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GLAD TIDINGS

Dear Friends,

There are always times in the life of the church that bring excitement and renewal. Perhaps one of the greatest moments are when those who were baptized in the congregation as infants come before the whole body and reaffirm the vows made for them at their baptism. Our book of order states: At this time, they reaffirm the vows of Baptism by renouncing evil and affirming their reliance on God's grace, professing their faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and declaring their intent to participate actively and responsibly in the worship, life, governance, and mission of the church. On such occasions, it is fitting for all worshipers to reaffirm the baptismal covenant. Here are the questions that are asked at baptism and at the time of membership. Trusting in the gracious mercy of God do you turn from the ways of sin? **I do.** Do you renounce

Special dates

- National Day of Prayer, *May 4, 2023*
- *World Labyrinth Day May 6, 2023*
- Mother's Day, *May 14, 2023*
- Ascension Day, *May 18, 2023*
- Armed Forces Day, *May 20, 2023*
- Victoria Day (Canada), *May 22, 2023*
- Pentecost, *May 28, 2023*
- Memorial Day, *May 29, 2023*

evil and its power I the world? **I do.** Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior? **I do.** Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love to your life's end? **I will, with God's help.**

Pray for our youth as they make this transition from baptized member to full communing member. If you would like to join the church. We welcome you whenever you sense God's call. Whether you are a member or not, you are welcome to the *full participation of the work and worship of our congregations*. We appreciate you!

We look forward to more opportunities

this month to get to know each other. Blessings,

Monica

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MAY BIRTHDAYS



MAY

Emily Grey	05-01
Rose Elise Herbert	05-02
Danielle Colona	05-05
Yvonne Isdell	05-07
Rick Arvidson	05-08
Skylar Stapleton	05-13
Paul Hughes	05-12
Andy Mason	05-17
Susan Sennello	05-18
Katie Klawitter	05-19
Angel Herbert	05-20
June Soud	05-21
AJ Nielsen	05-21
Joan May	05-22
GC Farris	05-23
Joe Van Hove	05-24

HAPPY
Birthday
FROM YOUR
CHURCH FAMILY

If we've missed
your birthday
please let us know.

Ephesians 4:16 from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.



HELP Wanted. In order to have an effective Sunday worship at NMPC we need a team. Please consider teaming up with **Mike Gould** to learn how to operate the audio video system. He also needs a team member to learn to run the sound system and the video toggle switch. Stop by his table on Sunday morning and sit with him just to watch what he does. It might spark your interest to learn. Our online viewers really appreciate the service. See you soon.

Church Directories.

It is 2023 and we are updating our church directories. They are organized by congregation. Patty Davis is overseeing the updates and additions. We'd like to include you to keep you informed about the life of the churches. Thank you for being part of our family near and far. Send us your information this month please.

Worship Schedule

May 7 Reverend Donna Doan
John 1:1-5, 14; Philippians 2:1-11 The Word Made Flesh

May 14 Psalm 66:8-20; John 14:15-21 Because He Lives

May 21 Psalm 47, John 17:1-11 Be As One

May 28 Acts 2:1-21 (guitars @ NMPC) Confirmation





We've Lost a Friend

Michael L. Carpenter, 85, of Willow Street, passed away Friday, April 21, 2023.

Mike and Marge Carpenter were active members of NMPC for twenty years from the early 1990's. They are both fondly remembered for not only being involved in every aspect of ministry but also for bringing many new members to our church through their nearby bed and breakfast! Mike was church treasurer, handyman and groundskeeper. He had a beautiful voice and sang bass in the church choir, providing a reliable musical foundation. George Heinrichs and Mike were long time Habitat for Humanity volunteers and installed the electrical wiring for 20 Habitat houses under construction! Mike authored NMPC's first website which served the church well for many years. Mike was friendly, cheerful, caring, reliable and hard working and a good friend to many. It required the efforts of quite a few people to replace his contributions when they moved to Pennsylvania! Mike was well loved and will be dearly missed! By Debbie Ryon



John William Holdren died April 26, 2023 A long time member of the Onancock Community. He served on many community boards including Shore History and the Montessori Children's House. He loved kayaking. He recently began attending NMPC and we became completely filled with his warm friendship. He will be missed. Rest now from your labors.



Warner F. Young, Jr., better known as Frank, husband of Earline Watson Young, died at his home in Eastville, VA, on April 14, 2023, at 92 years of age.

A memorial service was to be conducted on Saturday, April 29th at 11:00 a.m. at Christ Episcopal Church in Eastville, VA. Interment will be private at a small family plot in Jenkins Bridge.

Frank was born Oct 19, 1930 in Sanford, VA. As most of you know, Frank was a mainstay of the Makemie Society for many years. Surveying the boundaries, building the white fence and picnic tables, and whatever else was required to improve the park.



To Those Whom I Love & Those Who Love Me

When I am gone, release me,
let me go.

I have so many things to see
and do, You mustn't tie your-
self to me with too many tears,
But be thankful we had so
many good years. I gave you
my love, and you can only
guess How much you've given
me in happiness.

I thank you for the love that
you have shown, But now it is
time I traveled on alone.

So grieve for me a while, if
grieve you must, Then let your
grief be comforted by trust. It
is only for a while that we must
part, So treasure the memories
within your heart.

I won't be far away for life goes
on. And if you need me, call
and I will come.

Though you can't see or touch
me, I will be near.

And if you listen with your
heart, you'll hear, All my love
around you soft and clear. And
then, when you come this way
alone, I'll greet you with a
smile and a 'Welcome
Home'.



Onancock Town & NMPC CHURCH Yard Sale Saturday May 13 7 am –12pm

Come out and help the fun activity of the annual yard sale in Onancock at NMPC. It's tons of fun. We need your unwanted treasures to donate to the sale. No clothes or books please. We need folks to help price the items on Friday. And we need worker bees on Saturday to run the sale indoors and outdoors.

Bring the kids to be helpers. They are usually our best sales people. Contact us and leave a voicemail if you need help transporting your items to church.

Can't wait to see you around the neighborhood.



"You shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands; you need to be able to throw something back." —Maya Angelou



"Eternal Father, Strong to Save," often known simply as "The Navy Hymn," dates back to 1860, when William Whiting wrote it for a student of his about to travel by ship from England to America.

The following verse, intended for Memorial Day, may be used with the credit line below: We thank you, God, for loved ones dear Who clung to faith beyond their fear, Who served and paid the highest price For freedom bought with sacrifice. May they remind us of your Son Whose death our final freedom won. —Heidi L. Mann, 2012

Movie Night Potluck Wednesday May 17

Join us for another Wednesday Evening at NMPC. We had so much fun during the Lenten Suppers we decided we wanted to keep the fellowship and learning time going.

We will gather at 5:00 pm and bring our potluck meal. We'll begin eating at 5:30 and the movie will start at 5:45 while we munch and watch. :)

The movie is **JESUS REVOLUTION**. *Jesus Revolution* is a 2023 American Christian drama film directed by Jon Erwin and Brent McCorkle.

Based on the book of the same name co-written by youth minister Greg Laurie, the film follows Laurie (Joel Courtney), Christian hippie Lonnie Frisbee (Jonathan Roumie), and pastor Chuck Smith (Kelsey Grammer) as they take part in the Jesus movement in California during the late 1960s. Anna Grace Barlow and Kimberly Williams-Paisley also star.



The film was theatrically released in the United States on February 24, 2023, by Lionsgate.



Christopher Ames



David Hughes



Addison Stapleton

Eight graders **Addison Stapleton** and **Christopher Ames** have been part of the NMPC congregation their whole life. Christopher attends Broadwater Academy, plays basketball, baseball and enjoys hunting with his dad, brothers and friends. He excels in all the variety of activities that keep him and his family on the go several nights a week.

Addison attends Arcadia Middle School. She has taken a different path from her sports loving sisters. Addison has given her attention to the love of dance. She not only attends dance practice four nights a week she is participating in her first year of competition. Her ballet is stellar as she poses on point.

Christopher and Addison have been in the church children's choir, church plays, have been acolytes, and shared in readings, hands on mission, and so many aspects of the church.

David Hughes had been part of the church family of FMPC his whole life. David is a ninth grader at Nandua High School. He has been active in bowling. This year he performed so well he went all the way to states. He has been the young boy swinging wide the pew doors of the sanctuary. He has been in church plays, he ushers every Sunday, he is always willing to help at a moments notice.

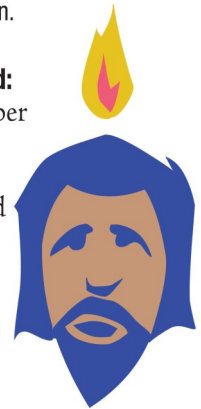
Please continue to pray for them as they complete their confirmation classes and are confirmed on Pentecost Sunday May 28.

Spirit SPINNER

For Pentecost, make a thaumatrope, a spinning toy that creates an optical illusion of motion.

What you need:

- White paper
- Cup
- Scissors
- Pencil and markers
- Plastic drinking straw
- Glue



What you do:

1. Using the cup's circular shape, trace two identical circles on the paper. Carefully cut them out.
2. In pencil, draw a person's head on one circle. Then place the blank circle on top and use the image beneath to guide you in drawing a flame above the head.
3. Color the two images with markers.
4. Apply glue to the backs of the circles and sandwich the top of the straw between them so it looks like a lollipop. Let dry.
5. Roll the straw quickly between your hands to view a mini motion picture.



The Eastern Shore Presbyterian Ministries (ESPM) is pleased to once again serve our community's schools in 2023. ESPM was formed by the (then four) Presbyterian Churches on the Eastern Shore and provides much-needed school sup-

plies to all ESVA elementary schools. The program has grown substantially over time and now includes support from other churches and individuals. The annual purchase and distribution of supplies is a major event in the life of our Eastern Shore Presbyterian churches!

Goal for 2023 is \$5500 Let's measure up to the task again this year. It's been incredible every year meeting the goal. 19 years and counting!! WOW! Fund-raising starts now until June 4.

- The delivery will be based on previously received items/quantities a (a "wish list" will **NOT** need to be provided)
- The menu of school supplies is simplified (items such as antibacterial wipes and tissues that parents are asked to provide are no longer part of our program).
- ****NEW** delivery to the schools will be in LATE JUNE** (please note this significant change from previous years)

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Please mark your checks ESPM and mail to PO Box 397 Onancock VA 23417

Ongoing Mission FMPC

The congregation of FMPC is appreciative to the people of Accomac and the those who pass through who are using our congregations mission-BOOK SWAP.

As a small congregation is always difficult to think of small things we can do to impact others. We invite to continue to visit and swap your



A Million Thanks Letter writing is our May Mission for the whole church-kids included!

Shauna Fleming founded **A Million Thanks** in 2004, when she was just 15 years old. The campaign began as a community service project in Orange County, California, with the goal of sending one million cards and letters of appreciation to U.S. military serving around the world.



We are asking individuals, schools, churches, businesses, and other organizations to write letters and messages of appreciation and support for our military, past and present. It is our goal to see that our military – active, reserve, and veterans – receive these messages, whether they are serving at home, abroad, or are recovering in hospitals. To get started, read the guidelines on the 'How To Send' tab above. After completing your letter (s), bring them to church. We will gather them and send them to organization for distribution. With Memorial Day this month it is appropriate to honor our living and working military as well as those who served and gave their lives for our nation. We look forward to sharing in this worthwhile mission together.

BIG CHANGES To CCYF WEEKEND Venue is CAMP OCCOHANNOCK

Community Christian Youth Fellowship (6th – 12th Grade) Rising 6th graders welcome

Becoming Servant Leaders for Christ

Participant name: _____

Age: _____ Grade: _____

Parent/guardian: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Email _____

Home church: _____

Allergies/medical information: _____

Emergency contact Name: _____

Relationship: _____ Phone: _____

Other information _____



Looking ahead

CCYF

June 4 4pm

Graduation celebration

Please contact Monica Gould mon-gould@gmail.com or text 757-709-2846

LAST CALL FOR APPLICATIONS!

CCYF Scholarship for seniors accepted to college is now in effect. \$500-\$2000 award to those seniors qualifying. This is a renewable scholarship for the years in college.

May 19-21 2023 CCYF Weekend at CAMP OCCOHANNOCK and A visit to Pfeiffer Riding Stables

Theme: Life is full of a variety of moments. Our lives are filled with joy, worry, hardship, and ordinary times. When we gather to learn something new such as the challenge of hiking a trail path, we learn the importance of teamwork and community. We discover how important community is for our faith and our seasons of life. *We'll study Philippians 4:4-7 and learn how God's word can lead us on the right trail.* We'll gather to enjoy the beautiful earth God has given us. We'll have games, food, fun, swimming, hiking and more games.

Leaders on this weekend: Monica Gould, Pat McArdle

Date: Friday May 19 until Sunday May 21

Meeting Time and Place: Friday 5 pm until Sunday 1pm

4 pm Friday at Naomi Makemie Presbyterian Church 89 Market St, Onancock.

5pm arrive at CAMP OCCOHANNOCK

9 am Sunday Depart from camp to Pfeiffer Riding Stables Franktown.

12:30 pm Depart from Pfeiffer Riding Stables to Naomi Makemie Presbyterian

1:00 pm arrival at Naomi Makemie Presbyterian-head home

Sign up required. Complete the permission form.

A reflection of the church on a car hood at sunset. Thank you for sharing this special picture Jean Freeman



SAVE the DATE VBS JULY 24-28

SAVE THE DATE for our annual ecumenical Vacation Bible School. This year will be using Cokesbury's curriculum that brings great stories of the Bible, Music by Diane and Dave, Butterflies by Walta Pruitt, Science, Crafts, recreation, snacks, lunch, and much more. The hours are 9-12:30. We begin at Naomi Makemie and alternate days with Market St UMC and Holy Trinity Episcopal.

As always we encourage our youth to volunteer as leaders. There will be training for those leaders the week prior to VBS.

We'll send out invitations to our

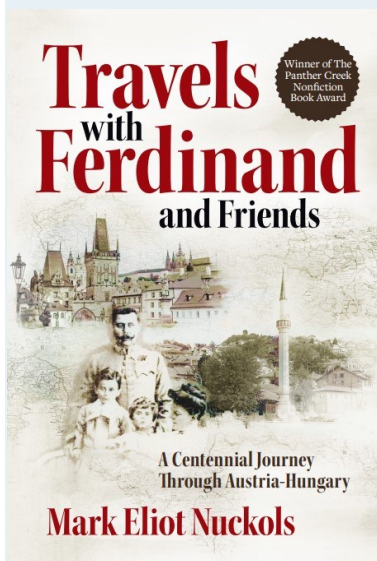
previous VBS participants and we encourage other children to come. Our limit is 30 children ages 4 to 6th grade. Our Volunteers are adults and youth from 6th grade to 12th grade.



Travels with Ferdinand

Mark Nuckols our organist at NMPC has written and published a book

Travels with Ferdinand now available! You can purchase your copy at Bookshop.org, Barnes & Noble or Amazon.



Travels with Ferdinand and Friends: A Centennial Journey Through Austria-Hungary has just been released by Hidden River Press, which awarded author Mark Nuckols with its Panther Creek Nonfiction Book Award. The travel narrative begins at Archduke Franz Ferdinand's castle outside Prague and winds through Slovakia, Hungary, and Croatia to Sarajevo, Bosnia & Herzegovina for the 100th anniversary of the assassination that sparked World War I. The culinary and musical exploration of former Habsburg lands continues up the Dalmatian Coast, to the Italian city of Trieste, and on to Vienna, Slovakia and Prague. It includes visits with choirs in Slovakia that the author sang in during his six years living there, as well as spontaneous restaurant performances with musicians in Dubrovnik and Prague. The work entertains while providing an experiential guide to the history and geography of Central Europe and its culture: music, cuisine, language, and literature. It reflects on the causes of the Great War from the standpoints of various nationalities (and their prejudices), as well as changes in the European political landscape from the end of WWI, through WWII and the socialist era, and down to the present day. Set against the broader European backdrop of Putin's 2014 Crimea annexation, *Travels with Ferdinand* provides vital context for understanding Ukraine's western neighbors, the current state of the EU, and the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict.

Summary of NMPC Session Meeting on April 17, 2023

Finance

We are looking for a new treasurer. George Heinrichs will be moving so the treasurer's position will be vacant soon. The finance committee will meet to address the vacancy.

Buildings and Grounds

The Building and Grounds Committee would like to create a group of people that would be interested in helping our members and friends with small/light tasks if they are in need.

Contact Rick Turner for more information if you are interested in helping.

The plumber came to unclog the kitchen drains. Please do not remove the strainers in the sink.

Both of the kitchen faucets were replaced as well.

A timer and dimmer will be installed in the Grove Room to light up the stain glass windows.

Congregational Care

A new church directory is currently being worked on. Each member and our church friends will need to verify their names and addresses.

Mission

The annual school supply drive will undergo many changes. One of the major changes is moving the program time from August to June. This is to avoid any supply chain issues. Another change is that each school will have a budget based on last year's order. Total budget for all the schools is \$5,500.

Worship

Steve and Donna Doan have graciously offered to preach while Monica is on vacation May 7th, June 11th, and June 18th.

Education

Vacation Bible School will be held July 24th-28th. A VBS meeting was held on Thursday, April 20th.

The pot luck lunches and dinners have been so successful that it has been suggested we have pot lucks over the summer.

Sunday school in May will be held May 14th and 28th. Confirmation Sunday will be on May 28th.

Out-Reach

Our annual church picnic will be on June 4th in the Makemie Room. You can sign up to bring a side dish or dessert.

We will have a yard sale on May 13th in the Makemie Room. We are looking for 3-4 people to help so please let Linda Arvidson know if you are available.

Moderator's Report

There are two more classes for confirmation. The Session will need to meet with the kids. May 24th-27th
Monica will be unavailable due to sailing.

Old Business

The session is interested in upgrading our Audio Visual system. Our current system is about twenty years old. It was graciously donated to us and has served us well as we adjusted our Sunday services online. We have received one bid and are looking for at least one more.

New Business

Our church has been growing recently, and we have been offered an opportunity to expand. There is a house and property one lot over that may be available for us to purchase. This house and property would be used for the CCYF youth group, session retreat, church picnics, committee meetings, parking for church, a playground, housing for Habitat for Humanity volunteers, etc. There is a lot of work that needs to be done to the house. There may be another house purchase available as we research more. Both options are being reviewed thoroughly.



May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>1</i> <i>Presbyterian Women 11:30</i>	<i>2</i> <i>OBCA 5:30</i> <i>Made with Love 5:30</i>	<i>3</i> <i>Choir 5</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i> <i>National Day of Prayer</i>	<i>6</i> <i>World Labyrinth Day</i>
<i>7</i> Church FMPC <i>9:15 am NMPC</i> <i>11:00 am Rev Donna Doan</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i> <i>Made with Love 5:30</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i> <i>Choir 4:30</i>	<i>12</i> <i>YARD SALE pricing</i>	<i>13</i> <i>YARD SALE 7-12</i>
<i>14</i> Church FMPC <i>9:15 am NMPC</i> <i>11:00 am</i> Mother's Day	<i>15</i> <i>NMPC session 5:30 pm</i>	<i>16</i> <i>Made with Love 5:30</i>	<i>17</i> <i>MOVIE NIGHT</i> <i>potluck begins at 5. movie starts at 5:45-7:45</i>	<i>18</i> <i>Ascension Day</i> <i>Prayer Mtg 8am</i> <i>Book club 1pm</i> <i>Choir 5</i>	<i>19</i> <i>CCYF Camp Occohannock 4pm at NMCP</i> <i>5 pm at camp</i>	<i>20</i> <i>Armed Forces Day</i> <i>CCYF Camp Occohannock</i>
<i>21</i> <i>CCYF Horse riding 10-12</i> Church FMPC <i>9:15 am NMPC</i> <i>11:00 am</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i> <i>Made with Love 5:30</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i> <i>Choir 5</i>	<i>26</i> <i>Men's group 9am</i>	<i>27</i>
<i>28</i> Pentecost Confirmation <i>FMPC 9:15 am NMPC 11:00 am guitars</i>	<i>29</i> <i>Memorial Day</i>	<i>30</i> <i>OBCA Board 5pm</i> <i>Made with Love 5:30</i>	<i>31</i>			

We have great photos thanks to Megan Ames who captures just the right moments.



Jo Penland's birthday. All the children gathered to sing in church 4/30



Joan May helping plant seeds for Earth Day



CCYF sunflower seed



A.J. Narrated the earth day skit as God.



Flamingo? Carter named



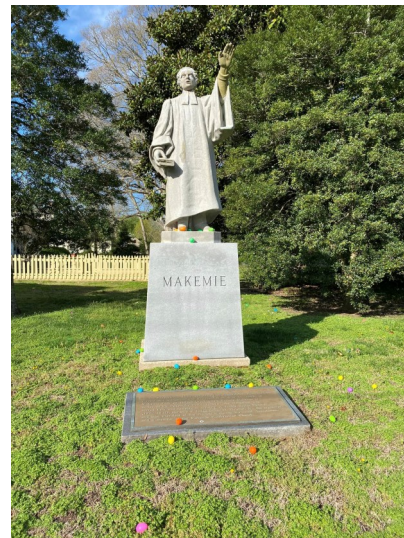
Amelia Read her parts well. She was Eve.



Debbie, Conrad, & Steve provided a special ensemble for Easter



Emma was making sure the whole cross was covered in flowers



Francis Makemie egged again-Easter eggs that is.



Let the egg hunt begin!



Annual Photo by Francis Makemie. My how they have grown!

Looking ahead
Graduation celebration in church
on June 4th
and for
CCYF on Sunday June 4th at 4pm



June 4th will be our annual joint church picnic at 12noon following worship at NMPC Meat will be provided sides are welcomed. It will be INDOORS again.

