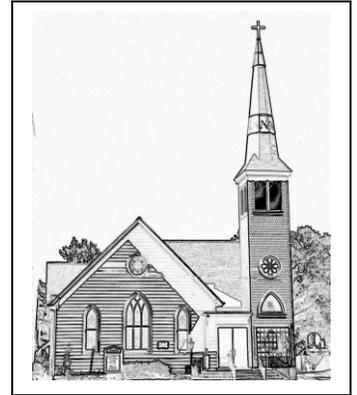


GLAD TIDINGS

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Dear Friends,

We are so incredibly blessed with the fullness of God. Our doors have been flung wide open and the halls were filled the laughter, giggles, and joy of little children and amazing and incredible youth during VBS this August at NMPC. Our sanctuary was filled with strong rejoicing voices, energetic conversation, and uniting of worship and fellowship in August at FMPC with the congregation of Powelton Presbyterian Church. It reminds me of this parable.

Jesus told a parable about a man who invited his friends and neighbors to a banquet, but they declined. So, he told his servants to go find anyone who was hungry or lonely or in need. Still there was room. *"Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in," the host said, "so that my house will be full" (Luke 14:23, NIV).*

In *Searching for Sunday*, Rachel Held Evans retells this story and writes: "This is what God's kingdom is like: a bunch of outcasts and oddballs gathered at a table, not because they are rich or worthy or good, but because they are hungry, because **they said yes**. And there's always room for more."

We're all "outcasts and oddballs" in one way or another! May we know that God warmly invites us to his banquet — for no reason but that we're hungry. **Let us all say, "Yes!"**

There is always room for more at the table, in the halls, in the sanctuary, in the meetings, the classes, the groups, the doors are wide open filled with invitation for you to come so that we can hear Jesus say, *"So that my house will be full."*

We are beyond grateful for you, and we look forward to this new church year to be filled with the joyful presence of us all. May you be blessed as you are a blessing for us.

The newsletter begins with all the activities and invitations for participation in this month of September. It is followed by all the joys, photos, captions, highlights of this summer from June to August. Please enjoy reading and share with a friend.

In Christ's love

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Special dates

- Labor Day, *September 5, 2022*
- Patriot Day, *September 11, 2022*
- National Grandparents Day, *September 11, 2022*
- Hispanic Heritage Month, *15–Oct. 15, 2022*
- First day of autumn, *September 22, 2022*



Onancock Community Gathering: Sunday, **Sept. 11th (rain date 9/18) - 2:00 pm** Celebration; 2:30-4:00 pm **Buffet on the Ker Place Lawn** (bring your own chair). It's a time to gather, reflect and give thanks with prayer & music! Please R.S.V.P. By 9/6/22 @ www.Onancock.org. Everyone is invited to join the COMMUNITY CHOIR. Rehearsals are 9/6 and 9/8 at 7 pm at Market Street Methodist.

The pastors from Holy Trinity Episcopal, Market St Methodist, Bethel AME, Onancock Baptist and Naomi Makemie will bring the service of worship to the community along with the members of the community choir. NMPC is providing the baked beans for the meal. Please join us right after Rally Day!



September 11 is the kick off for the new church year! Join us on **Rally Day** for our huge beginnings of wonderful Sunday school, worship, fellowship and food at NMPC!



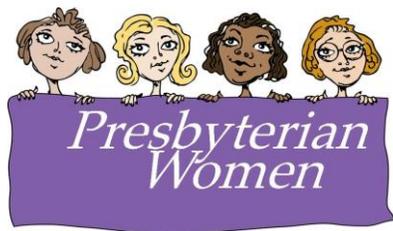
Every 2nd and 4th Sunday beginning September 11 at 9:45 am to 10:30 am children age 4 to 5th grade will study ***Celebrate the Wonder***. Kate Baird has dedicated her time to teach the children during this full 45-minute session. Children will explore the Bible through experiential activities, spiritual practices, and reflection. This time together will help children find meaning for their life, deepen their faith and provide safe space to ask big questions as they discover they are children of God. .

Every 2nd and 4th Sunday beginning September 11 at 9:45 am to 10:30 am everyone's favorite Reverend Donna Doan will lead the **adult class** in a discovery ***Inside the Miracles of Jesus***. The book is available. Please let someone know as soon as possible to make sure you have one for the class.

On the Third Sunday September 18 Jennifer Stapleton will lead the children (and the youth who would like to participate) in a mission project during church.



As part of **RALLY DAY** on Sunday September 11, we hold an annual **chili cook off**. Bring your crock pot of chili and plenty of dollar bills to church for a friendly competition to be awarded the 'silver' ladle. The most donations to the best tasting chili wins. All the proceeds benefit the Food Bank. Make sure you sign up this Sunday September 4th.



Presbyterian Women will resume our meetings on September 12 at 11:30 am. We will be continuing our book study of *Intentional Living*. We will be reviewing Lesson 3, *Aligning Habits*. Please join us for this fellowship time. Bring a bag lunch. Drinks & dessert are provided.



MEN'S GROUP

Men's Group meets on the last Friday of the month at NMPC at **9:00 am. September 30**

Senior Exercise with Rhudy Naylor begins again on Friday September 9th at 10 am.

Come join this group of men and women for a combination of simple routines and Tai Chi. Bring your exercise mat and soft shoes as you workout together for 45 minutes. It's a great opportunity to make new friends.



Made With
Love 

Come join this wonderful group of crafters and knitters. They meet **every Tuesday evening from 5:30 to 6:30 at NMPC**. They are sharing their knitting, quilting, scrapbooking, sewing, cross stitching, and craft knowledge. It is a time to relax and give one hour to enjoy making something with love.

We love our elderly and know the challenges they face. Often, we feel helpless and are not sure of how to show love. We shy away from having conversations and offering opportunities for them to participate. Let us always seek to hold on to the treasure they are in their faith and in their presence. Let us show honor as we worship, and fellowship together. God's call on us as a witness to his love is for our whole life.

Author and lay minister Samuel Gordon told of an elderly woman whose memory began to fade. "She had once known much of the Bible by heart. Eventually only one precious bit stayed with her [2 Timothy 1:12, KJV]: 'I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.' By and by, part of that slipped its hold, and she would quietly repeat, 'That which I have committed unto him.'

"At last, as she hovered on the borderline between this and the spirit world, her loved ones noticed her lips moving. They bent down to see if she needed anything. She was repeating over and over again to herself the one word of the text, 'Him, him, him.' She had lost the whole Bible, but one word. But she had the whole Bible in that one word."





This summer the Hughes family completed a many month's project to build a **"BOOK SWAP"** ministry for the town of Accomac. This wonderful design created by David and built together as a family complements the Francis Makemie Church building. The Book Swap is already quite active with the exchange of books. A variety of children's, adults, and project books are available. *Take a book and leave a book* is the way to share with the town. It is one of the many ways the small church is discovering how to do mission in big ways. Hats off to Francis Makemie!! Stop by the church and enjoy a good read.

Once again, our churches 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. This year we have some different ideas about how to fill the boxes. As October approaches we'll have more details.



During Vacation Bible school the children collected two boxes full of food for the **Food Bank** and filled this jar with pennies for the **Accomac Interfaith Crisis Council (AICC)**. **\$105 of pennies!!** When a little is offered *by* many the result is an abundance *for* many. We thank our VBS children and families!!

Volunteers in the community: **Accomac Interfaith Crisis Council Needs Volunteers:** Accomac Interfaith Crisis Council needs a volunteer for about 3 hours per week, mainly to write checks. If you are interested or wish to find out more, please call Jeffrey Barrett at 757 787 8291.

September 1 was the completion of an annual (18th year) of **the Eastern Shore Presbyterian Ministries School (ESPM) Supply** distribution to the elementary schools of Northampton and Accomack County. Seven schools, more than \$7000 of supplies. Great and wonderful helpers that take their trucks to receive and load the orders from Walmart. Other who sort, pack and distribute to each school. But behind this incredible program is one very quiet, diligent, impressive person who makes spreadsheets do magic. He is our HERO. His name is George Heinrichs. There were many heroes before him and there will many after him. But, this year it is time to say thank you to him. We could not do this program without his intense love of serving and giving and patience in ordering. We are blessed beyond measure to be able to give the way God calls us to give. May the schools of the ESVA have a blessed 2022-2023 year. We will be making several changes to this program in the coming year. Please stay tuned as we do our best to provide mission to our local community. [Enjoy the pictures of this remarkable mission on the Summer Highlights page.](#)



CCYF end of year review. August 7, 2022

We had a successful end of year review meeting as we watched slides of all our activities and enjoyed an ice cream social.

At the meeting we recapped the past year's events. ***Halloween Carnival, Christmas parade, Value/self esteem workshop, food bank shopping/planning/budget, bake sale project, campout, kayaking.*** We recognized the new youth (rising 6 th graders) and those who have *made milestones* moving from middle school to high school and made plans for the coming season.

We recognized this coming year will impact a large number of our youth as they are rising juniors and seniors. We will focus a significant energy to provide them with the resources necessary to have a successful transition from high school to college or career.

We have 35 youth as eligible participants in our program. This is a group that has been functioning under this name since 2017 but has been in existence even longer. We are SUPER excited to have EVERYONE participate.

2022-2023 Meeting dates for the whole group-Meetings held at NMPC

Sunday September 18 4-6pm Meet & Greet games, Welcome the new 6th graders. Packet handouts for Juniors & Seniors, Carnival-creating work teams-snacks

Sunday October 16 4-6 pm Carnival planning -nuts and bolts of making it happen

Saturday October 29 12-6pm Carnival hosting: setup, booth work, cleanup. Event for public from 2-5pm

Sunday November 20 4-6 pm Potluck supper-a Thanksgiving celebration share in family traditions

December-no meetings

Sunday January 15 4-6pm Game night-New Year activities

Sunday February 19 Time bowling in Pocomoke-possibly a 'bowl a thon'

Sunday March 19 4-6pm special speakers

Saturday/Sunday April 15/16 Explore the Shore event

Spring break Tuesday or Thursday workday at the Food Pantry

Friday/Saturday May 26/27 Campout/retreat-cabins

Sunday June 18 4-6pm graduation party and recognition.

Special meetings for Juniors and Seniors

Dates & times to be determined (TBD) A packet has been assembled with information crucial to the advancement of our Juniors and Seniors. There will be scholarship information available for those who remain active in the program. Information for college testing i.e. SATs, etc; Information re: college applications-assistance in writing for FAFSA, grants and scholarships There will be planned visits to select campuses through the year.

Please support the youth through your prayers and encouraging their presence.

Summer Highlights



We have experienced a fabulous summer! Both congregations have been busy. The next few pages offer a glimpse into the activity of this summer. Please enjoy. For more pictures go to our group page on Facebook. Ask to join if you are not already a member.



Powelton full with the joy of two congregations! June 26



Joint service FMPC & Powelton at Powelton!



Summer indoor picnic complete with games and summer fun!



New members at NMPC in June! Welcome Judd and Becky Everhart! We're so honored to have you here.



Joint FMPC & NMPC Summer picnic (indoors)



Walking in the annual July 4th Parade in Accomac



GREAT Music from the ensemble as we celebrated the 4th of July!



Real joy in shared fellowship FMPC & Powelton!



Joint service Powelton & FMPC at FMPC August 14



Walta Pruitt shared her monarch butterfly raising with VBS.



George & Wilma's Earth Day Sunflower!! Must be the largest of them all.



Science with Mrs. May, Chris & David



Chefs & Bakers singing their heart out with Dave and Diane at the closing program.



George happy to see the School Supply orders come in and to have enough to share with 7 schools.



Tangier ferry with Mark Crockett and Emily- off go the supplies!

We don't have pictures here of ALL the players in this GROUP effort-the donors, the prayers, the truck drivers to receive the supplies, the ones who take the supplies to the schools, the sorters and organizers...so many important gifts each one as important as the other. MANY THANK YOUS for 2022!!!



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Megan with the principal of Metompink Elementary School



Pungoteague by Rhudy & Laura



Eva & Laura, the sorters



Miles & Anne



Barbara, Kristine & Kam

September 2022	September 2022	September 2022	September 2022	September 2022	September 2022	September 2022
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	Wednesday	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Prayer meeting 8:30 Choir 5	2	3
4 9:15 FMPC- 11:00 NMPC	5 	6 'Made with Love' group 5:30-6:30 OBCA 5:30	7	8 Choir 4:30	9 Exercise 10	10
11 9:15 FMPC- Sunday school 9:45 RALLY DAY CHILI COOK OFF 11:00 NMPC 2pm Ker Place	12 PW 11:30	13 'Made with Love' group 5:30-6:30	14	15 Prayer mtg Book Club 1 Choir 5	16 Exercise 10	17 Bee Keeper class 8
18 9:15 FMPC 11:00 NMPC Children's church CCYF 4-6	19 NMPC Session 5:30 pm	20 'Made with Love' group 5:30-6:30	21 International Day of Peace	22 Choir 5	23 Exercise 10	24
25 9:15 FMPC 9:45 Sunday school 11:00 NMPC	26	27 'Made with Love' group 5:30-6:30	28	29	30 Men's group 9 	October 1



SEPTEMBER

Pam Nielsen	09-05
Carter Ames	09-16
Megan Ames	09-18
Marshall Ryon	09-21
Bill Mastyl	09-24
Tine Klingen	09-24
Edward Barnes	09-28

September 4 Cost of Following Jesus Luke 14:25-33

September 11 RALLY Day Household of God Luke 15:1-10

September 18 Troubling Parables Luke 16:1-13

September 25 Commissioned Pastor Candidate Laura Chuquin Naylor

Love is the spark that kindles the fire of compassion. Compassion is the fire that flames the candle of service. Service is the candle that ignites the torch of hope. Hope is the torch that lights the beacon of faith. Faith is the beacon that reflects the power of God. God is the power that creates the miracle of love.

—William Arthur Ward



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VBS 2022 Leaders, youth leaders, children. One picture lets you know how wonderful it is to be part of every year.

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