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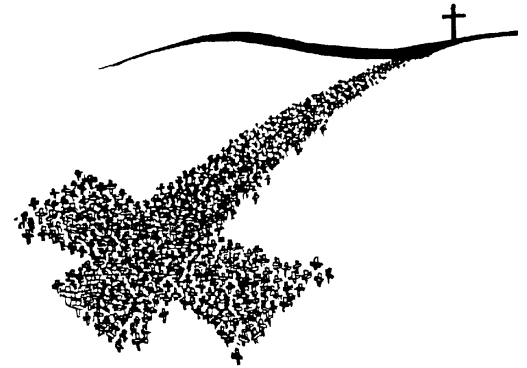
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A Journey of 40 Days: Observing Lent



This Ash Wednesday, millions of Christians began the 40-day journey during Lent, preparing their hearts and minds to fully celebrate Christ's sacrifice and resurrection on Easter morning. While observing Lent, many will fast, give up favorite earthly possessions, and/or give time to the less fortunate - all the while drawing closer to God.

Easter Sunday has been known as the "Super Bowl" of church attendance. We all want to celebrate the greatest gift ever given to mankind! We find a new dress, new shoes for the kids and even maybe a new shirt for the hubby. And, when we walk in the church building that beautiful, brisk Easter morning, we can feel the excitement. "They found the stone rolled away from the tomb." *Luke 24:2 NIV* Hallelujah! As Christians, we can't help but get chills - lifting our hearts, minds and souls in praise to Christ Jesus.

Now, what if, as Christians, we all joined in on a 40-day Lenten journey, vowing to prepare our hearts to fully accept the gift of grace on Easter morning? What if we simply asked God to help us experience an awakening over the next 40 days of Lent that would lead us to fully accepting His gift? What if we asked that He consume our lives with His presence and His will so that we can wake up Easter morning ready to experience His love in an amazing new way?

We encourage you to spend quiet time with God during this Lenten season, asking Him about your 40-day journey. Let him guide you. Maybe He'll lead you to have a conversation you've put off for some time. Many wonder how to observe Lent or what to give up for it. Maybe for you it's spending 15 minutes of quiet time every morning in the Word. Maybe it's as simple as giving up that cup of coffee on the way to work each morning for a while, remembering Christ's 40-day fast. Whatever your path may be, ask God to steer you every step of the way as you prepare for Easter Sunday. And, then on Easter morning, as you are getting all spiffy for the big day, your heart may be singing louder than ever before.

Article by Gini
Dayspring, Living you Faith

LENT 2022

“HEALING MIND, BODY AND SPIRIT”

SUNDAY, MARCH 6	INTRODUCTION
SUNDAY, MARCH 13	MENTAL/EMOTIONAL HEALING
SUNDAY, MARCH 20	PHYSICAL HEALING
SUNDAY, MARCH 27	SPIRITUAL HEALING
SUNDAY, APRIL 3	SERVICE OF HEALING, ANOINTING WITH OIL, COMMUNION

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP DINNERS ARE BACK! JOIN US AT 5:30 P.M. FOR DINNER FOLLOWED BY LENTEN WORSHIP AT 6:30 P.M. CHANCEL CHOIR AND YOUTH GROUP MEET AT 7:00 P.M. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

HOLY WEEK

“HOLY WEEK IN REVERSE”

LOOKING AT THE IMPACT OF EACH DAY, NOT JUST RUSHING TO GET TO EASTER

SUNDAY, APRIL 10	PALM SUNDAY CELEBRATION, 8:30 & 11:00 A.M.
THURSDAY, APRIL 14	MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE, 7:00 P.M.
FRIDAY, APRIL 15	GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE, 7:00 P.M.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 17 “BLOSSOMING OF THE CROSS”

SUNRISE SERVICE FOLLOWED BY EASTER MORNING WORSHIP AT 8:30 & 11:00 A.M.





Going the Distance

The Rev. Richard K. Brown II, Pastor

Greetings, good people, on this day the Lord has made.

It is a busy time in the life of our church as we celebrate the season of Lent. I love Lent, for it offers us an occasion to examine our faith and grow. This Lent, I am proud to offer not one but two sermon series to help us draw closer to the Lord, one another and the world.

Firstly, our Lenten sermon series, "Healing Mind, Body, and Spirit," will explore one of the aspects of Jesus that drew crowds of people: his power to heal. Yet, Jesus did more than just heal the blind, paralyzed and sick (though that alone is deserving of our praise); Jesus also cast out demons and restored people to a right relationship with God and one another. This series will look at key stories where Jesus heals people in their mind, body and spirit.

At the conclusion of this five-Sunday series, we will host a Service of Healing. On this Sunday, we invite you to come to the altar and boldly make your request for healing. It may be for an aching joint that you may be pain-free; it may be for healing of the sadness you have been feeling for months now; it may even be to heal your spirit that has been feeling distant for the Lord. Still others may come forward to give thanks once more for God's healing of a past illness, showing that we have not forgotten the Lord's past mercies. Wherever we find ourselves, let us humbly yet boldly come forward. Pastor Kathryn will be delivering the sermon at our 11:00 a.m. worship service. At both of our worship services, prayer and anointing will be offered for those that desire it. Let us prepare to be healed and exit Lent a changed people.

You will also see on page 2 this newsletter that the Wednesday Evening Fellowship Meals have returned. Following the meals, we invite you to our Wednesday Evening Lenten Worship, beginning at 6:30 p.m., where we will continue to explore other healing miracles of Jesus beyond those covered in Sunday worship.

Finally, we also have a special Holy Week sermon series: "Holy Week in Reverse." While we usually try to emulate the original disciples' mindset, this series invites us to explore Holy Week celebrating the resurrection of Christ and understanding how important the prior events were to these pivotal moments of our religion and faith.

As always, good people, there is much to share and still more that is being worked on. I look forward to experiencing the season of Lent with you all.

God bless you and yours,

Pastor Rick Brown

Pastors' Office Hours

- My office hours are Tuesdays & Thursdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. I encourage you to stop in to chat with your pastor. As always, you are welcome to give me a call, shoot me a text, or pop me an email so we can work out a time to meet that best fits your schedule. I observe my Sabbath on Fridays, so all non-emergency matters will be contacted the following day.
- Pastor Kathryn has office hours Tuesdays, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Feel free to stop by the church at this time or schedule a specific time to meet with her using the contact information listed below.



Pastor Rick is available by phone (484.358.1138) or by email (pastorrick@qumc.com).

Pastor Kathryn can be reached at kathrynswan19@gmail.com or 610.348.2632.

APPOINTMENT CHANGE

On Sunday, March 6, 2022, an announcement was made about a new appointment for one of our pastors. On behalf of the Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC), we wish to inform you that Pastor Kathryn Swan has been appointed as the Senior Pastor of Mountainhome UMC as of July 1, 2022. Please join us in thanking Pastor Kathryn for her ministry and service at QUMC. An event to formally send her off with blessing is forthcoming so stay tuned for information from the SPRC. In the meantime, amid these remaining three and half months with us, please pray for Pastor Kathryn and our church as we meet to discuss our future ministry in light of this appointment change.



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SCHEDULE



Our worship and Sunday School schedule at QUMC is:

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

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

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



JOIN US FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL!
Sunday Morning, 9:45 to 10:45 p.m.

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 classes, age two through grade 12, now meet in Miller Hall on Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m. for a brief period of fellowship, songs, and prayer. After opening exercises, teachers will escort the children to their individual classrooms. Parents can pick up their children from their respective classroom at 10:45 a.m.

Sunday School is in need of additional Middle School/High School teachers. We are also in need of assistants and substitutes for the program. Anyone interested in giving of their time and talent to this ministry of the church is asked to contact Christine Rush at (215.264.4815 or rushcm@npenn.org).

Looking for a Small Group?

- "Maid" discussion group, biweekly on Sundays, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. on ZOOM. Contact Pastor Kathryn (610.348.2632 or kathrynswan19@gmail.com).
- Bread for the Journey small group, Tuesdays, 1:00 p.m. in the Library. Contact Gale Hewitt (267.218.2479 or gwhewitt@gmail.com).
- Online Bible Study, Fridays, 9:30 a.m. on ZOOM. Contact Gail Schadler (glschadler@gmail.com) or Janet Finch (jmfumw@aol.com).

From Missions Commission



Wawa Food Donation Connection

The Missions Team has become part of the Wawa Food Donation Connection. The Food Donation Connection makes it possible for local organizations, like the Missions Team, to go to Wawa in the late morning (we go once a week) and gather hot food express items that have not sold that day. We usually gather 30 to 40 pounds of food. We take the food to the Quakertown Food Pantry, who then distribute the food to the community. If any church member is interested in volunteering to help gather food on Wednesdays, we would be happy to accept your help. See any member of the Missions Team to volunteer.

Super Bowl Sunday Food Sale

Both the Missions Team and the Youth Group would like to thank members of the church family who purchased goodies during our Super Bowl Sunday Food Sale. All earned monies will go to worthy causes.

Quakertown Cares

Below is a note from Jim Newcomer on behalf of Quakertown Cares detailing how last month's donation was used.

We have just learned of a family at Trumbauersville Elementary School, in which the father unexpectedly just died, leaving the family struggling to pay the funeral expenses and meet their needs. We are sending along to this family your recent special offering of \$260 along with a Giant food card out of Cares funds for \$100.

You may share with the congregation, and we thank them on behalf of this family in their time of mourning and great need.

Thank you one and all for your contributions.

Easter Candy

Yes, Missions will once again, be selling Easter candy. We will offer chocolate covered peanut butter eggs, (made by our fabulous confectioner Kathy Stover), coconut cream eggs, and butter cream eggs. And yes, we will even be offering our ever- popular chocolate covered pretzels.

Orders will be taken after worship services on Sundays, March 13, 20, and 27. Candy may be picked up after the Sunday services on April 10.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

QUMC would like to thank to the members who donated a grand total of 30 pints of blood during our February blood drive. Thank you for caring.

Jerusalem House Easter Meals

The Missions Team will deliver Easter meals to Jerusalem House on Saturday, April 9. Donations of hams and side dishes are needed. Hams can be placed in the refrigerator and side dishes can be left on the kitchen counter, clearly marked "JH." Suggestions for side dishes include canned green beans, boxed scalloped or mashed potatoes, or any other Easter-type side dish. Many thanks!



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

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

YOUTH GROUP MEETS WEDNESDAY NIGHTS, 6:30 TO 8:00 PM

Youth group is back in full swing meeting on Wednesdays! Come out and join us for fun, games and fellowship!

Youth Group is primarily for fourth- to twelfth-graders; however, if you have a younger child who would like to attend please contact Pastor Kathryn and Pastor Rick so we can have a conversation. Likewise, if you are a high school graduate and would like to take part, please be in touch as we can share specifics of how you can become a Youth Group volunteer. A friendly reminder that all youth are welcome to attend - you need not be a member of QUMC. So please feel free to invite friends and family to attend.

Saturday, March 19: Join the youth for some MARCH MAGIC MADNESS! From 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., the youth will be meeting at a comic book store to learn and play the card building game "Magic!" You do not have to know how to play; we will be learning and playing together. Invite your friends. Everyone will leave with a gift!

Friday, May 13 & Saturday, May 14: The Youth will have an overnight retreat at Camp Seltzer. As requested by last year's confirmation class, we will be going back up to Camp Seltzer, hosted by Pastor Jim of Palmyra First UMC. The camp is near Hershey Park and we will stay overnight for some fun and fellowship. Both male and female chaperones are needed for the overnight trip.

The Worship Committee needs help each month with Communion! Youth that have gone through the confirmation process, or plan on going into confirmation within the year, are asked to help out the Worship Committee by passing out gluten free elements for the sacrament of Holy Communion. Please contact Pastor Kathryn if you are interested. Youth are needed at both the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. services.

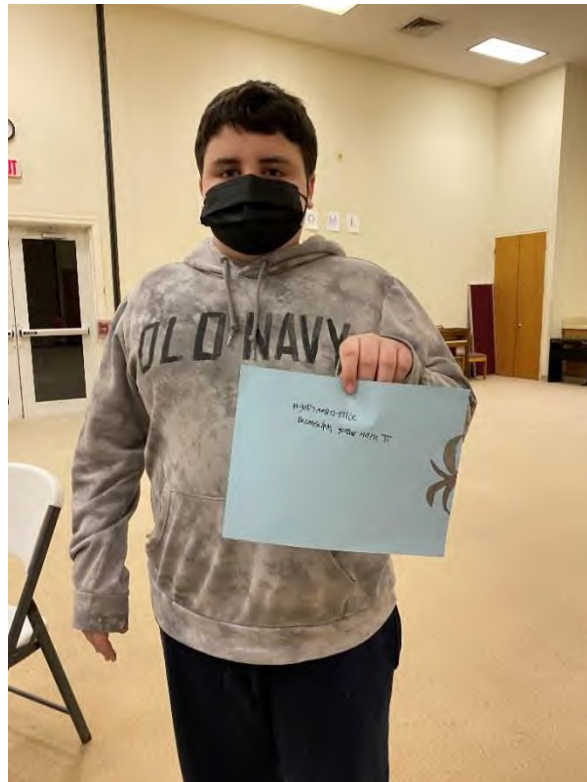
Interested in Confirmation? If you have a child that is in 6th grade (or above) and would like to have more information about the confirmation process, please contact Pastor Kathryn.

Little Church-Shaped Library Project: The youth are collecting books for the little church-shaped library project. Contact Pastor Kathryn if you have books to donate, questions, or are looking for more details.

In February, the Youth Group made Valentine's Day cards for shut-ins!



And we continued to recognize why we are God's masterpiece!



Family Matters



Notes of Thanks:

Dear Friends at QUMC,

"I am so grateful for everyone who reached out, prayed, and helped me out the last few weeks after my car accident. I am grateful for this wonderful church family. I am thankful nobody was hurt. God is good!"

Pastor Kathryn

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of QUMC for remembering me on my 90th birthday in February. It was truly a pleasure to receive cards every day for two weeks and to hear from those whom I have not seen for a long time. I know I owe this pleasure to a little bird (Melea), as well as Barb, for passing this on to so many of you. May God Bless all of you and keep you well and strong."

Love and appreciation, Ruth Barto



Thank you for years of service in the area of church hospitality!

Liz (Bonnie) Cole

A faithful member of QUMC, Liz single-handedly, diligently and with beautiful penmanship, maintained the church's membership and attendance records for many years until 2017 when health issues restricted her from remaining active. She made it a point to be able to associate member names with faces, taking her seat, with Bible in hand, in a rear pew every Sunday where she "studied" the congregation. Liz welcomes a friendly visit to her Grundy House apartment (please call first) and conversation surrounding recent church news, her family members, and interesting mementos in her home. She also appreciates cards and notes from her church family.

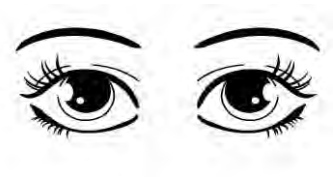
Liz Cole, 1611 Park Ave., Apt. 115, Quakertown, Pa. 18951

Dick & Lorraine Hillegass

Loyal members of our church, Dick and Lorraine are a special couple who regularly attend worship service, occasionally accompanied by their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. They have volunteered in a number of church activities over the years. Every Sunday after 11:00 a.m. worship, at a time when most of the congregation have already left the building, they proceed to the church office where they remove signed pages from the red attendance pads so staff and volunteers can monitor Sunday attendance and identify guest visitors.

Thank you to Liz, Dick and Lorraine from Hospitality. Members of the church family are encouraged to thank Dick and Lorraine in person and to send Liz a thank you note for their contributions to the life of our church.

Looking For Ways To Help?



- The Quakertown Food Pantry is in desperate need of personal care items, soap, and laundry detergent! As an outreach project, the Youth Group will be collecting these items on behalf of the food pantry. Please consider picking up a few of these items the next time you are at the store and placing them in Pastor Kathryn's office. Thank you in advance for your support of the Youth Group, the Quakertown Food Pantry, and the community-at-large.
- Altar Flowers are \$40 for two vases and can be sponsored in honor or memory of someone (or if you just feel it upon your heart to provide flowers for a Sunday during the year). The florist will use flowers seasonal at the time. Special requests can be fulfilled at an additional cost. Flowers are yours to keep after worship services. To sponsor altar flowers, contact the church office (215.536.4992 or barb@qumc.com).
- Got Talent? If you play the piano, flute or another instrument, you can make a meaningful contribution to worship! Musicians are needed to play occasionally throughout the year, solos or with others. To share your musical gifts by making a joyful noise unto the Lord, see Bethan.
- 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).
- The Bountiful Basket of Morning Snacks at our Hospitality Table is a popular spot on Sunday mornings! Donations of pre-packaged breakfast snacks are welcomed and can be placed in the kitchen, clearly marked "Hospitality Table." Many thanks!
- 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 and preservice training. Contact Shantelle at 215.348.6922 or sjgammon@buckscounty.org.
- Outreach Care is in need of volunteers to assist the homeless in Upper Bucks County by helping them to get back on their feet. Contact Joanne Cramer (610.442.6465) to learn more.





Be Aware!

It has been brought to the attention of the church that a fraudulent text message is circulating. The text is said to be from Pastor Rick and asks for a favor. Please be advised that this is indeed a fraudulent text that should be deleted upon receipt. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Church Council Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the February 17 meeting of Church Council can be found on the table outside the church office. To request an electronic copy of the minutes, you can contact the Church Secretary (barb@qumc.com).

From the Trustees: Storage for Church Programs

The Trustees are in the midst of coordinating storage areas at the church. In a continuing effort to Care for God's House, the Board of Trustees of Quakertown United Methodist Church will be doing a "spring clean" during the month of March. If you have items in a room that isn't designated to you, please place them in your assigned room. Our goal is to provide needed storage for each group and to have specific storage locations to meet those needs.

Please note:

- TV's, VCR's, overhead projectors, and other electronic equipment should be labeled with the group and room primarily utilizing the equipment. Items that don't work, or are not being used (or outdated), should be labeled and placed in temporary storage, Room 102.
- Miller Hall has been partially organized, with areas set aside for the Kitchen, Hospitality, Rummage Sale and Faith Preschool.
- Storage for occasionally-used large items may be challenging. We suggest those items be placed in the sheds. This may need to wait until the spring, after Trustees have cleaned out and repaired the storage closest to Miller Hall. Please advise if you have any large items that cannot be placed in your assigned room.

Below is a list of rooms in the Christian Education wing with notes on current/future use:

- Room 102: This will be the only extra storage in the Christian Education wing. It will be utilized to store extra tables and chairs, as well as acting as a temporary holding place for items that need to go to the attic or shed when the weather permits. We ask that you clearly label anything being placed in this room. If you want to dispose of something currently in this room, please email or call Nancy or Debbie (contact info below) or the Church Office so assistance can be provided.
- Room 104: This room will be utilized by Vacation Bible School and other groups to be determined.
- Room 106: This room is designated for first- to fifth-grade Sunday School.
- Room 107 & 108: These rooms are currently used by Faith Preschool.
- Room 110: This room is designated for Sunday School and as a secondary meeting area for the Girl Scouts.
- Room 112: This room is designated as the Men's Sunday School Classroom.
- Room 101 & 103: These rooms are currently used by Faith Preschool.

- Room 105: This room is designated as the Youth Room.
- Room 109/111: This double room is designated as the Adult Sunday School Classroom, a meeting room, and a Girl Scout meeting area.
- Faith Preschool Office: This room is currently used by Faith Preschool as an office.
- Parlor/Library: This room is designated as the Parlor/Library.
- Infant Nursery: This room is designated as the Infant Nursery.
- Room 114 : This room is designated as the Women's Sunday School Classroom.
- Choir Room: This room is designated as the Choir Room.
- Toddler Nursery: This room is currently used by Faith Preschool for the two-year-old program.
- Crying Room: This room is designated as the Crying Room.

Please contact representatives of the Trustees, Nancy Tirjan (nancytirjan@gmail.com 215.536.0195) or Debbie Reynolds (dave49deb@gmail.com 215.266.1385) with concerns or direction as we work together to organize storage in the church building. Thank you!

What's Happening at QUMC?

If you wish to receive updates on all that is happening at the church, subscribe to our church-wide email list or USPS mailing list. For more information on these resources, contact the Church Secretary, Barbara Hafler at 215.538.7817, 215.536.4992, or barb@qumc.com.

Membership Care

The Prayer Chain is one of the ways we care for each other here at QUMC. To join the Prayer Chain, or to put a prayer concern on the chain, contact Janet Finch (jmfumw@aol.com or 215.538.0835).

Safe Sanctuary Clearances

Clearances are required for all volunteers working with children. If your clearances are updated, please make sure we have a copy for our files. Contact Marj Lofland (215.257.7389, 267.227.8990, or yeamarj@gmail.com) if you have questions or have documents to submit. There is also a required Safe Sanctuary training offered periodically. In addition, if you would like hands-on First Aid and CPR training, it can be arranged by contacting Marj.

Youth Group Library Project

This project is underway. The youth are collecting books for our little library project. Contact Pastor Kathryn (kathrynswan19@gmail.com or 610.348.2632) if you have questions or are looking for more details.

Faith Preschool

For more information, reach out to Megan McGinty (registrarfps@gmail.com or 215.536.8172).

Acts IV Fund

We would like to remind the church family that members of the congregation experiencing financial difficulty should 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

Those who are ill, grieving or just lonely can request a shawl for comfort. Contact the church office (215.536.4992 or barb@qumc.com) or Janet Finch (215.538.0835).

Worship Service Materials

Anyone desiring a copy of the bulletin each week is asked to 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 or Schedule a Baptism?

The doors of QUMC are always open! Contact Pastor Rick for more information (pastorrick@qumc.com or 484.358.1138).

Paper Recycling

We like to do our part to save the planet. Receptacles can be found in the southwest corner of the church parking lot to recycle paper. 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

This is yet another way we save the planet, while helping 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.

Monthly Newsletter

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!



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

The audit of church financial records for 2021 is almost complete. Thank you to those responsible for maintaining financial records of church groups for their cooperation in providing those records to complete the audit.

To learn more about bequest opportunities, see Pastor Rick or any member of the Finance Committee. 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 help to provide for the future of the church.