnonprofits.org/quakertowncares)

Bucks County Opportunity Council (bcoc.org)

To support these organizations, go to the respective website and click on the "donate" button.

Thank you for your consideration and continued support of local Missions!



Ongoing Christian Education Opportunities

Children and Youth Sunday School, as well as the Adult Friday Morning Bible Study and Devotional, are being held online. Sunday School resources are distributed by email weekly. The Women's and Men's Sunday School classes are presently not meeting in-person due to COVID-19 restrictions. Youth Group continues virtually for middle and high school students, while Kid's Club is offered for grades one through five. For more information on any Christian Education opportunities, please contact the respective contact person listed below:

Children's Sunday School:

Christine Rush (rushcm@npenn.org or 215.264.4815)

Youth Sunday School and Youth Group:

Pastor Kathryn Swan (kathrynswan19@gmail.com or 610.348.2632)

Women's Sunday School:

Laura Lillie (lalillie@verizon.net or 215.529.1059)

Men's Sunday School:

Ed Wilson (edwinwilson@comcast.net or 215.799.4086)

Friday Morning Online Bible Study and Devotional:

Janet Finch (jmfumw@aol.com or 215.538.0835) or

Gail Schadler (glschadler@gmail.com or 267.733.3328)

Kid's Club (grades one through five)

Babs Kerns (babs.kerns@gmail.com or 267.825.5693)

Online Bible Study and Devotional

A Bible study and devotional, led by Janet Finch and Gail Schadler, is offered weekly. Gail sends the study out on Wednesdays via email with a request for comments, questions, and prayer requests. Those who are able can attend a ZOOM meeting on Friday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. to discuss the study. Janet sends out a devotional and prayer on Mondays. If you would like to join this online study and prayer group, just email Gail (glschadler@gmail.com) or Janet (jmfumw@aol.com).

In-Person Bible Study

Led by Gale Hewitt, this weekly Bible Study meets in the Library/Parlor on Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. Presently, this small group is focusing on "Character Matters," a Bible study created by Steve Morton, our District Superintendent. The study looks at the seven things the Lord hates. For more information on this small group, contact Gale (gwhewitt4@gmail.com or 267.218.2479).



A LOOK *at the* BUDGET

Please remember to send in your financial gifts regularly. If you are so inclined, we ask that you consider giving extra to cover the \$9,000 deficit for the Youth Pastor salary, the \$600 expense for June speaker honorariums, and the \$5,000+ plus for snow removal.

The church is in need of a Finance Chair for the Finance Committee. If anyone has a background in finance and would volunteer for a three-year term as Chair of Finance (leading meetings and the team), please contact Pastor Lori (loribethwagner@gmail.com or 360.298.8327). A Stewardship Chair is needed as well. Both of these positions are very important to the financial health of the church.

Thank you in advance for your continued commitment, financial support and faithfulness to QUMC.

Stay safe and well and we hope to see you soon!

Continued Appeal Regarding Bequest Opportunities: Bequests from individuals are an important part of the funding of our church's missions. If or when you plan a charitable bequest to help support the mission of the Quakertown United Methodist Church, you can direct your bequest in the following ways:

1. Unrestricted bequest: This is a gift for our general purposes, to be used at the discretion of our Trustees and Finance Committees. A gift like this - without conditions attached - is frequently the most useful, as it allows us to determine the wisest and most pressing need for the funds at the time of receipt.
2. Restricted bequest: This type of gift allows you to specify how the funds are to be used. Perhaps you have a special purpose or project in mind. If so, it's best to consult us when you make your will to be certain that your intent can be carried out.
3. Honorary or Memorial bequest: This is a gift given "in honor of" or "in memory of" someone. We are pleased to honor your request and have many ways to grant appropriate recognition.
4. Endowed bequest: This bequest allows you to restrict the principal of your gift, requiring us to hold the funds permanently and use only the investment income they generate. Creating an endowment in this manner means that your gift can continue giving indefinitely.



Safe Sanctuary

Safe Sanctuary clearances are due for volunteers. Those of you who have recently renewed your clearances, we ask for a current copy to be kept on file per Safe Sanctuary guidelines. Please mail copies of clearances to QUMC, 1875 Freier Road, Quakertown, PA 18951. If you do not have a copy available, you may send the original as the church will make a copy and return the original to you. Clearances may also be dropped at the church by placing them in a sealed envelope in the outdoor mailbox. Mail is picked up and processed daily.

Upper Room

Copies of the March/April edition of The Upper Room are now available! If you would like a copy of The Upper Room, please contact the Church Secretary (215.538.7817 or barb@qumc.com) and she will send a copy out to you via the USPS.

Acts IV Fund

We would like to remind our church family if anyone is experiencing financial difficulty during these unprecedented times, please contact the Pastor (loribethwagner@gmail.com or 360.298.8327). The church has an Acts IV Fund specifically designed to help members during a time of financial struggle. Inquiries are completely confidential. Now more than ever, we realize many are struggling to make ends meet. QUMC is here to help.

Those with sufficient resources who have it in their heart to contribute to the Acts IV Fund can send donations, indicating that preference, to QUMC, 1875 Freier Road, Quakertown, PA 18951.

Worship Bulletins

Anyone wishing to have a copy of the bulletin and hymns each week, please contact barb@qumc.com or 215.538.7817 to get on the email or USPS mail list.

Church Membership

Contact Pastor Lori at loribethwagner@gmail.com for more information. Please note membership transfers do not require classes. We hope you'll join us!

Paper Recycling

Receptacles can be found in the southwest corner of the church parking lot. Acceptable materials to recycle include newspapers, magazines, catalogs, books, office paper, school paper, wrapping paper, and junk mail. Missions will receive a check to be used for missions programs of the church.

Aluminum Can Recycling

Bag and bring your cans to the two white trash cans at the church pavilion. They do not need to be crushed but they are easier to handle if they are. All brands of aluminum cans are welcome. Proceeds from can recycling helps to defray costs of the annual Chicken Barbeque.

Monthly Newsletter Submissions

If you have items for the monthly newsletter you can email them to Teddi Miller at 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!



Family Matters

Happy Birthday to: Bill Diller - April 5; 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:

"Thanks to all who volunteered to write notes on "loving" cards and send them out to QUMC shut-ins and over 80-year-old members. Those who received cards enjoyed reading the messages and were reminded how important they are to our QUMC family."

Molly Minarik

"A note of appreciation to our church family for the thoughts, prayers, and expressions of condolences sent to our family during the illness and loss of Tom's brother, Perry."

Tom and Molly Minarik

