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## GLAD TIDINGS

### NMPC GETS NEW EQUIPMENT

Loyola has successfully installed the new system of sound, video, projector and screen at NMPC. We are extremely grateful to have this opportunity to share worship experiences with crisper music sounds and better video for streaming.

With this new system we'll be able to stream to a platform more accessible to people than Facebook. For now we will continue as is until the new system is fully in place. Thank you for your support.

Blessings, *Monica*

### PRAYER AS A PLACE FOR PLAY

Writer Elizabeth Jarrett Andrew tells of attending a retreat focused on a type of meditation called centering prayer. She found it challenging to "set down [her] frantic internal voices" and "lean back into stillness." But one day, during a stretch of sleep, she had a dream: "My dear camel, who feels a sweet attachment to me, is ready to retire. I release him into a green-enclosed pasture. He cavorts; he frolics; he races in circles. He's gleeful and free. Poor beast of burden! I've been asking far too much of him." Andrew's dream was a revelation: "Turns out silent prayer is a fence within which both [my camel] and I can lay down our baggage," she writes. "We can pause our trudge across the desert long enough to play."

Have you ever thought of prayer — especially silent prayer — as a fenced-in space where it's safe to lay down your burdens, pause your trudge through life, play, cavort and frolic? In God's secure love, we can relax, rejuvenate and experience freedom, even glee. Sometimes this, too, is prayer. based on "Happy Camel," Elizabeth Jarrett Andrew <https://www.elizabethjarrettandrew.com/blognew/>



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## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

If we've missed  
your birthday  
please let us

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

HAPPY  
Birthday  
FROM YOUR  
CHURCH FAMILY



*"I'm a  
in the hand of a writing God, who is sending a love letter to the  
world."*

—Mother Teresa

Greetings from the NMPC Christian Education Department!

### CHOIR PRACTICE

NAOMI MAKEMIE CHOIR PRACTICES ON **THURSDAY EVENINGS** FROM 5-6:30. TIME ADJUSTMENTS ARE MADE ON THE ROSELAND THEATRE MOVIE NIGHTS.

We are grateful to all the musicians and voices who helped out with special music all summer long!

If you would like to join the choir we invite you to begin with us on **Thursday August 31 at 5 pm** in the sanctuary of the church.

ALL voices are welcome. There is always room for instruments and voices during the offertory and other areas of worship. If you have an instrument you'd like to share please let Debbie Ryon or Mark Nuckols know.

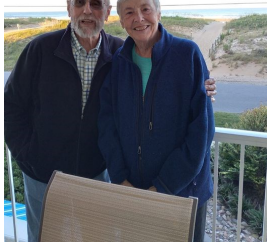
We are excited to be offering two Sunday morning learning opportunities this year, **beginning on Sunday, September 10 th** . Our adult and children's classes will meet two Sundays a month from 9:45-10:45am. Look for the dates to be announced each month.



**Adult Class – led by Bill Baird:** This summer we began our study of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. We started with the beatitudes and have pondered such things as "What does it mean to be meek?" and "How does one hunger and thirst for righteousness?" This fall, we plan to continue with our study of the Sermon on the Mount. We meet upstairs, and all are welcome! Come and join in our discussions and our sharing of thoughts and ideas, as we strive to better understand what it means to be God's people!

#### Children's Class – led by Kate Baird:

This fall we will be using the curriculum, All-In-One Sunday School. From September to November, we will hear the stories of many prominent figures of the Old Testament such as Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham, Joseph, and several others. Through their stories we will learn about the very foundation of our faith! In December we will prepare ourselves to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Each week we will work on sharpening our Bibles skills and explore different words and concepts related to our faith. This is a relaxed, interactive class where we ALL ask questions, share answers, play games and work together to understand God's call on our lives. Kate is looking forward to once again walking alongside our NMPC young disciples as we travel together down the road on our faith journey!



George Heinrich who has been an elder and church treasurer at NMPC for a number of years is moving. He and his fabulous wife Wilma Motley, who has been an important part of Presbyterian Women over a number of years, are headed to Virginia Beach. We'll celebrate them with a cake this Sunday August 27 at NMPC during coffee hour. We cannot thank these two enough for their amazing friendship and dedication to service to the Lord, this congregation, and the community.

Their new address is: 985 Fleet Dr Apt 247

Virginia Beach, VA 23454

## Worship Schedule

This Fall most of the Scripture readings in worship will be coming from what is known as the **Narrative Lectionary**. Texts were selected that lead well to the proclamation of what God is doing. The stories tell of hope and disappointment, suffering and redemption. In all these varied contexts, we find God dealing with the complexities of human life. Stories from the gospels differ each year, avoiding repetition and highlighting what is distinctive about each gospel's telling of the story of Jesus.

**August 27** Psalm 119:57-64; Romans 8:26-38 Puzzle Pieces

**September 3** Acts 16:16-40 Holding Firm-Paul & Silas

**September 10** Romans 13:8-14; Psalm 119:30-40 Rally Day; Commissioning; Chili cook Off

**September 17** Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7; Mark 10:27 Made from What? Guitar Sunday

**September 24** Genesis 32:9-30; Mark 14:32-36 Call Us by Name



Our next Presbyterian Women's meeting will be **Monday September 11 at 11:30 at NMPC**. The meetings include a study with discussion, a time of fellowship with a bag lunch, and a business meeting that unites us with Presbyterian women around the nation and the world. We look forward to seeing you soon. The meetings usually end at 1 pm.



The Men's group meets at NMPC the last Friday of every month at 9 am. Donuts and coffee are served. The men enjoy a discussion focused on a Bible verse. The fellowship of this group is an important pillar of our congregations.



### A STORY OF LIFE ON THE EASTERN SHORE OF VIRGINIA

Barry Mears and Kamryn, a member of NMPC, worked together as father and daughter to bring this wonderful book to the community of ESVA as well as provide a glimpse for those curious to know what living here was and is like.

You can find his book on Amazon but it is preferred you go and purchase it locally.

We thank Barry for his love and concern for God, family, country and the precious ESVA.

#### SPECIAL DATES

- Labor Day, *September 4, 2023*
- National Grandparents Day, *September 10, 2023*
- Patriot Day, *September 11, 2023*
- Hispanic Heritage Month, *Sep. 15–Oct. 15, 2023*
- First day of autumn, *September 23, 2023*



Blessing of the  
Backpacks  
Diaper bags  
Teacher bags  
Every kind of learning bags

**SUNDAY August 27-AT both churches** we will be blessing backpacks, homeschool, diaper bags, teacher sacks, you name it. Everyone who is returning to a learning schedule will be blessed! Come worship with us at 9:15 in Accomac at Francis Makemie Presbyterian church or at 11 at Naomi Makemie Presbyterian church.

We'll see you there. 😊 Come join us! Bring kids, grownups, retirees, we love sharing Jesus with everyone.



As part of **RALLY DAY** on **Sunday September 10**, we hold an annual **chili cook off at NMPC**. 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.* To be competitive we like to have a minimum of 6 kinds of chili.

We also need rolls, crackers, corn bread, and desserts.

## Blessed with work

In the movie *Return to Me*, Grace works for her grandfather, Marty, in his restaurant, and the two live upstairs. After closing time one night, Grace looks through the apartment window and sees Marty cleaning tables. She yells down to ask if he wants help, and he replies, "No, dear, that's okay. I'm blessed with work."

Here's a man well past retirement age laboring extra hours after his staff has clocked out. Marty simply continues to delight in his work, despite the late hour.

Although this snippet had little to do with the movie's plot, I've always remembered Marty's words. But I don't think I've ever claimed to be "blessed with work." By contrast, I often sigh as I'm dealing with messes or long to-do lists. I can get so caught up in tasks that I overlook the incredible people around me. I miss out on the blessing — the joy — of work. Ecclesiastes 5:19 (NLT) says, "To enjoy your work ... is indeed a gift from God." In what ways are you "blessed with work"?

—Janna Firestone



## BIBLE READING PLAN:

# Choose YOUR OWN Journey



Head out on a month-long exploration through God's Word. Each day's quest comes with some options. Choose from a prayer, a parable, a gospel reading or an epistle reading. If you have more time or use this Bible Reading Plan more than once a day, read the rest of the passages too.

### 1. GRATITUDE

- ☐ Prayer: 1 Samuel 2:1-10
- ☐ Gospel: Luke 17:11-19
- ☐ Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

### 2. TRUST

- ☐ Prayer: Psalm 28:6-9
- ☐ Gospel: Mark 5:21-43

### 3. PRAISE

- ☐ Prayer: Exodus 15:1-18
- ☐ Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:54-57

### 4. LOVE

- ☐ Prayer: Philippians 1:9-11
- ☐ Gospel: Mark 12:28-33
- ☐ Epistle: 1 John 4:7-21

### 5. PRAYER

- ☐ Prayer: Matthew 6:9-13
- ☐ Parable: Luke 18:10-14
- ☐ Epistle: Ephesians 6:17-20

### 6. OBEDIENCE

- ☐ Parable: Matthew 21:28-32
- ☐ Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

### 7. PATIENCE

- ☐ Parable: James 5:7-11
- ☐ Epistle: Romans 8:22-25

### 8. WISDOM

- ☐ Prayer: 1 Kings 3:3-9
- ☐ Parable: Matthew 7:24-27
- ☐ Epistle: James 3:13-18

### 9. CALLING

- ☐ Prayer: Isaiah 6:1-8
- ☐ Epistle: 1 Peter 2:9-10

### 10. FORGIVENESS

- ☐ Prayer: 1 Kings 8:46-53
- ☐ Parable: Matthew 18:21-35
- ☐ Gospel: Luke 23:32-34

### 11. JOY

- ☐ Prayer: Psalm 16
- ☐ Parable: Luke 15:1-10
- ☐ Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9

### 12. RESTORATION

- ☐ Prayer: Psalm 51:10-19
- ☐ Gospel: John 2:19-22

### 13. STEWARDSHIP

- ☐ Parable: Luke 12:16-21
- ☐ Gospel: Luke 21:1-4
- ☐ Epistle: 1 Timothy 6:17-19

### 14. HUMILITY

- ☐ Parable: Luke 14:7-14
- ☐ Epistle: Philippians 2:1-11

### 15. REFUGE

- ☐ Prayer: Psalm 121
- ☐ Gospel: John 17:11-19

### 16. MIRACLES

- ☐ Prayer: Matthew 14:13-21
- ☐ Gospel: Mark 9:14-24

### 17. FRUITFULNESS

- ☐ Parable: Matthew 25:14-30
- ☐ Gospel: John 15:1-8
- ☐ Epistle: James 2:14-24

### 18. UNITY

- ☐ Prayer: John 17:20-23
- ☐ Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:10-17

### 19. PROVISION

- ☐ Prayer: Deuteronomy 28:1-14
- ☐ Parable: John 10:1-18
- ☐ Gospel: Matthew 6:25-34

### 20. PEACE

- ☐ Prayer: Isaiah 26:1-13
- ☐ Epistle: 2 Corinthians 13:11-14

### 21. JUSTICE

- ☐ Prayer: 1 Kings 8:56-61
- ☐ Parable: Matthew 20:1-16

### 22. PERSISTENCE

- ☐ Prayer: James 5:13-18
- ☐ Parable: Luke 18:1-8

### 23. EVANGELISM

- ☐ Prayer: Acts 4:23-31
- ☐ Epistle: Romans 10:9-15

### 24. FAITHFULNESS

- ☐ Prayer: Nehemiah 8:1-13
- ☐ Parable: Matthew 21:18-22

### 25. SUFFERING

- ☐ Prayer: Job 19:21-27
- ☐ Epistle: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

### 26. GROWTH

- ☐ Prayer: Colossians 1:9-14
- ☐ Parable: Mark 4:26-29

### 27. MERCY

- ☐ Parable: Luke 10:30-37
- ☐ Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-16

### 28. SALVATION

- ☐ Prayer: Acts 2:22-36
- ☐ Parable: Luke 16:19-31
- ☐ Gospel: John 3:16-17

### 29. READINESS

- ☐ Prayer: Luke 1:46-55
- ☐ Parable: Matthew 25:1-13

### 30. KINGDOM OF HEAVEN




- ☐ Parable: Matthew 13:31-33
- ☐ Gospel: John 14:1-4

### 31. BLESSING

- ☐ Prayer: Numbers 6:24-27
- ☐ Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24



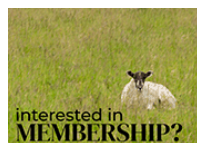
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	Wednesday	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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<b>3</b> 9:15 FMPC- 11:00 NMPC	<b>4</b> 	<b>5</b> 'Made with Love' group 5:30-6:30 OBICA 5:30	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Prayer meeting 8 Choir 5	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 9:15 FMPC Sunday school <b>9:45</b> RALLY DAY CHILI COOK OFF <b>11:00</b> NMPC <b>3pm</b> CCYF Kayak	<b>11</b> PW 11:30	<b>12</b> 'Made with Love' group 5:30-6:30	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Choir 5	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 9:15 FMPC 11:00 NMPC	<b>18</b> NMPC Session 5:30 pm	<b>19</b> 'Made with Love' group 5:30-6:30	<b>20</b> Wednesday Night Potluck & movie at NMPC 5:00	<b>21</b> Prayer mtg 8 Book Club 1  Choir 5	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 9:15 FMPC 9:45 Sunday school 11:00 NMPC	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 'Made with Love' group 5:30-6:30	<b>27</b> Wednesday CCYF College bound mtg for high school seniors 4:30	<b>28</b> Choir 5	<b>29</b> Men's group 9 	<b>30</b>

## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Would like to join the church?  
Francis Makemie and Naomi Makemie welcomes 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!



**Mission Sundays this Fall at NMPC** for our children and youth will engage them in several opportunities:

**September** creating prayer jars

**October** participate in worship

**November** Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes

**December** hosting coffee hour

## CCYF September Kick Off event.

**Sunday September 10 at 3pm.** Meet at the Onancock Kayak area. Just opposite the wharf parking lot. There are picnic tables and a bird statue.

What to bring: wear a swimsuit, have towel, water bottle, hat, sunscreen, sunglasses, bug spray.

Please fill out the form for the Burnham guides. Return to Monica no later than September 5<sup>th</sup>.

[mongould@gmail.com](mailto:mongould@gmail.com) 757-709-2846

A picnic of snacks will follow the kayak time.



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Student Name (print):

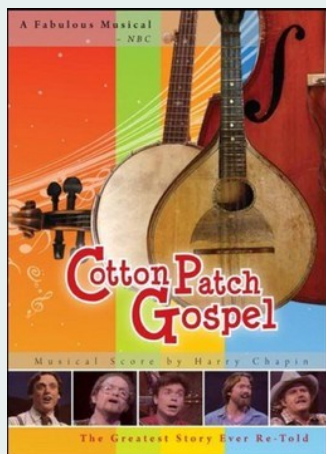
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\_\_\_\_\_ FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF PARTICIPANT OF MINOR UNDER AGE 18 AT TIME OF REGISTRATION This is to certify that I, as parent/guardian with legal responsibility for this participant, do consent and agree to his/her release as provided above of all the releasees, and, for myself, my heirs, assigns, and next of kin, I release and agree to indemnity and hold harmless the Releasees from any and all liability innocence to my minor child's involvement or participation in these programs as provided above, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES, to the fullest extent permitted by law. Agreed to by: (Sign name)

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## MOVIE & POTLUCK NIGHT SEPTEMBER 20 AT NMPC

**Cotton Patch Gospel** has been highly acclaimed by critics and public alike. This award-winning musical drama is a leg-slappin', toe-tappin', hand-clappin' hoe-down of a story that retells the Gospels of Matthew and John – translated into present day Southern vernacular.

It brings the far away places of Nazareth, Jerusalem, and Bethlehem closer to home – Atlanta and Valdosta, Georgia. From His birth in a Gainesville, Georgia, trailer to His Good Friday lynching and Easter Sunday victory, the story of Mary Davidson's son, Jesus, is presented musically with zest and uninhibited joy.

The musical score is by the late Harry Chapin, founder of "World Hunger Year" and composer of such well known hits as "Cat's in the Cradle" and "Taxi". Harry Chapin considered himself "born to write music for **Cotton Patch Gospel**". **Cotton Patch Gospel** is special. It is a rare dramatic presentation that succeeds in both entertaining us and sharing fresh insight into the Gospel – the greatest story ever told.

We'll have discussion about the relevance then and now to the topics in the movie. **Dinner from 5-5:45. Movie from 5:45 to 7:45** and a chance linger for more conversation.



**Francis Makemie and Naomi Makemie** offer ways to serve on Sundays and during the week.

Do not hesitate to ask someone how you can help.

Keeping things tidy and organized is always needed. Kitchen help is always needed.

Readers and ushers and other worship opportunities are a gift.

If you have a gift that you'd like to share, we look forward to listening and including you in the life of the church.

?? ? **Bible Quiz** ? ??

After Elijah was taken up to heaven, his newly commissioned successor, Elisha, performed two miracles. The first was making a poisonous stream's water safe to drink. What did Elisha toss into the water that made it wholesome?

- A. a stick
- B. a new bowl
- C. bread
- D. salt

Answer: D (See 2 Kings 2:19-22.)

