

GLAD TIDINGS

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

March 2021

Psalm 91 [God] will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart. You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday.

Dear Friends,

One year ago we entered into a crisis we could never have imagined it's course. Here we are one year later still living in the world that has been ravaged by a pandemic. It has been a challenging year of loss, hardship, pain, suffering, disappointment, separation and sorrow. Yet, through God's presence, within this challenge we discovered opportunities and innovation we would never have known had we not traveled this course of life. We have found life, love and joy woven throughout the whole year.

In this year's season of Lent may we take the time to reflect on all the good we have been able to share with others. May we reflect on the relationships we were able to restore, reconnect, renew through new ways of technology. During this past year there have been silver linings that need to be brought into the light. Lent is about moving from darkness to light. It is about drawing upon the gift of the Savior's holiness to open our thoughts to see the goodness of God in our midst.

While we will not deny the deep sadness of so many, let us be reminded of the joy of life as brothers and sisters in Christ. A continued holy Lent to you and a blessed resurrection day.

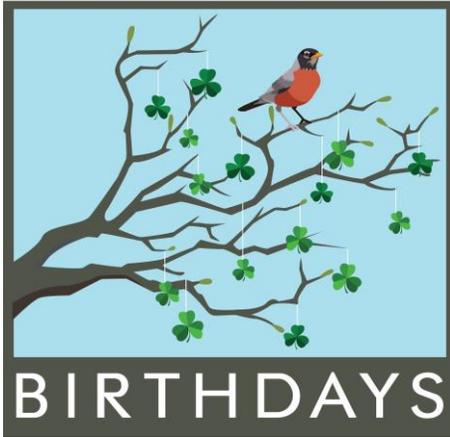
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Special dates

- World Day of Prayer, *March 5, 2021*
- Daylight-Saving Time begins, *March 14, 2021*
- First day of spring, *March 20, 2021*
- Holy Week, *March 28 – April 4, 2021*
- Palm/Passion Sunday, *March 28, 2021*



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Joanne Humphreys	03-01
Jerry Fluharty	03-02
Wanda Hughes	03-05
Kate Jacob	03-05
Erin Fletcher Hall	03-09
Carol Rush	03-09
Mike Gould	03-15
Becky Lock	03-16
Harold William Deuter	03-16
Barbara Mears	03-18
Rick Hall	03-21
John Callander	03-21
Patty Davis	03-21
Fitz Godwin	03-22
Miles Barnes	03-24
Bruce Holland	03-26
Brandon Stapleton	03-31



We've Lost a Friend



Our family lost one of our most beloved senior members this past week. **Richard Kimball Penland, known as Kim, crossed over to join family and friends February 3, 2021.** He is survived by his wife of 64 years: Jo Alison Gibb Penland of Accomac; four children: Ellen, Nancy, Bruce, and Carrie; nine grandchildren: Kyle and Jeanne Sullivan, Danielle, Chris, and Alison Jenster, Bronwyn and Gillian Earthman, and Allie and Jordan Penland; a one year old grandchild: Emmet; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

A memorial service will be held late this summer, when family and friends can safely gather from varied locations. Details to be provided when available.

Donations in lieu of flowers can be made to Riverside Shore Hospice, P.O. Box 615, Onley, VA 23418 or to your favorite charity.

The family thanks everyone for their kindness, especially the wonderful staff at Riverside Shore Hospice and the EMT's at Onancock and Tasley Fire Departments, who came to our aide many times when we needed help.

The full obituary can be found online:

<https://www.williamsfuneralhomes.com/obituary/RKim-Penland>

Men's Group will meet on Friday March the 26th at 9 am at NMPC. See you there. Contact Rick Turner for any questions. This group has been a faithful support of the men of both congregations. Join them in a time of study, prayer, and fellowship.





Condolences to Andy Mason and his family in the loss of his mother Anne Mason on February 8, 2021.



Harry Rush Memorial service Saturday March 20 at 1 pm at NMPC. Registration is required via phone call and email to Rev. Monica Gould at mongould@gmail.com., 757-709-2846. The service will be available online for those unable to be present via Facebook at the NMPC page. *Attendance requirements include social distancing and mask wearing during the whole service.* Carol and family are truly grateful for your care and concern during this difficult time.



NMPC MISSION FOR MARCH

Offers a Variety of ways to participate with the theme **SHARE** this month:

Mission Matter: **SHARE**

Mission Mega: Participation of ONE GREAT HOUR of SHARING use your Lenten kit fish bank to collect coins. Or use your own bank to collect your coins. The collection will be taken up on Palm Sunday and on Easter.



MISSION Mini-youth Sunday school project- a KINDNESS MATTERS craft on Sunday March 21st

Mission Move- A collection of toys and art supplies for the children of ESCADV. Please bring these in to the marked box at NMPC during the month of March. They will be delivered to ESCADV Easter week. Thank you for your heart for missions.

Toys & Art COLLECTION



FMPC Mission News

Food collection for the Food Bank continues each month. Thank you to *Wanda Hughes* for decorating the box and clearly marking it.

The mission to the **ARC house** continues. We'll be providing Easter treats again this year. Be on the lookout for the message of what we'll need.



Our mission to serve the students of the church and the community continues in 2021. The meeting dates for February are:

Tuesday March 2nd 8:30-2

Tuesday March 9 8:30-2

Tuesday March 16 8:30-2

Tuesday March 23 8:30-2

Tuesday March 30 no school

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



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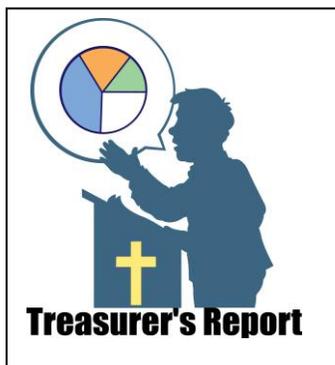
	2021 Budget	2020 Actual	2020 Budget
Income			
Envelope & Plate	\$92,200	\$94,990	\$98,000
Fundraisers and miscel.	\$1,600	\$290	\$2,450
From Trusts	\$18,000	\$13,500	\$15,000
Total Income	\$111,800	\$108,780	\$115,450
Expenses			
Clergy, Manse & Pulpit Supply	\$72,250	\$65,374	\$75,725
Less FMPC Share	-\$14,000	-\$12,649	-\$14,500
Net Pulpit	\$58,250	\$52,725	\$61,225
Other Payroll	\$14,220	\$13,956	\$14,220
Church Building	\$20,230	\$13,084	\$18,575
Mission	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000
Presbyterian Women	\$0	\$600	\$1,330
Miscellaneous	\$7,100	\$6,903	\$8,100
Total Expense	\$111,800	\$99,268	\$115,450
Net	\$0	\$9,512	\$0

Note from the NMPC Treasurer: Below is a brief summary of last year's finances. You will see that income was not as expected but because of the pandemic expenses also dropped. A large item was the forgiveness of benefits expense by the Presbyterian Church USA.

With just one finalized month under our belts this year, the general trends continue. All we can ask, at this point, is to keep up with your support of our church. We appreciate you so much.

Ways of Giving: Some have asked if our websites have a way to pay at a click. We have discovered that is currently too expensive for us. We would recommend using "BILL PAY" through your online bank account as an effective way to create a monthly draft to be mailed to either church at their PO Box numbers.

Again, we thank you so much for your support.



Our next **Presbyterian Women meeting is scheduled for Monday March 1 at 11:30.** Hope to see you all there, either in person or by zoom.

We will start our new study, *Life Lessons from Ezra & Nehemiah* by Max Lucado. Please read the introduction as well as Lesson 1- Following God's Guidance. Wilma will lead us in this study. Dues for the year of \$5.25 are due on March 1.



Here is the Zoom sign in information.

When: Mar 1, 2021 11:30 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZclf-GorDsoHdR3BtRPR5zNRoeNt6gDVSSf>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Harry Rush's memorial service will be on March 20 at 1 pm. I could use some help with the reception, which will be for family and out of town guests. Please let me know if you can help on March 20, or if you can bake a dessert. See you March 1 at 11:30! Blessings, Pam nielsenpm@verizon.net

LENTEN KITS

There are still several kits remaining. 2021 theme is TAKE UP YOUR CROSS. Our worship will focus on the importance of discipleship. The goal is to have tangible reminders of our responsibility to be a faithful disciple, to grow in grace, and to be active in mission and ministry for our Lord. The first step is to get up and go with the call of Jesus. Please contact Monica so we can include you in this activity Monica mongould@gmail.com

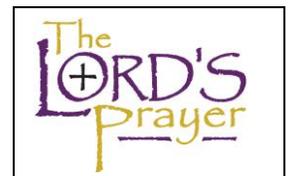


ZOOM LENTEN BIBLE STUDY Thursdays March 4 & 11 at 10:30 am

Take up Our Cross in Prayer. A four week (2 weeks remaining) study in Prayer with a focus on the **Lord's Prayer.** When: March 4 & 11, 2021 10:30 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada) Register in advance for this meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZMtdeyhrz8uE9Blf7gleanAguOV_F7_UEf4

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In this **season of LENT** we invite you to continue to worship with us. Join us in person for worship in March @ 9:15 at FMPC & online and in person at 11:00 at NMPC

March 7 3rd Sunday in Lent 'Take up your cross and obey

March 14 4th Sunday in Lent Take up your cross and believe

March 21 5th Sunday in Lent Take up your cross and be light

March 28 PALM Sunday

April 4 EASTER



We'll wave the palms at both churches March 28 9:15 & 11

Thursday April 1, 2021 MAUNDY THURSDAY Service. This is the evening we remember the Lord on the night of his Last Supper. Communion will be served. This service will be broadcast live as well as available in person **at NMPC at 6 pm**

Friday April 2, 2021 GOOD FRIDAY a short meditation will be broadcast only. No inperson.



The **Annual Easter Egg Hunt at FMPC** will return this year! The Easter Sunday tradition of hunting eggs and having the group portrait with the Francis Makemie statue will happen. We are excited to have some traditions occur as we transition back into fellowship activities with the congregation. See you all on April 4, 2021 Easter Sunday at 9:15 am at FMPC!



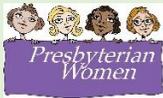
The **Annual NMPC tradition of flowering the Easter Cross** will be back this year. Last year, thanks to the wonderful efforts of the community, we had donations of flowers from your yards that made the cross the most beautiful it had ever been. Megan will decorate most of it early Sunday morning with your blooms and leave room for those in-person to add their touch.



Flowering of the Easter Cross

So, dig in your yard and we'll collect your flowers again this year. Flower collecting buckets will be located just outside the kitchen door on Lee Street! If you have a few blooms to share for the flowering of the cross, please drop off by 2pm on Saturday. Or call / text Megan for questions: 571.212.3644. *Single blooms (tulips, daffodils, etc.) Azaela , Camellia, Viburnum, Flowering branches of any kind (such as mock orange), all are welcome, thanks!*



March 2021	March 2021	March 2021	March 2021	March 2021	March 2021	March 2021
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	Wednesday	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
worship WITH US						
Feb 28 Lent 2 FMPC 9:15 NMPC 11	1  PW 11:30-1	2 Tuesday Students 8:30-2	3	4 Zoom Lenten Bible Study 10:30 am  Prayer Meeting 2:15 Choir 5:00	5 World Day of Prayer	6
7 Lent 3 FMPC 9:15 NMPC 11	8	9 Tuesday Students 8:30-2	10	11 Zoom Lenten Bible Study 10:30 am  Choir 5:00	12	13 
14 Lent 4 FMPC 9:15 NMPC 11	15 NMPC Session 5:30	16 Tuesday Students 8:30-2	17	18 Choir 5:00	19	20 Memorial Service for Harry Rush 1pm
21 Lent 5 FMPC 9:15 NMPC 11	22	23 Tuesday Students 8:30-2	24	25 Choir 5:00	26 Men's Group 9 am  MEN'S GROUP	27
28 Palm Sunday FMPC 9:15 NMPC 11	29 Holy Week	30 No Tuesday Students	31	April 1 Prayer Meeting 2:15 Maundy Thursday 6pm	2 Good Friday	3 Easter Vigil
4 Easter Sunday	5  PW 11:30-1 Study- Ezra/Nehemiah	6 Tuesday Students 8:30-2	7	8 Choir 5:00	9	10



Toni & Lane special music 😊



Monthly mini mission



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