

# GLAD TIDINGS

The Newsletter of Francis Makemie Presbyterian Church [www.francismakemiepc.org](http://www.francismakemiepc.org)  
And Naomi Makemie Presbyterian Church [www.nmpreschurch.org](http://www.nmpreschurch.org)

September 2021

1 Thessalonians 5:11

*another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing."*

*"Therefore encourage one*

Dear Faith Community,

August was an amazing month full of activities serving the community. The hustle and bustle of voices, faces, and interactions brought the four walls of Naomi Makemie to life. The Eastern Shore Presbyterian Ministries had a blessing filled turnout from the churches (Naomi Makemie, Francis Makemie, and Powelton) to bring supplies from Walmart to the church and then sort, collect, and deliver to the individual schools across the Eastern Shore. The financial contributions from many individuals and other churches were significant. Since all the supplies were more expensive this year those contributions made it possible to provide the schools with their requests.

The youth of our congregations have demonstrated their leadership and maturity. They took charge as lead teachers, and group guides during Vacation Bible School this year. Our community of three churches shared in this ministry and we have all been blessed by the opportunity. We look forward to more moments like this in the coming year.

The joy of August has led us into the anticipation of September. In September at Naomi Makemie, we kick off the fiscal year with Rally Day and the Chili Cookoff. Choir has begun. Christian Education starts back in person. We have the Town Yard Sale. We have a work day. At Francis Makemie, we'll start a community study using Adam Hamilton's book *The Call*.

Both congregations are exploring different companies to receive a quote for the technical improvements to the sanctuaries. Many thanks to our larger church, the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia for making grant funds available for this adventure.

Finally, I would like to thank you for your thoughtfulness and kindness to me and my family over the past seven years. I love serving Jesus through the work of the church. As I enter my eighth year, I look forward to the days ahead.

There is joy. There is hope. There is grace. Friends believe this good news and rejoice.

A blessed September to you all.

*Monica*

## Special dates

- Labor Day, *September 6, 2021*
- Patriot Day, *September 11, 2021*
- National Grandparents Day, *September 12, 2021*
- Hispanic Heritage Month, *Sept. 15–Oct. 15, 2021*
- First day of autumn, *September 22, 2021*

# SEPTEMBER



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

Elta Green celebrated her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday August 26<sup>th</sup>. She appreciated the cards and the balloons we sent her.



## Baptisms IN THE CHURCH FAMILY

Parents Katie and Dave Klawitter presented their son Wyatt Matthew Klawitter for baptism at Naomi Makemie on August 15

Welcome to the family, child of the Covenant!



**The congregations of Francis Makemie and Naomi Makemie would like to welcome all of you** who are new to the newsletter. If you have been worshipping with us online or in person we appreciate your presence.

Please take a few moments to read through the newsletter. We hope you will find inspiration as well as opportunity.

If you are interested in learning more about the churches and how you may be involved in the life of the church do not hesitate to contact pastor Monica or one of our elders. Our elders are listed at the end of this newsletter.

## **Our help — past, present and future**

This month, America marks the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, which ended almost 3,000 lives and changed life forever for millions more. The nation was shaken to its very roots, with violence jolting out of us any assumption that “it can’t happen here.” September 11 banished any lingering notion that being on the side of “liberty and justice for all” served as insulation against mass tragedy. We now had more to fear than fear itself.

Psalm 46 reminds us that “though the earth should change” (v. 2) — as it did on 9/11 — God remains “our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble” (v. 1). We are never alone or without hope, even on life-altering days.

How have God’s presence and power sustained you through life’s changes? How might sharing your story help someone else when their world or faith gets shaken?

—adapted from *The Wired Word*

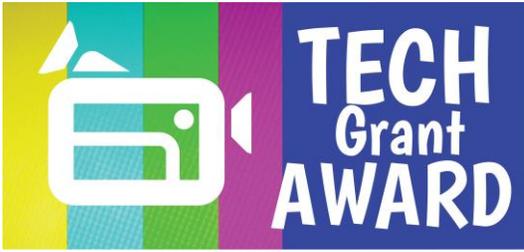
## **Labor Day-honoring a variety of work.**

For many people, the pandemic redefined work, with more employees logging hours from a home office — or kitchen table. Boundaries between job and personal life blurred, as did any sense of being “off duty.”

Most of us prefer clear divisions between our tasks and time. While such separations may help with scheduling, they are artificial human constructs. “*Whatever your task,*” says Colossians 3:23 (NRSV, emphasis added) — whether in public or private, family or job, spiritual or worldly activities — “put yourselves into it as done for the Lord.” Verse 17 tells us to “do everything” in Jesus’ name, “giving thanks to God the Father through him.”

That means even work and worship interlock. As Rick Warren writes, “Work becomes worship when you dedicate it to God and perform it with an awareness of his presence.”



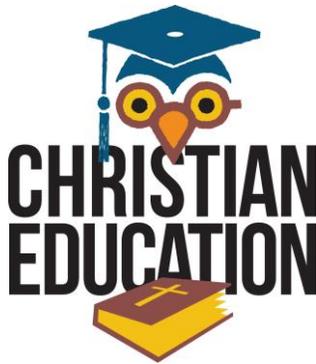


Once again, **the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia Vitality Team** has been extremely generous. After applying for grant funds for technology for both our congregations

Francis Makemie has been awarded \$2000 and Naomi Makemie has been awarded \$5000.

These funds will be used at FMPC for the purchase and installation of a video projector. NMPC will be adding the funds to memorial funds for the upgrade of the used video equipment and for a projector to enhance the current production of online worship.

**Thank you PEVA Vitality Team!!**



**Christian Education** begins at the cradle and continues throughout all of life. Our congregations are dedicated to providing education in a variety of expressions. You will find opportunities for infants, youth, adults, and families. Please take time to explore and pray for which option is right for you.

### **Our nursery at NMPC is back**

We have a nursery available for infants to age 6 or first grade. Youth leaders are providing this gift to the church. The children exit the sanctuary with the leaders following the Young Disciple's lesson. The nursery is located on the second floor of the Christian Education building.



### **Worship Packs**

At the entrance to the sanctuary at NMPC is a **basket of coloring pages** and workbooks with crayons is available for young and a little older for use during worship. Please return the crayons and books at the end of service.

A similar basket can be found at the center rear pew at FMPC.

In each of the baskets there are **sermon note sheets**. Even though they are marked for kids, adults will enjoy using them to jot down a few points of interest to remember during the week.





### Sunday classes for youth at NMPC

**Second Sunday** of the month there will be a lesson taught for age groups k-5th and for 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade. Our teacher for k-5<sup>th</sup> is Rev. Donna Doan and for 6-8<sup>th</sup> is Debbie Ryon. We are excited about a new cycle of learning in person. September 12, October 10, November 14.

**Third Sunday** of the month will continue to be mini mission with Tracey Arvidson. Each third Sunday the youth of all ages will engage in carrying out a project or activity related to the mission theme of the month. September 19, October 17, November 21.

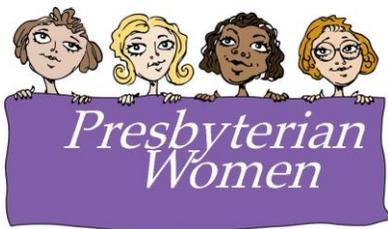


**Rally Day will occur on Sunday September 12.**

Please join us at 9:15 and 11:00 am as we kick off the new fiscal year of activities, worship, and study.

### NMPC September mission is Education

The **Chili Cook Off** at NMPC on Sunday September 12 right after **worship** is our opportunity to raise funds and awareness for the **FOOD BANK**. Please join us with your pot of chili to compete to win the silver ladle. Bring your pots to church before worship and any desserts or side dishes. Bring your cash dollars to vote! Even if you don't bring chili, we need you to taste and to vote with your dollars. It's all for a good cause for the Food Bank of the Eastern Shore.



**Presbyterian Women** resumes on **Monday September 13 at 11:30 at NMPC**. Please bring a bag lunch and join in the Bible Study by Max Lucado Life Lessons of Ezra and Nehemiah. We'll study chapter 5. There will be a business meeting of PW following the study. The meeting is over by 1 pm. If you have the opportunity to break from your day and come join this group for the first time, do not hesitate. We enjoy learning, laughing and being together.

**Men's Group** meets on the last Friday of the month at NMPC at **9:00 am. September 24**



**MEN'S GROUP**



**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2021 – 8AM -12:00pm**

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

**DONATIONS OF ITEMS AND ASSISTANCE TAGGING AND SELLING!**

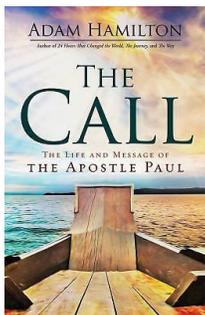
**\*\*DROP OFF ITEMS AT MAKEMIE ROOM STARTING MONDAY, SEPT. 13**

**PLEASE SORT YOUR ITEMS BY MARKED CATEGORY! \*\***

*Please contact Megan Ames w/ questions: 571.212.3644*



You're invited to a baby shower for the Jennifer Stapleton during the fellowship hour following worship **on Sunday September 19 at NMPC**. If you would like to purchase a gift there is a registry on Amazon. Or just come and join in congratulating the family with the coming of their new baby girl in October.



**A Study at Francis Makemie Presbyterian Church Beginning Wednesday September 29 at 10:30 am**

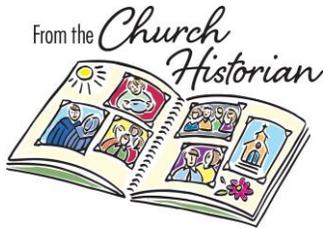
From the road to Damascus to the sun-drenched lands of modern-day Greece and Turkey to a Roman prison, go with Adam Hamilton as he follows the journeys of Paul in **this six-week** DVD study about Christianity's greatest teacher and missionary. You'll see exactly where some of the most dramatic events in the spread of Christianity took place, and through Hamilton's insightful and colorful teaching style, you'll quite likely gain a better understanding of Paul's missionary travels than if you had covered the many miles in person.

## MORE MISSION NEWS



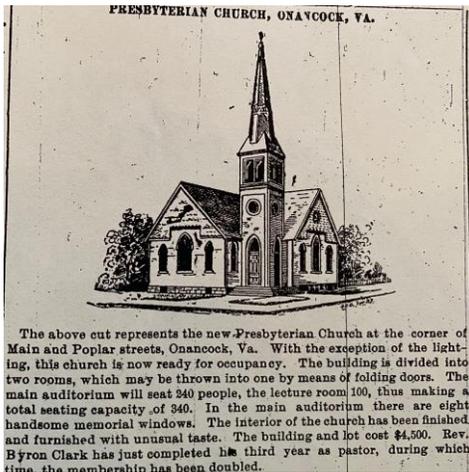
NMPC continues to collect **mascara wands**-we know makeup as not been used much these past several months. But, as you gear up for a new season and clean out your makeup draws plan on dropping those old wands to help the wildlife programs.

Once again, our church will be participating in the **Operation Christmas Child program**. You are invited to fill a shoebox or plastic container with toys, books, hygiene products, etc. for boys and girls around the world. We'll keep you posted. We are the church and we are keeping mission and concern for others as our priority. Please help us help others.

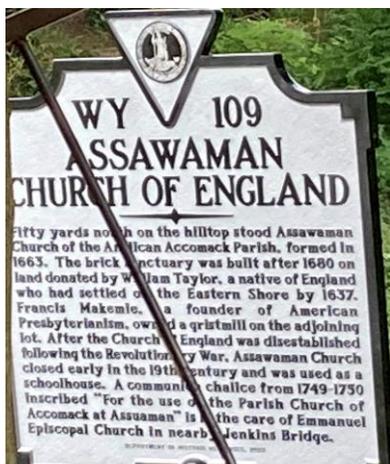


From the Accomac Court House Sentinal 1896 this article has been preserved and donated to the NMPC church by **Susan Grove**. These documents attest to the story and the long history of our building.

The article reads: "The above cut represents the new Presbyterian church at the corner of Main and Poplar streets, Onancock, VA. With the exception of the lighting this church is now ready for occupancy. The building is divided into two rooms, which may be thrown into one by means of folding doors. The main auditorium may seat 240 people, the lecture room 100, thus making a total seating capacity of 340. In the main auditorium there are eight handsome memorial windows. The interior of the church has been finished and furnished in unusual taste. The building and lot cost \$4500. The Rev. Byron Clark has completed his third year as pastor, during which time, the membership has doubled.



The unveiling of this **roadside plaque** took place in a dignified ceremony on the property of **Fitz Godwin**. Over 40 people were in attendance to mark this historic church discovered on his property a short time ago.

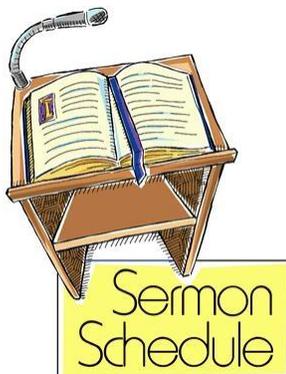


It reads: Fifty yards north on the hilltop stood Assawaman Church of the Anglican Accomack Parish, formed in 1663. The brick sanctuary was built in 1680 on land donated by William Taylor, a native of England who settled on the Eastern Shore by 1637. Francis Makemie a founder of American Presbyterianism, owned a grist mill on the adjoining lot. After the Church of England disestablished following the Revolutionary War, Assawaman Church closed early in the 19<sup>th</sup> century and was used as a schoolhouse. A community chalice from 1749-1750 inscribed "For use of he Parish Church of Accomack at Assuaman" is in the care of Emmanuel Episcopal Church in nearby Jenkins Bridge

# AUGUST IN PICTURES



September 2021	September 2021	September 2021	September 2021	September 2021	September 2021	September 2021
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	Wednesday	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 Prayer mtg Choir 5:30	3	4
5 Worship 9:15 FMPC 11:00 NMPC	6 	7	8	9 CHOIR practice 5:30 pm	10	11
12 Worship 9:15 FMPC 11:00 NMPC Sunday school Chili Cook Off Rally Day 	13 PW 11:30 am	14	15	16 Prayer mtg Book Club CHOIR practice 5:30 pm	17	18 <b>YARD SALE 8-12</b>
19 Worship 9:15 FMPC 11:00 NMPC Mini mission Baby shower	20 NMPC Session mtg 5:30 pm	21	22	23 CHOIR practice 5:30 pm	24 <b>Men's Group 9am</b>	25 Work Day at NMPC 9 am
26 Worship 9:15 FMPC 11:00 NMPC	27	28	29 Study at FMPC 10:30 am	30 CHOIR practice 5:30 pm	October 1	2
October 3 <b>World Wide Communion</b> 9:15 FMPC 11:00 NMPC	4	5	6 Study at FMPC 10:30 am	7 Prayer mtg CHOIR practice 5:30 pm	8	9



### September Sermons

**September 5** Be Doers another James message James 1:17-27

**September 12** Commissioning-Rally Day James 2:1-10 .

**September 19** Rahab's help-A Hot Mess Joshua 6:1-20

**September 26** Integrity-Daniel & Lions Daniel 6:10-20



# Thanks & a Tip of the Hat to...



To ALL those who have supported the execution of the school supply mission. We do not have pictures of you because you were ALL WORKING SO HARD doing GOOD things for others. Thank you Tracey and George for coordinating this enormous mission for the Eastern Shore of Virginia Schools!!!

AJ Nielsen



Ron & Joan May



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