



Quakertown United Methodist Church

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Share Christ Grow in Christ Serve Christ

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Can We Talk?

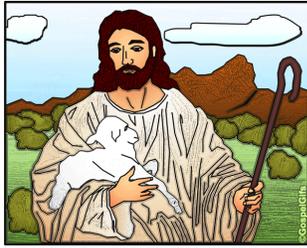
That was often the line Joan Rivers used to lead off her witty observations. A frank talk is also a good thing in more serious matters.

Let's be frank. Our church has experienced some rocky times over the last number of years. No matter what the reasons for the turmoil, the fact is that the fallout has been a significant drop in both attendance and giving.

As noted on the information accompanying the chart prepared by the Finance Committee (found on page 4 of this newsletter), sizable increases in the salaries of both the new pastor and the new organist were recommended by Staff Parish Relations Committee and approved by the Church Council. These increases were both necessary and reasonable. How will we respond? Think about these things:

1. We, as the church, are part of the body of Christ! (Let that truth sink in.)
2. As part of the body of Christ our purpose is to glorify God and to exemplify Christ in our words and deeds. We have condensed our purpose in this mission statement: SHARE (the message and love of Christ), GROW (in our spiritual life and in our relationships with God and one another), SERVE (our neighbors, community, all the world).
3. If we are truly grateful to God for his immeasurable gift of grace through Christ's unfathomable sacrifice on the cross, and to God for our church, how will we express that gratitude? Do we give just enough of our time, talents, and money to keep QUMC's doors open, or do we give abundantly to make our mission statement a reality? Ask God to give you the answer.

M.B.S.



Thank You!

On Sunday, May 22, and Sunday, May 29, tributes were paid to Pastor John Kunkel for his ministry to us for the past five months. He received several gifts and much appreciation. Pastor John greatly blessed us with his caring; his sense of humor; and his clear, challenging, and meaningful sermons. Our prayers and best wishes go with him and his wife Sally.

During the month of June sermons will be given by Dennis Pfleiger, Ken Ghorm, Natalie Finch, and the Vacation Bible School crew.

Our newly appointed pastor, the Reverend Dr. Thomas Robinson, and his family will begin serving QUMC in July.

Please be supportive of all who minister to us.

You Can Help



The Staff-Parish Relations Committee is looking for assistance. July is quickly going to be upon us and so will the opportunity and privilege to welcome Pastor Tom Robinson and his family to our church.

A small committee is being formed to help plan and organize the welcome events for Pastor Robinson. It is important to have input and assistance from members of the congregation.

If you feel God is calling you to be a part of the Welcome Committee, please contact Dennis Pfleiger, chair of SPRC. You can email your name and contact information to Dennis at d.pfleiger@comcast.net or call him at 267.614.4479.



Time Off

Both the Friday Morning Prayer Breakfast and the Thursday morning and afternoon Life Groups will be on summer hiatus. They will resume in September.



From Missions Commission



- FEAST Food Pantry items for June: Juice and juice boxes.
- Youth and Adults Mission Trip to Crisfield, Maryland: August 14 to 20. Many structures damaged by Hurricane Sandy in 2012 still need repairing and rebuilding. For more information, please contact Carol Pertuit at 610.346.6713.
- QUMC held a Community Fellowship Dinner in Memorial Park on Friday, June 3, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Everyone was welcome. Main dish and drinks were supplied.



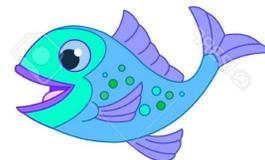
Nursery News

As of June 19, nursery will be offered only during the 9:00 a.m. service. This will give nursery staff a break for the summer months when attendance numbers are reduced. The regular two-service nursery will resume on Rally Day, Sunday, September 11.

There will be a need for volunteers for the nursery during the 11:00 services from September 11 on.

With ample help, each volunteer will be responsible for only one nursery shift a month (or fewer). Nursery helpers are required to obtain free child abuse and criminal clearances. Contact Erin Haslett at 215.804.8618 or erinhaslett@gmail.com for more information.

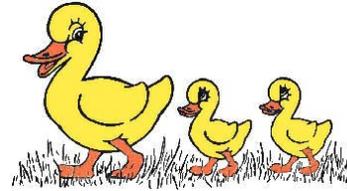
Vacation Bible School



“Deep Sea Discovery” - God is with us wherever we go, is the theme of this year’s VBS, held Monday, June 20 to Friday, June 24, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Help still needed. Contact Megan McMichael at 267.718.6157 or Allison Ghorm at 484.225.7004. VBS is a great community outreach program.



Family Matters



HAPPY BIRTHDAY to: Doris Willauer - June 12, and Nancy Schroy - June 18.

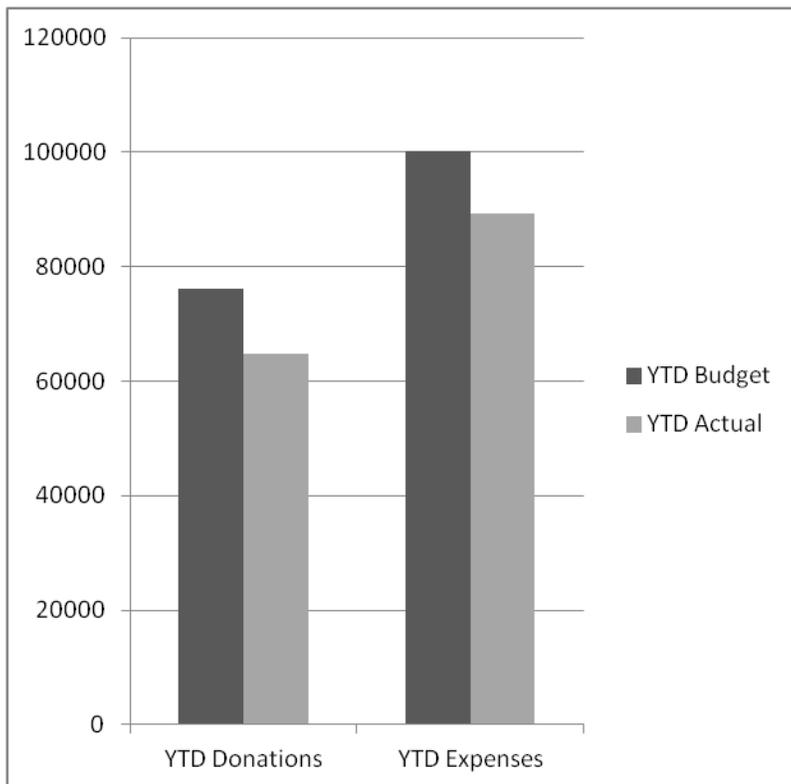
IN MEMORIAM: JoAnn Hitman - June 1, and Joseph Willauer - June 2.

Church Photo Directory



Would you like a church directory to hold in your hands instead of struggling with the online version? Contact Liz Cole (215.536.2046) to pre-order a directory at the cost-covering fee of \$5.

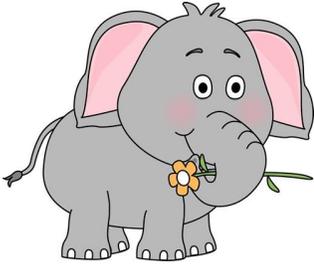
QUMC Financial Snapshot



Through April 2016, we are tracking **below** our overall budget.

YTD Donations are below budget by \$12,000, mostly offset by YTD Expenses \$11,000 less than anticipated.

While \$1,000 overall below budget isn't alarming, the trend in Donations is a serious concern. We are consistently averaging \$3,000 less each month than we did the latter half of 2015. We expect expenses to be nearly 100% of our budget by year end as we factor in the SPRC increases approved in March. With the current trend, we project a \$36,000 deficit. Without donations increasing, we will be forced to pay non-discretionary expenses (payroll, building expenses) using funds set aside for other purposes.



DON'T FORGET!

2016-2017 Faith Preschool Registration

Openings remain for the 2016-17 school year in Quakertown United Methodist Church's quality preschool program - **FAITH PRESCHOOL**. Since merging with the Parent's Time Out program, Faith preschool has expanded its offerings to include a variety of classes for 2's, 3's, and 4's. In addition to its regular programming, Faith Preschool offers numerous enrichment activities which include "Stretch-n-Grow," Lunch Bunch, music classes, and summer camp electives.

To make the cost of quality preschool more affordable, a number of special discounts are available:

- One registration fee per family (\$35)
- Younger sibling tuition discount of 15%
- Tuition discount for annual tuition paid-in-full in August (3%)
- No activity fees
- ***NEW*** - Generous recruitment incentive of \$100 cash award for each qualifying referral

Detailed program information and registration forms are available in the lobby or may be found at www.qumc.com. For additional questions or to arrange a tour, please contact Registrar Melodie Schmouder at 215.536.8172 or faithpreschoolofficemanager@gmail.com.

Take Me Out to the Ballgame



Enjoy baseball, fun, food and fellowship at Northeast District Night with the Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs, Monday, June 27.

The game against the Columbus Clippers begins at 7:05 p.m. Gates open at 5:45 p.m. Cost is \$11, the base price of \$10 plus \$1 for the District Mission Project - Camperships. Each ticket will include a \$2 voucher for food at the stadium.

The Northeast District group has the opportunity to join in throwing out a ceremonial first pitch! The church selling the most tickets (therefore raising the most money to send kids to camp this summer) will be able to select one person to throw out that first pitch. Bring the whole family to join in on the fun.

Contact Pastor Joe Grasser or Karen Jehl at Christ UMC (610.2583.4762) as soon as possible for ticket orders.



June 2016

Church Activity Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>** SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE</p> <p>8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Sunday School</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship</p> </div>			1 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	2 7:00 p.m. Praise Band	3 6:00 p.m. Picnic in the Park	4
5 ** 12 noon Pavilion Reserved 12:15 p.m. Pizza & Putt Lunch 1:30 p.m. Golf at Putt U	6 3:00 p.m. to ? Miller Hall Reserved	7 6:00 p.m. Trustees Work Meeting	8 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	9 7:00 p.m. Praise Band, Finance	10	11 9:30 a.m. Conference Mission U
12 ** 12 noon VBS Meeting	13	14	15 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	16 7:00 p.m. Praise Band, Leadership Team	17	18 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast
19 **	20 6:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School	21 6:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School	22 6:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School	23 6:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School	24 6:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School	25
26 **	27 7:05 p.m. NE District EPAUMC "Night at the Iron Pigs"	28	29 6:00 p.m. Worship Committee	30		