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GLAD TIDINGS

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“You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you.” (Joel 2:26, NRSV)

Hungry for Jesus

Many residents of first-world countries avoid true physical hunger, grazing at the slightest stomach rumble. Spiritually, the opposite is common. Many people run on empty, unaware of or rejecting Jesus’ free gifts of grace, love and abundant life.

In her Magnificat, Mary proclaims, “He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty” (Luke 1:53, NIV). To be filled with Jesus, first we must empty ourselves and hunger for him. But what does that look like?

Spiritual hunger leads to a feast of God’s blessings. He generously gives us gifts that overflow into the lives of others. So let’s share Jesus with people who are starving for him!

Sunday October 6 we will celebrate World Communion. With all the war, disasters, loss, and struggles we are facing abroad and at home, this is our opportunity to pray for Christians across the globe. We all come to the Table to feast on the Lord and to say with one another, “Taste and see that the Lord is good.” Please join us as we gather around the joyful feast of our risen Lord.

Blessings

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HAPPY
Birthday
 FROM YOUR
 CHURCH FAMILY



*=Francis Makemie members and friends

Charlie Mahler*	10-01
George Heinrichs	10-02
Bowdie Arvidson	10-02
Dennis Schirmer	10-04
Tommy Vest*	10-04
Joe Boggs*	10-04
Ron May	10-07
Everly Quinn Stapleton	10-07
Kathy Boggs	10-11
Linda Mears	10-19
David Hughes*	10-22
Bill Baird	10-26



Men's group
 will meet on
 Friday October
 25 at 9 am at
 NMPC

The CE team is excited to report a great start to the Sunday School year.



The children's classes are enjoying good attendance and meeting in their newly painted, decorated and organized classrooms!

Our youth will be participating in worship in a variety of ways this year. On the 6th of October they will be helping prepare the communion elements and then participating in worship itself as readers.

The adult class is going strong and has welcomed new members to their lively and thought provoking study of the Sermon on the Mount.

Dates: Oct. 6 & 20; Nov.10 & 24; Dec. 8 & 22 9:45 am

We are a month away from our Women's Retreat scheduled for Nov. 1-2. We have 18 participants and two leaders eagerly awaiting our time together for renewal, affirmation and fellowship.

Advent season is just around the corner and the CE team is busy developing an idea for a special 'Advent Kit' for our church families.

Please let Donna Doan, Nina Moring or Kate Baird know if you have any questions or ideas related to Christian Education. Peace to All.

MISSIONS

Mission news from Francis Makemie

We are starting our important annual mission. We support feeding the hungry, especially the elderly who live below the poverty level. Paul Hughes has taken on the huge task once done by Katherine Moore. This mission is partially funded by the PEVA Hunger Program. The rest of the funds comes from the generous donations within the congregation. **The goal is to be able to purchase 60 \$75 food Lion gift cards.**

Our ongoing Book Swap is still functioning well with lots of activity. We appreciate being able to provide books to the people of the town of Accomac.



Naomi Makemie is receiving seven new members in this month of October by transfer of letter. We will officially welcome them in worship this month of October. Please take a moment to offer the right hand of fellowship to **Brent and Susan Stark**, (picture to come)

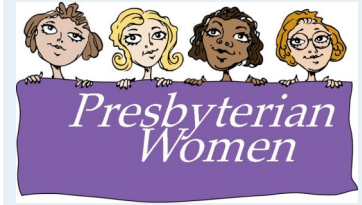


**Tom and Mary
Hollandsworth**

Ted and Amy Shockley



Maxine Ashby.



Monday, October 7th at 11:30 am in the Makemie Room at NMPC study with chapter 10 of *Life Lessons from Luke*, "True Worship." Monica will lead the lesson, and Kate will be our hostess. Bring a bag lunch. There will be a short business meeting following the lesson and lunch.

Anne, Moderator, Presbyterian Women, Naomi Makemie Presbyterian Church



The youth will meet on Sunday October 29 from 3-5 pm at NMPC. The service project will be to assemble the bags of candy and treats to be given out on October 31.

Pray for those impacted by Hurricane Helene.

A BIG
Thanks!

From the Treasurer @ NMPC

All is well. Thanks to your presence and your generosity.

Here is our finance information for August
Income \$6,465

Total Expense \$9,085

Budget

- Prayer Shawl Fund \$604
- Sanctuary Flower Fund \$229
- Worship Music Fund \$1,405
- Local Disaster Relief Fund \$1,725
- Christian Education Fund \$1,408
- Women's Retreat \$1,895
- Building & Grounds \$1,478

Livingston & Kellam:
Bldg Endowment 108,813

Livingston & Kellam:
Mission Endowment 246,381

THANK YOU to everyone who has reached out to support the efforts to help those affected by disaster. We have partnered with local agencies and with PDA to provide real time products to assist and long term funds to continue to be a presence for those who will be struggling for the next several years. **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)** enables congregations and mission partners of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) to witness to the healing love of Christ through caring for communities adversely affected by crisis and catastrophic event.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is the emergency and refugee program of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. The **core budget**, including staff and administrative costs, **is funded through the One Great Hour of Sharing**, and its program work is additionally funded through designated



At **NMPC** we maintain a fund #3110 · **Local Disaster Relief Fund** which had a balance in September of \$1,725. We are committed to helping those in need locally and globally. The \$750 used to purchase and fill the buckets that went to North Carolina were taken from this #3110 fund. We are grateful to those who are generous with their presence in worship and our programs and those who provide offerings that permit us to be the hands and feet of Jesus beyond our walls. **THANK YOU.**

Our NMPC congregation participates in the Christmas Joy Offering in December and the One Great Hour of Sharing around Easter. Because we support so many local missions we do not participate in the other two offered by PCUSA Mission agency. Both are worthwhile missions if you would like to support the October Special Offering here is the explanation: **The Peace & Global Witness Offering in October** supports the peacemaking and reconciliation efforts of the church at every governing body level and provides an opportunity to witness to God's gift of peace in the world. Gifts given to the Offering through a congregation are divided in the following manner: 25% is retained by congregations for support of their own peace and reconciliation efforts; 25% retained by mid-councils (12.5% presbytery/12.5% synod) for support of their own peace and reconciliation efforts; and 50% to the Mission Agency to provide assistance and resources for congregations to promote the peace of Christ. Go the PCUSA website for details.

MISSIONS HEADLINES

MORE NMPC MISSION NEWS:

OCTOBER Halloween Candy Collection. We offer about 600 bags of candy and a message of love to the children who come to Onancock for Halloween. Please bring your bags of candy and drop them off at church.



We support the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child. Please pick up your shoe boxes and return them to the church by November.



Yoga

Every
TUESDAY
YOGA
At NMPC
5:45-6:45 \$10
You'll LOVE it.



Join us for the CLASSIC 1931 Frankenstein movie.

FRANKENSTEIN

When man decides to play God, what could possibly go wrong?

Wed., Oct. 16
Pot luck 5:30 p.m.
Movie 6:00 p.m.
Discussion to follow!

A great movie for October.

Women's Retreat
November 1-2
Chincoteague, VA

Spaces are limited please contact the leaders right away. Our time together will be led by Nina Frost and Debbie Ryon and will include scripture, guided contemplation, periods of quiet reflection, art activities, meals and fellowship. *God's love and grace is Up, Down and All Around us.* Please see one of the CE committee folks for more details.



Special dates

- Rosh Hashanah
October 2, 2024
- World Communion Sunday,
October 6, 2024
- Yom Kippur
October 10, 2024
- Columbus Day,
October 14, 2024
- Indigenous Peoples Day,
October 14, 2024
- Reformation Sunday,
October 27, 2024
- Reformation Day, Halloween
October 31, 2024

FISHERMAN ISLAND REFUGE TOUR OCTOBER 19

Wildlife conservation is at the heart of the National Wildlife Refuge System. Nestled between the Atlantic Ocean and Chesapeake Bay, the Eastern Shore of Virginia National Wildlife Refuge serves as one of the country's most valuable stopovers for migratory birds and insects. Established in 1984, we are a haven for monarch butterflies, birds of prey and songbirds as they rest and refuel along their arduous journeys. With woodlands, shrublands, grasslands, saltmarsh, beach, and both fresh and brackish ponds it's no wonder that we host 34 mammal species and over 400 species of birds can be found in our area. Tours are offered every Saturday from October through February. **Please join the tour on October 19.** The tour introduces visitors to the unique variety of wildlife found on the island. As you pass through several habitats, you will learn about wildlife management on refuges, explore the diversity of wildlife, and discover the rich history of Fisherman's Island and the role it played during World War II.


- **Meets at 8:30 am at the Eastern Shore of Virginia National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center Preregistration with Nina Moring no later than October 16.**
- The walking tour travels 2 miles with varying difficulty over soft and hard-packed sand

Looking for ways to help, but don't know where?

Are you wondering where the current areas within the church where a few extra hands are needed? If you are feeling called by God to serve please consider one of the many ministries in either congregation. Sometimes presence in the pew in worship is where God is calling you. Sometimes God is calling you to serve in an unfamiliar or an out of your comfort zone ministry. Sometimes God is nudging you to step in with your expertise to assist the ongoing ministry where you worship.

Many times its hard to figure out who to talk to, how to frame your desire, or having the courage to share. May we help you feel comfortable and encouraged that when the right time comes God will open up all that is necessary for you. We trust Jesus so much that he sends us where he needs us and where we are needed. So if you see a need we offer you safe space to share your heart's desire with us.

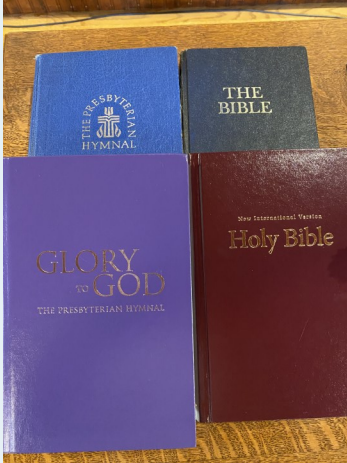
Audio Visual, Nursery, tenor and bass voices, readers, coffee hour hosts, are some current areas that would welcome your presence.

October 2024	October 2024	October 2024	October 2024	October 2024	October 2024	October 2024
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	Wednesday	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Yoga 5:45-6:45 OBCA 5:30	2 Craft group	3 Choir 4:30-6	4	5 Workday at NMPC 10am
6 9:15 FMPC 9:45 Sunday School NMPC 11:00 NMPC World Communion	7 Presbyterian Women 11:30-1pm	8 Yoga 5:45-6:45	9	10 Choir 4:30-6	11	12
13 9:15 FMPC 11:00 NMPC	14	15 Yoga 5:45-6:45	16 FRANKENSTEIN Wed., Oct. 16 Pot luck 5:30 p.m. Movie 6:00 p.m. Discussion to follow!	17 Prayer meeting Choir 4:30-6	18	19 Trip to Fisherman's Island
20 9:15 FMPC 9:45 Sunday school 11:00 NMPC Guitar Sunday Setup @ Holmes	21 Session mtg NMPC 5:30	22 Yoga 5:45-6:45 PEVA mtg at HOLMES	23	24 Choir 4:30-6	25 Men's Group 9am  MEN'S GROUP	26
27 9:15 FMPC 11:00 NMPC	28	29 Yoga 5:45-6:45	30 Choir 4:30-6	31 Halloween-church passes out candy 5:30-8	November 1 All Saints Day	2 All Souls Day



Here is our QR code for online giving to the Naomi Makemie church. This is a really easy way to send in your offering even while you're not in church.

Church Directory corrections: PLEASE send all corrections to naomimpchurch@gmail.com We'll publish the corrections in the next few bulletins.



Did You Notice a few things at NMPC?

Our choir has new robes thanks to fulfilling the remainder of the memorial money from several years ago. We have added to the pews New International Version large print bibles. We have added to the pews the purple Glory to God Hymnals that were introduced in 2013. The 1950 Revised Standard Bible is still in the pews as well as the blue Presbyterian hymnal from 1990.

The bibles were voted on 2 years ago and we have now fulfilled that commitment. The purple hymnals were added to save paper since we sing hymns from it and add inserts to the bulletin each time.

We hope you will consider the additions as a positive sign of honoring our commitments to the church and the session to continue to be the church reformed and always reforming.



Onancock Calendars for 2025

The NMPC Presbyterian Women will soon be selling **small desk calendars** featuring pen and ink drawings of various sites in Onancock. Calendars will be available in early November. Cost for a 2025 refill is \$5.00. A complete 2025 calendar sells for \$10.00.

