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October 2018

Haile's Story



Many in the church may wonder “Who is Halie Valada?” and why did I invite her to come to Quakertown United Methodist Church to talk about her mission project with Cru.

The short story is that Halie was a student in the Palisades School District, where I teach. She reached out to me to ask if I could help support her evangelical mission trip to Australia. As I was reminded of two stories in the Gospel, one where Jesus instructs his disciples to spread His word to all nations and another when Jesus is asked, “who is my neighbor?”, it was easy to say yes to her request.

Listening to Halie’s story in church, I was further inspired to try and support our local youth as they go out into the world to spread God’s message. I hope that you were inspired as well and I hope that we, as a church, can help to support Halie with our prayers and gifts. It is my hope that we can shepherd youth as they grow in their faith and go out into the world to spread the love of Christ.

If you would like to help Halie through sponsorship, you can go to her individual fundraising page (<https://give.cru.org/0771964>) or send a check by mail to:

Cru
P.O. Box 628222
Orlando, FL 32862-8222

Checks should include your name, address, telephone number, and the name of the person you are sponsoring (Halie Valada 0771964).

Thank you in advance for your prayers and support of not only Halie, but of other youth working to spread the love of God throughout the world.

Jeremy Wolf



One of the most prominent and beautiful images in scripture is Jacob's Ladder. In the story, Jacob stops to rest on his way from Beersheba to Harran (Genesis 28:10-17).

Jacob puts a stone under his head for a pillow and lays down to sleep. But he is startled by a dream in which he sees a beautiful ladder (or stairway) reaching earth to heaven upon which angels ascend and descend. The Lord God above it blesses Jacob and declares that God will be with him everywhere he goes.

When Jacob awakens, he declares breathless: *"Surely the LORD is in this place, and I was not aware of it!"*

In our lives today, we go about our week intent on getting things done, getting from one place to another, observing the world around us, focused on the next thing. Often, we forget to stop in between and feel the presence of Jesus around us, among us, and within us, blessing us and renewing us.

The metaphor of the ladder is so very beautiful, for it is a sign of God's intervention in our lives -- God's promise, presence, and saving power.

In our world, we most often think of the ladder as something a firefighter brings to the scene of a tragedy or difficult situation. When fire strikes, when a cat gets stuck in the top branches of a tree, when we find ourselves stuck on a cliff or roof or in a flooding car --the firefighters are the ones who come to the rescue. All we need to see is that ladder extending toward us, and we know, we will live, because someone cared enough to rescue us from our plight, someone not afraid to intervene in the midst of the most difficult circumstances.

Jesus is that intervention for us on an even larger and deeper level. Jesus is our savior, our rescuer, our life-giver.

Nathaniel saw who Jesus was before anyone else:

Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man." (John 1:47-51)

Jesus IS the ladder, God's grand and beautiful intervention into our lives and our world, come to rescue us from ourselves and restore us to health, life, and hope.

Whenever you feel down, whenever life seems to have trapped you, and you feel stuck and sorrowful, whenever you feel those walls of contention closing in, stop for a moment. Take a breath. Close your eyes. Feel the presence and the power of Jesus. For He is with you everywhere you go.

Need someone to talk to confidentially? Need a listening ear? Pastor Lori is always available.

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From Missions Commission



Food Drive

During the month of October there will be a food drive for Jerusalem House of Allentown.

You can bring any non-perishable food item and place it in the shopping cart in the church foyer. Pastor Dan Adams from Jerusalem House will be visiting with us on October 28 during the Sunday School hour to share with us about his ministry.

Flood Relief Buckets

We are putting together UMCOR Flood Buckets for disaster relief. There is a display in the narthex and a list in the bulletin of what is needed. Please be aware of the sizes listed so everything will fit into the bucket.

Ham Dinner

Date: Saturday, November 10, 2018
Time: 4:30 to 7:00 p.m.
Cost: Adults \$10, Children (4-10) \$4

For more information contact Carol Pertuit at 610.346.6713 or carolpertuit@verizon.net.

A Note of Thanks

Thank you to all who helped with our 60th Annual Chicken Barbecue and Bake Sale. 419 dinners were served and we had a profit of \$3,063. We could not do this without all of you! Thank you! Thank you!



For Your Information

- Please give a warm welcome to Pastor Lori Wagner. Pastor Lori will be serving as the Interim Pastor at QUMC until Pastor Tom Robinson's return. Having been in pastoral ministry for nearly 20 years, Pastor Lori has served 10 years in United Methodist appointments, serving Old Union UMC, Prospect UMC, and Salem UMC. She looks forward to spending time with the congregation here at Quakertown United Methodist Church. Pastor Lori can be reached at 360.298.8327 or loribethwagner@gmail.com.
- Bread for the Journey Life Group resumed in September. Under the leadership of Gale Hewitt, this group meets in the church library every Thursday at 2:00 p.m. Contact Gale at gwhewitt4@gmail.com for more information.
- Fellowship Dinners are back and all are welcome! Dinner is served from 5:00 to 6:15 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 QUMC Prayer Chain is one of the ways we care for each other. There is an email chain as well as a phone chain. If you would like to be included on the praying end of one of the prayer chains, we would love to have you join us! The power of prayer can truly be amazing! To put someone on the prayer chain, contact Janet Finch at jmfumw@aol.com or 215.536.0835.
- If you have items for the monthly newsletter you can email them to Teddi at teddimiller@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!



Looking for ways you can help?



Fall Rummage Sale

Collect your unwanted but still in good condition and usable items and bring them to Miller Hall for Friendship Circle's Fall Rummage Sale!

Sale dates: Friday, October 26, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Light lunch is available, as well as a baked goods table.

Saturday, October 27, 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon

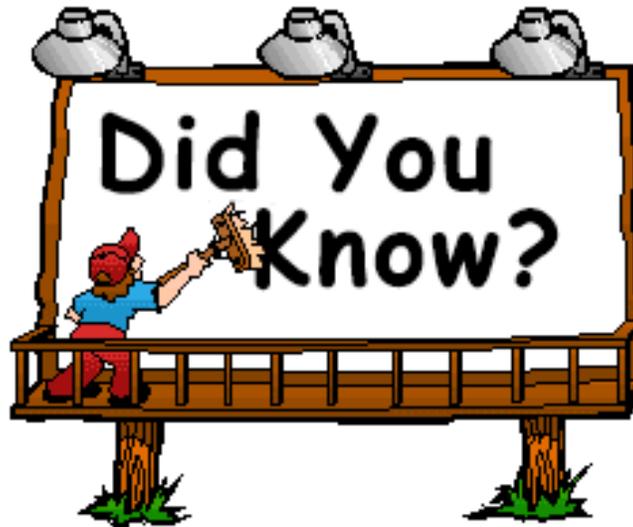
Donations can be brought to Miller Hall at the following times:

9:00 a.m. to 12 noon, Monday October 22 through Thursday, October 25
6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 24

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!
Also needed: paper and plastic grocery bags.

Volunteers Needed

- Fall Rummage and Bake Sale, Friday and Saturday, October 26 and 27. Contact Becky Petko at 215.536.4741 for questions or more information on ways you can help.
- Ham Dinner, Saturday, November 10. There are many opportunities to help; preparation, serving, and clean-up. Look for sign-ups in the bulletin in the upcoming weeks or contact Carol Pertuit at 610.346.6713 or carolpertuit@verizon.net for more information.
- Ringers needed for Bell Choir! If you are interested in playing handbells in Grace Notes, contact Becky Witt (215.538.0759 or rjwitt@verizon.net) or see any member of the bell choir.
- Hospitality Committee is still looking for some volunteers. Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month. Contact Mary Ellen (Molly) Minarik at 610.282.3708. Volunteer opportunities include:
 - Sunday Hospitality table, once a month
 - Serving as Membership Secretary
 - Assisting with membership and attendance records
 - Checking pews each week to make sure Bibles, hymnals, pencils, and other information is in tact



United Methodist Women

- On June 6, we had lunch and toured the famous Bryn Athyn Estate. A great time was had by all. If you have never visited this amazing place, we suggest you take the time to experience this treasure right in our backyard.
- August 18 found 11 of us at the annual Cluster Picnic at Highland Park. Although we are no longer in the same district cluster as Telford UMC, we have been doing this for so many years we didn't want to miss this wonderful event. Quakertown hosted the program, which consisted of a TV talk show interviewing famous women.
- On September 25, we hosted a program entitled "Moving Prayers." This program was received well last fall and a repeat performance was requested. It was done in the same format but with new and improved stations.
- Thank Offering Jars will be collected on Sunday, November 18. Reminders will be made in the weeks prior.

From Janet Finch, President:

I am extremely sad to report to you that the UMW of Quakertown United Methodist Church will no longer be active. The group decided in August to cancel all scheduled programs beginning October 1, 2018. We will collect Thank Offering Jars on November 18, our treasurer sending the offering to the district as usual. As of October 1, I will be stepping down as President and at this time, we do not have anyone willing to replace me. I am stepping down because I no longer attend worship at this church and do not feel it is right to continue in the capacity of President of UMW. I have information available on how to join UMW online should anyone be interested.

The United Methodist Women of QUMC would like to thank the congregation for the support given through our programs and fundraisers. We hope in the future this important mission can resume.

"Did You Know?" continued on page 7...



QUMC Educational Endowment Fund Grants

Joyfully, we will be distributing grants to eligible students on November 25, 2018.

To be eligible, students must be members in good standing of QUMC and must be enrolled and attending this academic year in an institution of higher education (including technical schools).

Students must request an application by phone, mail, email, or in person beginning October 1. Requests must be made directly to Steve Finch, Endowment Chair (finchsc1@verizon.net or 215.538.0835). Applications must be completed by the applicant and returned to Steve by email or printed and mailed by midnight on November 1. The committee prefers that applications be sent from a college email address in MS Word or PDF format.

After review, students will receive an email confirmation that they have met the eligibility requirements to receive a grant. Grants will be distributed during worship services on United Methodist Sunday, November 25, 2018.

There are no financial aid requirements. The grant formula is **available funds/number of eligible students=grant per student**. See Steve Finch or a committee member with questions. Committee members include John DeSimone, Julie James, Brad Mushrush, Nancy Parry, and David Rush.

Lay Leadership

The Lay Leadership Committee (Nominations) is hard at work filling positions within the life of the church. If you have an interest in serving the church through a ministry position, please prayerfully consider one of the following:

- Five (5) positions are available on Trustees, including the roles of President and Secretary
- Five (5) positions are available on Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC)
- Three (3) positions are available on Lay Leadership

In addition, team members are needed for the Hospitality Team, as well as for other areas of the church.

For more information on opportunities to serve, see the “QUMC Connections” guide, which can be found on pages 9-10 of this newsletter or contact Pastor Lori (loribethwagner@gmail.com or 360.298.8327).



*“I hope I can be the autumn leaf,
who looked at the sky and lived.
And when it was time to leave,
gracefully it knew life was a gift.”*

-Dodinsky



Family Matters

Happy Birthday

Joan Bailey - October 15, Laura Clymer - October 24, Anna Wolfinger - October 27

If you are 80 years old (or over) and would like your birthday included in the newsletter, please let the church office know. Many thanks!

Wedding

September 23 - Assistant Pastor Jordan Cox to Steph Reif.
 Congratulations to the new Mr. and Mrs. Cox! May God Bless You!

New Baby

August 27 - Magnolia Grace, daughter of Jacob & Christine Swearingen.
 Congratulations to the new Mom & Dad and to the Swearingen and Sterner families.

	Revenues	Expenditures
August 2018	\$24,504.26	\$21,748.92
Year to Date 2018	\$187,559.38	\$188,364.99

Reality Check: The 2018 QUMC budget started with an \$11,269.00 surplus from 2017. As of the end of August 2018, that entire surplus is gone and we are in the red for -\$805.61. The Finance Committee is prayerful that with the start of the fall church season, the congregation will take a more active role in both financial contributions and church ministry. Please keep the financial health of our church in your prayers.

2019 Budget: The process for building the 2019 QUMC Budget is underway. Please reach out to the various chairpersons of church committees to give your thoughts regarding priorities for the next year. Your input is valuable in this process.



**A LOOK
 at the
 BUDGET**



QUMC Connections Guide

Team Positions

Hospitality

1. Radical Hospitality Leader (1-2 positions)
2. Radical Hospitality Team Members (up to 10 positions)
3. Greeters (unlimited positions; 1 coordinator)
4. Welcome Center (unlimited positions; 1 coordinator)
5. Hospitality Table (currently 4 positions)
6. Adult and Family Ministry (4-6 positions; 2 coordinators)
7. QUMC Directory (1 photographer position, 1 booklet/website recorder position, 1 coordinator)
8. Communications Team (1 website position, 1-2 audio-visual tech positions)
9. Membership Secretary (1 position)
10. Prayer Chains (2 coordinators)
11. Nursery Home Visitor (1 position)
12. Helping Hands (4-5 positions, 1 coordinator)
13. Care Notes (1 position)
14. College Pen Pals (1 position)
15. Baptism Cards (1 position)
16. Angel Cards (1 position)
17. Birthday Cards (1 position)

Missions

1. Missions Team Leader (1 position)
2. Missions Team Members (up to 10 positions)
3. AHUB Code Blue Shelter (4-6 positions)
4. Red Cross Blood Drive (1 position)
5. Loaves & Fishes Community Dinners (up to 8 positions)
6. Mission Trips (unlimited; 1 coordinator)
7. Easter & Thanksgiving Dinners for Jerusalem House (1 position)
8. School Supplies for Kensington Ministries & Jerusalem House (4 positions)
9. Community Dinner in the Park (6 positions)
10. CROP Walk (2 positions)
11. Blanket Sunday (1 position)
12. Christmas Gifts for Kensington Area Children (3 positions)
13. FEAST Food Pantry (1 position)
14. Detergent Disciples (3 positions)
15. School Lunch Program (1 position)
16. Fundraising Dinners (unlimited positions; 1 coordinator)
17. Adopt-A-Family (3 positions)
18. Recycling Program (1 position)
19. The Garden Project (1 position)
20. Support of United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries Missionaries (1 position)

Extravagant Generosity/Stewardship

1. Extravagant Generosity Team Leader (1 position)
2. Extravagant Generosity Team Leaders (up to 10 positions)

Passionate Worship

1. Passionate Worship Team Leader (1 position)
2. Passionate Worship Team Members (10-15 positions)
3. Chancel Choir (unlimited positions)



4. Joyful Noise (unlimited positions, 2-3 coordinators)
5. Grace Notes (unlimited positions, 1 coordinator)
6. Praise Band (up to 8 positions, 1 coordinator)
7. Acolytes (unlimited positions, 1 coordinator)
8. Children's Moment (up to 15 positions, 1 coordinator)
9. Communion Stewards (1-4 positions)
10. Banners & Paraments (unlimited positions, 1 coordinator)
11. Lay Readers (unlimited positions, 3 coordinators)
12. Children's Puppet Ministry (8-10 positions, 1-2 coordinators)
13. Ushers (36 positions, 2 coordinators)
14. Infant & Toddler Nurseries (unlimited positions, 1 coordinator)

Intentional Faith Development

1. Intentional Faith Development Team Leader (1-2 positions)
2. Intentional Faith Development Team (5-8 positions)
3. Small Groups (1 coordinator)
4. Christian Education Committee (4-6 positions, 3 coordinators)
5. Sunday School Teacher (unlimited positions)
6. Librarian (1 position)
7. Sunday School Secretary (1-2 positions)
8. Vacation Bible School (unlimited positions, 1 coordinator)
9. Confirmation (1 coordinator)
10. Youth Group (2-8 positions)
11. Kid's Club (3 positions)

Women's Ministries

1. United Methodist Women (unlimited positions, 1 coordinator)
2. Friendship Circle (unlimited positions, 1 coordinator)

Service-Clerical/Technical

1. Office Volunteer (4-5 positions)
2. Newsletter (1 position)

Ministry Positions

Administrative

1. Church Council (up to 14 positions; 1 coordinator)
2. Committee on Lay Leadership/Nominations (up to 9 positions)
3. Staff Parish Relations Committee (5-9 positions)
4. SPRC Chair (1 position)
5. Trustees (up to 9 positions)
6. Trustees Chair (1 position)
7. Finance Team (up to 13 positions)
8. Finance Chair (1 position)
9. Financial Secretary (1-2 positions)
10. Treasurer (1 position)
11. Endowment Team (up to 3 positions)
12. Endowment Chair (1 position)
13. Counting Team (2-4 positions)
14. Lay Leader (1-2 positions)
15. Lay Member of Annual Conference (1-2 positions)
16. Leadership Team (5 positions)



October 2018

Church Activity Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts	2 7:00 p.m. Trustees, Missions	3 6:30 p.m. Joyful Noise	4 10:00 a.m. Friendship Circle 2:00 p.m. Life Group 2:15 p.m. Life Group	5	6
7 ** 6:00 p.m. Student Ministries	8 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts 7:00 p.m. Hospitality, Willow Stream Homeowners	9 7:00 p.m. Finance	10 5:00 p.m. Fellowship Dinner 6:30 p.m. Joyful Noise, Food for Thought	11 2:00 p.m. Life Group 2:15 p.m. Life Group	12	13 Student Ministries Dare 2 Share at East Swamp
14 ** 6:00 p.m. Student Ministries 6:30 p.m. Life Group, Faith Preschool Board Meeting	15 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts 7:30 p.m. Milford- Trumbauersville Democrats Miller Hall Reserved	16	17 5:00 p.m. Fellowship Dinner 6:30 p.m. Joyful Noise, Food for Thought	18 2:00 p.m. Life Group 2:15 p.m. Life Group	19	20 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast 8:30 a.m. Ladie's Breakfast
21 ** 6:00 p.m. Student Ministries Fall Fest 6:30 p.m. Life Group	22 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts Rummage Sale Set-Up (Miller Hall & Kitchen Reserved)	23 7:00 p.m. Leadership, Lay Leadership (Nominations)	24 5:00 p.m. Fellowship Dinner 6:30 p.m. Joyful Noise, Food for Thought	25 2:00 p.m. Life Group 2:15 p.m. Life Group	26 9:00 a.m. Rummage Sale	27 9:00 a.m. Rummage Sale
28 ** 6:00 p.m. Student Ministries 6:30 p.m. Life Group	29 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts	30	31 5:00 p.m. Fellowship Dinner 6:30 p.m. Joyful Noise, Food for Thought	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> <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>		