

GLAD TIDINGS

The Newsletter of Francis Makemie Presbyterian Church www.francismakemiepc.org
And Naomi Makemie Presbyterian Church nmpreschurch.org

January 2021

Psalm 121 I lift my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth...

As I work to finish the Newsletter for January 2021, I find it difficult to put into words a summary of 2020. So I put together a video with just a few brief pictures as a visual of how we were the church together in difficult times. Thank you, all of you, for your presence, your sustaining thoughtfulness and your continuous support of the mission and ministry of God's church. May 2021 bring us to an even stronger faith and ministry together. The video is posted on Facebook and both our web pages. It is too big of a file to add to the email that goes out with this newsletter, so, please look for it and view it to see how we have been blessed as a church in our relationship with one another.

As we go into 2021 let us remember that the life of the church is lived out in five areas of faith practice. Those areas are *worship, mission, education, fellowship, and leadership*. We look forward to seeing you online or in person throughout 2021 as we raise our voices in praise of God our Savior, now and forever.

Much love,

Monica



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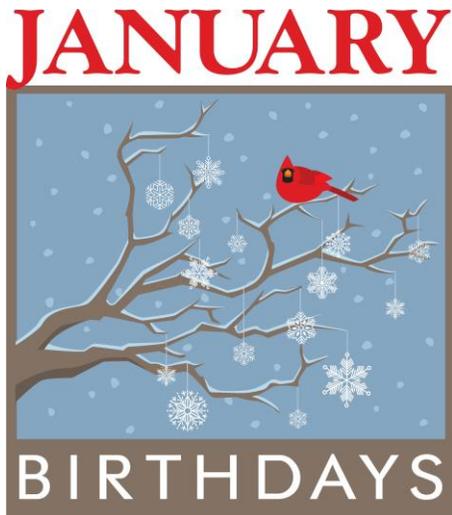


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FELLOWSHIP



JANUARY

Charlie Hughes	01-03
Michele Van Hove	01-04
Nina Close	01-09
Harper Grey Herbert	01-16
Jean Freeman	01-21
Addison Stapleton	01-22
Nancy Drew Picard	01-28
Mary Helen Gardner	01-30
Tom Nielsen	01-30

Our members are in transition. Here is a message and an address change.

Dear Friends,

I am finally off to the old folk's home! As of Jan. 20, 2021, I will be at ***Sunnyside Retirement Community, 1130 Highlands Place #221, Rockingham, VA 22801***. My new phone number is **(540) 568-8630** and my e-mail remains jodyleehumphreys@gmail.com.

It has been a great 11 years and I leave you with two quotes:

Kathleen Norris "...*they are making us a gift of their very lives.*" You all have certainly done that for me and I am grateful.

Lewis B. Smedes "*Human fellowship and sturdy joy come to us as we create and keep on re-creating our fragile human relationships making them last through the power of caring love. To dare to make and care to keep commitments, this is love.*" These two churches have surely accomplished this mission.

Special thanks go to Joe's Boys and Presbyterian Women. I'll miss choir, Sunday School and Vacation Bible School. Also thanks to FMPC for their sanctuary and joint mission work. Blessings always. See you online! **Jody Humphreys**

A Proper Goodbye

We can't let Jody leave us without a proper goodbye. Eastville is too far away for a 'drive by farewell'. So, Jody will be in church in person **on January 17**. Please send Monica your notes of farewell and we'll share them with Jody in worship on that Sunday. Also, there will be a small gathering of folks at the pub following worship if there are those who wish to 'drop by' to say farewell there. Don't forget to send Monica mongould@gmail.com notes, sentiments, pictures, poems before January 15. Thanks so much



It is hard to find words to share when one of our own is struck with an illness or a tragedy, a sickness or a life changing event. Here are two special families who are in transition too. In God we find our refuge and our solace.



Please pray for **Harry Rush**.

Harry has been diagnosed with stage 4 sarcoma cancer on his leg, in his liver and lungs on Christmas Day and is now in Hospice care. Needless to say we are all in shock. Please lift up prayers for these dear friends and precious folk. Harry and Carol are in their new apartment. Cards, letters, reading material may be sent to them at: 640 Willow Valley Square

Apt I -305

Lancaster, PA 17602

We are so glad to know that **Andrew May** and Joan & Ron are progressing together through rehab and we appreciate that they are keeping us posted about his care and how they are managing all of it. Ron has shared many times how he is thankful for all the prayers of the church and friends. They can receive cards at their new address as well as at their home address. Keep praying!!

Here is a note from [Joan May sharing the progress of Andrew - December 26](#)

We are settled in the **Residence Inn - 1800 Wilkes Ridge Circle**

Richmond VA 23233 for a while. One of us will be going back and forth to home to check on things and to finish getting the house ready for Andrew to be there.

We are keeping him in the Richmond area so he can take advantage of the outpatient therapy they offer here. He has had several sessions already. He was discharged from Sheltering Arms Institute Wed., Dec. 16. We've learned how to help him transfer from wheelchair to shower chair and bed.

He's learning how to communicate with us. Lots of hand signals. Joan Each day there are new signs of progress. Praise God!



We received news this week that our longtime member **Mary Ryser** passed away just days before Christmas. Mary was an elder, bell choir leader, choir member and many other areas of the church ministry. Cards may be sent to her family member who shared the news with us at: Sandra Jones 511 Willow Bend Drive Chesapeake, VA 23323.

Psalm 91 *He that dwells in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty...he shall cover you with his pinions and under his wings you will find refuge.*



Photo credit Joe Valentine



In 2020 we continue our focus on mission in three formats. Each month there is an overall theme: January is Hunger And then within that theme we take on a *congregational effort* known as MEGA. The *Youth* take on an effort known as MINI and families at Home continue the effort through out the year known as METHOD. Below is all you need to get involved for January of 2021. Tracey Arvidson is our Mission chair. We thank her for her way of keeping us focused on God's call to care for others.

Mission Theme: Hunger

Mission Mega (Congregation Effort)

Souper Bowl of Caring

The Souper Bowl of Caring is a nationwide movement inspiring people to give locally and make a collective impact on hunger. Please consider giving funds to support our local food bank this month.

Mission Mini (Youth Effort)

At Home

www.freerice.com

Learn to play trivia games- correct answers send rice to feed hungry people around the world

At Church | **Third Sunday January 17 at 11 am in-person** Youth will **bake for the ARC House.**

Mission Method (Ongoing Effort)

Please **donate cans of soup** to the bins for the Food Bank kept at church.

FMPC has chosen **the ARC house** as their focus of mission again this year. At Easter and Christmas the residents received gift baskets and gift cards. We look forward to serving the residents and staff of this fine facility.



Our mission to serve the students of the church and the community continues in 2020. The meeting dates for January are:

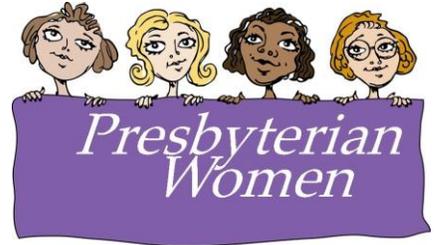
Tuesday January 5 8:30-2

Tuesday January 12 8:30-2

Tuesday January 19 8:30-2

No school assistance on Tuesday January 26

If you know of a student in grades 2-8th in need of this service, please contact Monica



Hi Ladies,

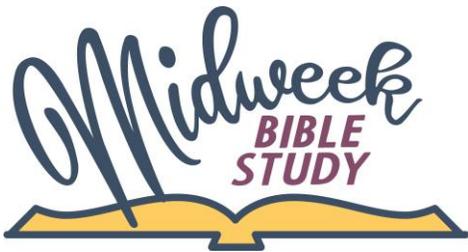
Our next scheduled meeting is set for one week later, January 11, 2021.

Our lesson, Lesson 11 (The Risen Christ) will be led by Donna Doan, and Anne will be hostess.

We will need to have a discussion about what book to study next. It has been suggested that we do a Max Lucado offering from the Old Testament, but all ideas will be considered.

Blessings for a Holy Christmas and wishes for a HEALTHY, happy New Year!

Pam



We'll host another **ZOOM midweek Bible Study**. This time the focus will be on the creeds of the church. We'll begin with the Apostle's creed and ask all those questions of why do we say things like 'catholic church' or descended into hell' We'll move from the Apostle's creed to the Nicene Creed. The code to register will be sent out later. For those interested please let Monica know. This study is for adults, youth, folks near and far.

Dates are: **Thursday January 14, 21, and 28 from 10:30-11:15**

In February, during Lent we will host a Zoom Lenten study.



Our children's Sunday school program will continue with online videos that are posted on the NMPC website. Monica will teach the next few lessons while Joan is away. She will be back to continue to share stories and skits and lessons with you. Look for lessons to be posted next week and then again later in the month.

And don't forget **our in-person mission class January 17 at 11 am**

worship WITH US



Francis Makemie meets every Sunday in-person at 9:15 am. Jill Cathey is our organist and soloist. Our services are not recorded. We wear our masks and sit socially distant. We stay seated throughout the service. We do sing during worship. We do have quarterly communion. We do not have fellowship hour but do fellowship out on the steps of the church following worship.



Naomi Makemie meets every Sunday in-person and online at 11 am. Katie Klawitter is our organist and music director. Our services are aired live through Facebook and recorded and uploaded to our website the same day. We wear our masks and sit socially distant. We stay seated throughout the service. We do sing during worship. We do have communion however, it is now quarterly. We do not have fellowship hour but do fellowship socially distant in the side room know as the Cada Grove room or outside on the steps.



Our outdoor worship experience will be held at Makemie Park on Saturday January 23rd at 2pm.

Come join us for a short devotional and then take a family stroll and discover all the work that has been done to upgrade the waterfront. Bring your camera to enjoy remember the beauty.

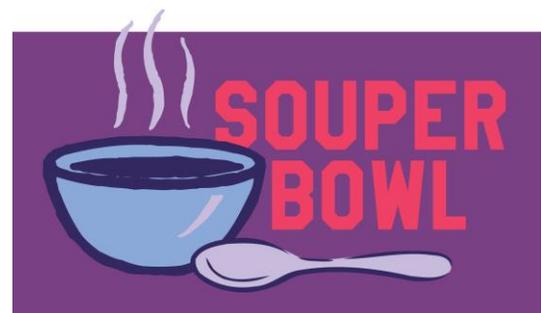
There are no facilities at this site so plan accordingly.

This occasion is weather permitting. No rain date set.

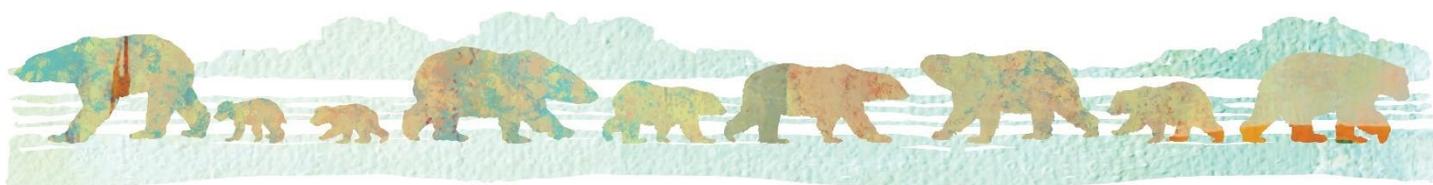
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