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GLAD TIDINGS

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path Psalm 119:105

Welcome to the New Year!

In psalm 119 the psalmist provides a devotion regarding the word of God. It is a literary exercise in honor of the written Law. It is written in acrostic form. I love how he encourages meditation on God's word and focusing on God's precepts. As we consider the writings of God this year we can also consider how we will write our year of faith in 2023.

A journalist once said you can measure the quality of a piece of writing by the quality of what has been cut. No matter how beautiful or interesting a phrase or sentence is, the piece may be stronger without it.

Rabbi Evan Moffic applies this wisdom to life in general. Too often we refuse to let something — a habit, a memory, a process — go, even when it no longer serves us. Thinking of our life as a book, we can cut out, edit or rearrange some pages or sentences to reflect our new learnings and growth.

This is not always easy, but we don't have to do it alone. "God is our 'editor-in-chief,'" says Moffic, "and we are part of God's story. [While] God ... gives us free will to decide what to write on the pages of our lives, ... God is always there for conversation and consultation. And God left us a great guidebook called the Bible. Its lessons make our writing shine with truth and beauty." With God's guidance, what will you "write" in the new year?

BLESSINGS

MONICA



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Organist/Pianist-Mark Nuckols,
Choir Director-Debbie Ryon,
Videographer-Mike Gould,
Head Usher-Suzanne Rogers,
Nursery Worker-Mickey Palmer,
Clerk-Jennifer Stapleton
Treasurer-George Heinrichs
Elders:2025 Jennifer Stapleton,
Bill Baird, Patty Davis, 2024
Ron May, Linda Arvidson, Meg
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JANUARY

Charlie Hughes	01-03
Michele Van Hove	01-04
Nina Close	01-09
Sarah Chen	01-09
Harper Grey Herbert	01-16
Jean Freeman	01-21
Addison Stapleton	01-22
Andrew May	01-24
Nancy Drew	01-28
Mary Helen Gardner	01-30
Tom Nielsen	01-30

Learning about Christ is a lifelong pursuit. It doesn't end when we grow up. If we are to love God with our minds as well as our hearts, our souls and our strength, we should keep learning even into old age.

CONFIRMATION 2023

Confirmation is a time when the youth of the church confess the faith they believe before the whole church. At this time they also choose to become full members of the church having all the rights of other members such as voting, serving in various parts of the church and being eligible for ordained office such as deacon or elder. It is a time when the church surrounds the youth on this important journey of faith.

As we make plans for this year's youth to participate in confirmation please pray for them on their journey.



Adult

Sunday school at NMPC meets January 8 & 22 at 9:45 am

The class has been engaged in a variety of topics, conversation, and study. Come join this group as they continue to explore God's word and recognize there is always room for questions and discovery

Miss Kate's Sunday school class meets January 8 and 22 at 9:45 am at NMPC

The children spent December exploring the events leading up to and then celebrating Jesus' birth. We wondered together how Mary and Joseph and the shepherds must have felt, we imagined what it would feel like to be visited by angels and talked about our part in the story as being messengers to those we meet; telling and showing them God's love. In January we will follow Jesus as he begins His ministry!

Presbyterian Women meet once a month on Mondays at 11:30 am

Please join Pam and the other ladies on January 9 at NMPC fellowship hall. We will be finishing our current book-Intentional Living final chapter 6. Bring a bag lunch. Our new book, Growing Older and Wiser is available for \$10. We will begin this study February 6. We hope you will come and join this group of wonderful women.

CHURCH ON A MISSION

Mission giving for 2022 from the churches of NMPC & FMPC SUPPORTING LOCAL PROGRAMS IS OUR GOAL

In addition to volunteer efforts at local charities, this year **NMPC** donated \$9,000 in support of Programs that help others.

Here is where it went:

Accomack Interfaith Crisis Council	\$3,200
ESPM	\$1,500
E S Coalition Against Domestic Violence	\$1,000
E S Food Bank	\$1,000
Light House Ministries	\$250
Eastern Shore Library	\$200
Habitat for Humanity	\$200
Salvation Army	\$200
Accomack Parks & Recreation	\$200
No Limits Brain Injury Center	\$300
Barrier Island Center	\$100
Onancock Police Department	\$100
Onancock Fire Department	\$100
Tasley Fire Department	\$100
Eastern Shore Community Service Board	\$100
Literacy Council	\$100
Head Start	\$200
Francis Makemie Society	\$150

In addition to volunteer efforts at local charities, this year **FMPC** donated \$1,900 in support of local mission.

Here is where it went:

ESPM	\$1070
Accomack Interfaith Crisis Council	\$400
Lighthouse ministries	\$100
Francis Makemie Society	\$200
Fire Departments of Onancock,	\$50
Tasley, &	\$50
Parksley	\$50
Food Bank	\$100

EASTERN SHORE PRESBYTERIAN MIN- ISTRIES

ESPM was started in 2004 by the five (now only four) Presbyterian Churches on the Eastern Shore. We came to the realization that many students in our elementary schools did not have the required school supplies. In two schools 75% of the families live below the poverty level. We decided that our goal would be to provide sufficient supplies so that the schools would have them available for any child who was living below the poverty level. Please mark your checks ESPM and mail to PO Box 397 Onancock VA 23417

2022 total donations were \$5,445 and expenses were \$4922

The balance to use for 2023 is \$1902. We plan to reorganize and begin the awareness and giving to this important mission early this year. We'll keep you posted as we go through the next month.



Join Rhudy and the Exercise Group each Friday morning at NMPC at 10 am.

This program is designed primarily for seniors but all ages can participate. This class is a mix of Tai Chi and Yoga. Rhudy has designed it so it can be applicable to helping retain a quality of life and a lifestyle to enjoy. Come join the ten or so who gather on Fridays at 10 at NMPC.



Made With Love

Made w Love knitting & craft group meets weekly on Tuesdays at 5:30 at NMPC

YOUTH GROUP JANUARY INFORMATION



CCYF

will meet Sunday January 15 at 4pm. It will be a meeting filled with an adventure none of us has ever done before. We'll join in a mystery game filled with clues, riddles and other teamwork to escape a 'locked' room. The more youth who come the more fun it will be as we team up to see who can be the first to 'escape the room'. It will take from one to two hours to figure out the mystery. So we'll need to arrive on time to create our teams.

Escape the Room Game



For our seniors we really need you to participate



JOIN THE CHOIR IN 2023

The choir presented a wonderful Cantata during Advent. They worked hard under the direction of Debbie Ryon. Mark Nuckols has been assisting the choir during worship. Debbie and Mark are making a great team and the choir is reaping the rewards of their hard work. There will be great music and instruments this next season. If you have always thought about joining a choir but have not yet made the leap come out on Thursday evenings at 5pm and sing with the group. You'll be glad you did. There are no age limits for our group.

January 1 Elder Laura Chuquin-Naylor

January 8 Matthew 2:1-12 Epiphany, Communion FMPC & NMPC

January 15 Psalm 40:1-11 Coffee Psalms

January 22 Matthew 4 Call of Disciples; NMPC-guitar worship

January 29 Acts 6:1-7 Chosen to Serve



ONLINE WORSHIP MEMBERS BRING JOY!

NMPC has a faithful online congregation. We are thrilled they join every week for worship. We've learned that the denomination statisticians have recognized online viewers are valuable members of congregations. They have determined if our online congregation acknowledge their presence each week through a 'like', or a comment, we have permission to count them in our attendance records. This news is wonderful to hear that our online congregation is valued and important to the life of the church and the love of Jesus Christ.

Here is a story from a woman in another church. Throughout the pandemic, 82-year-old La Verne Ford Wimberly of Tulsa, Oklahoma, donned her Sunday best — emphasis on *best* — to worship online from home every week. The retired educator, who coordinates her colorful outfits and hats (she owns at least 50!), didn't want to "get in the habit of just slouching around" during lockdown.

To uplift fellow church members, Wimberly posted weekly selfies and encouraging words. The goal, she says, was to let people know "that if we continue to believe in ourselves, network together, trust in God, keep the faith, then we will be okay." Though Wimberly's style is impeccable, friends say she's even more beautiful on the inside. Her fashion sense "is merely an outer expression of her inner wisdom, wit and grace," says her pastor, Ray Owens. Church staffer Robin Watkins concurs, saying Wimberly's "heart is as beautiful as each outfit she has shared with us."



God, you are always doing “a new thing” (Isaiah 43:19) in the world and in my life. On the cusp of this new year, open my heart to your good plans.

WORSHIP AS THE MAGI TEACH US

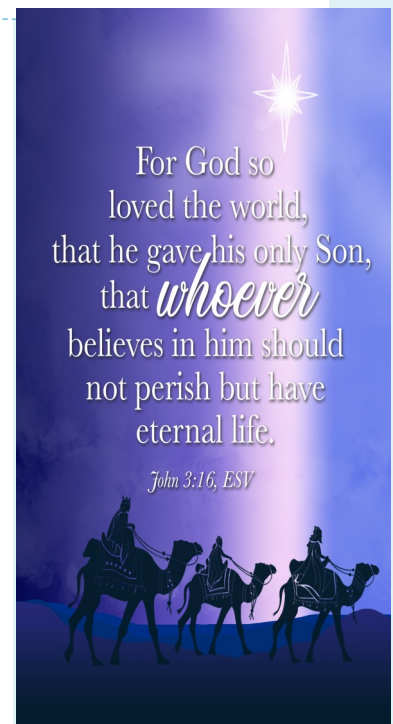
“The Magi teach us true faith,” said Martin Luther. Given the obstacles they encountered, we would understand if they had given up altogether!

First, the travelers were “off the mark,” coming to Jerusalem to seek a newborn king in a “royal palace.” Then, directed to Bethlehem, the wise men found a sight “so utterly out of keeping with a king” — a poor young woman and child, in a “poor hut” — that one might expect them to head straight home. “But,” declares Luther, “with a great, strong and full faith they ... follow the word of the prophet and the witness of the star in all purity of heart,” bowing to worship and honor the Savior.

—Based on Luther's sermon for the Festival of the Epiphany (1522), *Luther's Works*

501 years ago Luther offered a reminder of the power of worship through trusting the promises of the prophets. We in 2023 have the opportunity to come to worship and offer ourselves to Jesus with bended knee, the gifts of our heart, and the faith to carry the news of his love to the world.

Come worship in 2023 each Sunday at FMPC at 9:15 or NMPC at 11:00



January 2023

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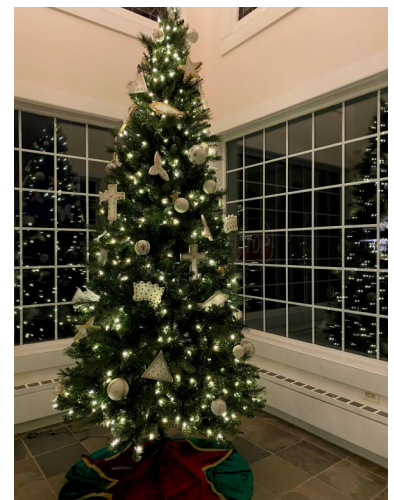
Fri

Sat

1 9:15 FMPC 11:00 NMPC	2	3 Made w/Love 5:30pm	4	5 Prayer mtg 8am Choir 5pm	6 Epiphany Exercise 10	7
8 9:15 FMPC 11:00 NMPC NMPC-Sunday school, Com- munion, Ordina- tion, Potluck lunch	9	10 Made w/ Love group 5:30 pm	11	12 Choir 5	13 Exercise 10	14
15 9:15 FMPC 11:00 NMPC	16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day NMPC Session 5:30 pm	17 Made w/ Love group 5:30 pm	18 Week of Prayer for Christian Uni- ty 18-25	19 Prayer meeting Book Club 1 Choir 5	20 Exercise 10	21
22 9:15 FMPC 11:00 NMPC	23	24 Made w/ Love group 5:30 pm	25	26	27 Men's group 9am Exercise 10	28 PEVA meeting 10 am
29 9:15 FMPC 11:00 NMPC	30	31 Made w/ Love group 5:30 pm			 MEN'S GROUP	



December in Pictures





In October 1786 Accomac was established. The town was called Drummondtown, since it was made from 10 acres of land owned by Richard Drummond around Accomack County

Courthouse. Those living around the courthouse petitioned the Virginia General Assembly to incorporate the town. The Assembly granted the petition in December, drafted the town's charter, and named its trustees. The charter set up four streets along the front,

back, and south of town and one that ran across the front and back street. These streets exist today and carry the names Front Street, Back Street, and Cross Street. South St. was later changed to Drummondtown Road. The charter set aside lots for homes to be built on, but they needed a brick or stone chimney to protect the town from fires. By 1828 the town had hotels, doctors, churches, general stores, a post office, and craftsmen making hats, carriages, and furniture. It has been Accomack County's seat ever since and was renamed to Accomac in 1893. Some of the homes that were built soon after Drummondtown was incorporated still stand and are pictured here. The oldest standing house from the original ten acres is Seven Gables at the corner of Cross and Back St. The Seymour House was started in 1791 after



Fenwick Fisher purchased two lots on Front St. In 1794 Richard Drummond Jr. sold a portion of his land near the intersection of Front and Back St. to Benjamin Potter who built The Haven. On the corner of South and Back St., Selby Dunton got a deed in 1795 to build Bloodworth Cottage, also known as Ailworth. Thomas Bayly purchased lots in 1798 along Back St. to build his home The Rectory. Outside of the original town an Episcopal church was built around 1767. In 1793 Drummond Jr. sold a lot on South St. outside of town for the construction of a Methodist church where Drummondtown Methodist Church has been ever since. On the corner of Cross and Back St. opposite of Seven Gables is Makemie Presbyterian Church that was built around 1837. The Episcopalians relocated St. James Episcopal in 1838 within the lines of the original town on South St.

Images from the Robertson Collection Shore History. This article appeared in the Shoreborn Facebook group.

