

The Newsletter of
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GLAD TIDINGS

Romans 12:13 Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

Greetings friends,

We are already in March! I hope you have been well. I've heard of several who have been down with the flu and other uncomfortable winter ailments. Our prayers go out to them.

March brings in spring, St Patrick's Day and of course the parade. We change our clocks forward. We lose an hour of sleep in order to gain an hour of evening daylight. We have Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter. In the fullness of activities this month, I beseech you to take time to pause and consider your present gifts of relationships with one another and with our Lord God, Jesus Christ. No matter how busy or relaxed we are I notice that each of you take time to speak to one another. Whether at church or at community events, you share your joy with others. Thank you!

I've learned from our online and in-person friends that the gift of hospitality is why they've come not just once but continue to come. Less than 25% of people who visit churches for the first time are spoken to. Finding a church home is hard. Thank you for following the mission and vision of the church. Our gift is being open to all people and you show it with such grace.

Blessings and continued Holy Lent and Happy Easter to you all

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MARCH Birthdays



At FMPC March 31

Easter Egg Hunt & annual photo

Join us at 9:15 for worship followed by the egg hunt around the

Francis Makemie statue.



MARCH

Joanne Humphreys	03-01
Jerry Fluharty	03-02
Kate Baird	03-03
Wanda Hughes	03-05
Kate Jacob	03-05
Erin Fletcher Hall	03-09
Carol Rush	03-09
Mike Gould	03-15
Becky Lock	03-16
Harold William Deuter	03-16
Barbara Mears	03-18
Rick Hall	03-21
John Callander	03-21
Patty Davis	03-21
Mark Nuckolls	03-22
Fitz Godwin	03-22
Miles Barnes	03-24
Virginia Dunning	03-26
Bruce Holland	03-26
Carol Doud	03-28
Brandon Stapleton	03-31

Births IN THE CHURCH FAMILY



Congratulations to Heather and Ed Satterfield on the birth of their son **Lennon Roger Satterfield**. He was born February 3rd. He joins his big sister Roxie.

HAPPY Birthday FROM YOUR CHURCH FAMILY



At NMPC March 31

Easter Sunday

Flower the Cross 10:45

Worship at 11:00

Bring your garden flowers along with flowers at church and we'll decorate the cross before church begins.



**WHAT A FELLOWSHIP,
WHAT A JOY DIVINE:
A Look at The
Letter to The Philippians**

LENTEN POTLUCK SUPPERS

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

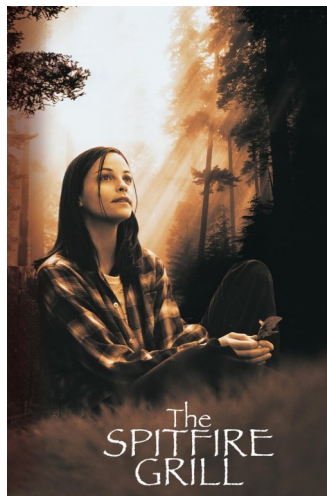
No reservations necessary-just come and join the wonderful lessons brought to us by Reverends Steve and Donna Doan

Energetic and fabulous evenings.
Come join in for the last two lessons.

- **Wednesday, March 6, 5:30pm**
The Past Weighs Us Down-FUHGEDDABOUTIT!:
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 & Potluck –Spit Fire Grill

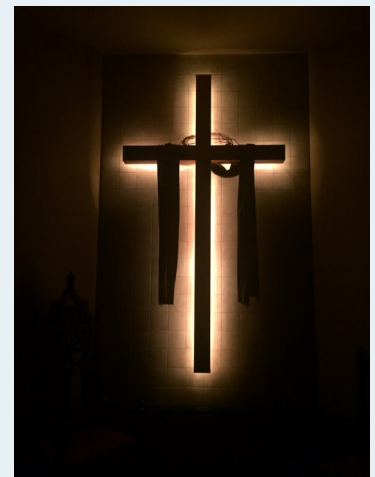
Second chances, false impressions, and a balm to make the wounded whole.

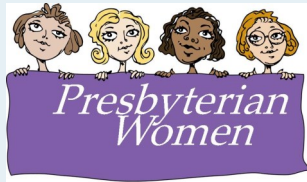
Come join us for another intriguing movie night where we watch, listen, discuss, and leave renewed.



Maundy Thursday worship at Naomi Makemie on **March 28 at 7 pm.**

Communion and the service of darkness will be observed.





Presbyterian Women will on Monday March 4 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 Jennifer. Hosted by Becky.

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



MEN'S GROUP

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 March 29.** Become part of this wonderful group of faithful men.

Preaching Schedule

March 3 Lent 3 Romans 12:1-13 John 4:1-29

Be Real Jesus: Jesus Got Thirsty

March 10 Lent 4 Luke 8:40-50

Be Real Jesus: Jesus stands up for himself

March 17 Lent 5 Luke 8:40-50

Be Real Jesus: Jesus got hungry

March 24 PALM SUNDAY , Confirmation Mark 11:1-11

Psalm 118:25-29 Be real Jesus: Jesus accepted praise.

March 28 Maundy Thursday Be real Jesus: Jesus gave his life.

March 31 EASTER Mark 16:1-8 Psalm 118:21-27 Be real Jesus: Jesus is Alive!



FROM THE
Pulpit

Megan Ames Photography

has completed the inhouse photo shoot for the picture directory for both

congregations. We would

like your photo to be

included even if you've

missed the photo shoot.

We especially encourage

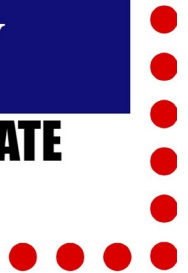
out of town friends and members, and online viewers, to submit photos for the updated directory (preferably a closer crop, from the waist-up, or a head shot, with a file size greater than 1MB)

Please use the month of March to send us a picture of you and include your contact information

Address, phone number, email



PHOTO UPDATE



CCYF College Scholarship is now in effect. \$500-\$2000 award to those seniors qualifying. Contact Monica for an application

MARCH CCYF MEETING

at the **BLOXOM FIREHOUSE**

15312 Bayside Dr, Bloxom, VA,




Sunday March 17 at 3pm-5pm

It will be a wonderful opportunity to learn about our local volunteer firehouse and all they do for the community. It'll be a great experience.

Bring a simple snack to share with each other.

Drinks will be provided. See you then.



March 2024	March 2024	March 2024	March 2024	March 2024	March 2024	March 2024
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	Wednesday	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 World Day of Prayer	2
3 9:15 FMPC- 11:00 NMPC	4 PW 11:30	5 Yoga 5:45- 6:45 OBICA 5:30	6 Confirmation class 3 pm Wednesday Night Potluck Lent lesson 5:30	7 Prayer mtg 8 Choir 5-6:30	8	9 Change clocks spring forward 
10 9:15 FMPC Sunday school 9:45 11:00 NMPC Guitars	11	12 Yoga 5:45- 6:45	13 Confirmation class 3 pm Wednesday Night Potluck Lent lesson 5:30	14 Choir 4:30-6	15	16 St Patrick Day parade
17 9:15 FMPC- 11:00 NMPC CCYF 3-5 Bloxom Fire Dept	18 NMPC Session 5:30 @ manse	19 1st day of spring Yoga 5:45- 6:45	20 Confirmation class 3 pm Wednesday Night Potluck movie Spitfire Grill	21 Prayer mtg 8 Book Club 1pm Choir 5-6:30	22	23
24 Palm Sunday 9:15 FMPC 9:45 Sunday school 11:00 NMPC Confirmation	25	26 Yoga 5:45- 6:45 OBICA board mtg	27	28  Tenebrae Service MAUNDY THURSDAY 7p Choir 6-6:30	29 GOOD FRIDAY Men's Group 9	30
31 EASTER 9:15 FMPC Egg hunt 11:00 NMPC Flowering cross	April 1	2	3	4	5	6

Happy Easter



Now let the heavens be joyful! Let earth her song begin!
Let the round world keep triumph, And all that is therein;
Invisible and visible,
Their notes let all things blend, For Christ the Lord has risen, Our joy that
hath no end.—St. John of Damascus

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

YOU ARE INVITED!

July 22nd-26th 2024

Children 4 years old to 5th Grade



9 am: Begins at Naomi Makemie Presbyterian Church

12:30 pm: Ends at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church on Mon., Wed. & Fri

12:30 pm: Ends at Market Street Methodist on Tues. and Thurs

Snacks and lunch included!

Contact us and register your child today.



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Holy Trinity Episcopal Church 66 Market Street, Onancock

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Market Street Methodist Church 75 Market Street Onancock
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We'll be collecting the fish banks and offering on Palm Sunday and Easter.



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



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

2023 total donations were close to \$6000. In 2024 our goal will be the same to meet the ever higher prices of supplies and delivery charges.

The savings balance is at \$2300 approximately. Last year we reorganized and had the phenomenal purchasing expertise of Eva Osborne. We not only met our goals for improvement, we have adopted this new format of purchase and delivery going forward. We have reorganized and we can't wait to send out an individual invitation to participate. The month of April and May will be our campaign to raise funds to order and deliver supplies to the schools in June.

The response from the schools was so positive. They appreciated the new timeline much more than in previous years.

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 News-letters.

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. We will have the name and person coordination the event add you to the schedule.

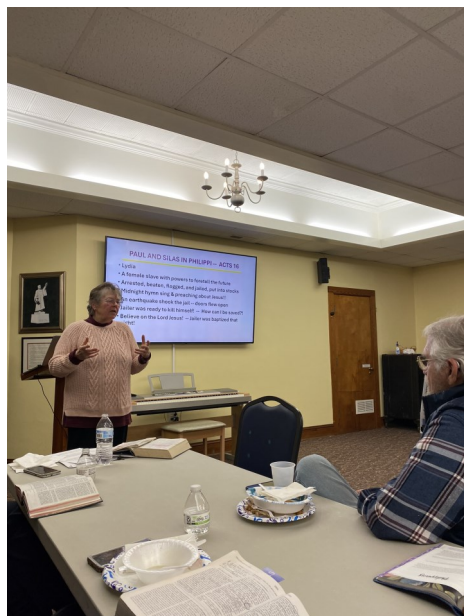


Tuesdays at NMPC at 5:45 With Beth Belote \$10

Soup
lunch on
Super
Bowl
Sunday



**Blessing of the
Prayer Shawl
Ministry. Thank
you Pam!**



**Lenten Supper
and Lesson.
Thank you
Donna and
Steve!!**



**Collection for the
ES Coalition
Against Domestic
Violence. Thank
you FMPC!!**





CCYF intergenerational craft activity and service. We made dragonflies out of clothespins. A symbol of hope, light, and wellbeing.



BE the DONKEY-Palm Sunday message

Corrie ten Boom, a devout Christian who helped shelter hundreds of Jewish people from Nazis during World War II, was asked how she stayed humble despite her fame.

“When Jesus rode into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday on the back of a donkey, and everyone was waving palm branches and throwing garments onto the road and singing praises, do you think that for one moment it ever entered the head of that donkey that any of that was for him?” she replied. “If I can be the donkey on which Jesus Christ rides in his glory, I give him all the praise and all the honor.”

Jesus told his followers they’d need to carry (or “take up”) their cross. But how well do we carry our Savior? How do we bring him into a world that desperately needs the good news of the gospel?



We are **Francis Makemie Presbyterian Church**. Come join our service of worship each Sunday at 9:15. We are full of smiles to share with you.



We are Francis Makemie Presbyterian Church and Naomi Makemie Presbyterian Church members of the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia and the Presbyterian Church USA.

We invite you to make your home with us.

