



# **Quakertown United Methodist Church**

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**Share Christ   Grow in Christ   Serve Christ**

**September 2018**



## **Update from Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC)**

According to the website Mental Health America, “1 in 5 adults have a mental health condition. That’s over 40 million Americans; more than the populations of New York and Florida combined.” You or someone you know may be living with a mental health condition like depression or anxiety. Professionals advise us to seek help when dealing with these conditions so that life can be restored to a healthy balance and recovery can be achieved.

As of Monday, August 27, 2018, Pastor Tom Robinson went on medical leave for depression and anxiety. The Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) supports Pastor Robinson's decision. Both the District Superintendent and Bishop of our conference stand with us and have worked to ensure that Quakertown United Methodist Church is provided with pastoral support in Pastor Robinson's absence. Please respect Pastor Robinson's privacy at this time, lifting him, Jane, and their children up in prayer.

Reverend Lori Wagner will serve as Interim Pastor at Quakertown United Methodist Church until Pastor Robinson's return.

A graduate of Lebanon Valley College, Reverend Wagner holds an MA/ABD from the University of Pennsylvania, an MDiv from Drew Theological Seminary, and a Dmin in progress from George Fox Portland Seminary. She has been in pastoral ministry for nearly 20 years, 10 years in United Methodist appointments. In the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference, Pastor Lori served Old Union UMC, Prospect UMC, and Salem UMC. She looks forward to spending time with the congregation here at Quakertown UMC.

Pastor Lori is a weekly sermon contributor and site manager of the international pastoral resource [www.preachthestory.com](http://www.preachthestory.com), a published Christian author, an adjunct professor at Wesley Seminary, and a faculty advisor at Portland Seminary. Her passion is how the Hebrew scriptures informed Jesus’ identity and ministry to hurting people. Pastor Lori recently served as Chaplain at Reading Hospital and Medical Center and believes strongly in church innovation and commitment to community.

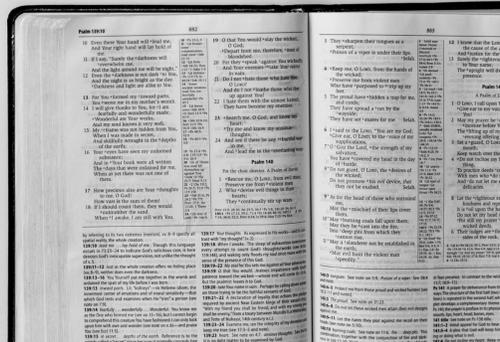
The mother of two daughters, Pastor Lori has six grandchildren and one granddog.



# Sunday School News

ASKING GOD, THE GLORIOUS FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, TO GIVE YOU SPIRITUAL WISDOM AND INSIGHT THAT YOU MIGHT GROW IN YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF GOD.  
EPHESIANS 1:17

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## Rally Day is Sunday, September 9! Come join us!

Rally Day will take place on Sunday, September 9th at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Please join your child in welcoming some new Sunday School teachers, as well as hearing about all of the wonderful plans we have in store for the 2018-2019 school year. You will need to complete a student registration card during this time. We look forward to a wonderful Rally Day and are so excited to start the Sunday School year! If you have any questions, please contact Sunday School Superintendent Christine Rush at [rushcm@npenn.org](mailto:rushcm@npenn.org).

## Children's Curriculum

Children from birth to grade five will be learning with the Bible-in-Life curriculum by David C. Cooke publishing. This series uses real world applications to reveal God's Word in everyday moments.

Infant/Toddler themes: This is the Bible, Tell Me about God, and God's Helpers.

Preschool & K-2 themes: We are Important to Jesus, Jesus Helps Us, and God Made the World.

Grades 3-5 themes: The God Who Created Us, The God Who Corrects Us, and The God Who Calls Us.

New for this year are videos for each month to highlight the monthly theme. For the elementary levels there are scripture memory videos to assist in learning scripture. Children will have greater access to these videos as more technology is introduced to the classrooms. The Right Now Media App will also be used to enrich the Sunday School curriculum and experience.



## Adult Classes

- Women's Class:** Join Laura Lillie and the ladies in Room 114 for their Cokesbury Adult Bible Study lessons. Each quarter (Fall, Winter, Spring, and Summer) contains 13 lessons which present stimulating sessions that explore the biblical message and how to apply it to daily life by focusing on personal, family, church and community concerns. **Note:** For the Fall session (from Rally Day through November) the ladies will join the Faithbuilders class in Room 109 for the Apocrypha study.
- Men's Class:** Join the men in Room 112 as they follow daily devotionals with related scripture passages and Bible study, such as "Our Daily Bread". This personal and small group study and discussion helps the men grow in their relationship with Jesus and to learn how to apply scripture to their daily lives.
- Faithbuilders:** Join Gail Schadler in Room 109 on Rally Day, September 9, as she begins the class, "The Apocrypha: Witness in the Period Between the Testaments." Find out what's in the Apocrypha, why we should read it, why it's typically not included in our Protestant Bibles, and how these Jewish writings contributed to the formulation of central Christian doctrines, to the perseverance of our forbears in the faith who endured torture and death, and to the ethical formation of the people of God.
- From January 6, 2019 through March 10 and then April 14 through June 2, join Gail and the Faithbuilders in Room 109 for a Wesley Ministry Network video series on "Methodist Identity: Our Beliefs." This study covers distinctive elements of Christian faith in the Wesleyan/Methodist tradition. Eight sessions will be broken into 16 to allow for prayer, video presentation and discussion in our classroom. The topics covered include: The nature of Methodist Doctrine, Trinity & Christology, Prevenient Grace & Repentance, Justifying Faith & Assurance, Sanctification, Baptism & Christian Initiation, Eucharist, and Eschatology (death, judgment and destination of the soul.)
- Life Group:** This small group meets during the Sunday School hour in the Parlor with a focus on family and Bible study. It is open to any who wish to join the discussion.

## Student Ministries

Sixth to eighth graders will be utilizing The Gospel Project studies to bolster foundational stories in the Bible and how they all point towards the Gospel.

Ninth to twelfth graders will be equipping the studies on RightNow Media for topical discussion, apologetics, and taking the truths learned in middle school to the next level. We hope during these years the students are able to make their faith their own!



## *From Missions Commission*



FEAST Food Pantry items for the month of September: health and beauty aids (shampoo, toothpaste and toothbrushes, body soap, deodorant, etc.)

### Annual Chicken Barbecue - Eat In or Take Out

Date: Saturday, September 8

Time: 4:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Cost: \$10 for adults, \$4 for children ages 4-10

This is a major fundraiser for Missions and there are many opportunities to help. Please see the bulletin to see how you can help.

For more information, contact Carol Pertuit (610.346.6713 or [carolpertuit@verizon.net](mailto:carolpertuit@verizon.net)).



A new article series is coming to the monthly newsletter. Intentional Faith Development is forming a team to write articles that go a little deeper into topics being talked about in current events or on social media. Some of the topics are more recent and some are older ones, but we'll sum up the contents and why they've come to the attention of mainstream America. We aim to raise the awareness or understanding of topics that relate to living our lives as good stewards, good neighbors, and followers of Jesus. Come learn with us!

Stay tuned for "Have you heard of fair trade coffee?"

And that's not all!

Vacation Bible School was a huge success this year! A BIG THANK YOU again to those who donated their time, talents, and funds to make this week possible. We had 87 children registered and over 70 youth and adult volunteers. Almost \$1,500 was raised in offerings during the week. These funds were split between Camp Men-O-Lan and Camp Innabah and will be used to provide scholarships for children to attend camp.

Starting this winter, watch for information about next summer's VBS!



## ***For Your Information***

- Church Council will meet on Wednesday, September 12 at 7:00 p.m. All are invited and encouraged to attend.
- Joyful Noise will be starting practice on Wednesday, September 12. Children age 4 to grade 5 are invited to join this children's choir. Rehearsals are at 6:30 p.m. in Room 102.
- Fellowship Dinners are coming back by popular demand! All are welcome. Dinner is served from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. Bring a dessert to share. Come on out for this time of food and fellowship with the QUMC church family on the following dates in October and November: October 10, 17, 24, 31 and November 7, 14.
- The Fall Rummage Sale will be held Friday, October 26 and Saturday, October 27. Donations will be accepted beginning on Monday, October 22.
- QUMC Educational Endowment Fund Grants will be distributed to eligible students on Sunday, November 25.

Eligibility requirements are as follows:

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 will be available to the students only from [finchsc1@verizon.net](mailto:finchsc1@verizon.net) starting October 1. They are due back by November 1.

See the October newsletter for more information. If you have any questions, contact Steve Finch or one of the committee members (Nancy Parry, David Rush, John DeSimone, Julie James, Brad Mushrush).

- Please remember to sign the red attendance pad in the church pew when you attend a Sunday morning church service. It takes only a few seconds to sign your name and any relevant information. Complete attendance sheets are essential to give the church an accurate count of overall congregational attendance at each of the Sunday morning services, to provide the basis for sending out follow-up postcards of concern to church members who have been absent from church for awhile, and to identify guests who we would like to welcome and encourage to return to our church. Thank you!



# Looking for ways you can help?



Volunteers needed for:

Chicken Barbecue and Bake Sale, September 8. Look for sign-ups in the bulletin.

Fall Rummage Sale and Bake Sale, October 26 and 27. Look for more information in upcoming bulletins and the October newsletter.

Office Volunteer needed on Friday mornings, one to two hours per week. Duties include cutting bulletin inserts and stuffing worship bulletins. Hours are flexible. Contact Barbara in the church office (215.536.4992 or [barb@qumc.com](mailto:barb@qumc.com)) if you are willing to serve in this way.

Redner's receipts help our Student Ministries! Keep saving those Redner's receipts. Receipts submitted on behalf of Student Ministries means funds for use towards programming and activities for our young people. Remember to use your Redner's card when you purchase groceries in order for our church to be eligible for the Save-A-Tape program. Thank you for your continued support of this fundraising effort of Students Ministries and QUMC.

Items for the monthly newsletter can be emailed to Editor Teddi Miller ([teddimiller@gmail.com](mailto:teddimiller@gmail.com)) or you can put them in the Newsletter Editor mailbox in the church office. To assure your items are published in the next newsletter, please see that information is submitted to Teddi by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to the publishing month.

	Revenues	Expenditures
July 2018	\$12,953.63	\$11,763.86
Year to Date 2018	\$155,404.01	\$154,561.51

Notes:

1. Thank you for remembering your pledges during this past summer!
2. The fall church programming begins this month and you are needed.
3. Please keep our church and the various ministries that we support in your prayers.



**A LOOK  
at the  
BUDGET**



## *Family Matters*

### Happy Birthday

Carol Wackerman - September 3; Stephen Rhoades - September 17.

### Baptisms - July 29, 2018

Justin Harrison Christman, Jr., son of Justin and Jamie Christman, born November 6, 2017.  
Weston Paul Thompson, son of Matthew and Nicole Thompson, born April 18, 2018.

### New Address

Ethel Setman, 101 Clyde Morris Blvd., Apt. 121, Ormond Beach, FL 32174

### Notes of Thanks

*Dear QUMC Congregation,*

*You have a beautiful church. As I look around you seem to be a busy church doing many things to help people. It has been my pleasure to be here for our Laity Academy learning how to be a better servant of Christ. I wish you and your church many blessings.*

*Love,  
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*Thank you and God Bless You for doing the work of God's Kingdom!*

*Love,  
The Laity Academy Participants*

*Dear QUMC,*

*Thank you for your donation to our camp. Because of your help we have campers that have been able to benefit from your donations. We thank you for your support of our ministry and thank you for your helping us to achieve our mission of **Life Change through Christ**.*

*Under grace,  
Richard Brewer, Executive Director of Camp Men-O-Lan*

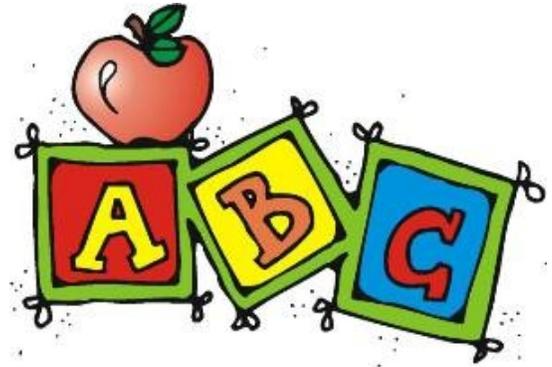
*Dear Church Friends,*

*Words cannot express my gratitude and thanks for all the cards, prayers and visits during my hospitalization at Grand View Hospital. A special thanks to Pastor Tom for his visit while I was in ICU. It's been a long four months but God has blessed me with good health once again. God is good.*

*Love and many thanks,  
Ethel Hurley*



# ***Update From Faith Preschool***



Limited openings still remain in all 2's, 3's, and 4's classes for the 2018-2019 school year. Don't miss the opportunity to register your preschooler. Faith Preschool offers a variety of classes for 2's, 3's, and 4's, which include numerous enrichment activities such as "Stretch-n-Grow," Lunch Bunch, music classes, and summer camp. **Due to growth in the preschool, the Board has opened a SECOND 2's class, running on Mondays.**

Faith Preschool offers a number of special discounts to make the cost of its quality preschool programming more affordable:

- One registration fee per family (\$35)
- Younger sibling tuition discount of 15%
- Tuition discount of 3% for annual tuition paid-in-full in August
- No activity fees
- \*NEW\* - Generous recruitment incentive for current Faith Preschool families

For additional information and/or to schedule a tour, contact Office Manager Erin Haslett at 215.536.8172 or by email at [faithpreschoolofficemanager@gmail.com](mailto:faithpreschoolofficemanager@gmail.com). Registration forms and detailed program information may be found in the church lobby or at [www.qumc.com](http://www.qumc.com).

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Faith Preschool has new staff members! If you see these new faces, be sure to welcome them!

## **RACHELLE SADAWSKI: LEAD TEACHER OF FPS AND HEAD 4 YEAR OLD TEACHER**

Rachelle has been working with children for the past 20 years since graduating from Millersville University with a B.A. in Elementary Education and a concentration in Early Childhood Education. She has experience teaching kindergarten and first and second grades, as well as being one-on-one in various preschool classrooms for children with special needs. Outside of teaching Rachelle has been involved in many children's ministries at Quakertown United Methodist Church. Over the years Rachelle has assisted with nursery, Sunday School, Kids Club, VBS, and Youth Group. She has a heart for children and their families. Rachelle, along with her husband Pete, have two children of their own, Kenzie (16) and Darian (14). In her free time she enjoys spending time with her family, cooking, reading, and taking trips to the beach. Rachelle is looking forward to working with the children of Faith Preschool and helping them to love learning while growing socially, emotionally, spiritually and academically.



**MEGAN MCMICHAEL: LEAD 2 AND 3 YEAR OLD TEACHER**

Megan has been with Faith Preschool the last couple years as a substitute and Lunch Bunch Coordinator. She fell in love with Faith, as well as the church, when her son attended the program in 2011 and 2012. Before having her son, Megan was a preschool teacher for 13 years. She graduated from Thomas Edison State College with a B.A. in Psychology. Megan has been involved in different Children’s Ministries at QUMC the last seven years, including co-directing the Vacation Bible School program the last five years. Christian Education and Children’s Ministries are where her strengths and passions live in the church. Outside of church, Megan enjoys being with her husband, Matt, and son, Matthew. She’s a Jersey girl, born and raised, and is a huge beach and Disney fan. She also loves sports, especially Philly teams. Megan is excited to share her love and passion with the families of Faith Preschool and looks forward to an amazing future with the school.

**JAZMIN WRIGHT: 2’S ASSISTANT TEACHER**

Jazmin Wright lives locally in Quakertown with her husband and two daughters. She brings with her five years of preschool experience and three years of elementary experience. For the past year, she has been a substitute teacher for the Quakertown School district. She obtained her B.A. from Bloomsburg University in 2002 and has aspirations to continue her education. Her greatest loves are her family and teaching. Jazmin is extremely enthusiastic, patient, and eager to meet our families and students who will be entering the two’s class.

**KAREN GODOWN: 3’S AND 4’S ASSISTANT TEACHER**

Last, but certainly not least, is a familiar face to Faith Preschool. Karen Godown is the assistant teacher for the three and four-year-old classes. She brings with her 14 years of experience at Faith Preschool, along with four years of elementary experience with Quakertown School District. Karen has served in many capacities throughout her tenure including Lunch Bunch and mini camps. Over the years, she has enjoyed meeting all of the families and working with the children. She and her husband Steve have two children; Alyssa (28) and Nicholas (26). In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her family, reading, and gardening. Karen is excited to start a new year at Faith.

**ERIN HASLETT: OFFICE MANAGER**

Erin was hired at Faith in early 2017 as Registrar but also fills in as substitute, extra hands and Lunch Bunch assistant so you may see her in any of those roles in our school. As of August 1 of this year, Erin took on the role of Faith Preschool Office Manager, encompassing both Office Manager and Registrar roles into one position. All three of her boys attended Faith Preschool so Erin is knowledgeable about the parental role at Faith, as well as the administrative side of our preschool.





# FALL 2018

## QUMC STUDENT MINISTRIES



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**CHICKEN BBQ**  
EVERY MONTH WE WANT TO BE THE HANDS AND FEET OF CHRIST IN OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH VARIOUS SERVICE PROJECTS

**PARENTS MEETING**  
PLEASE JOIN US FOR SOME BREAKFAST AND A PREVIEW OF THE UPCOMING YEAR!  
12:00pm-1pm

**BACK TO SCHOOL BASH**  
RICK OFF THE NEW YEAR WITH OUR B2S BASH! DOORS OPEN AT 6PM ENDS AT 8:30PM!  
ALL STUDENTS IN 6TH-12TH GRADES ARE INVITED

**FREE FALL**  
THE 10TH ANNUAL FREE FALL EVENT! FROM 12PM-5PM THIS IS A TOWNWIDE OUTREACH!  
@THE QTOWN ACTION PARK

**COX WEDDING+SYATP**  
NO SM ON THE 23RD AND 30TH AS PASTOR JORDAN AND STEPH GET MARRIED!

SEE YOU AT THE POLE IS @7AM AT ALL SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTRY

**OCTOBER**

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**SERVE OUR COMMUNITY**  
EVERY MONTH WE WANT TO BE THE HANDS AND FEET OF CHRIST IN OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH VARIOUS SERVICE PROJECTS.

**DARE2SHARE CONFERENCE**  
COME LEARN HOW TO SHARE THE GOSPEL WITH YOUR FRIENDS AT THIS ALL DAY EVENT!  
@BEAST SWAMP CHURCH

**FALL FEST**  
WE LOVE ALL THINGS FALL! MORE DETAILS WILL BE COMING ABOUT THIS SOON, BUT GET READY FOR AN AWESOME NIGHT!  
6:00-8:30

**NOVEMBER**

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**HAM DINNER AND OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**  
MORE DETAILS WILL BE COMING ABOUT THIS SOON, BUT GET READY FOR AN AWESOME NIGHT FILLED WITH HAM AND SHOEBOXES!

**PROGRESSIVE PILGRIMAGE**  
MORE DETAILS WILL BE COMING ABOUT THIS SOON, BUT GET READY FOR AN AWESOME NIGHT!  
6:00-8:30

**NO SM ENJOY THANKSGIVING BREAK!**

**DECEMBER**

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**SERVE OUR COMMUNITY**  
EVERY MONTH WE WANT TO BE THE HANDS AND FEET OF CHRIST IN OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH VARIOUS SERVICE PROJECTS.  
6:00-8:30pm

**CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
MORE DETAILS WILL BE COMING ABOUT THIS SOON, BUT GET READY FOR AN AWESOME NIGHT!  
6:00-8:30

**NO SM ENJOY CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS WITH YOUR FAMILY!**  
WE WILL SEE YOU IN 2019! SM RESUMES ON JAN 6TH!

**SAVE THE DATES**

JANUARY 13TH  
MISSIONS TRIP REVEAL

MARCH 1ST-3RD  
SPRING RETREAT

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**WHEN WE MEET**

QUMC STUDENT MINISTRIES MEETS ON SUNDAYS. DOORS OPEN AT 6PM AND PICK UP IS AT 8:30 PM. THE MINISTRY IS OPEN TO ALL 6TH-12TH GRADERS.



# September 2018

## Church Activity Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>**SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE</b> 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship				1
2 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship	3  <b>LABOR DAY</b>	4 9:00 a.m. Faith Preschool Orientation  Chicken BBQ Prep	5	6   Chicken BBQ Prep	7 Wedding Rehearsal  Chicken BBQ Prep	8 3:30 p.m. Wedding 4:30 p.m. Chicken BBQ
9 ** 10:00 a.m. Rally Day at Sunday School 12 noon Student Ministries Parent Meeting 6:00 p.m. Student Ministries Kick-Off	10 7:00 p.m. Hospitality	11 7:00 p.m. Finance	12 6:30 p.m. Joyful Noise 7:00 p.m. Church Council	13	14	15 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast
16 ** 6:00 p.m. Student Ministries	17 7:30 p.m. Milford-Trumbauersville Democrats	18 7:00 p.m. Leadership	19 6:30 p.m. Joyful Noise	20	21   Pastor Jordan Vacation →	22
23 **	24	25 7:00 p.m. UMW Program	26 6:30 p.m. Joyful Noise	27	28	29 →
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