

# Glad Tidings

*You are the God of  
miracles and **WONDERS!** You  
still demonstrate  
your **AWESOME** power. Psalm  
77:14*

*The Living Bible (TLB)*

**NOVEMBER 2019**

## The Newsletter of Francis Makemie Presbyterian Church

Established 1708 in Accomac, VA

## Naomi Makemie Presbyterian Church

Established 1883 Onancock, VA

There is something absolutely fascinating to me about the study of history. Two weeks ago Donna and I joined members of the Francis Makemie Society at Makemie Monument Park to break bread at their annual picnic. Such a diverse and lively group they were! Yet all had one thing in common: love for the heritage and history of this man who had founded Presbyterianism both in America and here on the Eastern Shore.

We love to study our roots, our ancestors, and our family origins so that we can somehow learn who we are and find a blessing in that knowledge. So it is with our spiritual roots. The more we learn about Francis and Naomi Makemie, the more we begin to see them as ordinary people who gave birth to a dream of religious freedom and to the tide of religious fervor that swept a nation not yet born. They were the pioneers of the soul who gave us a place to worship and a vision of faith that was born out of deep devotion and the commonsense lives of immigrants from the British Isles.

It was that way too with those first Christians who had been drawn by the gentle Savior with his extraordinary face and sweet voice that could thunder in indignation or soothe a sick child and caress a mother in pain. He had that effect for sure—it is everywhere in the account of his life and words. And those who followed wanted to know about how those early disciples came to found a movement, recruiting the intense Paul and the others who gave up everything to follow. And soon accounts were written down, sermons were saved and passed on. Until words became Gospel and Scriptures, and those writings became Holy and Sacred.

That's how the faith works. We hear the word proclaimed, we read the stories about the people who came to give themselves wholly to the life Jesus offered, and we find ourselves moved and inspired by something greater and nobler than we ourselves. And history becomes a living and breathing reality that somehow captures the essence of our life's meaning. Faith begins by hearing, then understanding, then embracing the love of God embodied in Jesus Christ. Amazing what we can learn from the study of history.

Pastor Steve



**IN MEMORIAM -- VIRGINIA WILSON BRADLEY HALL, "Pete"**

**JUNE 2, 1928 ~ SEPTEMBER 22, 2019 (AGE 91)**

Sometimes the passing of a loved one leaves not just a family, but an entire community, in the shadow of grief. Such was the situation with the passing of Virginia Wilson Bradley Hall, or simply, as she was known, Pete Hall. She leaves behind an emptiness in the Hall family, in the congregation of Francis Makemie Presbyterian Church, and perhaps in a great part of the entire Eastern Shore.

She was laid to rest in peace at Edgehill Cemetery in Accomac, VA, on September 25, 2019, next to her beloved Dick, Richard Hall, Jr, who passed from this life to the next on September 25, 2011. They were married in March of 1951. Together they made their mark on whatever community they graced, their generosity flowing naturally from their hearts.

Words to describe her were: generous, with dignity, loyal, kind-hearted, full of life, wise, funny, tough, told it like it was, loved bright colors and happy designs, wanted others to be happy, spread the joy of living, loved to entertain, liked getting dressed up, loved family, dedicated, stubborn at times, diligent about orderliness, delighted in the children, loved the water.

She trained to be a kindergarten teacher and founded a school for young children in Hurlock, MD where she had grown up and attended school. She also taught at Sidwell Friend's School in Washington DC. When she and Dick came to The Shore they were instrumental in helping to found and develop Broadwater Academy. They sponsored the building of the gymnasium which is named the Hall Center in their honor. Dick served on the board there for many years, and Pete spent hours and hours, reading stories to the little ones.

There is so much more that could be said about such a remarkable woman who devoted herself to her family, to her church, and to her community. She is dearly missed, and her legacy lives on in the lives of her family and friends, and the lives of the children here on The Shore. Helen Keller said that *"what we have once enjoyed we can never lose; all that we deeply love becomes a part of us."* Pete Hall, dearly loved, is a permanent part of those who knew her and loved her, and through her efforts to give children a future thorough education, she will be a silent, but permanent, part of the lives of young ones who never knew her.

***She is clothed with strength and dignity;  
she can laugh at the days to come.  
She speaks with wisdom,  
and faithful instruction is on her tongue.  
She watches over the affairs of her household  
and does not eat the bread of idleness.  
Her children arise and call her blessed;  
her husband also, and he praises her:  
"Many women do noble things,  
but you surpass them all."*** --Proverbs 31:26-2

Her obituary may be seen at <https://www.williamsfuneralhomes.com/notices/Virginia-Hall>



**TWO ACCOMACK WOMEN HONORED AT THE DEDICATION OF THE  
VIRGINIA WOMENS MONUMENT ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, IN RICHMOND.**

**ANN MAKEMIE HOLDEN, DAUGHTER OF NAOMI AND FRANCIS MAKEMIE,  
SUSIE AMES -- AN ANCESTOR OF TED AMES OF NMPC**

Two Accomack County women were honored at the dedication of the Virginia Womens Monument on Monday in Richmond. The monument consists of seven bronze statues and a glass wall of honor bearing the names of 230 Virginia women. Two of the names on the wall are Susie Ames and Ann Makemie Holden, both from Accomack County.

According to the Library of Virginia, Ames(1888-1969), was born in Pungoteague, was one of the few women with a doctorate degree in her time. After teaching at her alma mater Randolph-Macon Womens College, she published one of the first scholarly studies of the Eastern Shore during the Civil War, but her work concentrated on Virginia's early colonial period and its people. Ames edited and published two volumes of seventeenth-century Eastern Shore county court records, the first of them in 1954 in the prestigious American Legal Records series that the American Historical Association sponsored. Ames's five books and her scholarly articles in professional journals made major contributions to understanding the social and cultural life of men, women, and children in seventeenth-century Virginia. Ames was also a founder of the Eastern Shore of Virginia Historical Society and in 1964 received a certificate of commendation from the American Association for State and Local History.

Holden(1703-1787), daughter of Naomi and Francis Makemie, was a landowner, successful business woman manager, champion of American Independence. According to the Library of Virginia, she was born in Accomack County and inherited her father's property along Matchatank Creek after his death in 1708. She subsequently inherited additional land and enslaved laborers from her first two husbands, merchant Thomas Blair and Maryland planter Robert King. The wealthy widow married Accomack County Court clerk George Holden by the middle of the 1760s, but did not marry again after he died about December 1773.

Ann Holden successfully managed her extensive landholdings, where her more than fifty enslaved laborers raised wheat, flax, corn, and tobacco in addition to sheep, pigs, and cattle. During the American Revolution she supplied Continental and Virginia troops with corn and beef. As a woman she was unable to vote, but she sought to preserve the ideals of the new Republic and in June 1787 she deeded property to four of her male relatives with the caveat that they each vote "for the most Wise and Discreet men who have Proved themselves real Friends to the American Independence" to represent Accomack County. When she wrote her will five months later she provided for family members with bequests of property and slaves, specified £50 to the "Good poor of my Neighborhood" and £100 to a nearby church, emancipated one of her slaves, and requested her heirs to care for those of her slaves who were elderly and "past their Labour."



### DATES TO REMEMBER

PW-- NOV 4 @ 11:30  
LUNCH BUNCH-- NOV 12 @ NOON  
(MARKET ST. GRILL)  
NMPC Session -- NOV 17  
SPLASH Food Project NOV 17 & 18  
THANKSGIVING, NOV 28  
FAITH MEETS LIFE MEN'S GROUP, NOV  
29 @ 9AM

### HOMEBOUND FRIENDS

#### Community Senior Living

Elta Green

#### At Home

Don Broad and Gloria

Kim Penland

### **ADVENT & CHRISTMAS DATES**

DECEMBER 1st            ADVENT 1  
DECEMBER 8nd        ADVENT 2  
DECEMBER 15th       ADVENT 3  
                 NMPC CHOIR PROGRAM  
                 NMPC CHILDREN'S PROGRAM  
DECEMBER 22nd       ADVENT 4  
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES  
         NMPC 7 PM  
         FRMPC 11 PM

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!**

|                   |       |
|-------------------|-------|
| Dave Klawitter    | 11-02 |
| Carolyn Armstrong | 11-08 |
| Amelia Stapleton  | 11-11 |
| Steve Sadtler     | 11-11 |
| Leslie Mosher     | 11-12 |
| Carter Klawitter  | 11-14 |
| Donna Doan        | 11-14 |
| Jeanne Sadtler    | 11-15 |
| Jill Cathey       | 11-16 |
| Barbara Haynes    | 11-16 |
| Laura Naylor      | 11-21 |
| Mary Ryser        | 11-24 |
| Agnes Willard     | 11-24 |
| Christopher Ames  | 11-26 |
| Cassie Parker     | 11-27 |

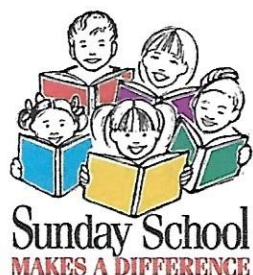
### **HALLOWEEN** is almost here --

Costumes, candy, reaching out to kids!  
Halloween Evangelism! Last year we  
passed out 600 treat bags! We have  
500 candy bags ready to go--thanks to  
Tracey and her crew. Come join us  
from 5-8pm on the front steps of the  
church! Costumes not mandatory, but  
certainly FUN!





# YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL COMPOSES CHRISTMAS PROGRAM!



**Hey, kids!** Remember to bring your Bibles to Sunday school! We will be using them and helping you learn how to find things in them. We are going to be writing our own story for the Christmas program at church! Bring ideas... What if Jesus were born now, in our day and time? What would that look like?

**We will work on the program in Sunday school**

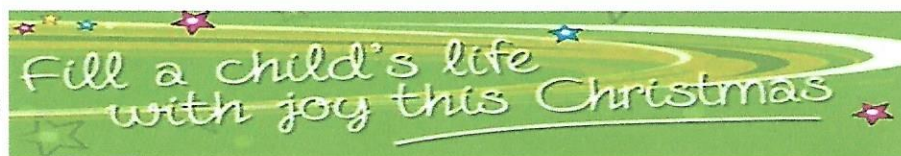
## NOVEMBER MISSION MATTERS!

- Mission Matter** --Supporting
- Mission Mega** --Angel Tree & collection of Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes
- Mission Mini** --Santa Shop/Stuffing Christmas Child shoe boxes -- Nov 17th during Sunday school
- Mission Move** --Supporting local business, i.e. ESVA Artisan's Guild Trail & Shop small business local

PLEASE CHECK YOUR SUNDAY CHURCH BULLETIN FOR UPDATES

DECEMBER: **Mission Matter** Giving -- **Mission Mega** Angel Tree & (reverse) Advent Calendar collecting for the food bank -- **Mission Mini** Angel Tree Assembly & Decorating -- **Mission Move** Spend Discretionary Funds

**SPLASH PROJECT** -- Grant approved again this year for \$1,250 from PEVA. This is a program to help supplement seniors' food supply in our area. NMPC helps with grant writing, supplements funding, helps gather and distribute food. We will pack up the food on Monday, November 18th and distribute food the next day, Tuesday, November 19th... Look for additional information in bulletins at church....



This year we are participating in the wonderful **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** program. This program collects shoeboxes filled with toys, school supplies, crafts, and hygiene products and distributes them all around the world. We have brochures that explain the program in more detail including gift ideas and items that **cannot** be put into the shoeboxes. This program is very meaningful to the recipients, so please consider putting a box together. **Empty boxes will be available on November 3rd.** Take one and fill it up! **Filled boxes due Sunday, November 17th.** There is a small charge for shipping, AND you will be given a tracking number that will tell you where your box is going!!

<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>



# **MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT OCTOBER 15-DECEMBER 7**

**Have any questions?**

**On November 10 Linda Arvidson will be available after church,  
during coffee and snack time, to answer questions.**

**Medicare Open Enrollment is here.**

**Now is the time to compare your Medicare coverage for 2020.  
Why Change? Plans change and your health care needs do too.**

**You may save money!**

**For a free comparison of the best prescription drug plans for your needs, call us.**

## **COMPARE PLANS**

**Virginia Insurance Counseling Assistance Program  
Eastern Shore Area Agency Aging/Community Action Agency  
5432 Payside Road, Exmore, VA 23350  
757-442-9652 Ext. 35**

## **BIBLE TRIVIA**

**#1 What fell from Elijah as he was carried into heaven?**

- a. his mantle                      b. his staff
- b. his water bottle              d. his sandals

**#2 What trade was Jesus most familiar with as a young man?**

- a. carpentry                      b. blacksmith
- c. baking                          d. fishing

**#3 What spoke to Moses when he was out with the sheep?**

- a. a camel                          b. a brook
- c. a stone                          d. a burning bush

**#4 What was King Solomon known for around the world?**

- a. strength                          b. wisdom
- c. good looks                      d. humor

**#5 What was the box that held the tablets containing the ten commandments called?**

- a. The Ark of the Covenant
- b. The Septuagint
- c. The Cask of the Cherubim
- d. The Vessel of Sinai

**#6 Which of the following plagues did God NOT send upon the Egyptians when Pharaoh would not free the Hebrews?**

- a. hailstorm                          b. earthquake
- c. locusts                              d. frogs

**#7 Which of these names is not used to refer to the Messiah in the Bible?**

- a. Lord of Lords                      b. Prince of Peace
- c. Lover of Souls                      d. King of Kings

## **ANSWERS**

**#1-a; #2-a; #3-d; #4-b; 5-a; #6-b; #7-c**



**LUNCH BUNCH** -- Tuesday, November 12th, Market St. Grill, Noon  
Good food! Great fellowship! What's not to like?! Come join us!

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Presbyterian Women will continue their fall study on November 4, 2019. We are studying the book *Life Lessons from John*. For the November meeting, please read & reflect on Lesson 2. November 4 will also be our "Thank Offering"; Anne Barnes will present a small program explaining this Presbyterian Women mission project.

We meet on the first Monday of each month at 11:30 in the Makemie Room. Bring a bag lunch; drink and dessert are provided. See you on November 4!

Blessings, Pam Nielsen, Moderator

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**STEWARDSHIP--** "the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care"

**FROM ELDER RICK TURNER--** It is fall; the leaves are turning, nights get cooler, it gets dark earlier, and churches almost everywhere turn their thoughts to **stewardship**. Now, to some pastors and to some congregations this is a difficult time. But our church has always had a very open and positive attitude about the meaning and the importance of stewardship. We are all, collectively, stewards of our beautiful and revered building and the caring missions that it produces. This year, one of our best-ever themes for stewardship is the puzzle pieces that make a church a whole. It clearly takes all of our time, talent, and treasure to solve the puzzle of creating a place of God that radiates grace within and without. Knowing how critical time, talent, and treasure are to our church's success, we might take some time to ponder our role in stewardship and consider ways that we might make sure that the pieces fit together in a structure that blesses God, ourselves, and our community.

**FROM ELDER JENNIFER STAPLETON --** This year's Stewardship Campaign is coming to a close. Our theme this year was called Time, Talent, and Treasure. Stewardship is not just about how much money we can give, but about what talent we can share and how much time we can give. Over the past few weeks, we've seen a puzzle come together that shows a picture of our church. Each of those pieces is valuable because if one piece is missing, then the picture is not complete. Of course money is important. Money is what keeps the lights on and helps us reach out to our community. But so are time and talent. Time can be as simple as reading scripture during the service to volunteering during Vacation Bible School. Do you love baking? Sign up for coffee hour. Do you enjoy building things? Consider building something for the Christmas program. Pledge forms will be in the bulletin soon so please think about how much more you can give with Time, Talent, and Treasure..



## DAYS OF AWE AND WONDER – SUMMARY OF A JOURNEY OF PASSAGE

9/23 Mike and Monica depart the US and reunite with their boat “Neverland” in Spain the next day. Joined by son Ben Gould and his wife Ugne.

9/28 “We are on our way and we see Orion rising!” Leaving Alicante, Spain on Day One of the Passage.

10/2 “Passage Part One Complete”—Alicante to Cartagena to Malaga. Ben and Ugne depart.

10/4 They departed Malaga for Gibraltar and got to do laundry and other chores.

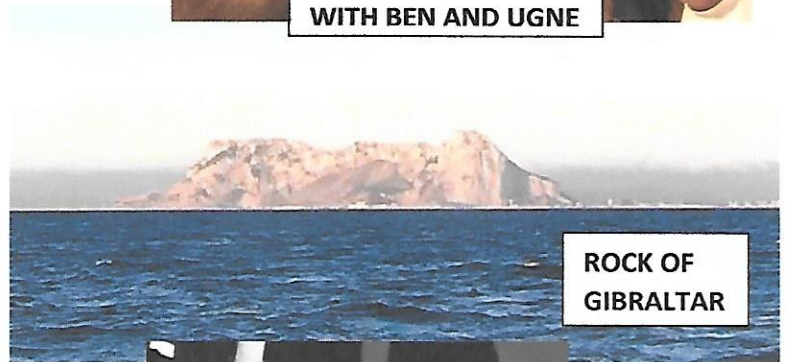
10/6 “We raised anchor in Gibraltar at 12:10 pm and headed through the Strait of Gibraltar and into the Atlantic.”

10/10 “Arrived in Agadir (Morocco) at 1600 local time Thursday October 10. Four days travel approximately 500 nautical miles. Alls well.”

10/13 Joyful worship with the Protestant Community of Agadir. “ I'm looking forward to experiencing just a tiny portion of this congregation's huge ministry to the migrants of Morocco next week. Pastor Maxi and his wife and daughters are so warm, welcoming, and full of energy for the Lord. Let's consider ways we can spread the Good News of God's love at home and across the world.—Pastor Monica



WITH BEN AND UGNE



ROCK OF GIBRALTAR

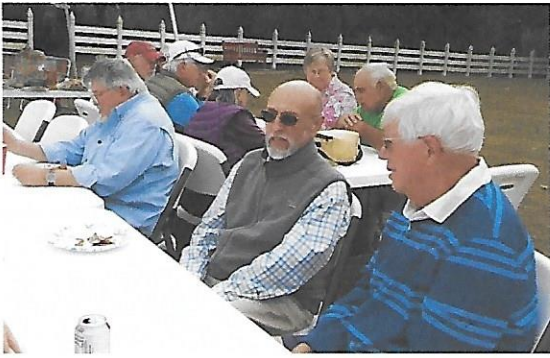


WORSHIP AT AGADIR





## OCTOBER IN PICTURES





**PICNIC AT  
MAKEMIE  
MONUMENT  
PARK**



**LUNCH BUNCH AT  
CROSSROADS COFFEE SHOP**



| November 2019  | November 2019  | November 2019                              | November 2019                                  | November 2019   | November 2019   | November 2019                             |
|--|--|--|--|---|---|---|
| SUNDAY   | MONDAY   | TUESDAY                                    | WEDNESDAY                                      | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY                                  |
| October 27<br>Retreat concludes 10am<br>— T-shirt Sunday<br>— @ NMPC<br>11am —joint worship with communion   | October 28   | October 29                                 | October 30                                     | October 31<br><b>HALLOWEEN</b><br>Pass out treat bags in front of church.<br><br>Choir Practice 5:30-7            | 1<br>All Saints Day<br><br>Contemplative Movement 10am NMPC                     | 2   |
| 3<br>Worship 9:15 FMPC<br>11:00 NMPC<br>Adult SS 9:30  | 4<br>PW 11:30  | 5  | 6<br><a href="#">Saxophone Day</a>             | 7<br>Prayer meeting 8:30<br>Choir Practice 5:30-7   | 8<br>Contemplative Movement 10am NMPC   | 9   |
| 10 Worship 9:15 FMPC<br>11:00 NMPC<br>Adult SS 9:30<br><br>Linda Arvidson talks about Open Enrollment  | 11<br><b>VETERANS DAY</b>  | 12<br>Lunch Bunch Noon<br>Market St. Grill | 13<br><a href="#">World Kindness Day</a>       | 14<br><br>Choir Practice 5:30-7   | 15<br><br>Contemplative Movement 10am NMPC                                      | 16<br><a href="#">Button Day</a>          |
| 17<br>Worship 9:15 FMPC<br>11:00 NMPC<br>Adult SS 9:30<br>DUE DATE FOR SHOEBOXES   | 18<br>Pack up <b>SPLASH</b> food<br><br>NMPC Session Meeting 5:30 pm | 19<br>Deliver <b>SPLASH</b> food           | 20<br><a href="#">Universal Children's Day</a> | 21<br>Prayer meeting 8:30<br><br>Choir Practice 5:30-7  | 22<br>Contemplative Movement 10am NMPC  | 23<br><a href="#">National Cashew Day</a> |
| 24<br><br>Worship 9:15 FMPC<br>11:00 NMPC<br>Adult SS 9:30   | 25<br><a href="#">National Parfait Day</a>                           | 26   | 27   | 28<br><b>THANKSGIVING</b><br> | 29<br>Faith Meets Life Men's Group 9 am<br><br>Contemplative Movement 10am NMPC | 30  |
| December 1<br>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT<br><br>Worship 9:15 FMPC<br>11:00 NMPC<br>Adult SS 9:30 | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5<br><br>Choir Practice 5:30  | 6<br><br>Contemplative Movement 10am NMPC                                       | 7   |