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GLAD TIDINGS



What do we hold most dear?

Easter, the celebration of our risen Lord, has come and gone. The flowers from the cross have been shared in many households. We are grateful to those who offered up beauty from their gardens to create a picture of beauty of our risen Lord. The week after Easter offers us the opportunity to reflect on what we hold most dear. The season of spring is here with many outdoor experiences available. The ball fields are filled with the sounds of young people and parents, grandparents and friends. The waterways are filled with watermen keeping our ecosystem going strong by fishing, crabbing. All the hushed moments of winter are put aside with the burst of energy and imagination and excitement for the next few seasons. Let us spend some time living into the things we hold dear. Our community of faith, family, friends, and neighbors need each other. We never know how much we value the importance of relationships until we are without them. Hold on to the ones who love you and the ones you love. Spend time coming together for many occasions. Share your strength of faith unashamedly with those around you. And let's spend time in worship loving the God who gave us the heart to hold things dear. Because Easter has NOT come and gone! Easter is part of who we are and we live with our Risen Lord with every breath. Romans 6:5 *For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.*

Blessings, *Monica*

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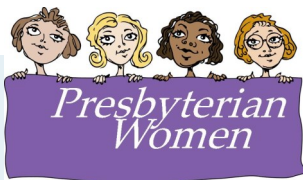
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APRIL	
Linda Wilson	04-01
Tracey Arvidson	04-05
Bobbie Allen	04-06
Nancy Bateman	04-06
Cynthia Hall*	04-07
Rhudy Naylor	04-10
Julie Shubert	04-11
Laura Lucas*	04-15
Brooklyn Colona	04-25
Jo Penland	04-30

HAPPY
Birthday
FROM YOUR
CHURCH FAMILY



Presbyterian Women will on Monday April 8 at 9am this month so we can watch the solar eclipse in the afternoon. The group meets in the Makemie Room at NMPC.

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

Breakfast snacks will be served. A short business meeting follows the lesson.



Friday APRIL 12 7:30-9:30pm
Coffee House-Music Jam
in the Fellowship Hall (Makemie Room) of Naomi Makemie.

Come enjoy a great night of entertainment. Come for a few minutes or two hours. Come sit, sip some coffee, listen, visit, and have an incredible night of fun.

There'll also be a karaoke setup for anyone to share their talents in between the other acts.



Eclipse watch party at the gazebo in Onancock on **Monday April 8 at 3 pm.** We have glasses to share in the exciting moment.

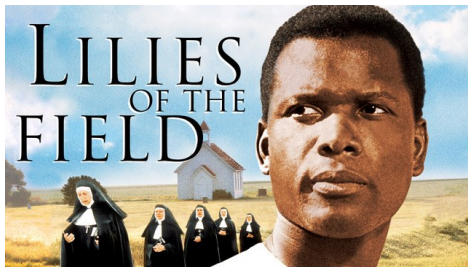


OR The Wallops Flight Facility on Virginia's Eastern Shore is making a real event of it for the 2024 solar eclipse.

Events running from 1-5 p.m. will include the launch of not one, but yes, three sounding rockets. At the Wallops Visitor Center, the moon will block a maximum of 81.4% of the sun's light during this phenomenon. One sounding rocket will launch for each segment of the total solar eclipse beginning at about 2:40 p.m. and ending at about 4:05 p.m., yielding about 45 minutes between each rocket.



Wednesday April 17, 5:30pm
MOVIE NIGHT &



Sidney Poitier in **LILIES OF THE FIELD**
A black drifter with handyman skills. A vibrant Hispanic community. And a convent of conservative German nuns. What happens when they all come together with a single purpose? Come and see!



Wednesday April 24 is administrative assistant appreciation day. Take a few moments and thank Jennifer Stapleton for her work to keep our NMPC church running smoothly.



Men's GROUP

Meets the last Friday of the month. April 26 at 9 am.



Naomi Makemie hosts a coffee hour every Sunday after church. We want to thank so many of you for the energy and hard work that goes into the preparation for these after worship snacks and coffee. THANK YOU!



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

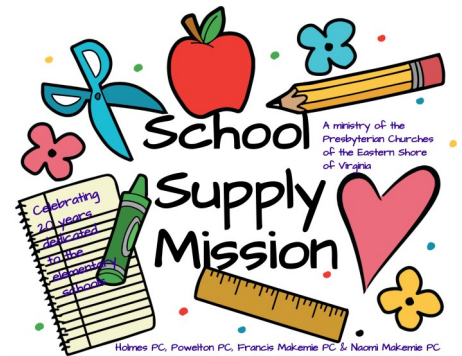
This group is small and wonderful. There is a gentle approach and real comfort in the gathering space.

Consider joining this yoga group every Tuesday and discover your body's ability to feel whole.



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

The month of **April and May** will be our campaign to raise funds to order and **deliver supplies to the schools in June**. Please make your checks out to ESPM and send them to POBox 680 Accomac 23301



Join us for **Earth Day celebration at FMPC & NMPC on April 21 at 9:15 and 11:00**

This year we'll focus on herbs and hardy flowers. Come join us as we focus on the joy of how God's creation nourishes and cares for us.

We will take our plants and learn how to incorporate our faith with our everyday activities.

LIVING with GOD in a ONE STORY HOUSE- We often think of the universe as a two-story house, notes Orthodox Christian priest Stephen Freeman. "We live here on earth, the first floor, where ... everything operates according to normal, natural laws, while God lives in heaven, upstairs, and is largely removed from the story in which we live." Most of the time we feel like we're all alone on our level of the world.

But, Freeman adds, God is "everywhere present and filling all things." Not that God's kingdom has fully come; we know that's not so. And not to discount the promise of eternity. But we don't live apart from God, even now. As Jacob said, "Surely the Lord is in this place. ... This is none other than the house of God" (Genesis 28:16-17).

How might our perceptions and behaviors change if we expected to run into God frequently, conversing and enjoying his company not only in prayer and worship but while working and relaxing? What a difference it makes when we live as roommates with God in a one-story world.—based on *Hunting Magic Eels* by Richard Beck



Tower Repair

The bell tower has been under extensive repair for three weeks. The narthex has been leaking around the windows for several years.



Each time we thought caulking would remedy the leak. However the leaks became more severe and we decided we needed to hire another company to take a deeper look. It turns out that the wind and rain had been able to get behind the siding causing extensive damage to the plywood panels and wet soaking insulation. It was rotted and covered with black mold.

We have filed a claim with insurance but we're not sure if it will be covered. The old siding could not be reused. The new siding has protection to keep out rain and moisture.

All of this has taken us by surprise. As you can tell we had no choice but to follow through with the work. By doing so we have a tower with security from further damage and a fresh look that should last for decades.



The cost of the project is in excess of \$35,000. Materials for new plywood, insulation, siding, lift and scaffolding rental etc is around \$12, 000 and the over 500 hours labor at \$45/hr is around \$25,000. To cover the cost we will be using funds from our building endowment fund. A quarterly finance report is in this newsletter so you can be aware of our current budget. The project is expected to be completed within a week.

If you would like to make any special contributions to help defray some of the expense, please make your checks earmarked for the building project.



Here is a flashback in history about the NMPC tower and church.

Richmond Dispatch 15 December 1895

Onancock, December 14 – “The Presbyterians of Onancock are building a beautiful church at the corner of Main and Academy streets, in the centre of town. The building is in the Gothic style of architecture, with tower and steeple. The main audience-room will seat about four hundred persons, and on one side is a commodious lecture and Sunday-school room. It is thought the church will be completed by the middle of February.”

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
YOU ARE INVITED!**

Children 4 years old to 5th Grade.

Snacks and lunch included!
July 22nd -26th 2024



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.

REGISTER NOW!

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Onancock Email mongould@gmail.com
naomimpchurch@gmail.com Call 757-709-2846,
757-787-1331

Market Street Methodist Church 75 Market Street,
Onancock Email mktstumc@verizon.net Call 757-787-4873

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church 66 Market Street, Onancock
Email: admin@HolyTrinityEpiscopalOnancock.org
Call 757-787-4430

ALL are welcome!

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July 22nd-26th 2024 9-12:30

Child's Name _____

Age ____ Grade Entering ____

Parent/Guardian _____

Mailing Addr: _____

Primary Phone _____ Alt. Phone _____

Email _____

Allergies/Medical Information _____

Who has permission to pick up _____

Contact info for emergencies _____

Other information _____



The ONANCOCK TOWN WIDE YARD SALE is SATURDAY MAY 11 and NMPC is participating.

Bring ALL your wares to donate to the church no later than Friday morning May 10.

Help is needed on Friday at 4pm to price items and also on Saturday to sell beginning at 8.

Please let us know if you're interested in helping on either day.

We always have a lot of fun together.

From the library files of Miles Barnes some more insight into Naomi Makemie's early history.

Accomac C. H. Peninsula Enterprise 28 September 1895

"A steeple is being placed on our Presbyterian Church."

Accomac C. H. Peninsula Enterprise 12 October 1895

Onancock – "A handsome Presbyterian Church edifice is now in course of erection on Market St., in our town. It will be built at a cost of \$4,000 or more, and it is to be not only one of the largest church buildings on the Shore, but it is proposed to make it one of the most attractive and comfortable. Its location is all that could be desired."

Accomac C. H. Peninsula Enterprise 26 October 1895

"A handsome bell, the gift of Mrs. George T. Garrison, in memory of her deceased husband, has been presented to the Presbyterian Church, of our town, and it has been placed in a neat belfry built to receive it by Mr. George R. Nock."

Quarterly financial report for Naomi Makemie

Thank you for all of your support for the mission and ministry of the church!



Total annual budget income \$130,800

(includes support form FMPC and \$13,000 from endowments)

Quarterly budget income \$28,85

Actual quarterly income \$33,756

Expenses annual budget \$137,400

Quarterly budget expenses \$31,061

Quarterly actual expense \$32,895

(This excludes the bill for the tower repair)

Endowment status for current month

Livingston & Kellam bldg. \$132,979

Livingston & Kellam mission \$234,824

Restricted funds balances

Prayer shawl \$625

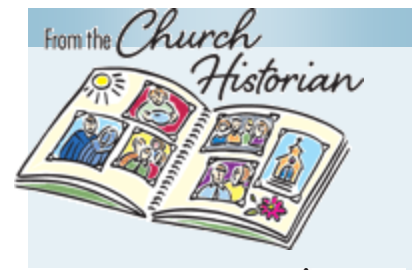
Sanctuary flower fund \$311

Worship music fund \$495

Christian Education fund \$0

Other funds include Youth Ministry

Youth College Scholarship fund



PUZZLE

PLANT, WATER, GROW

Building a faith community takes work. How did the church in Corinth come to be?

Directions: Use the code to fill in the words and complete a teaching of the apostle Paul.

KEY

- = God
- = seed
- = planted
- = watered
- = grow
- = one
- = anything
- = only

I _____ the _____, Apollos _____ it,

but _____ has been making it _____.

So neither the _____ who plants nor the _____ who waters is _____

but _____ who makes things _____.

1 Corinthians 3:6-7, NIV

April 2024	April 2024	April 2024	April 2024	April 2024	April 2024	April 2024
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	Wednesday	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 OBCA 5:30	3	4 National School Librarian Day	5	6 Funeral June Soud 12:30 @ Holmes
7 9:15 FMPC- 11:00 NMPC	8 PW 9 am Eclipse Watch Party at Gazebo 3pm	9 Yoga 5:45-6:45	10 Siblings Day	11 Prayer mtg 8 Choir 4:30-6	12 Coffee House NMPC 7:30pm	13
14 9:15 FMPC Sunday school 9:45 11:00 NMPC Guitars	15 Session mtg NMPC 5:30	16 Yoga 5:45-6:45	17 Potluck Movie 5:30 Cheese Ball Day	18 Book Club 1pm Choir 5-6:30	19	20
21 Earth Day 9:15 FMPC- 11:00 NMPC CCYF 3-5 Earthy Day NMPC	22  April 21-27 Passover begins	23 Yoga 5:45-6:45 PEVA mtg @ Kirkwood	24 Administrative Professionals Day	25 Choir 5-6:30	26 Men's Group 9	27 Garden Week ESVA
28 9:15 FMPC 9:45 Sunday school 11:00 NMPC	29	30 Yoga 5:45-6:45 FMPC Session mtg 4pm	MAY 1 	2	3 CCYF retreat at Camp Occohan-nock 5:30 	4 CCYF retreat at Camp Occohan-nock until Sunday 8:30 am



Our condolences to Angel Herbert and her family on the sudden loss of her mother Ginger Whitley in March. Angel is part of FMPC, the wife of Alex Herbert and the daughter in law of Tammy & Andy Mason.

Photo highlights of March



More Photo highlights of March



CCYF will meet on April 21 from 3-5. We'll learn about herbs and flowers and how to grow them and use them in recipes for fresh flavor and robust taste. See you soon.



Permission form for
Community Christian Youth
Fellowship (6th – 12th Grade)
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 _____

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Registration
DEADLINE-APRIL
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**May 3-5 2024
CCYF Weekend
at Camp Occohannock**



Theme: Camouflage-The Great God

Hunt: Finding God in our lives

Psalm 139:7 Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?

Colossians 2:2-3 I want their hearts to be encouraged and united in love, so that they may have all the riches of assured understanding and have the knowledge of God's mystery, that is, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

Goals: Discover the places we encounter God. Find assurance in the faith hidden within.

Activities: nighttime fire, games, hikes, devotions, tractor ride, scavenger hunt, pedal carts, gaga ball, and so much more.

Leaders on this weekend: Monica Gould, Pat McArdle

Date: Friday May 3, 5:30pm to Sunday 8 :30 am May 5

Meeting Time and Place: meet at **Camp Occohannock** by Friday April 3@5 :30 pm www.cotbay.org

9403 Camp Ln, Belle Haven, VA 23306 (757) 442-7836

Sunday 8 :30 am Depart

Sign up required. Complete the permission form.

If you need a ride, contact Monica 757-709-2846

Things to wear and bring: Clothes for two days, pajamas, bug spray, bedding for bunk beds, toiletries, towels, hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, rain gear, snacks to share, Bible if you have one.