



# Quakertown United Methodist Church

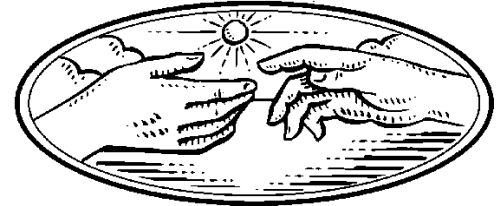
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June 2009

## Goodbye and Hello



Members and friends of QUMC will have the opportunity to honor the Ryan family for their faithful ministry for the past six years and to say their goodbyes on Sunday, June 21.

There will be **one worship service** on that day. Because June 21 is also Father's Day, and many will have plans, the service will be at **10:00**. This will provide ample time for the worship experience, as well as for recognition of the ministry of Pastor David and Jeanette, and to say our personal farewells to them in Miller Hall following the service. Light refreshments will be provided. Please plan to participate in this day of celebration.

**Please note:** The annual Sunday School Teachers Recognition Breakfast will be held at **9:00 a.m.** on June 21.

Our new pastor, The Reverend Nancy Ross, will begin her ministry at QUMC on Sunday, July 5, with our regular worship schedule. Because this is the Independence Day weekend, Pastor Ross will be officially welcomed at a reception in Miller Hall following **one worship service** on Sunday, July 12.

Please read the **Christian Education news** in this newsletter for the summer Sunday School schedule, which is being developed. Summer always posts a challenge for the Sunday School because of vacation schedules of both teachers and church families.

Special circumstances, such as the transition in pastoral leadership, as well as the realities of changes in family schedules in the summer require that we all be patient, understanding, and flexible! Please make note of all of the above and mark your calendars at home so you will know whenever there are changes in the usual schedule.

### CELEBRATION OF THE RYANS' MINISTRY

SUNDAY, JUNE 21

ONE WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:00

FAREWELL TIME FOLLOWING THE SERVICE IN MILLER HALL

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS



## *The Pastor's Page*

Dear Friends,

The time has come at last to write a final newsletter page for QUMC. It hardly seems like six years have gone by since I sat in my office in Lancaster County to compose my first newsletter page to you! Just before writing this, I sat at my desk in Bucks County to write my first page for Hopeland UMC. While we are looking forward to moving back to Lancaster County, it is with some sense of sorrow that we say farewell to the congregation here.

I want to thank you for the time we have shared and the many gifts that we have exchanged with one another. While with you in these six years, I have had the privilege to share in 78 baptisms, 2 dedications, 33 marriages, 30 funerals, and countless services of communion. I don't know quite how many sermons I have preached, but I would estimate the number to be about 350 or so. I could not begin to count the number of tears I have shed with those who were sad, or the laughs shared with those who were celebrating joy. I've enjoyed cooking for many of you and will miss my time in the QUMC kitchen!

I've made my share of mistakes and I beg your forgiveness for those times. While I have tried to do my best, no one is perfect. Thanks for your indulgence and your willingness to try some new things as a congregation. Some of those things were successful, some probably were not - but it is good to have tried!

My prayers will be with you and your new Pastor, the Reverend Nancy Ross. Nancy and I have been in prayer for each other and our congregations. I pray that God will use her in leadership here to advance the mission of the church. Please pray for our family in our new place of ministry. Pray that Jeanette will find just the right job. Zac will be transferring to Harrisburg Community College. Jonathan will not be moving with us but will take this opportunity to "spread his own wings." Pray that Jeanette and I will adjust to that change as well!

My life mission is to help others delight in the love of God. I hope that in some small way I have helped this congregation and its members, as well as members of our community, to experience some of that delight. Know that you are loved by God and cherished. Do all you can to share God's love with others.

May God's grace and peace be with us all!

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My new e-mail: [pastordavidtryan@yahoo.com](mailto:pastordavidtryan@yahoo.com)



# Just For Kicks ! ! !

*“The goal of studying is not to learn, it’s to change.”*

In a recent sermon, we discussed the need for followers of Jesus to engage in intentional activities that help them stay in love with God. We identified some (commonly referred to as the spiritual disciplines) that have been particularly helpful to Christians over the years and shared our commitment to comment on each of them over the next few months. The goal is to give practical bits of advice and encouragement as we strive to practice these disciplines together. In the past few months we’ve discussed meditation, prayer, and fasting; this month we’ll consider the discipline of study.

As Richard Foster writes in Celebration of Discipline, “The purpose of the Spiritual Disciplines is the total transformation of the person. They aim at replacing old destructive habits of thought with new life-giving habits. Nowhere is this purpose more clearly seen than in the Discipline of study.” In particular, I’d like us to consider the study of Scripture, a topic that our senior high small group recently discussed while having Bible Study in Starbucks earlier this month. We worked through the following three questions to guide our study of Scripture and then took some time to put these thoughts into practice. I hope and pray we’ll all do the same this month...

## **Three questions to guide your study**

*What is being said?* This question addresses not just the words used, but the message communicated. We must consider context (within the culture, within the book of the Bible, within the larger story of Scripture) and consider who is writing, to whom they are writing, and what events recently occurred that may have influenced their writings. If real estate is about location, location, location, then the study of Scripture is about context, context, context.

*What does it mean?* This question seeks insight and application. For example, instead of reflecting on something concrete (Jesus heals a paralyzed person), we consider what this means about who God is (God is a God of healing and restoration) and what this means for our own lives (God’s desire for healing extends into my own life—where, then, am I in need of healing?).

*What should be done because of it?* Jesus often ends his parables and teachings with the phrase, “Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them” (John 13:17, for example). This question essentially asks, “In light of Scripture, how then shall I live?” In this question we move from learning to changing, from an informational to a transformational approach to the Word.

With these questions in mind, could I encourage you to experiment with the discipline of studying Scripture this month? If you’re unsure of where to start, Deuteronomy 8:1-20, Matthew 5:1-12, John 8:1-11, and/or 2 Corinthians 8:1-15 are all excellent options.

As Foster writes, “Study produces joy. Like any novice, we will find it hard work in the beginning. But the greater our proficiency, the greater our joy. Alexander Pope says, ‘There is no study that is not capable of delighting us after a little application to it.’ Study is well worth our most serious effort.” So may we be a community of believers that is committed to the good, hard work of study, so that we may experience the joy it produces and, more importantly, so that we may experience the Resurrected Christ more vibrantly in our daily lives.

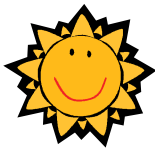


## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

### Breakfast in Miller Hall



The annual Sunday School Teachers Recognition Breakfast will be held Sunday, June 21, at **9:00 a.m.**, in Miller Hall.



### Summer Sunday School Schedule

June 28 - No Children's Classes

July 5 - No Children's Classes

July 12 through August 30 - Modified Children's Sunday School Classes. Details to follow.

September 6 - No Children's Classes

September 13 - RALLY DAY

Adult Classes will determine their own schedules.

Coffee & Conversation Class will hold their last class on June 14, resuming sessions on Rally Day.

### Youth Group and Adventurers



The Youth Group and Adventurers will meet together on Sunday, June 14, from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., for a picnic. If it is a nice day, they will meet at the Lennon home (1919 Mayflower Drive, Quakertown) for a pool party. If it is raining, they will meet in Miller Hall. Youth Group members and Adventurers who wish to attend are asked to sign up on the bulletin board outside the Toddler Nursery. Each person is asked to bring a snack or dessert to share. Contact Pastor Josh or Susan Lennon (215.536.6163) with any questions.



# Have a safe and fun summer!



## Welcome to Confirmation Class of 2009

We are happy to welcome the ten confirmands who became members of QUMC on Pentecost Sunday, May 31: Alyssa Melanie Freed, Sarah Louise Kratz, Rachel Elizabeth Lennon, Alexander Christian Martin, Desiree Jean Suelke, Lauren Jean Suelke, Adam Whittaker, Tyler David Whittaker, Anisha Marie Wilson, Caitlin Sara Yaun.

### Recycling Report



Keep on bringing your aluminum cans to the barbecue pit behind the church for recycling. Proceeds fund Mission Commission's annual Spaghetti Dinner so that ticket sales can go to support missions.

Don't forget your newspapers and other paper for the recycling bins on the church parking lot. Here are some amazing facts about paper recycling:

A full bin means 17 trees have been saved.

A full bin weighs the same as a baby elephant.

An average of 10 pounds of paper is generated by every home every week.

If 100 QUMC members bring their paper to be recycled every week, two tons of paper will be collected in the bins each month.



### What is the Future of the Chicken Barbecue?

QUMC's popular Chicken Barbecue, held every year in September, may be in jeopardy. It has been a successful fundraiser ever since it began many years ago at the former First United Methodist Church on West Broad Street, one of the predecessor churches that became QUMC. Many dedicated volunteers have done the hard work of buying and preparing the chicken and other food, serving it, and cleaning up after the barbecue. Many others have contributed by buying and selling tickets and supporting the event in a variety of ways. Our deep appreciation to each and all.

More men are needed for the barbecue pit. This year's event is scheduled for September 12. But it cannot occur unless there are many workers to assume responsibility. Please contact Frank Prusch (215.529.7114) if you are willing to help, or if you would like more information on what is required.



## Music Sunday



Much appreciation to Dr. Bill Feigley and the directors of all of QUMC's choirs, along with singers, bell ringers, and instrumental groups for an excellent Music Sunday service. The Lord was glorified and our hearts were lifted and moved. QUMC is indeed blessed with many talented persons giving their time and dedication to praising God through music.



## Food Pantry

Reminder: Bring in non-perishable food and paper products for the local food pantry on the fourth Sunday of each month. The pantry has been in temporary quarters at the ice-skating shelter. Now it has found a permanent home in a borough building on Third Street, which is being readied. The hope is that it will be open for use this fall.

## Call for Bowlers



Looking for a few good men. No, not for the Marines. Five or six men who enjoy bowling are invited to be part of a church bowling league. Meeting Monday nights, the league is planning to start in September. For more information, contact Bill Diller (610.282.2646).



## Church Keys

Because of concerns about the church not being locked and lights still on after everyone has left, the Board of Trustees is working on a security policy for QUMC. A list of members that have keys to the church is being updated. Anyone who has a church key is asked to contact Jerry Umstead by telephone (215.378.7773), in person, or by e-mail (pigrim1523@netzero.net).

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation so that this task can be completed promptly.



## Tape Ministry



Worship tapes are available by request. This outreach is particularly helpful to those who are homebound or recuperating from illness. To be a recipient of this ministry, contact Adele Winkler (215.679.6402).



## Rummage Sale Success!

The Friendship Circle is pleased to announce a profit of \$2,574.02 from the Spring Rummage Sale. Many thanks to all who helped out in so many ways to make this event such a great success!

## Family Matters



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to: Inez Stevenson - June 7; Doris Willauer - June 12; Eleanor Kulp - June 27.

**DEDICATION:** On May 3 - Jonathan David Kerns - born December 1, 2008; son of Craig and Babs.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Molly Jamison, along with Emily Bancroft, Kaitlin Davies, Beth Midkiff, Christine Sterner, and Shane Wensel, for their outstanding performances in the senior high school production of "South Pacific." Great job!

### LETTER OF APPRECIATION:

*"Please accept our donation of two cases of Girl Scout cookies for the church to use for one of the community outreach programs that the church provides.*

*Our troop is blessed to have a wonderful meeting place and would like to thank the congregation for their support.*

*Thank you!"*

*Sincerely, Gerrie Ely, Becky Connelly and all the girls from Brownie Troop 21682*

### Church Financial Report



2009 Actual Income To Date - \$ 102,772.73

2009 Budgeted Income - \$ 120,639.54

**2009 Amount Under Budget - \$ 17,866.81**