

The Newsletter of  
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# GLAD TIDINGS

*For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jer 29:11*

Dear Friends,

January was a wonderful month of planning and discerning as our elders met during the January session meetings. FMPC is looking forward to a congregational meeting February 26 to elect the class of officers for 2025. NMPC has set the worship schedule for the next five months. Each month will highlight a worship service with guitars. Our three confirmands are beginning their journey. Our congregations are filled with energy and excitement about the months ahead.

It is so important to remember the power of God's love for us. All our plans and expectations are met when we offer them over to the love that God promises us through his word. It is not optimism that we lean toward as we plan our days. It is the fulfilment of God's handiwork in us as we move towards his will. That is the promise given in this verse from Jeremiah. God knows what he wills for us. So, with boldness and joy let us go into this promise with the hope for our future trusting in God's name.

Blessings

Monica

## Presbyterian Women

Our next Presbyterian Women's meeting is on **Monday February 6 at 11:30 am.**

We will be starting our new book *Growing Older & Wiser*, by Dale & Sandy Larsen. Please read the "Getting the most" section and Lesson 1 for the Feb. 6 meeting. Lesson 1, Wise Up! has scripture James 1:1-8, 12 as a guide.

Bring a bag lunch and join us! Drink & dessert is provided. A short business meeting will follow our study and lunch. *Pam Nielsen*



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Onancock, VA 23417 Staff and  
Elders:**

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  
Adams Class 2023 Megan  
Ames, Rick Turner, Marsh Ryon;  
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Go to Naomi Makemie Presbyterian Church Facebook Page for online streaming of Sunday service.

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**Staff and Elders:**

Organist & vocalist-Jill Cathey  
Cynthia D. Hall-clerk Richard F.  
Hall III-treasurer, 2022: Paul  
Hughes, 2023: Barbara Haynes,  
Joe Boggs, 2024 Wanda  
Hughes, Tammy Mason Web

## FEBRUARY



**Looking Ahead: March**  
**10** Spaghetti Supper to benefit ESCADV

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
Diane Taylor	02-21
Meg Adams	02-22
Mathew Albertson	02-24
Nick Bateman	02-28

*To love another person is to help them love God.*

### Welcome to our Administrative Assistant

We welcome Jennifer Stapleton to the staff of NMPC. She will add to her duties of custodian and Session clerk, the role of Administrative Assistant. She will work five hours a week to assist with the bulletins and other administrative and office needs.

She will hold office hours at NMPC every Wednesday from 9:30-12. The church phone number is 757-787-1331.



**February 5** The Call of Samuel-Godly Leadership  
 Psalm 112, 1 Samuel 3:1-4

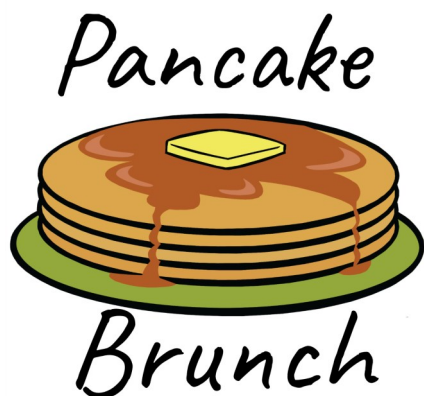
**February 12** Reverend Steve Doan I Corinthians 13; I John 4: 7-12 Love is Kind

**February 19** Exodus  
 24:12-18; 2 Peter 1:16-21  
 Mardi Gras 'Fat Tuesday'  
 Guitar worship, Pancake  
 brunch



**February 22** Ash Wednesday service 6pm

**February 26** Lent 1 Taste & See Lenten Series  
Matthew 4:1-11 In the Wilderness— Touch Prayer Shawl  
 Blessing



Join us at NMPC February 19 after worship for a pancake brunch, Pancakes, bacon, fruit, rolls, juice and coffee.

[Eastern Shore of VA Habitat for Humanity](#)'s Freezin for a Reason on Feb25. There is a house presently being insulated and it is being paid for by last years Freezin for a Reason. If you would like to contribute, make your check payable to ES VA Habitat for Humanity and mail it to me at box 33, Parksley, Va. 23421.



## Prayer Shawl Ministry



Marge Carpenter brought the Prayer Shawl Ministry here to Naomi Makemie in March of 2003.

To date we have given out 595 shawls.

In 2022 we gave out 13 shawls. They went as far away as Pennsylvania, Florida, N. Carolina and other states, but most went here on the Eastern Shore.

We do not sell shawls. We do accept donations from interested persons in our ministry.

In addition to our own women who knit or crochet, we also have several members of the community that knit for

us. We are always looking for additional people who knit or crochet-- a very simple pattern is supplied, as is the yarn. If you are interested in helping, please see Pam Nielsen.

A notebook of thank you notes is on the table in the old Sunday School room. Take a moment to read some of the notes-- they are heart warming.

If you know of someone who needs a prayer shawl, please contact Pam. nielsenpm@verizon.net

**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

## Why should we observe Lent?

This 40-day season of repentance and reflection that begins on Ash Wednesday has three important purposes. Lent helps us STOP, LOOK and LISTEN.

We observe Lent because it tells us to STOP and rest awhile — and to stop sinning. Lent tells us to LOOK inward for an honest self-examination, to look upward to see the cross of Jesus with healing and love, and to look forward to the hope of the Resurrection. And we observe Lent because it tells us to LISTEN — to the voice of God, the words of Christ and the movement of the Holy Spirit.



## Midweek Lenten Suppers Beginning Wednesday March 1 5:30-7pm through March 29 at NMPC



Forty: Preparing for God's Special Action-Grace. Curriculum and Readings for Suppers

### Week 1: Noah-new creation

**Preparation:** build an ark  
**God's special act:** salvation, new creation

### Week 2: Joshua & Caleb-Promised Land

**Preparation:** examining the "lay of the Land"  
**God's special act:** Entrance to Promised Land

### Week 3: Elijah-renewed strength

**Preparation:** rest, nourishment, rise up  
**God's special act:** Hearing God's Voice

### Week 4: Jesus & Desert-equipped for ministry

**Preparation:** exposed to all temptation

**God's special act:** fully equipped for ministry

### Week 5: Jesus Resurrection to Ascension —new church

**Preparation:** present with the resurrected Christ  
**God's special Act:** indwelling of the Holy Spirit

**Symbols for each week:** water, grapes, bread/cake, wild beasts and angels, clouds

Forty denotes a period of preparation for some special action of the Lord; it is a time of grace.

Week 1: Scripture Genesis 6 through the end of 10

Week 2: Scripture Numbers 13 and all of 14

Week 3: Scripture 1 Kings 19 (for background read 17 & 18)

Week 4: Scripture Matthew 4:1-12; Mark 1: 12-13; Luke 4:1-14; (look at John 1&2-is there anything about Jesus & the desert?)

Week 5: Scripture Acts 1&2

## Worship During Lent Theme: Taste & See

### Beginning February 26 the First Sunday in Lent

we will experience all our senses as we engage in worship. Please plan to join us in worship during this series. We will experience God through our senses of touch, smell, taste, sight, and sound. We will have tangible encounters with God's Word. We look forward to your presence during these important weeks of reflection.



## Calendar of Events

**February 19-meet at 2 pm at NMPC**  
bowling starts at **3pm** Bowling in Po-  
comoke requires reservation

**March 18** (Saturday)-Participate in St  
Patrick Day parade Onancock. Details of  
times to come.

**April 15/16**-plant tree and learn from  
assist with community cleanup

**May 19-21** (Friday 5pm-Sunday 1pm) Camp Kiptopeake;  
with a Sunday morning horse riding experience. (Youth  
retreat-limited number requires reservation)

**June 3&4** (Saturday/Sunday) Graduation celebration  
(Celebrate youth accomplishments and honor seniors)

Please contact Monica Gould [mongould@gmail.com](mailto:mongould@gmail.com) or Lu-  
pe Marquez at [marquez763@gmail.com](mailto:marquez763@gmail.com) to join this  
group.



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*CCYF's Mission: Becoming Servant Leaders for Christ*

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## Church Membership

**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 bap-  
tism) and state your desire  
to be a participating mem-  
ber of this congregation.  
We will then welcome you  
to the congregation during  
a Sunday worship service.  
***We hope you will say yes  
in 2023 and join our  
rolls.***

Please talk to Monica  
or one of our elders  
listed on this newslet-  
ter.

**Membership at  
NMPC** for 2023 is at 52  
members

**Membership at FMPC**  
for 2023 is at 19 members

The annual statistical re-  
ports will be available at  
each church by mid-  
February. Thank you to  
our clerks Cynthia Hall  
and Jennifer Stapleton for



# February 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Office Hours 9:30-12	2 Prayer meet- ing 8 am Choir 5	3 Exercise 10	4
5 9:15 FMPC 11:00 NMPC	6 Presbyterian Women 11:30 am CCYF Seniors 4pm Madrigal practice 6pm	7 Made w/Love 5:30pm  OBCA 5:30pm	8 Office Hours 9:30-12	9 Choir 4:30pm	10 Exercise 10	11
12 9:15 FMPC 11:00 NMPC Sunday school Steve Doan	13 Madrigal practice 6pm	14 Valentine's Day  Made w/Love 5:30pm	15 Office Hours 9:30 -12	16 Prayer meeting 8  Book Club 1  Choir 5	17 Exercise 10	18
19 9:15 FMPC 11:00 NMPC Mardi gras pan- cake brunch CCYF Bowling 2pm	20 NMPC Session mtg 5:30  Madrigal practice 7:00	21 Made w/Love 5:30pm	22 Office Hours 9:30-12  Ash Wednesday 6pm	23 Choir 5	24 Men's group 9am  Exercise 10	25
26 9:15 FMPC Congregational mtg 11:00 NMPC Sunday school 9:45 Confirmation class 12noon	27 Madrigal practice 6pm	28 OBCA board 5pm  Made w/Love 5:30pm	March 1 Office Hours 9:30-12  Lenten Supper 5:30 pm-7	2 Prayer meeting 8 am  Choir 5	3 Exercise 10	4

*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 king-*

## Minutes from FMPC mtg January 19, 2023

A Summary of the **stated session meeting** of Francis Makemie Presbyterian Church of Accomac, Virginia, was held at church **19 January 2023, at 12:00 pm**. The following members, constituting a quorum, were present: Paul Hughes, Wanda Hughes, Tammy Mason, Joe Boggs, Cynthia Hall, Clerk, Rick Hall, Treasurer, and Rev. Monica Gould, Moderator.

Rev. Gould opened the meeting with a prayer.

### **Correspondence:**

We received a Christmas card from PEVA and correspondence thanking the church for contributions to Lighthouse Ministries, Food Bank, and the Francis Makemie Society.

### **Pastor's Report:** Rev. Gould reported the following:

- \*Barbara Haynes will have surgery for her broken arm 20 January. The congregation will be notified.
- \*Thank you to Kathy Boggs for her sending greeting cards for celebrations and concerns.
- \*Rev. Bill Moore from Powelton PC will retire 31 March.
- \*Monica's vacation schedule: February 12 (8-17 to Florida), May 7 (3-8 to Indiana), June 11 & 18 (Sailing trip), August 6 & 13 (2-8 Lithuania)
- \*Rev. Steve Doan will fill the pulpit February 12.
- \*The CCYF schedule for 2023 has been set. See attached.
- \*The School Supply project will celebrate its 20<sup>th</sup> year this year. In 2022 \$6453 was raised.
- \* Confirmation class will begin this month with 28 May 2023 confirmation service on Pentecost.

### **Election to Presbytery meeting:**

- \* The schedule for the rest of 2023: 25 April-Williamsburg, 25 July and 24 October in Virginia Beach.

### **Election of Officers:**

Paul's 3 year term ended in 2022. He was nominated by general consensus to serve another term.

### **Treasurer's Report:** Please see attached.

- \*The budget for 2023 was approved by consensus and a congregational meeting will be February 26.

## Session Digest NMPC summary of committees for 2023

### **Naomi Makemie Presbyterian Church 2023 Committees**

**Administration** -keeps operation manual up to date, maintains safe church policy, church directories, and other Book of Order mandated policies.

**Finance**-oversees the finances of the church, meets regularly regarding the investments. **Ron May-chair**, George Heinrichs, Rick Turner

**Personnel**-prepares service contacts, performs annual reviews, does background checks, manages policies. **Rick Turner-chair**

**Stewardship**-plan and carry out stewardship programs **Ron May-chair**

**Building & Grounds**-maintains church property, grounds and manse, assigns space usage, manages insurances, inspections and maintenance contracts, manages building use-**Rick Turner-chair**, Marsh Ryon, Bill Baird, Mike Gould

**Christian Education**-responsible for the religious education program of the church. Has oversight of Sunday school, Bible studies, VBS, Youth Program, and other educational opportunities. **Bill Baird-chair**, Monica Gould-advisory,

**Congregational Care**-offers opportunities for the congregation to share their talents, gifts by oversight of the activities that occur at NMPC. Maintains care of friends and members through cards, notification of concerns.

**Patty Davis-chair**, Jennifer Stapleton, Meg Adams

**Mission**-responsible for distribution of funds to local, regional, national, and international programs. Participates in special offerings. Participates in hands on opportunities throughout the year. Manages the School Supply annual drive. Provides opportunities for youth to engage in mission. **Jennifer Stapleton-chair**

**Outreach**-Responsible for activities and opportunities for the congregation to connect with one another and the community, Spaghetti dinners, potluck, picnics etc. **Linda Arvidson-chair**

**Worship**-responsible for worship, music, sacraments, and all the essentials surrounding special occasions, flowers, acolytes, supply pastors, weddings, funerals, ushers, maintains communication with online worshippers, and the liturgical calendar. **Megan Ames-Chair**  
**Media**-websites, Facebook, videography, newsletter, publicity. Monica Gould, Mike Gould

**We invite you to sign up to serve on one or more of the NMPC 2023 Committees**





## January in Pictures

The pictures show guitar worship, ordination of elders, potluck lunch Youth mission for Lighthouse ministries, CCYF Mystery game

