

# The Freier Flyer

Quakertown United Methodist Church

Summer 2021

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## Verses to Help You Rest this Summer



Hammock? Check.  
Lemonade? Check.  
A good book? Check.  
An afternoon all to yourself? Check.

Mix those four ingredients together and you have a recipe for a perfect summer afternoon. So why can't you relax? Why is your mind racing a mile a minute, as usual? What seems to be missing? There is one more secret ingredient needed for this dish and it is often overlooked - a spirit at peace.

For many of us, pushing the pause button is easier said than done, even during the summer months when life should slow down a little, giving us a chance to catch our breath and relax. But just as physical rest is necessary for a healthy body, spiritual rest is important for our spiritual well-being. And the best way to rest your spirit is to rest in the One who created you.

The notion of resting is a theme woven throughout Scripture beginning ... well, at the very beginning.

“On the seventh day God had finished His work of creation, so He rested from all His work.”

### Genesis 2:2 NLT

Even God took a day to rest after creating the world and it's a lesson He intends for us to follow. Here are six verses you can focus on this summer – verses to remind you to rest in God and lean into Him so you can relax and fully enjoy the season.

“The Lord is my shepherd; I have all that I need. He lets me rest in green meadows; he leads me beside peaceful streams. He renews my strength.”

### Psalms 23: 1-2 NLT

In God, we have all that we need. No matter what. He knows the “green meadows” and “peaceful streams” that will restore and renew each of us. And He promises to deliver. When we walk with Him, we can count on Him for complete rest and restoration.

“It is useless for you to work so hard from early morning until late at night, anxiously working for food to eat: for God gives rest to His loved ones.”

### Psalms 127: 2 NLT

Even with the best of intentions, we can easily slip back into the habit of counting on ourselves to meet our needs. We honor God with our work but not when it serves as a cover for our inability to trust in Him. Trusting in Him, while working and resting, is the key to renewal and refreshment.

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“Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life ... your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.”

Matthew 6: 25-34 NKJV

In this passage, Jesus makes it clear that worrying about the future is a waste of time. Instead, He reminds us that our heavenly Father values us above all else and He will care for us just as He does the flowers of the fields and the birds of the air.

“Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”

Matthew 11: 28-29 NIV

Responsibilities can be overwhelming but Jesus promises to help carry the load. And His shoulders are much bigger than ours! While He doesn't promise a life without hard work and trials, He does promise to be our partner, participating with us and walking with us every step of the way.

“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

Phil. 4: 6-7 NASB

In this passage, Paul provides some great advice – he suggests we turn our worries into prayers. When we stop worrying and start praying we will be filled with the complete peace and rest that only God can provide.

“I have told you these things so that, in Me, you may have peace. In this world, you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

John 16:33 NIV

The next time a restless spirit threatens to ruin a perfect summer day, stop and remind yourself that, in Jesus, the victory has already been won! God is in control, our destiny as believers is set, and things won't fall apart when we pause to enjoy the beauty of the world around us.

Article by Julie  
*Dayspring, Live Your Faith*

## Getting to Know You



To help Pastor Rick and his family get to know all of us, name tag lanyards are displayed alphabetically in the narthex. Upon your arrival at church, please pick up your lanyard and wear it so that Pastor Rick can put names and faces together. As you leave the building, either return your lanyard to the table or take it with you. If you take it with you, remember to continue to wear it when you come to church!

If you have any questions on the "Getting to Know You" initiative, or need a name tag lanyard, please feel free to contact the Church Secretary (215.538.7817 or barb@qumc.com). Thank you!



# *Going the Distance*

*The Rev. Richard K. Brown II, Pastor*

Greetings Quakertown United Methodist Church!

Hailing from Prospect Park in Delaware County, Pennsylvania, I was born and raised in this small borough town along with my mother (Annette), father (Richard) and younger brother (Robert). I have been a life-long United Methodist and have valued the support of my church family for many years.

I received my call to ministry in my final year of high school. I explored this calling amid my college education at Albright College, where I obtained a Bachelor's of Arts in Religious Studies in 2008. I then earned my Masters of Divinity at Palmer Theological Seminary in 2012 before taking my first appointment at Hellertown: St. Paul. I began ministry as a Licensed Local Pastor and was Ordained as an Elder in 2017. I have been in ministry for nine years and counting. I am extremely grateful for all the pastoral experiences that have helped shape me into the minister I am today.

While attending Albright, I met my future wife, Kim. This amazing woman helps me be a better pastor, better father, and better human being. Kim and I were married in July 2012, just a few short weeks after my starting in my first church appointment. We were blessed with our daughter, Ella, in 2018 and she has been enriching our life ever since.

In my free time, I enjoy running (aiming for my next marathon in the near future), a good conversation, and outdoor games. Some of my passions are preaching, youth ministry, and serving alongside the church. Previously, I had been part of the church's monthly free community meal, Loaves & Fishes, and loved both cooking and serving on the line. I also like to sing.

I eagerly look forward to what the Lord has in store for us, QUMC!

Pastor Rick Brown

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## Need to Contact Pastor Rick?

Pastor Rick can be reached by phone (484.358.1138) or by email ([pastorrick@qumc.com](mailto:pastorrick@qumc.com))

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## Worship Services

Quakertown United Methodist Church offers 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. in-person worship in the sanctuary, as well as 9:00 a.m. outdoor parking lot worship. 11:00 a.m. worship continues to be livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube. Please join us!

# Summer Children's Message: Star Bright



Hi Kids!

We recently celebrated the Fourth of July in America! You probably saw star symbols all over, including on posters, banners, picnic plates, and clothing. You also saw our country's flag displayed in many places. Our country's flag has 50 white stars on a blue background and 13 red and white stripes on it. Each one of the 50 stars stands for a different state, and all together they make up the United States of America. You live in the state of Pennsylvania, but you may have been to another state at some time, if you visited a far-away relative or took a vacation somewhere like the seashore, Disney World, or a national park. Our 50 states are separated by lines on a map, but they all work together to keep our country strong and help each other in times of disasters, such as floods and fires.

Now, when we think about stars from our Bible stories, we think first about the Nativity star which shone brightly above the stable on the night baby Jesus was born and which led the shepherds to his birthplace. We often see the symbol of the Nativity star at Christmas time on cards and ornaments and tree tops and wreaths. Real stars, of course, are not 5-pointed yellow shapes, but are balls of gas and dust held together by gravity, floating in space millions of miles away. Billions of stars travel down to our galaxy over time and light up the sky. On a clear night, there are so many bright stars, that it looks like someone sprinkled glitter throughout the heavens. Stars are all different sizes and shapes and colors. Some stars look like they are twinkling. Some stars are in groups and look like dot-to-dot animal drawings. Many people like to study the stars; some even name stars after loved ones. Get a chair and sit outside on a clear summer night and look up at the stars. Be amazed. All of God's creations are awesome, but stars are especially neat. God is very proud of his stars. Psalms 147:4 in the Bible says that God counts all the stars in the sky and calls them by name, much the same way God knows and loves each and every one of us. There are billions of people on Earth, like there are stars – we all look and act differently, and each one has his or her own light to shine. Let your light shine bright, and make God proud of you.

Mrs. Molly Minarik

## QUMC COVID PROTOCOL: APPROVED JULY 1, 2021

- Our church will return to 100% capacity in the sanctuary and in all rooms in the church building.
- Fully vaccinated persons will no longer be required to wear masks indoors or outdoors. We encourage unvaccinated persons, however, to mask and maintain social distancing per CDC guidelines. Parents are encouraged to make a decision for their child(ren) as they engage in ministry.
- All persons in the sanctuary, whether masked or unmasked, may now sing and responsively pray and recite aloud.
- All hymnals and bibles will be returned to the pews unbanded.
- Social distancing will not be required for fully vaccinated persons.
- Service offerings will continue to be collected in baskets at the back of the sanctuary until we have enough ushers to begin collecting by passing the offering plates.
- Communion will be offered the first Sunday of each month. We will continue to use the pre-packaged packets until we have a communion team to prepare the traditional juice and bread cubes and communion plates, and have ushers to distribute them.
- Fully vaccinated persons may remain unmasked in the kitchen. We encourage unvaccinated persons to wear a mask and social distance while in the kitchen. Those who would like to volunteer to work in the kitchen should be aware that those people who are in the kitchen may not all be vaccinated.
- Outside groups will now be allowed to use our facility. Each group must complete the Use of Building form for approval by Trustees as coordinated by the Church Office. We encourage those who are unvaccinated to wear masks and social distance.
- Masks and hand sanitizer will now be offered at the Welcome Table.



## **A Word from the Board of Trustees**

Hopefully you have noticed the new landscaping that has been completed at the church. The Trustees voted to have a professional landscaper render an opinion as to what could be done to our landscaping to improve the curb appeal of our church building.

The previous bushes were the original ones from construction of our building and were, therefore, over 30 years old. As they were so overgrown, it has no longer been possible for them to be kept trimmed back from the building without leaving large dead, unsightly bare spots that would never fill in properly. In addition to that, mold was becoming a problem on the brick façade of our beautiful building.

The landscaper chose plantings that would add color at different times to our beds. Some of the ones chosen were burning bushes, drift roses, viburnum, rhododendrons, spirea and tri-color willows. He suggested leaving the large arborvitae at the corners since they are beautiful, require little maintenance and aren't causing any problems to the building.

The Prayer Garden also received needed attention while the landscaper was here as well.

It is the responsibility of the Trustees to do all that they can to take care of our building and grounds and they agreed that this was an important step in fulfilling their mission. We know that you do too!



**"Patties with the Pastor"** is an informal meet-and-greet for Pastor Rick to get to know you (and for you to get to know he and his family)! Come out to enjoy a burger, talk, and enjoy the day the Lord has made. These are come-and-go events; come when you can and leave when you must.

"Patties with the Pastor" will be held on:

- Tuesday, July 13, 12 noon - 2:00 p.m.
- Thursday, July 15, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Click the below link to sign-up (or contact Barbara Hafler, 215.538.7817, to sign you up):

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfwqQz1Y46ueerrJj7QfZshQeicNxea4NX-MHhmZbvzmfBxCQ/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfwqQz1Y46ueerrJj7QfZshQeicNxea4NX-MHhmZbvzmfBxCQ/viewform?usp=sf_link)

**QUMC Spring Breakfast** has been postponed. Look for information in emails and upcoming weekly bulletins. The breakfast will afford members an opportunity to reunite with familiar faces, meet new people, and return to an atmosphere of fellowship.

**Save the Date! Sunday, September 12 is Rally Day Sunday with an All-Church Picnic!** Following the 11:00 a.m. service, the church will host a picnic lunch to celebrate reopening the church and to welcome Pastor Rick. We really hope you can make it! Bring a friend! If you would like to help with food prep or kid's games, please contact Molly Minarik (craftlover38@aol.com or 610.282.3708).

## Faith Preschool News



Faith Preschool still has some openings for the upcoming 2021-2022 School Year! There are limited openings for the two-year-old, three-year-old, and Pre-K classes. The four-year-old class is currently full.

Our two-year-old class runs once a week on either Tuesday or Friday, our three-year-old class runs Tuesday and Thursday, and our Pre-K class runs Monday through Thursday. All classes run 9:15 to 11:30 a.m.

For more information, please reach out to Megan McGinty (registrarfps@gmail.com). For your convenience, the registration form for Faith Preschool can be found here: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1vq2wupgX4r24OWo3gcokTFNWLuHaTIFH/view?usp=sharing>

Thank you!  
The Staff of Faith Preschool

*"You are a child of God, you are wonderfully made, and dearly loved and precious in his sight." - Psalm 139*



**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](mailto:kathrynswan19@gmail.com) or 610-348-2632).**





The Youth Car Wash was postponed. Watch your email for more information, including the upcoming date and time for this event. Youth will host a car wash at QUMC and at the same time, will be collecting items for Lily's Hope, an organization that provides supplies for families of premature babies. Items we will be collecting include: baby laundry detergent, Chapstick, baby wipes, premie diapers, disinfecting cleaning wipes, and blankets for both babies and adults.

QUMC Confirmation Retreat, Tuesday, July 13 through Thursday, July 15.

QUMC Confirmation: Stay tuned; a date will be planned for this upcoming fall.

The Library Project is underway! The youth will be collecting books for our little library project. The plan is for the youth to build a "take a book, leave a book library." The youth got Trustee approval to put this little library somewhere on the church property, and will help to maintain it. We are looking for donations of any kind of books, "appropriate" for all ages. Children's books, biblical books, fiction, all are welcome! Books can be dropped off in Pastor Kathryn's office or you may contact her to drop books off or if you have questions. Follow the link below to see an example of what we will be doing. The youth voted for the little library to be in the shape of a church. Donations of books, supplies, or cash to help build this project would be greatly welcomed.

<https://littlefreelibrary.org/>



Attention Youth Group Girls! Are you a middle- or high-schooler? Well, Pastor Kathryn hopes you like Panera because once a month the youth girls meet with her at Panera in Quakertown! Growing up can be hard, but this is a safe zone of fellowship and fun. We chit-chat, laugh, tell stories, and just enjoy each other's company while building friendships. Look for upcoming dates in church emails.

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## Eastern Pennsylvania Conference's Youth Rally

"There's a time for everything," Ecclesiastes 3 tells us, and Saturday, August 28 (from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.) will be the perfect time for the Eastern PA Conference's next Youth Rally. It will be a youth rally like no other, promises Rev. David Piltz, outgoing Coordinator of Young Peoples Ministries.

Covenant UMC in Bath, PA will again be the perfect place for a bit of northern exposure and a return to this late-summer youth outdoor rally for its second year. Its debut in 2019 was titled 'Camping at the Crossroads,' but COVID-19 shut down the 2020 plans. Now, all current CDC guidelines and protocols on COVID-19 safety will be maintained.

The day will have games, speakers, music, prizes and much more. There will be youth speakers and musicians including CCYM's very own Sarah Mott and Covenant UMC's praise band S.O.U.L.7:17. A speaker from the National Alliance on Mental Health will share a personal testimony about overcoming and living with mental illness.

We will also hear from Egypt Speaks (<https://www.egyptspeaksofficial.com/>) a renowned poet, spoken word artist and musician. Ending music and a concert will be provided by Tribe Collective ([wearetribe.com](http://wearetribe.com)). In the middle of the day, professional actors from Without a Cue ([www.withoutacue.com](http://www.withoutacue.com)) will lead the attendees in an innovative improv based competition!

Finally, throughout the day we will hear from and support two amazing ministries. One is New Bethany Ministries ([www.newbethanyministries.org](http://www.newbethanyministries.org)) who provides a variety of support services to those in need. The other is CareNet of Carbon County ([www.carenetcarbon.org](http://www.carenetcarbon.org)) who work with "at-risk" youth and young people and providing services that create positive choices.

This is a day youth won't want to miss! Registration begins at 9:00 a.m., with the program launching at 10:00 a.m. Lunch is on your own, but there will be food trucks available on-site.

Contact Pastor Kathryn with questions ([kathrynswan19@gmail.com](mailto:kathrynswan19@gmail.com) or 610-348-2632).

**A Time To**  
Ecclesiastes 3:1-8  
August 28, 2021

**SUMMER EPA YOUTH RALLY**  
AUGUST 28, 2021  
9 AM - 6 PM  
COVENANT UMC, BATH PA

**Featuring**

Egypt Speaks      Concert by Tribe Collective

Missions with New Bethany Ministries and CareNet

Youth Speakers and the Youth Band S.O.U.L.7:17

Improv competition with Without a Cue Productions  
and more ...

Register at:  
<https://tinyurl.com/youthrally21>



# Family Matters

**Happy Birthday to:** Eileen VanAuken – July 5; Bill Dietz and Mary Stahr – August 15.

If you are 80 years old (or over) and would like your birthday included in the newsletter, please let the Church Office know (215.538.7817 or [barb@qumc.com](mailto:barb@qumc.com)).

## **Congratulations to Our Graduates!**

Trevor Gray, 2505 Marshall Drive, Quakertown, PA 18951  
Quakertown Community High School

Trevor will attend Moravian College and will be on the track team. He is considering a major in Arts & Film.

Haley van den Burg, 233 N. Main Street, P.O. Box 38, Trumbauersville, PA 18970  
St. John's University

Haley graduated Summa Cum Laude with a B.A. in Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology

Owen Vietmeier, 2556 Geryville Pike, Pennsburg, PA 18073  
Malvern Prep

Owen graduated with high distinguished honors and will attend Davidson College in North Carolina where he will be on the wrestling team. He is undecided on a major but is considering Business.

Graham Wilson, 1870 Fox Lair Drive, Quakertown, PA 18951  
Lafayette College

Graham was a double-major in Economics and Biology

Let's congratulate our graduates! We invite the congregation to send cards, messages, and notes of encouragement to our graduates as they celebrate their respective achievements.

If you have or know a graduate that was not recognized this month, please contact the Church Secretary (215.538.7817 or [barb@qumc.com](mailto:barb@qumc.com)) so we are able to acknowledge their accomplishment in a future newsletter. Thank you!

## **Note of Thanks:**

*Dear Anonymous Donor,*

*Thank you so much for the financial gift to cover the pension package in order to make this transition into this appointment for me here at QUMC. It does not go unnoticed and I am very excited to be expanding my role here at the church. Although I do not know who you are, I thank God for you and for your generosity. I'm excited to see what God does this year here at Quakertown!*

*Blessings, Pastor Kathryn*



# From Missions Commission

Quakertown Cares, aka Bucket Giving, was back in full force during the month of June, Sunday, June 27 to be exact! We know it's been a long time, so a reminder of how we do this: during worship on the fourth Sunday of every month, Missions asks the congregation to contribute money at the end of each service (naturally, The Missions Team will be standing by with buckets). Your donated money is sent to the Quakertown Cares Organization, who in turn give the money to a preapproved Quakertown family. The following month, we let you know how your contribution was used. Quakertown Cares supports local families who have suffered a crisis situation and need temporary help to get back on their feet. Perhaps a family member has a serious illness or has lost a job. If funds are available, Quakertown Cares steps in to help. Thank you in advance of your support of this community effort.

Missions would like to thank everyone who donated to the recent "Non-Food Drive." We collected over 300 pounds of toiletries, cleaning supplies, and laundry products. Thank you to all who took the time to come out to support the FEAST Food Pantry in Trumbauersville in this way.

## Back-To-School Supplies Drive

During the month of August, Missions will again collect school supplies. As August approaches, Missions will set up a school supply drop-off point. Once you have generously donated supplies, our Missions Team packs already-purchased backpacks with the supplies and donates the backpacks and supplies to our local food pantry, who in turn, distributes the backpacks to local families. Below is a list of the needed supplies.

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| Ear buds  | Kindergarten: headphones that go over the head and ears (no earbuds)<br>Other grade levels: earbuds or headphones         |
| Highlighters                                    | Yellow highlighters (all grades)  |
| Pencils   | (all grades)  |
| Cap erasers                                     | (all grades)  |
| Regular erasers                                 | (all grades)  |
| Pens  | Blue and black (high school)  |
| Dry erase markers                               | Variety of colors; teachers prefer the thick Expo brand (all grades)  |
| Crayons   | (elementary school)   |
| Colored pencils                                 | (upper elementary school and middle school)   |
| Colored markers                                 | (upper elementary school and middle school)   |
| Glue sticks                                     | (elementary school and middle school)   |
| Rulers  | (all grades)  |
| Pencil cases                                    | Kindergarten: hard-sided plastic pencil boxes<br>Other grade levels: soft-sided, three-hole-punched zippered pencil cases |
| Loose leaf paper                                | Three-hole punched, wide rule (upper elementary school, middle school, high school)                                       |
| Single spiral, one subject, wide ruled notebook | Solid, assorted colors (upper elementary school, middle school)<br>Wide or college-ruled (high school)                    |
| Composition notebooks                           |   |
| Two pocket plastic folders                      | Solid, assorted colors  |
| Three ring binders                              | One inch  |



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Save the Date! Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup> is the Chicken Barbeque!

GIGANTIC news!!! The Chicken Barbeque is coming soon! We realize many of you have had sleepless nights wondering about the September Chicken Barbecue. Is it on or off??? This spectacular event is ON! The date is set for Saturday, September 11 so mark your calendar to help out and/or eat with us. Details to follow.

Lastly, the Missions Team wants to thank all who donated clothing to the May 22 drive. We appreciate your generosity. Two carloads of clothing were received and will be shared with those in need.

For more information on Missions outreach programs of the church, contact Carol Pertuit (610.346.6713 or carolpertuit@verizon.net).



**Christian Education Opportunities**

Rally Day will be held Sunday, September 12 to kick-off the new Sunday School year. We will be back meeting in person! Please come join us for Rally Day and a QUMC lunch after the 11:00 a.m. service to celebrate our return to in-person services.

For more information on Christian Education opportunities, including how you can help or participate, 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:  
Doug Wilson (doug.wilson.ag@gmail.com)

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)



Financial statements for the first half of 2021 were recently mailed out to those who have contributed to the church so far this year. If you have questions about your statement or about giving in general, please contact Financial Secretaries Bob & Anna Mushrush (215.536.3112 or robert.mushrush@yahoo.com). Thank you in advance for your continued commitment, financial support and faithfulness to QUMC.

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 Rick (484.358.1138 or pastorrick@qumc.com). A Stewardship Chair is needed as well. Both of these positions are very important to the financial health of the church.

**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.

### The Harold C. Weamer Charitable Trust

Between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021, a total of \$24,000 was remitted to Quakertown United Methodist Church per the stipulations of the Harold C. Weamer Charitable Trust. These monies are "placed in memory of Gladys Kenworthy Ralston Weamer (1891-1970) and her sister, Ethel Cooper Ralston (1888-1973)." These funds are preferred to be used for purposes of the building fund.

Quakertown United Methodist Church is eternally grateful for the continued generosity of the Weamer Trust.



### **Upper Room**

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

### **Acts IV Fund**

We would like to remind our church family if anyone is experiencing financial difficulty during these unprecedented times, please contact Pastor Rick (484.358.1138 or pastorrick@qumc.com). 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.

### **Prayer Shawls**

Handmade prayer shawls are available for those who are ill, grieving, or just lonely. To request a shawl, contact the Church Secretary (215.538.7817 or barb@qumc.com) or Janet Finch (215.538.0835).

### **Worship Bulletins**

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

### **Church Membership**

Contact Pastor Rick (484.358.1138 or pastorrick@qumc.com) for more information. 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 15<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to the publishing month. Please note the July/August edition of the newsletter is a combined summer issue. Submissions for the September 2021 newsletter are due August 15.



## Looking for Ways to Help

Finance Chair Committee Member Needed: Quakertown United Methodist Church is in need of a Chair for the Finance Committee. If you have a background in finance and are willing to volunteer for a three-year term as Chair of Finance, please contact Pastor Rick (484.358.1138 or [pastorrick@qumc.com](mailto:pastorrick@qumc.com)). This position is very important to the financial health of the church.

Stewardship Chair Committee Member Needed: Contact Pastor Rick (484-358-1138 or [pastorrick@qumc.com](mailto:pastorrick@qumc.com)) to volunteer for this position.

Volunteers Wanted at Outreach Care: Outreach Care provides resources to the homeless in Upper Bucks County to help them get back on their feet. Mentors and drivers are needed, as well as volunteers to help with fundraising, taking phone calls and organizing special events. Give as little or as much time as you can. If you like helping your own community, contact Joanne Cramer (610-442-6465).

You Are Needed! There are many opportunities for members of the congregation to serve not only our God, but the QUMC church as well. Please contact Pastor Rick to find out how you may fit into the plans of our church.

