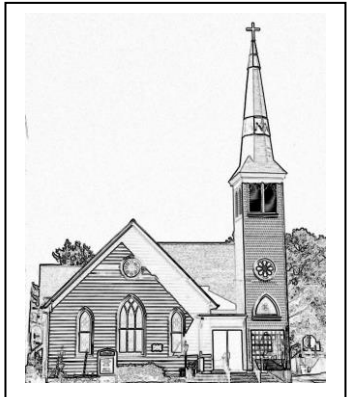


# GLAD TIDINGS

The Newsletter of  
**Francis Makemie Presbyterian Church**  
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 **FEBRUARY** 2022

Dear Friends,

It is good to be among you in this new year of anticipation, hope, and wonder. The recent snow fall reminded me of how our Lord makes all things beautiful in his time. We are so blessed to notice how crisp and lovely everything looks when covered with a thick layer of snowflakes. Even those who do not like to venture out in the cold manage to toughen up and step out into the newness of the earth covered with quilted snow. Perhaps its moments like these that remind us of God's claim and call upon our lives. We are called to step out and discover. We are called to step out and engage with God's creation. We are called to step out and serve. We are called to step out and gather as the Body of Christ. The sermons this month focus on the Call of Jesus.

During the month of February we are scaled back in our activities in order to prepare for the fullness of the year to come. There are many plans, lessons, activities, and opportunities on the horizon of our lives together in Christ. We invite you to step out and volunteer to be among our planners as we continue to grow in his love.

Don't forget to send notes of love to those who impact your life every day. Happy Valentine's Day.

Blessings

*Monica*



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## Special dates

- African American History Month
- Valentine's Day, *February 14, 2022*
- Presidents Day, *February 21, 2022*
- Transfiguration of Our Lord, *February 27, 2022*

*But Jesus called for them and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Luke 18:16*



**FEBRUARY**

Rick Turner	02-07
Janet Booth-Scott	02-09
Katie Arnold	02-09
Jennifer Stapleton	02-10
Elizabeth Lankford	02-13
Barry Mears	02-17
Suzanne Rogers	02-21
Logan Stapleton	02-21
Meg Adams	02-22
Diane Taylor	02-22
Mathew Albertson	02-24



Holy Communion is an important part of the worship of our congregations. We are celebrating Holy Communion quarterly in both congregations for 2022.

**Holy Communion dates for both congregations**

**NMPC**

February 13, April 14, April 17, July 3, October 2, December 24

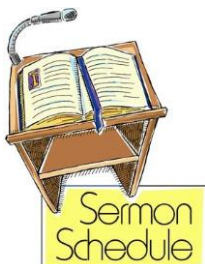
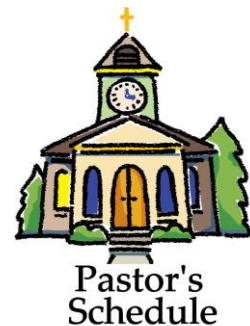
**FMPC**

February 6, April 3, July 3, October 2, December 24



**Monica's Work Week:**

Monica's work week is Tuesday through Sunday. On the third week of the month the work week is Wednesday through Monday.



**February 6** The Call of Jesus-Simon Psalm 138, Luke 5:1-11

**February 13** The Call of Jesus-Blessings & Woes Psalm 1 Luke 6:17-26

**February 20** The Call of Jesus-Love your Enemies Psalm 37, Luke 6:27-38

**February 27** Starter Practices Psalm 99, Joel 2:2-16

**March 2 Wednesday Ash Wednesday**-Ashes to Go 10-12 @FMPC; Service at NMPC 7pm

**Sermon series for Lent**-The I Ams of Jesus

## News from the Session of FMPC

The FMPC elders met on Wednesday January 12, 2022.

Paul Hughes was elected to serve as Commissioner to the presbytery for 2022. The budget for 2022 was approved and a congregational meeting will be set soon for one Sunday in February.

Thanks are extended to Andy Mason who has stepped in to print our bulletins for each Sunday since Joe Valentine has moved to PA. We continue to thank Andy for the printing of the newsletter each month. We remain concerned about our friends and members of whom we've lost touch.

The fence around the church is prepped and ready to paint when the weather improves. Mission plans include working with the Coalition Against Domestic Violence and an event on March 12<sup>th</sup> for the Samaritan's Shelter in Pocomoke which houses homeless from both Maryland and Virginia. After inquiries, we hope to support the gardening project at No Limits. We continue to collect donations for the Food Bank.

Session and Communion quarterly dates are set for the year.

Paul, David and Charlie are continuing their work on the library box for the neighborhood. It is designed to look like the church and will be placed in the church yard within the fence.

## Session digest for NMPC

Session met Monday January 24, 2022

Commissioner to Presbytery is Tracey Arvidson and Megan Ames as alternate. Dates for communion and session meetings for 2022 were approved

Committee Assignments were made. The Manual of Operations will be revised to be up to date for 2022. With the addition of technology and the increased need for congregational care some rearranging will take place. Each committee chair will seek out members for 2022. The goal is to have at least two friends or members of the congregation participate in the work of the church through the committees.

The session mentioned how difficult it had been the last two years with decreased volunteers due to Covid restrictions. It was decided that we needed to reinstate the elder positions for the class of 2022. Jennifer and George were nominated for the class of 2022. A congregational meeting will need to be held in February.

### **Administration** Chair *Rick Turner*

Finance and Treasurer *George Heinrichs*; Personnel *Rick Turner, Joan May, Debbie Ryon*;  
Stewardship *Ron May*

### **Building and Grounds** Chair *Rick Turner, Marshall Ryon, Mike Gould*

Church building, manse, lawn & garden care, insurance, security, office

### **Education** Chair

*Debbie Ryon, Julie Shubert, Kate Baird, Laura Chuquin-Naylor*  
Sunday school, nursery, seasonal studies, VBS, Presbyterian Women

### **Worship** Chair *Megan Ames, Meg Adams, Laura Chuquin-Naylor*

Pulpit Supply, flowers, Communion, Ushers/readers/acolytes, choir/music, seasonal services, Coffee hour

### **Mission** Chair *Tracey Arvidson, George Heinrichs, Jennifer Stapleton, Stefanie Wessels*

Monthly mission and mini, Distribution of funds, Special offerings, ESPM

### **Outreach** Chair *Linda Arvidson*

Special events (spaghetti dinner, picnics, Yard Sale)

### **Congregational Care** Chair *Jennifer Stapleton*

Communication-cards for birthdays, sickness, loss  
Visitation/meals-communicates visitation with pastor & arranges meals as needed or requested for families in need.

### **Technology** Chair

Videography *Mike Gould*, website & social media management  
Brochures, newsletter, & other publicity



## Become Part of *Our* Church Family

**Membership**-we hope you will consider joining one of our congregations as a full voting member. In order to be included on the rolls as a full member you are asked to state your faith in Jesus Christ, be baptized (or share the date of baptism) and state your desire to be a participating member of this congregation. We will then officially welcome you to the congregation during a Sunday worship service. We hope you will say yes in 2022 and join our rolls. Please talk to Monica or one of our elders listed on this newsletter.

Membership at NMPC for 2022 is at 44 members

Membership at FMPC for 2022 is at 19 members

The annual statistical reports will be available at each church by mid-February. Thank you to our clerks Cynthia Hall and Jennifer Stapleton for faithfully keeping up with all these reports.

### MISSION NEWS for NMPC from Tracey.

#### Mission Matter: LOVE

Love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

**Mission Mega:** Doing things that are good for our hearts, minds and souls- and those of others.

Recall February 3rd: [The Day the Music Died](#) What great talent the world lost this day back in 1959 ( Buddy Holly, Richie Valens and the Big Bopper died in a plane crash in 1959) Let's play and maybe share a link to one of our favorite songs (any song by anyone) in memory!

Reach-out February 7<sup>th</sup> [Send a Card to a Friend Day](#) - send someone a card or a letter.

Remember February 16<sup>th</sup>: [Do a Grouch a Favor Day](#)- Do something very nice for someone you think is grumpy.

Relish February 20<sup>th</sup> [Love Your Pet Day](#)- Give more love to your pet than usual! Post a picture of your fur baby on our church's Facebook page.

**MISSION Mini**-youth Sunday school project-making heart shaped dog biscuits for the SPCA on **Sunday February 20st** in celebration of [International Dog Biscuit Appreciation Day](#) (the 23rd).





**Mission Move-** February is Canned-food month. Let's collect for the local Food Bank!



February Outdoor activity will be at **McMath Park** in Onley on **Saturday February 16<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm.** 21062 Colonial Ave, Onley, VA 23418

We will walk the outdoor labyrinth and learn a little about the purpose and history of labyrinths. See you there.



February 2022	February 2022	February 2022	February 2022	February 2022	February 2022	February 2022
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	Wednesday	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3 Prayer meeting 8:30 Choir 5:45	4 Senior Exercise 10	5
6 9:15 FMPC- communion 11:00 NMPC- Baptism Everly Quinn Stapleton	7 PW 11:30 	8	9	10  Choir 5:45	11 Senior Exercise 10	12
13 Congregational meeting 9:15 FMPC 11:00 NMPC- communion	14 	15	16 Walk the Labyrinth at McMath Park 2 pm	17 Prayer meeting 8:30 Book Club 1  Choir 5:45	18 Senior Exercise 10	19
20 9:15 FMPC 11:00 NMPC Installation of officers  Mini mission  CCYF 2pm	21 NMPC Session 5:30 pm	22	23	24  Choir 5:45	25 Men's group 9  MEN'S GROUP  Senior Exercise 10	26
27  9:15 FMPC 11:00 NMPC	28	March 1	2 Ash Wednesday Ashes to Go! FMPC 10-12 Worship NMPC 7pm 	3 Season of LENT begins!	4	5



Be on the lookout for monthly church group events beginning in March.

Hopes are for trips to Saxis, Barrier Island Center, Tangier, Savage Dunes and much more. Keep your ears and eyes open for these events.

Be on the lookout for an evening out to knit, sew, craft with church friends beginning in March on Tuesday evenings at NMPC.



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