

# The Freier Flyer

Quakertown United Methodist Church

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1875 Freier Road, Quakertown, PA 18951

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## It's Rally Day!



Rally Day will be held Sunday, September 12 to kick off the new Sunday School year! We will be back meeting in person from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. each week. Sunday School classes are offered for two-year-olds through adults so there is something for everyone. Please come join us!

<u>Class</u>	<u>Location</u>
2-Years-Old to Kindergarten	Room 107/108
Grades 1 to 5	Room 106
Middle and High School	Room 105
Women's Class	Room 114
Men's Class	Room 112
Faithbuilders	Room 109

### Children's Sunday School

2-Years-Old to Kindergarten will use the Heart Shaper resource to begin their journey of faith. This will help build a relationship with God through fun, multi-sensory learning through Bible stories, activities, and songs.

Grades 1 to 5 will use the Celebrate Wonder curriculum by Cokesbury Kids, giving children the tools to explore their faith while incorporating it into their daily lives. This curriculum uses carefully selected Bible stories, songs, videos, and hands-on activities.

Middle and High School (Grades 6 to 12) will use The Gospel Project, a weekly Bible study that helps teens dive deep into the big story of the Bible - God's plan to rescue his people through his son, Jesus Christ. This program encourages students to ask tough questions and expect real answers. Dialogue each week between the students is rich and meaningful. Students come out of the class with thought-provoking questions to ask their families at home.

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## Adult Sunday School

The Faithbuilders Class, led by Gail Schadler, offers a new adult elective study, The Sermon on the Mount, “the greatest sermon ever given by the greatest man who ever lived!” From the Beatitudes to the Lord’s Prayer, to the Golden Rule, we will take an in-depth look at Matthew 5-7 to discuss the doctrines and principles of righteousness that Jesus taught would lead believers to happiness, eventual perfection, and eternal life. This is the longest explanation Jesus gives of what it looks like to live as His follower and to serve as a member of God’s Kingdom.

The Women’s Class, led by Laura Lillie, follows the Cokesbury Adult Bible Study series. Each quarter (fall, winter, spring, summer) contains 13 lessons exploring Biblical messages and how to apply them to daily life by focusing on personal, family, church, and community concerns. This fall, the class will look into ways to respond to God’s gracious salvation. From September 5 through November 28, the theme of “Belong” will explore the spiritual practices of hospitality, community, and open table fellowship. Beginning on December 5, the class will discuss waiting, wondering, and show-and-tell under the theme of “Engage.”

The Men’s Class, under the direction of Ken McKinley, will delve into “Our Daily Bread” devotionals and related scripture and Bible study. Through this study, men will grow in their relationship with God and with each other, while discussing ways to apply scripture to daily life. Beginning on Rally Day, the class will be open to suggestions from class members on future studies.

## Small Groups

Bread for the Journey (start date to be announced) meets Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. in the Library. Together we pray, explore Scripture, and read and discuss books as we journey together to grow in our relationship with God. This supportive and sometimes challenging group is open to women seeking to grow in Christ. For more information, contact Gale Hewitt (gwhewitt4@gmail.com or 267.218.2479).

Friday Online Bible Study (starting September 17) meets on Friday mornings at 9:30 a.m. on ZOOM. Our first study, The Life of Moses, will take an in-depth look at the man who was called by God to be the agent in delivering the Hebrews from slavery in Egypt. As mediator of the Covenant, Moses found the nation of Israel and laid down the spiritual foundation of Judaism, from which arose Christianity. This study will be followed with a look at The Trinity, followed by ending 2021 with an advent study, The Marys of the New Testament. To learn more about this Bible Study, contact Gail Schadler (glschadler@gmail.com) or Janet Finch (jmfumw@aol.com).

# 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 (215.536.4992 or barb@qumc.com). Thank you!



# *Going the Distance*

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

## **A Passion for Communication**

It was never a fun sight to see a teammate or student from another school struggle or, worse, drop out of a cross country race due to dehydration so all my coaches would stress "hydration, hydration, hydration." These sage words have stuck with me ever since and you can still find me carrying around a large re-usage water bottle to this day (including when I go to preach).

In the life of the church, a slight variation on these words can also be lifegiving and a help to avoid hardship and suffering: "communication, communication, communication." Much like offered water, I will never regret you making a prayer request, telling me someone is in the hospital, or alerting me to a change in your schedule. Even if you are the fourth person to tell me this news on a given day I would rather it be so then assuming that I know and leaving a beloved brother or sister in Christ wondering why Pastor Rick has not come to visit them.

I will always strive to consistently communicate and listen to you, beloved church. As we get further into this new relationship, I encourage you to be in touch. As Jesus said "ask and you will receive" (Matt. 7:7). Therefore, below is one of many newsletter entries about the great things happening in the life of QUMC. I look forward to sharing more in the very near future.

## **Summer Celebrations**

This summer brought many changes to QUMC. In late May, you sent Pastor Lori Wagner off to her new appointment with blessings, kind words, and prayer. You very graciously continued your prayers ahead of my arrival, culminating with a 24-hour prayer vigil ahead of my start with you all on July 1. Your church leaders and I wasted little time and got right to work. Our first task was the updating of the church's COVID protocol, wishing to not have one's experience at the church not match up to the printed word. These were not the only changes to come with July 1; Pastor Kathryn Swan became an Appointed Pastor to QUMC too. Now, you have two pastors who are 35 years old or under, something not many churches can claim!

After a few Sundays of preaching and teaching, I hung up my clergy shirt in favor of my grilling apron as we readied for "Patties with the Pastor." These meet-and-greets over hot dogs, hamburgers and other fixings saw over 75+ people come out to meet your new Pastor and my family.

As August approached, we saw the return of the Blood Drive on August 7. Some technical issues notwithstanding, the 20+ persons who rolled up their sleeves were greatly appreciated for their life-giving donation. A week after that, on August 14, we saw a double-header of activity. First up was the School Supply Donation Drop-Off. Boxes of composition books, pencils, over 40+ backpacks and bags of other supplies were received and taken to the Quakertown Outreach Center for prompt distribution to students in our community. The Missions Team and I extend our thanks to you for helping bless Quakertown students as they ready for a new school year. Later that afternoon, our QUMC Youth Group got together for a special miniature golf trip. Several hole-in-ones, and maybe a few water traps later, we departed thankful for a fun day together.

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## Thanksgiving & Prayer

In August, we had two services to remember the lives of beloved sisters in Christ. With tears, laughter and much thanksgiving to the Lord, we laid to rest Grace Mohr (passed July 25) and Mary Schwer (passed May 12). We simultaneously grieve our mortal loss and celebrate their eternal rest. I humbly ask that you continue to lift up their families and loved ones in your thoughts and prayers.

During the month of August, we also celebrated the baptism of Ainsley Stibgen, daughter of Deanna Pringle and Derek Stibgen. We praise the Lord for the gift of this new life and for the blessing of welcoming Ainsley into the United Methodist Church through baptism.

These are wonderful things and I look forward to our future celebrations in coming communications.

God bless you all.

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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## September Children's Message



### **Bye to Summer**

Yes, summer was great, but so is Autumn - pumpkins, bright colored leaves, cooler weather, candy corn, and so many other things we haven't seen for an entire year.

### **Back to School**

It has been way too long you have been in school and you missed a lot. It's time to return to your familiar school building, see all your school buddies and learn brand new things.

### **But the Schoolwork!**

It may be tough at first to get back into the same study routine you were used to, but you'll get there pretty soon. Remember, the more you learn and the better you learn, the more interesting the world will become to you.

God will be looking over you, and all your church family will be praying for your safe and happy return to school.

Blessings! Mrs. Molly Minarik

# NEW SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SCHEDULE



Our new worship and Sunday School schedule at QUMC, as of Sunday, September 5, will be:

- 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. - Worship
- 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. - Sunday School for Children and Adults (starting Sunday, September 12)
- 11:00 a.m. to 12 noon – Worship

11:00 a.m. worship will continue to be livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube.

We feel that this schedule allows for more fellowship between worshippers and less stress for the Pastor, musicians, and Sunday School teachers. Our hope is that the 30-minute change for 8:00 and 9:00 a.m. attendees will not be a problem.

This change in schedule was after prayerful and careful analysis of our worship services. Pastor Rick and the Worship Team put forth a change in the worship schedule, allowing for a less rushed schedule of services and Sunday School (which starts Rally Day, September 12). This proposed schedule does not have a Contemporary Service timeslot. The reality at QUMC, at this time, is that we do not have enough musicians who are willing, or can, commit to carrying a contemporary service each and every Sunday. Bethan Neely and Jerry Elder are actively collaborating with, and seeking, musicians. We feel it would be unwise to require individuals to commit to a worship service each Sunday at this present juncture. This is exactly what caused the burn-out and failure of our past contemporary service. As we build up the band, musicians will be invited to play and sing at either of our worship services as their schedules allow.

Parking lot worshippers are encouraged to attend either of the worship services in the sanctuary or watch the livestream if they are uncomfortable worshipping indoors. All worshippers are permitted to wear masks, regardless of vaccination status.

If you have any questions about the new worship schedule, please feel free to contact Pastor Rick (484.358.1138 or [pastorrick@qumc.com](mailto:pastorrick@qumc.com)) or Gail Schadler ([glschadler@gmail.com](mailto:glschadler@gmail.com)).

# From Missions Commission



The Missions Team would like to welcome Pastor Rick and his family to QUMC!

A big thank you from our Missions Team to:

Everyone who helped make our School Supply Project a success,



To everyone who donated blood to the Red Cross Blood Drive on August 6,



And to everyone who donated to the “Non-Food, Food Drive,” on June 19.



We collected over three hundred pounds of toiletries, cleaning supplies, and laundry products. Thank you for taking the time to come out and support the FEAST Food Pantry in this way

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## QUMC Cares

Just a reminder Missions is once again up and running (*drum roll, please*) **INSIDE** the church! So...we have started collecting freewill donations for Quakertown Cares. Collections will be the fourth Sunday of every month following worship. Donations should be placed in the pretty colored baskets. Thank you!

The following note was received from Jim Newcomer on behalf of Quakertown Cares:

*"We used the special contribution of \$241 from June to assist a senior citizen from our area who had become homeless recently. She had been thrown out of her child's house by an abusive spouse. Our recipient would not tolerate the abuse. We added a \$50 Giant food card as food insecurity has also become an issue. As she also lacks transportation, we delivered the check and card to her directly.*

*Thank you for assisting this elder individual in need. She is now on a waiting list for subsidized housing, but the wait is long.*

*Thank you one and all,*

*Jim*

### **THIS JUST IN!**

Ushers are needed for both 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services. If you would like to serve in this way, please contact Bill Urbach (burnbrody@comcast.net or 215.258.3993). Thank you!

### **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.



### **The Chicken Barbeque Is On:**

Saturday, September 11, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Eat-in or take-out. Adult tickets are \$12, children (ages 4-10) are \$5. All proceeds benefit missions.

Volunteers are needed:

- Kitchen Prep Work (9:00 a.m. on Tuesday 9/7; Thursday 9/9; Friday 9/10)
- BBQ Pit Crew (9:00 a.m. on Saturday, 9/11)
- Kitchen Help (4:00 p.m. on Saturday, 9/11)
- Wait Staff (4:15 p.m. on Saturday, 9/11)
- Take Out Staff (4:15 p.m. on Saturday, 9/11)
- Someone to Make Coffee (4:15 p.m. on Saturday, 9/11)
- Clean-Up (6:00 p.m. on Saturday, 9/11)

Much needed are baked goods for the Chicken Barbecue. If you are able to bake for this event, we could use your help. Dinners include a choice of dessert and we also have a Bake Sale at the dinner. Items are needed for both so if you could bake and drop off your bakery item on Thursday, September 9, Friday, September 10, or Saturday, September 11, **in the morning (at church)**, we would deeply appreciate it. Thank you.

You can also help out by spreading the word of the barbeque to family, friends, neighbors and co-workers! If you are interested in helping, please contact any member of the Missions team. You may also contact Carol Pertuit (267.733.3378).

### **Sunday School Rally Day:**

Sunday, September 12, in-person Sunday School returns! Celebrate an official restart to our Sunday School season at 9:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Bring a new or used book for the youth outdoor library.

### **The All-Church Picnic:**

Sunday, September 12, 12:00 noon to 2:30 p.m. (immediately following 11:00 a.m. worship)

Why? To celebrate God's blessings  
To enjoy food and fellowship  
To reunite with the church family and make new friends  
To welcome Pastor Rick and his family  
To have a good time!

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Join us in the Outdoor Pavilion following the 11:00 a.m. service for an all-church picnic with food, activities for all ages, and old-fashioned fellowship. Bring a guest, spend time getting to know Pastor Rick, and reunite with church friends.

We hope you can attend! You are welcome to bring a neighbor or friend. There is no charge for this event. For planning purposes, please sign-up ASAP in the narthex or by email (craftlover38@aol.com) so we can get an idea of the number of people that will be attending. Also, we are looking for volunteers to help with basic set-up and clean-up, to pack and serve picnic lunches, and to bake desserts/cakes for the Cake Walk. To volunteer, email Molly Minarik (craftlover38@aol.com ).

Please note:

- ✓ For safety reasons, food will be served in separate, portioned containers.
- ✓ On picnic day the rear parking lot will be unavailable as it will be used for picnic activities.
- ✓ If you are uncomfortable sitting on picnic table benches, you are free to bring along a lawn chair that would be more comfortable for you.
- ✓ In case of inclement weather, the picnic will be held in Miller Hall.

### **Third Grade Bible Presentation:**

On Sunday, October 24, QUMC will continue the tradition of presenting Bibles to our third-graders, as well as to older children who have not yet received a Bible. If you know of a third grader (or older child) who would like to receive a Bible, contact Tammy Swearingen (trswearingen@verizon.net or 215.538.7513).

### **Fall Rummage Sale:**

Cleaning out? Friendship Circle is ramping up for the Fall Rummage Sale, Friday, October 29 and Saturday, October 30.

Collect your unwanted, but still-in-good condition, and usable items and bring them to Miller Hall for Friendship Circle's Fall Rummage Sale! Donations of all kinds of items are welcome.

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.

We also need your help! Anyone that can donate time to help prepare for the sale (October 25 through October 28), is welcome. We have had three cancelled rummage sales due to COVID and expect many will be dropping off their unwanted treasures. That makes a lot of "stuff" to sort and display!

### **Help is needed for**

- Set-up, sorting and preparation, 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon, 10/25, 10/26, 10/27, 10/28 and 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., 10/27
- Assistance during the sale on Friday and Saturday, 10/29 and 10/30
- Clean-up on Saturday, 10/30, from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m.

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Drop-off times for donations are concurrent with set-up times. Baked goods may be delivered Thursday and Friday mornings, 10/28 and 10/29, after 9:00 a.m.

Contact Becky Petko (215.896.7055 or bpetko@remax440.com) for more information or if you are able to help with this important ministry of QUMC.

### **Trunk or Treat - Save the Date:**

Saturday, October 23, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Plan to decorate your car and hand out goodies or bring your costumed kiddies to this safe and fun event! More details to follow in the October Newsletter.

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## **A Word from the Trustees**

A family, individual, or group is needed to take responsibility for maintaining the outdoor cross garden. Plants will be provided. Responsibilities include planting, weeding, and watering as needed. For more information, contact Debbie Reynolds (215.266.1385). Please consider helping us to continue this beautiful ministry!

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## **QUMC Educational Endowment Fund Grants**



We are happy to report that this year we will be able to distribute grants to our eligible post-high school students. Grants will be distributed on Sunday, November 28, 2021.

### **Eligibility:**

1. Student must be a member in good standing of QUMC.
2. Student must be enrolled and attending that academic year in an institution of higher education (including technical schools).

Applications are to be requested from Steve Finch (finchsc1@verizon.net) **by the student** (using their school email). **Applications are due back no later than November 1.**

Eligibility will be verified and an application returned to the student's email beginning on October 1. If you have any questions, please contact Steve Finch or a committee member.

Steve Finch, Chairperson (finchsc1@verizon.net)  
David Rush, John DeSimone



**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).**

An update from Pastor Kathryn regarding the EPA Conference Youth Rally:

Youth and Friends,

Unfortunately, I just got news that the Youth Rally that was scheduled by our EPA conference for in-person (I have attended the 2 virtual ones they had over this past year - they were still a blast!) for the end of August was canceled due to COVID becoming high risk again. I think it is wise, given the amount of people that would of been gathered but I am hopeful they will come up with a virtual one or something else instead!

Pastor Kathryn

I have attached below what the Conference sent me in regards to the Youth Rally cancellation:

Eastern PA Conference youth ministry leaders are forced to cancel the August 28 Youth Rally at Covenant UMC in Bath Township due to an increasing risk of COVID-19 infection in Northampton County - particularly the virus's delta variant - especially among unvaccinated youth. The Rev. William Brawner, Conference Coordinator of Youth & Young Adult Ministries, announced the cancellation this week.

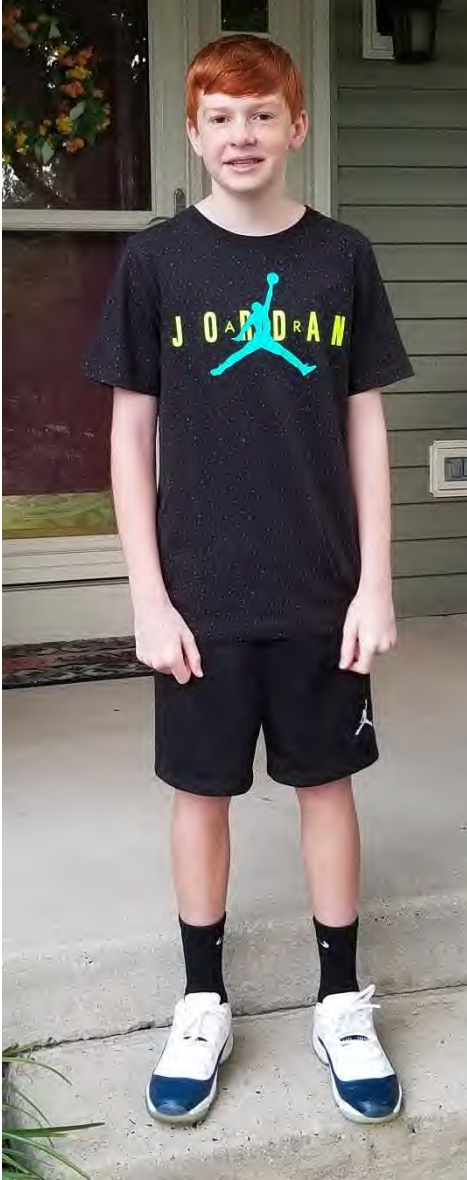
“It hurts to cancel this rally that so many youth have been looking forward to; but we can’t take the risk,” said Brawner. “Some parents have expressed concerns. And even though most of it would be outdoors, the youth would still have to wear masks all during the rally.”

“This was a very tough call, but it is the right one,” said Michael Gold, Covenant UMC’s youth minister. The church hosted its first conference-wide youth rally, Camping at the Crossroads, in 2019. But the pandemic has now forced its cancellation for two years in a row. “We will replace this event with something much smaller for the community,” said Gold. “We’re working on offering a backpack giveaway drive that day, along with some music and food for up to two hours.”

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## In the Spotlight

Mason Rush



I am Mason Rush and I am 14 years old. I am going into 8th grade at Strayer Middle School in the Quakertown School District. I have a younger brother named Ben and two dogs named Max and Bella. I love playing basketball. My favorite player is Kyrie Irving. I like playing Apex Legends on Playstation 4. I love sneakers, especially Kobe's.

I have enjoyed confirmation class this year. Pastor Jim and Pastor Kathryn taught me what it is to become a member of the church. I liked going on the retreat. It was nice bonding and getting to know each other a little bit better. It was interesting to write a creed. I had never done something like that before.

My mentor was Jeff Vietmeier. It was nice talking to him about sports and confirmation. I look forward to talking to him more.

### Confirmation Retreat July 2021 What did you think of the retreat?

Mason: I learned how to make a Creed and write one. My favorite part of the three days was playing the frisbee game with Pastor Rick, and the games we all played together as a group. It was also a lot of fun tye dying shirts. The whole time was fun!

Jonathan (Kerns): I really enjoyed the tye dye and playing games. I also really enjoyed learning how to make a creed, I thought it had to be longer. The hot sauce challenge was also a favorite of mine.

Matthew (McMichael): Learning how to write a creed was very interesting. I never knew how to do that before. I also really enjoyed playing the games and tye dye. The chili and hot sauce challenge was a great time. We learned Pastor Jim likes super spicy stuff.

Ken: The retreat facilities were fantastic and the area was breathtaking. Pastors Kathryn and Jim led a good group of kids with a good mix of fun and in-depth discussion to discover their personal creed. It was so nice to be in a relaxed atmosphere to play sports and games. The tye dying was fun and provided something for the kids to take home. I enjoyed sharing my chili with them and was really surprised to find that they preferred the spicy version over the mild. I believe the time together was the highlight of our confirmation journey and will be a blessing for these young folks for some time to come.

See some Confirmation Retreat pictures on page 13!



# Confirmation Retreat July 2021



## Looking For Ways To Help?

- Bakers for the QUMC Chicken Barbeque on Saturday, September 11! The Missions Team is in **desperate** need of **cakes and pies** for the barbecue dinner and the bake sale, and **cookies and brownies** for take-out orders. Quite honestly, we need at least sixty (yes, that is the number...60) people to bake or there is no way we will have enough goodies to go around. Please call Kathy Dressel (267.377.6523) or Kathy Stover (215.536.8573) to sign-up to bake. We really need your help! Thank you.
- Chicken Barbeque Volunteers needed on September 11. See page 8.
- Sunday School Teachers needed in Middle School/High School classes for the school year. We are also in need of assistants and substitutes for the Sunday School program. Anyone interested in giving of their time and talent to the young people of the church is to contact Christine Rush (215.264.4815 or rushcm@npenn.org).
- Fall Rummage Sale help needed. See page 9.
- The Hospitality Ministry is in need of volunteers in these areas: Greeters, Hospitality Table, Welcome Center. If you are interested in serving in any (or all) of these areas, contact Molly Minarik (craftlover38@aol.com or 610.282.3708).

Welcome Center: There is an area in the narthex marked Welcome Center in which Hospitality keeps gift bags and information for the church's guest adults and children. We have been trying to staff the center after the 11:00 a.m. service each Sunday to intercept and greet guests before they leave the church building.

We currently have limited volunteers and often miss the opportunity to talk to all our guests. Over the past several weeks, we have seen a number of new faces at our services, and we would love for them to return each Sunday. Remember, however, that welcoming church visitors is every church member's responsibility. Please make an attempt to reach out to individuals who appear new to our congregation and remind them to sign the attendance pad with their contact information. If anyone would like to volunteer at the Welcome Center for **10 minutes after** either Sunday service, please contact Molly Minarik (craftlover38@aol.com) for more information. Thank you.

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Greeters: Prior to the pandemic, volunteer members greeted parishioners in the narthex at the beginning of each Sunday service. Greeters are expected to be at the church **15 minutes prior** to their service start time. After the onset of the pandemic, members were no longer solicited to be greeters, and a volunteer greeter listing was not maintained. Recently, a member volunteered to temporarily serve in both a greeter and usher capacity, but we need a better solution for the long term. If you are interested in serving as a greeter, please indicate so on the Greeter Sign-up List in the narthex or contact Molly Minarik (craftlover38@aol.com).

Hospitality Table: Over the years, QUMC has offered Sunday morning coffee and light snacks at a Hospitality Table located outside the Library. We all benefited from and appreciated the dedication of church members who set up the table prior to the early service and maintained it until the start of the late service, cleaning up and making sure all coffee makers were turned off. At the onset of COVID, we discontinued operating the table. We will resume Hospitality Table operations only if we can find sufficient volunteers to run it again. If you are able and willing to help with the Hospitality Table, contact Molly Minarik ([craftlover38@aol.com](mailto:craftlover38@aol.com)).

- Finance Chair Committee Member is needed. Anyone with a background in finance who would volunteer for a three-year term as Chair of Finance (leading meetings and the team), is encouraged to contact Pastor Rick. This position is very important to the financial health of the church.
- Stewardship Chair is needed. Contact Pastor Rick if you can volunteer for this position.
- Bucks County Children and Youth Social Services Agency is looking for caring individuals or families interested in providing a short- or long-term home for a child and/or children in foster care between birth and 17 years of age. You will receive financial assistance for room and board and medical assistance. You will receive 24/7 professional supportive services. You will receive preservice training.

We are also in the process of reinitiating our volunteer program in which training will be provided.

Open-forum ZOOM sessions are held 12:15 p.m. to 12:45 p.m. the first and third Thursdays of each month. Foster parent FAQs can be found: <https://tinyurl.com/yk5mx72f>. More information is available via phone and email. In-home informational sessions are being scheduled for daytime and evening hours.

***A note from Shantelle Gammon:***

*My name is Shantelle Gammon and I am the foster parent recruiter and community liaison for Bucks County Children and Youth Social Services Agency. The mission of the Agency is to ensure the safety and the well-being of the children in Bucks County.*

*We would like to learn what you may have to offer the residents of the county and we would love the opportunity to speak with you more on the topic of foster care if you are interested.*

*You can contact me at (215) 348 -6922 or [sjgammon@buckscounty.org](mailto:sjgammon@buckscounty.org).*



QUMC Confirmation is Sunday, September 19 at the 11:00 a.m. service.

The Youth Group Library Project is underway. The youth are collecting books for our little library project. We are looking for any kind of books, but must be "appropriate" for all ages. Children's books, Biblical books, fiction...all are welcome! Books can get dropped off at Pastor Kathryn's office or contact her to schedule a drop-off time. Contact Pastor Kathryn (kathrynswan19@gmail.com or 610.348.2632) if you have questions or are looking for more details.

Youth Group Girls of middle school and high school age meet once a month with Pastor Kathryn at Panera in Quakertown! This is a time for fellowship and fun! Growing up can be hard as it is, but this is a safe zone! We chit chat, laugh, tell stories, and just enjoy each other's company and build friendships! Contact Pastor Kathryn (kathrynswan19@gmail.com or 610.348.2632) for more information.

#### Faith Preschool

For more information, reach out to Megan McGinty (registrarfps@gmail.com or 215.536.8172). The registration form for Faith Preschool can be found at :

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1vq2wupgX4r24OWo3gcokTFNWLuHaTIFH/view?usp=sharing>

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

Acts IV Fund is for those experiencing financial difficulty. Contact Pastor Rick (pastorrick@qumc.com or 484.358.1138).

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 are available for those who are ill, grieving or just lonely. To request a shawl, contact the church office (215.536.4992 or barb@qumc.com) or Janet Finch (215.538.0835).

Worship Service Materials are available for those wishing to have a copy of the bulletin each week. Contact the Church office (barb@qumc.com or 215.536.4992) to get on the email and/or USPS list.

Want To Become A Member? Contact Pastor Rick for more information (pastorrick@qumc.com or 484.358.1138). 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 helps defray costs of the annual Chicken Barbecue. Bag and bring your cans to the 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.





## Meet The Staff of Faith Preschool



Rachelle is the Head Teacher at Faith as well as the Lead Teacher for our Pre-K program. She has a B.A. in Elementary Education from Millersville University and has been at Faith since 2018 as well as being active in children's ministries at OUMC. Rachelle lives in Quakertown with her husband Pete and their two children. In her free time she enjoys spending time with her family, cooking, reading and the beach!



Megan is the Lead Teacher for our 3 Year Old and 4 Year Old Programs. She is certified through the state of PA in Early Childhood Education and has a B.A. in Psychology. She has been at Faith since 2016 and is an active member of OUMC, especially in children's ministries. Her and her husband live in Quakertown with their son. She's a Jersey girl, born and raised, and is a huge sports, beach and Disney fan.



Jessica is the Lead Teacher for our 2 Year Old Program and also our Office Manager. She has education credits from West Chester University and a B.B.A. from Temple. She has been at Faith since 2018 and in the past has been involved in multiple children's ministries at OUMC. Jessica lives in Quakertown with her husband Keith and their 3 children. She loves animals, OCNJ, reading and Disney.



Megan is the Registrar and the Assistant in the 3's and 4's programs. She has a B.A. from Kutztown and has been with Faith since 2019. She lives in Quakertown with her husband and 4 children, all of which are FPS Alum! Megan is an avid sports fan. Her favorite, besides her kids' teams are the Phillies. Megan was previously a costume designer and loves to sew and design.



Bonnie is the Assistant in our 2's program. She has a B.A. from University of Delaware and a Masters in Education from Arcadia. Bonnie has been with Faith since 2018. Bonnie lives in Quakertown with her four children, all of whom are Faith Preschool Alum! She enjoys spending time in Maine as well as the Jersey Shore.



Babs is the assistant in the Pre-K classroom. She is a parent to two former preschool students and has a degree in computer engineering. She brings years of experience volunteering with the children's ministries of OUMC and Pfaff as well as work as a substitute at Faith. In her free time she loves to learn new things so she is always reading/ studying, trying new recipes, teaching herself to sew and working on her red belt in taekwondo.





# Family Matters

## **Baptisms:**

On August 22, 2021: Ainsley Stibgen, born May 20, 2021, daughter of Deanna Pringle & Derek Stibgen.

## **Birthdays:**

On September 3: Carol Wackerman

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:**

*“My sister and I wish to thank the congregation for their prayers, cards, calls, kindness, and friendship to my mother over the years, and to us in our time of sorrow. She felt blessed by her faithful church family and always kept you in her thoughts and prayers.”*

*In Christian Love, Holly Schwer and Sally Schwer Canning*

*Dear Quakertown Church Family,*

*“Thank you so much for sharing emergency funds from the church to help with costs after our tree accident. We are so blessed by your generosity, compassion, and care for us in this time of need.”*

*Grace and peace, Hilary, Chris & Kristin Golden*

*“I would like to thank my church family for all they did for me during the illness and passing of my sister Nancy Moore. I appreciated all the prayers, the prayer shawl, cards, calls and visits.*

*I would also like to thank you for your prayers for my grandson Aaron. His surgery is over and he is doing well.*

*I miss church and my church family and hope to be safely together soon.”*

*Marie Frankenfield*

*“We are thankful to God for all of you who have blessed our lives by showing us your face and teaching us your ways. We are blessed for your love and support that has touched our hearts and souls.”*

*Margie & Cheryl Ann Stotsenburg*



Thank you 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](mailto: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.

### Monthly Newsletter Submissions

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!