



September 2019

# Glad Tidings

## The Newsletter of Francis Makemie Presbyterian Church

Established 1708 Accomac, Virginia

## Naomi Makemie Presbyterian Church

Established 1883 Onancock, Virginia

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<sup>12</sup> There is one body, but it has many parts. But all its many parts make up one body. It is the same with Christ. <sup>13</sup> We were all baptized by one Holy Spirit. And so we are formed into one body. 1 Corinthians 12:12

Dear Friends,

September will be a month full of activity, transition, and adventure. We are grateful to another successful ESPM School supply drive in August. It's such a gift to know that so many hands come forward to help every year. It makes the occasion a real joy. Mike and I are ready to depart on our sailboat passage. We are so grateful to all of you for your support and your enthusiasm. I cannot contain the joy in knowing the community of faith is behind us all the way. And perhaps that is what matters. It seems no matter where we are, we have the promise that we are connected through the body of Christ. This year our youth have transitioned from one school to another, off to college, and other new experiences for them. Several people are looking into new living experiences. Some folks are transitioning from working to retirement. Some have been facing serious health challenges. And yet, even in all these seasons of life experiences, we remain the body of Christ, brothers and sisters, supporting, caring, loving, connected near, far, through all of life bound together through a love stronger than life itself. Perhaps, that's how we can live into the promise of God, as we go forward, reminded we all belong to God and to each other no matter where or how we are.

Blessings dear friends, until next year, may the love of God surround you, everywhere you may go,

Monica

### Special dates

- Labor Day, September 2, 2019
- National Grandparents Day, September 8, 2019
- Patriot Day, September 11, 2019
- Hispanic Heritage Month, Sept. 15 - Oct. 15, 2019
- First day of autumn, September 23, 2019



## Happy birthday to — and for — you!

Birthdays are unique because they celebrate who someone *is*, not what they've *done*. Henri Nouwen wrote, "It is more important to celebrate a birthday than a successful exam, a promotion or a victory. Because to celebrate a birthday means to say to someone, 'Thank you for being you.' ... On a birthday we do not say, 'Thanks for what you did, or said, or accomplished.' No, we say, 'Thank you for being born and being among us.'"

To rejoice over someone purely for who they are is an echo of God's joy over us. Some families celebrate "baptism birthdays" (anniversaries) by lighting candles, sharing scripture and prayer, perhaps looking at photos and recounting stories of that milestone event that marked the beginning of their faith life.

On a birthday, said Nouwen, "we lift someone up and let everyone say, 'We love you.'" In baptism, God lifts us to his very heart and declares, "You are my precious child. I love you."

IT'S **GREAT**  
TO MEET  
**YOU!**



## SEPTEMBER

Pam Nielsen	09-05
Don Broad	09-06
Mary Fluharty	09-12
Carter Ames	09-16
Megan Ames	09-18
Christy Brumbaugh	09-20
Marshall Ryon	09-21
Bill Mastyl	09-24
Edward Barnes	09-28
Jim Tompkins	09-30



## Community Senior Living

Elta Green

## At Home

Don Broad and Gloria

Kim Penland

Virginia 'Pete' Hall

Introducing **Jennifer Stapleton** as the new custodian at NMPC. Bonnie Parker moved with her family to NC. Please thank Jennifer for accepting this position when you see her.

Welcome New **Elder Leslie Mosher** who was ordained for the class of 2021 for Francis Makemie Presbyterian Church

Welcome new member **Elizabeth Lankford** who transferred her membership from Rehobeth Presbyterian to Francis Makemie Presbyterian Church

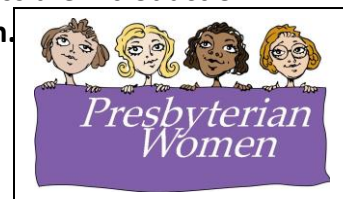
Hi Ladies,

I hope everyone is having a safe, blessed summer! Several of you have not yet picked up your new book ***Life Lessons from John***, by Max Lucado. At our June meeting, Joan May accepted the position as Treasurer of PW. Many thanks to Carol Rush for her years of faithful service as our Treasurer.

The books are \$8.50, and you can get them from Pam Nielsen or Joan May.

We will convene in October. I am looking forward to this study of John! We will discuss the **Introduction and Lesson 1 on OCTOBER 7**. See you at Naomi Makemie at 11:30 bring a bag lunch.

Peace to you all, Pam



**LUNCH BUNCH** will gather

**TUESDAY September 10** at 12 noon at

**Crossroads Coffee Shop**

25514 E Main St, Onley, VA 23418 [\(757\) 787-1800](tel:7577871800)

### Choir practice is happening!

Katie Klawitter our music director has put together another exciting schedule of music! All *ages, voices, and talents* come bring your gifts. We look forward to seeing you on **Thursday evenings at 5:30-7** Practice is at NMPC for anthems to be sung at 11 am worship.

Debbie Ryon and Susan Grove have some wonderful new music selected for the youth and little ones. Be on the look out for the Sunday practice schedules. If you or your child are interested in the choir program



### Senior Exercise: "Contemplative Movement"

NMPC is restarting the Church Exercise Program on **September 13, Friday, at 10:00 A.M.** In the Makemie Room every Friday thereafter at the same time. Our focus this year will be on de-stressing from busy weeks, re-focusing our attention inward, and centering ourselves through thought and exercise. Our exercises will be gentle and slow, enabling all who come, young and old, with whatever disability, to move into a mind-body meld of peace and tranquility. Most of the exercises will be taken from Tai Chi and Chi Gong, promoting muscle toning and balance. Our exercise program is led by Rhudy Naylor, who has an extensive background of physical exercise training from the U.S. Army, the Arthritis Foundation, many Yoga instructors, and applications of Tai Chi/Chi Gong with our exercise participants at NMPC for two years. Questions? Call my cell phone at 710-9638. See you there!

## SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 8



Bring your back packs to church on **Sunday September 8 at 9:15 & 11 am worship**

We'll be blessing the back packs as our students start another year of school. We want our youth to know that God is with them wherever they go.



**Rally Day** is the big kick off for all the activities for the season. Sunday school starts, the choir sings in worship, commissioning of our Sunday school teachers, and all those who serve. See you at the 11 am worship service.



**RALLY DAY CHILI COOK-OFF** Crank up those crock pots, cook pots, and let's get the chili on!! Another year of chili competition for the coveted chili ladle begins September 8th at the fellowship hour. That's a lot of chili tasting.

We choose with our change who has the best chili. So bring your quarters, dollars, 'Big Money' as we support the local charity with our chili cook off! Please sign up or just bring your pot of chili. Let's see who



**Youth Sunday School will meet two Sundays a month for study and one Sunday a month for mission.**

The youth will be spending time this school year learning from the curriculum 'The Story' *The Story* a powerful way to engage their people in Bible reading like never before. As *The Story* brings the Bible to life, the broad scope of God's message will penetrate hearts. People of all ages will be swept up in the story of God's love and God's plan for their lives.

Our confirmation youth are asked to bring their Bibles to class. The younger youth will use the Bibles already in the classroom. The dates for September for classes **in September are 8, 15 for mission, & 29**. The 22<sup>nd</sup> the youth will participate in worship. This Year's teacher line up is Laura Chuquin-Naylor, Tracey Arvidson, Joan May, and substitutes Anne Barnes, Linda Arvidson, Barbara Mears.



## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL INVITES YOU TO CHRISTMAS IN SEPTEMBER,

October and November! The Adult Sunday School will start our Advent Bible Study on **Sunday in September 8 at 9:30 AM in the Belote Room @ NMPC**. Please come join us. We voted to tackle the in-depth Catholic Bible Study and Reflections titled ***"The Advent of Jesus Christ: Journey with the People, Events and Prayers."*** This 10 week journey starts with scripture in its historical and cultural context, then we check the meaning of the words in their original language and then we apply the lesson to our daily living.

The time of Advent, culminating in the birth of Jesus, is a time familiar to most of us. But seldom do we take the time to linger long over these passages in Scripture that are so important to our faith. That's the goal of this study. Through the Word of God, Jesus wants you to meet His family and friends, and the Holy Spirit promises to be your guide.

### SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 15

An evening presentation of the Sailing Journey Mike and Monica Gould will begin.

**Sunday September 15 at 6 pm at Francis Makemie Presbyterian Church.** Mike and Monica will host an evening sharing the details of the passage they plan to take. We'll look at maps, and sail plans, and answer all the questions about what its like to be on long passage i.e. when do we sleep?. Snacks will be provided. We look forward to sharing with you.



### SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 22 SEND OFF SUNDAY

#### Sendoff Sunday

Be sure to put a **star \*** in your calendar for **Sunday, September 22 9:15 @FMPC, 11 and 12 for lunch @NMPC**

We will be saying farewell to Monica as she embarks on her leave time worshipping together to bless the transition to an interim time when both Monica and the congregation will be on passages sharing lunch together - catered!

No one has to prepare anything learning together with our professional storyteller Sheila Arnold how to gather material and be prepared to share the stories of our passages in January

It will be a time of reverence, celebration, and exploration  
Contact Susan Grove if you have questions  
Please...plan to be part of this time together!



## Meet Our Bridge Pastors



Most of you already know the **Reverends Steve and Donna Doan**. They have been an integral part of our church family for several years now. On September 22 they will step into a new role as Bridge Pastors until January 12, 2020. We are excited about their acceptance to lead the congregations of FMPC & NMPC during this bridge time. In case you don't already know all about them here is a brief biography. We are grateful for their presence. Let's give them a wonderful welcome!

Steve and Donna both grew up in Indiana and met and married in Bloomington, IN in 1968, where they were at the University. Steve was ordained in 1983, Donna in 1988-- both in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Steve served 26 years in the Army, and the Doans have lived in many states and overseas. They have two grown children and two grandchildren. Between them they have 75 years of ministry, and they served two United Methodist Churches on the Shore from 2013 to 2016. For the past 3 years, the Doans have attended Naomi Makemie and provided pulpit supply occasionally for Monica at both churches. Currently, Steve is serving part-time at the UMC Church in Melfa, while Donna is serving as part-time staff for the UMC Eastern Shore District.

## To a *Congregational Retreat*

**WHO?** You! ALL who worship with FMC & NMPC

**WHAT?** All-expenses paid retreat (meals, lodging)

**WHERE?** Kiptopeke State Park

**WHEN?** Friday, October 25, 2019 (4:00pm check-in)

Saturday, October 26, 2019 (all day)

Sunday, October 27, 2019 (breakfast, 10 am check-out\*\*)

*\*\* Upon check-out we will depart Kiptopeke and travel to NMPC for a casual-dress joint worship service with communion at 11:00am to close our retreat experience together\*\**

**WHY?** Fellowship and a time to engage as a church community as we explore and celebrate "Passage Making." This retreat is an important component of the National Clergy Renewal program grant, and a wonderful opportunity for our congregations!

**RSVP:** By Oct. 11 to confirm attendance/accommodations and your free t-shirt!

*Kindly respond to Megan Ames, 757.787.7626 / [megan\\_ames@hotmail.com](mailto:megan_ames@hotmail.com) Please note the number in your party and T-Shirt size(s)*

*Please stay tuned for more details regarding the full retreat schedule as well as lodge sign-ups (including photos of available accommodations)*





As you can see reading through the newsletter, mission is an integral part of our congregations. Our Mission Chair Tracey makes it clear by having a focus every month. September focus is the

**MISSION MATTER: EDUCATION**

**MISSION MEGA: CHILI COOK OFF**

**MISSION MINI: BLESSING THE BACKPACKS**

**MISSION MOVE: Interest/Support/Encouragement/Prayer for the children as they move into another school year.**

Thank you for supporting the missions of the church!

## **REPORT FROM THE CORPORATE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF NMPC**

AUGUST 29, 2019

Naomi Makemie Presbyterian Church is blessed with assets that are held in an investment account via Merrill Lynch. The Investment Account has three portions. First is the Naomi Mission Account. Second is the Naomi Building Operations Account. Third is the Naomi One Account which holds cash earnings and assets. The assets in the accounts are allocated as follows:

Equities 49.73 %

Fixed Income 42.17%

Cash/Money 8.10%



Income from the accounts is restricted for use in support of building maintenance and local church missions.

During the August meeting of Session, I reported the assets and income in the accounts and explained the restrictions on the accounts and the process to be used in requesting funding from the accounts. All requests must be submitted, in writing, to the Session and the Session must approve the request and then submit it to the Corporate Finance Committee.

As the investment account is established and functioning, it is possible to add assets to any of the existing accounts. It is also possible to make a gift of assets to the Church and have another sub account established for an additional cause in support of the Church. Should you have any interest in making such a gift please contact me to discuss how to proceed. Thank you for your consideration.

Ronald L. May, Chair

Corporate Finance Committee

## General Finances for Naomi Makemie Presbyterian Church

January to July Revenue---\$64,910.00

January to July Expenses---\$63,419.00

January to July Net Operational Revenue---\$1,491.00

Account Balances as of July 31, 2019

Suntrust Checking---\$18,446.00

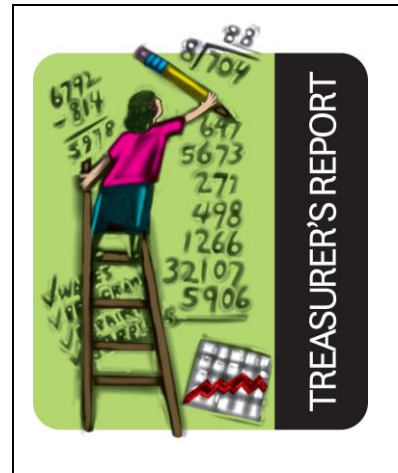
Merrill Lynch Cash Reserve---\$24,349.00

Merrill Lynch Building Endowment---\$111,262.00

Merrill Lynch Mission Endowment---\$214,751.00

Rick Turner, Treasurer

The budget for 2019 shows a slight deficit for the third quarter but should regain in the final quarter of the year.  
The total proposed budget for 2019 is \$128,600



### **AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS**

#### **School Supply Mission Success 2019**





September 2019	September 2019	September 2019	September 2019	September 2019	September 2019	September 2019
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	Wednesday	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						
<b>1</b> Worship 9:15 FMPC 11 NMPC Adult SS 9:30	<b>2</b> 	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Prayer meeting 8:30  Choir practice 5:30-7	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> <b>RALLY DAY/Bless BackPacks/Youth Sunday school starts/CHILI COOKOFF</b> Worship 9:15 FMPC 11:00 NMPC 11:15 YSS Adult SS 9:30	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Choir practice 5:30-7	<b>13</b> <b>Exercise 10 am</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> Worship 9:15 FMPC 11:00 NMPC 11:15 SS/Mission Adult SS 9:30 <b>PASSAGE PRESENTATION M&amp;M @FMPC 6pm</b>	<b>16</b> Session mtg NMPC 5:30 pm	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Prayer meeting 8:30  Choir practice 5:30-7	<b>20</b> <b>Exercise 10 am</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> <b>SENDOFF &amp; Lunch</b> Worship 9:15 FMPC <b>Communion</b> 11:00 NMPC <b>Communion</b> Adult SS 9:30	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>  Choir practice 5:30-7	<b>27</b> Men's Group 9am <b>Exercise 10 am</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> <b>NMPC</b> Worship 9:15 FMPC 11:15 YSS 11 NMPC Adult SS 9:30	<b>30</b>	<b>October 1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Prayer meeting 8:30  Choir practice 5:30-7	<b>4</b> <b>Exercise 10 am</b>	<b>5</b>

Naomi Makemie Presbyterian  
Church  
PO Box 397  
Onancock, VA 23417  
Send address changes here



New Church Directory has been emailed and printed. If anyone is in need of one please contact either church. One will be emailed or a printed copy can be picked up at either church.



Reverend Monica Gould -Pastor

**Naomi Makemie 89 Market St Onancock**

Mailing Address- P.O. Box 397 Onancock, VA 23417  
Staff and Elders

Music Director & Organist-Katie Klawitter Clerk-*vacant*  
Class of 2019 Laura Naylor, Jennifer Stapleton, Tracey  
Arvidson Class of 2020 Megan Ames, Rick Turner,  
Marshall Ryon Class of 2021 Anne Barnes, Ron May,  
Linda Arvidson

Web-[NMPresChurch.org](http://NMPresChurch.org)

**Francis Makemie 23355 Back St Accomac**

Mailing Address- P.O. Box 680 Accomac, VA 23301  
Staff and Elders

Organist and vocalist-Jill Cathey  
Cynthia D. Hall-clerk Richard F. Hall III treasurer The  
class of 2019 Charlie Mahler and Rick Hall. The class of  
2020 Joe Valentine and Paul Hughes Class of 2020  
Leslie Mosher

Web address: [Francismakemiepc.org](http://Francismakemiepc.org)