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GLAD TIDINGS

The wonderful thing about praying is that you leave a world of not being able to do something and enter God's realm, where everything is possible. He specializes in the impossible. Nothing is too great for his almighty power. Nothing is too small for his love. — Corrie ten Boom

Matthew 17:20 with the faith of a mustard seed you will move mountains (paraphrase)

I attended our quarterly meeting of the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia on Saturday January 27. As always it was a valuable meeting and reconnection with colleagues. Our outgoing moderator Rev John Morgan preached (always a gem of a sermon). He shared the story from the book 'Preaching while the church is under reconstruction' by Thomas Troeger. In the book was a story about a mosaic ceiling that collapsed in a church and left a God shaped hole. There was so much debate about how to recreate the mosaic. These are some nuggets from his sermon that followed: Should we try to recreate what was lost? Without an overall plan nothing would stay put. How do we worship under a fallen roof? Perhaps, the collapse of a particular image of God provides an opening for the living Christ. Finally, as he guided us through his words to be open to the process for the search of a new presbyter he asked us to gather, wait, and pray and also have willing personnel to do the labor.

While his sermon was for the whole presbytery, I believe it also applies to all our congregations as we recognize we are always in transition and reconstruction. Let's have some fun while we move into the months ahead. Blessings, *Monica*



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FEBRUARY

Rick Turner	02-07
Janet Booth-Scott	02-09
Katie Arnold	02-09
Jennifer Stapleton	02-10
Mark Moring	02-12
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

HAPPY
Birthday
FROM YOUR
CHURCH FAMILY



We lost a long time friend to the churches of the Eastern Shore in December 2023. Many condolences to our dear friend and pastor Gene Soud.

June Francis Soud, wife of the Rev. Dr. Eugene Soud, died on Friday, December 29, 2023, attended by members of her family. A memorial service is planned for April 6, 2024 at the Holmes Presbyterian Church, Cheriton, VA. Donations in memory of June may be made to Holmes Presbyterian Church.

Our sympathy to the **Redmond family**. Terrilynn and Erik Redmond lost Wayne Kenneth Redmond on January 4, 2024. Wayne was Erik's father. "Those who knew dad well know he wanted no Pomp and Circumstance and as such request no ceremony."

However the Redmond Family has decided to start a scholarship in dads name. His passion for EMS will not be forgotten. **Wayne K. Redmond Memorial EMS Scholarship** was officially established today with the help of Taylor Bank in Onley, [Linda Redmond](#) and Jennifer Shelton Barnes. Dads commitment to help others will live on in the youth pursuing to help others in the field of EMS. Any memorial donations may be made to [Oak Hall Rescue](#) or the Scholarship Fund.

Taylor Bank

25090 Shore Parkway
Onley Va. 23418

Attention: Wayne K. Redmond Memorial EMS Scholarship

Oak Hall Rescue

30057 Ambulance Rd
Oak Hall Va. 23416

Attention: In memory of Wayne Redmond



Welcome to the new class of officers for Naomi Makemie and for Francis Makemie 2026 NMPC ordained are Judd Everhart, Suzanne Rogers and installed Kate Baird 2026 FMPC ordained is Kathy Boggs and installed Barbara Haynes.



Judd, Suzanne prayer for ordination.

We welcomed new members to NMPC Dan and Maureen Teague



Meet Alexander Sandorff (A.J) Nielsen. He is a sixth grader at Nandua Middle School.

He has been part of the Naomi Makemie Family since his baptism ion June 7 2015.

A.J. has been involved in all aspects of church life. He sang in the children’s church choir, He is an acolyte, he has attended and is now a youth volunteer with Vacation Bible School. He is an active member of the youth group CCYF. He is also a valuable assistant to the AV media team.

AJ has several interests and is always willing to have conversation with young or old.

Elder Bill Baird is his sponsor. He will help guide AJ on this faith journey as he prepares for becoming a full communing member of the church of Jesus Christ.



We celebrated Andrew May’s birthday in January and wished him well for his new adventure in his new home.

His new address is:
The Virginia Home
1101 Hampton St
Richmond, VA 23220





Looking for a way to improve your flexibility and find a greater sense of inner peace? Come to yoga class, now offered at 5:45 PM every Tuesday at NMPC. Join longtime local yoga teacher **Beth Belote** for a relaxing hour of slow simple, yoga poses. Bring a yoga mat if you have one. The cost is \$10.00.



The Season of Lent

Although Lent starts early this year, before spring appears in many areas, it's an appropriate time for spring cleaning. Indeed, *Lent* comes from old German and English words for "spring." So, while it might be too soon to open windows or hang clothes on the line, now is ideal for some *spiritual* spring cleaning. Lent calls us to examine our beliefs, confess and dispose of old grudges and selfish habits, dust off our Bibles for a new

routine of study and prayer, air out our hearts and brighten up our attitudes. "Lent cleaning" lets the Holy Spirit freshen our faith — and it's never too early for that.

Join us at 6pm on **Wednesday February 14 at 6pm at NMPC** for our short and meaningful **Ash Wednesday service**. For the following five weeks join us for the **Potluck Lenten Dinners at NMPC at 5:30**. Notice the poster on the opposite page.



Fellowship Hour February 11, 2024 at NMPC

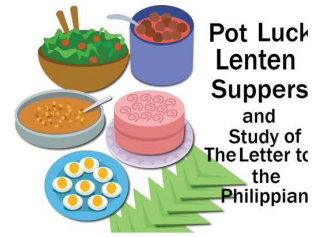
Join us as we celebrate the Super Bowl with our own inhouse Souper Bowl . There's a sign up list at the church to share the items you will bring as we sup soup together after worship on February 11.

NAOMI MAKEMIE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

89 Market St

WHAT A FELLOWSHIP, WHAT A JOY DIVINE:

A Look at The Letter to The Philippians



2024 LENTEN POTLUCK SUPPERS

(true potluck-bring a dish to share or come as you are)

No reservations necessary-just come and join the wonderful lessons brought to us by Reverends Steve and Donna Doan

Wednesday, February 21, 5:30pm

JAILHOUSE ROCK:

Paul Arrested AGAIN, But What About the Gospel?

Wednesday, February 28, 5:30pm

The Mind of Christ:

Lord, It's Hard to Be Humble

Wednesday, March 6, 5:30pm

The Past Weighs Us Down-FUHGEDDABOUDIT!:

Keep On Working On!

Wednesday, March 13, 5:30pm

Standing Firm in the Lord:

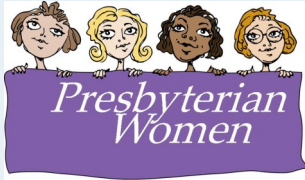
Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Wednesday, March 20, 5:30pm

MOVIE NIGHT –Spit Fire Grill



FMPC February



Presbyterian Women will on Monday January 8 at 11:30 am. The group meets in the Makemie Room at NMPC.

The study of Life Lessons in the Gospel of Luke. This month taught by Kate.

Bring a bag lunch. A short business meeting follows the lesson and lunch.



Rick Turner leads this lively group on the last Friday of every month. There are donuts and coffee. A Scripture verse leads the discussion at each meeting. The men will **meet Friday at 9 am at NMPC on February 23rd.** Become part of this wonderful group of faithful men.

We'll be partnering with **Eastern Shore Coalition Against Domestic Violence**. Let's fill a box for ESCADV! Here's the photo of their latest needs. There will be a container located in the choir pews of the sanctuary of Francis Makemie Church in Accomac. Just drop your item off there anytime of the week. We'll take these gifts to the shelter on March 1st.

NMPC Mission News

Traditionally in Lent we pass out the One Great Hour of Sharing Fish. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. Please join with us as we seek to help those locally, regionally, and globally.

What We Need

- Towels
- Washcloths
- Hand Towels
- Full Size and Twin Size Sheets
- Full Size and Twin Size Blankets
- Laundry Baskets
- HE Laundry Pods
- Silverware
- Microwaves
- Pots and Pans
- Dishes

Items needed at ESCADV



SPECIAL OFFERINGS
ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Eastern Shore Presbyterian Ministries school supply mission. (A ministry of 4 Presbyterian Churches)

While we are thinking about so many things that require our time, talents and tithes we may feel overwhelmed with all we are asked to do. It may seem that everywhere we turn there is so much need.

At NMPC we have scaled back our mission focus to a few very important and yet costly and time consuming mission. We participate in our national missions One Great Hour of Sharing and Christmas Joy Gift offerings during the year. At Christmas we have our Angel Tree providing gifts for local needy families.

And in the summer (now spring and June) we work to supply about \$6000 worth of school supplies to the elementary schools of Accomack and Northampton County, including Tangier. You'll see our flyers and further information in the months to come. We collect funding all year round. Checks are made out to ESPM.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

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

To date we have given out 606 shawls.

In 2023 we gave out 11 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



NMPC Elder Retreat

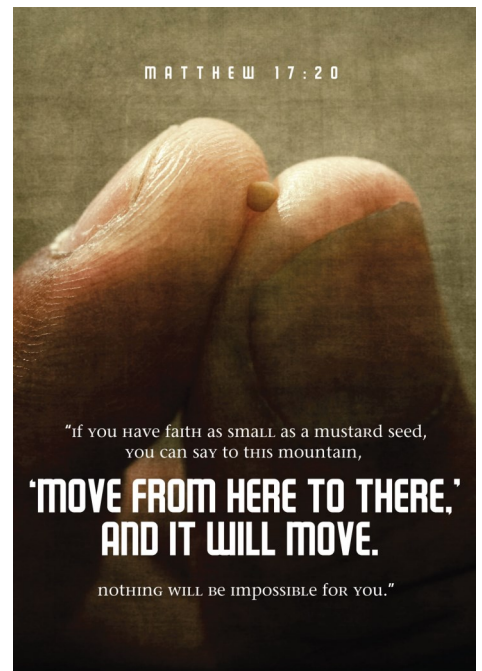
The elders of NMPC met on Saturday January 20 at the Hampton Inn from 9:30-3 for training, worship, and seeking God's will for the church. The theme for the retreat was **Move Mountains** from the gospel of Matthew 17:20. With faith nothing is impossible. We entered an exercise of Appreciative Inquiry and worked diligently together to discover God's Big Dream.

We recognize that God's dream for the church is to build upon all the good that is happening currently among us. Growth in the Lord, attendance, education, music, and fellowship are our goals as we use the mustard seed faith God has given us.

The elders have worked together to recognize there are some physical changes that must take place with some intentional planning. The educational building is 60 years old and the kitchen is suffering from its age. The Sunday school rooms

are in need of expansion and upgrade. The music program is using 30 year old robes, folders, and piano.

We need the congregation to pray with us as we explore the BIG Dream that we believe God has for us. We are one congregation and we want to walk this together in all the ways of the church. We look forward to sharing more and listening to you.





February 18 activity:

Intergenerational crafting at the Commonwealth Senior Living residence.

23610 North St, Onancock-just past the water treatment plant. Be in the lobby at **2:00 pm** to help set up for the craft to begin at 3 pm . Event will be over at 4pm. Please arrange pickup from the lobby at 4pm .

We'll be making a dragonfly wall hanging for ourselves and assisting the seniors to make one too.



PHOTO SHOOT for Everyone! We want you!

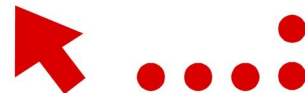
The time has come to update church directories, including photos. We have planned photo shoot dates the week of February 26th, with 15 minutes allotted to each person, couple or family. Megan Ames (Megan Ames Photography) will take the photos. **Sign-ups will be available via google link** (active spreadsheet) that will be distributed by email, [FMPC & NMPC Photo Session Sign Up Link](#) If you can't get to the link contact the church email and we will get you set up. naomimp-church@gmail.com or you may sign-up after church on January 28 and February 4. Please note:

• **We encourage out of town members, online viewers, and friends to submit photos** for the updated directory (preferably a closer crop, from the waist-up, or a head shot, with a file size greater than 1MB)

• Photos will take place in the Makemie room of NMPC. Each session will be 15 minutes or less – quick and easy! *(NOTE: Larger families may wish to block 30 minutes)*



PHOTO UPDATE




• It will be wonderful to capture updated images of everyone, however if you are satisfied with your photo from the older (2018) photo directory, you may elect to keep that image.

• **There is no cost to you**, however unlike the last time we did a photo directory, print packages will not be available. Instead, each person/couple/family will receive an edited digital version of their image(s) provided via email, to print as they wish. Megan suggests www.mpix.com for printing digital images.

Monday 2/26 - 10am-2pm, 4pm-8pm

- Wednesday 2/28 - 4-8pm
- Friday 3/1 - 4-8pm
- Sunday 3/3 (if needed)

February 2024	February 2024	February 2024	February 2024	February 2024	February 2024	February 2024
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	Wednesday	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Choir 5-6:30	2	3
4 9:15 FMPC- 11:00 NMPC Prayer Shawl	5 PW 11:30	6	7 Confirmation class 3 pm	8 Choir 4:15- 5:45	9	10
11 9:15 FMPC Sunday school 9:45 11:00 NMPC	12	13	14 Confirmation class 3 pm Ash Wednesday service 6pm	15 Prayer mtg 8 Book Club 1pm Choir 4:15- 5:45	16	17
18 9:15 FMPC- 11:00 NMPC CCYF 2-4p Craft@CSL	19	20	21 Confirmation class 3 pm Wednesday Night Potluck Lent lesson	22 Choir 4:15- 5:45	23 Men's Group 9	24
25 9:15 FMPC 9:45 Sunday school 11:00 NMPC	26	27	28 Confirmation class 3 pm Wednesday Night Potluck Lent lesson	29 Choir 4:15- 5:45		



Preaching Schedule

- February 4** Mark 6:1-13 Psalm 122 Unfinished Business
- February 11** Mark 9:2-13 Psalm 27:1-4 Illusions
- February 14** Ash Wednesday
- February 18** Lent 1 Luke 2:41-52 Jesus Grew Up
- February 25** Lent 2 Luke 8:22-25 Jesus took Naps



FROM THE
Pulpit

Looking ahead:

APRIL 12 Coffee House-Friday Jam in the Fellowship Hall (Makemie Room) of Naomi Makemie. Musicians of every genre invited.

Exact time and details to follow in future Newsletters.

If you play, sing, or read, this evening is for you as we sit back and enjoy an impromptu evening of music, fellowship and friends.

Coffee and Music, where music and friends gather.



Beyond the offering

If you would like to give to special funds in either congregation we have funds at NMPC that are separate from the annual budget.

Worship/Music

Flowers

Prayer shawl

Youth

Building

Education

At FMPC we do not have special funds but some of the expenses include custodial services and lawn care.

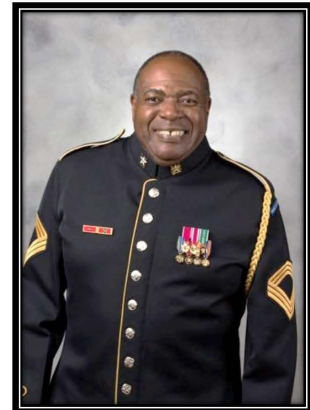
HISTORIC COKESBURY CHURCH & CULTURAL CENTER Free Concert Series

Welcomes

Alvy Powell, Jr.

performing show tunes from

Porgy and Bess and other
Broadway selections!



Born in Birdsnest and raised in Cheriton, he is an American singer of opera and former member of the U.S. Army Chorus. His performances for nine American presidents and his portrayal of the role Porgy in George Gershwin's opera Porgy and Bess are well-known. Master Sgt. Powell was the Army's oldest enlisted soldier before he retired from the Army in 2017.

**Saturday, February 10th, 7 pm
13 Market Street, Onancock, VA**

Donations Welcomed

January in Pictures



VBS UPDATE

Save the
DATE JULY
22-26 9:00-
12:30
Jungle Safari



**Exploring
the secrets
of God's family**

Our adventurous leaders will start at base camp with the young explorers and help them trek their way through the jungle with Bible stories, Crafts, Music, Recreation and science.



PUZZLE TRAIN

CONNECTED BY LOVE

God's Word is filled with messages about love, which connects us to God and to one another.

Directions: Draw a line from the beginning of each Bible verse (on the left side) through the heart to the rest of the verse (on the right side). Use the Scripture references for help.

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| <p>a. We
 b. Above all,
 c. My command is this:
 d. And over all these virtues put on
 e. Greater
 f. See what great
 g. There is no fear in</p> | | <p>1. each other as I have loved you. John 15:12
 2. has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. John 15:13
 3. But perfect love drives out fear. 1 John 4:18
 4. each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. 1 Peter 4:8
 5. the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! 1 John 3:1
 6. because he first loved us. 1 John 4:19
 7. which binds them all together in perfect unity. Colossians 3:14</p> |
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Answers: a 6, b 4, c 1, d 7, e 2, f 5, g 3



- African American History Month
- Transfiguration of Our Lord, February 11, 2024
- Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024
- Valentine's Day, February 14, 2024
- Presidents Day, February 19, 2024
- Leap Day, February 29, 2024

