

# Glad Tidings



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**FEBRUARY**

HAPPY  
 Birthday  
 FROM YOUR  
 CHURCH FAMILY



**Time is**

too slow for those who wait,  
 too swift for those who fear,  
 too long for those who grieve,  
 too short for those who rejoice.  
 But for those who love,  
 time is eternity.



Lennon Satterfield	02-03
Rick Turner	02-07
Tom Hollandsworth	02-08
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
Mathew Albertson	02-24
Nick Bateman	02-28

February is the month of Valentine’s Day, African American History, President’s Day, and so much more. We can look up the internet any day of the month and discover there are about 10-20 different occasions to celebrate, things like carrot cake day etc.

Every day our Savior offers us an opportunity to celebrate. If we believe that every breath we take is a breath with the presence of Jesus, then we can know that everything we experience and do and live is with him. That knowledge and assurance is something to celebrate every morning when we rise and every night when we rest. The hymn It is Well with my Soul is truly a hymn of assurance and promise. *When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, When sorrows like sea billows roll; Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul. Refrain: It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.* Another hymn that fills us with rejoicing is Morning Has Broken written by Eleanor Farjeon, *Morning has broken like the first morning, blackbird has spoken like the first bird. Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!*

I hope you can find it in you this month to seek the good and to live the faith and to celebrate your life in Jesus. When we do that, all things come together.

Audrey Hepburn offers us some life wisdom. Before she became an actress, Audrey Hepburn was a successful fashion model. After her acting career, she spent much of her time working for humanitarian causes around the world. These four “beauty tips” written by this former model are a snapshot of how she lived her life. They were read at her funeral.

1. For attractive lips, speak words of kindness.
2. For lovely eyes, look for the good in people.
3. For a slim figure, share your food with the hungry.
4. For poise, walk with the knowledge that you never walk alone.

*Blessings, Monica*

All meetings are at NMPC unless otherwise not-

February 2025	February 2025	February 2025	February 2025	February 2025	February 2025	February 2025
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	Wednesday	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Beekeepers all day work- shop
2 9:15 FMPC 11:00 NMPC Communion	3 Presbyterian Women 11:30-1pm	4 Yoga 5:45- 6:45 OBCA 5:30	5 Prayer meeting	6 Choir 4:30-6	7	8
9 9:15 FMPC 9:45 Sunday School NMPC 11:00 NMPC SOUP POTLUCK	10	11 Yoga 5:45- 6:45	12	13 Book Club 1-3 Choir 4:30-6	14 Valentine's Day	15
16 9:15 FMPC 11:00 NMPC Guitars CCYF 2-3:30	17 President's Day NMPC Ses- sion 5:30	18 Yoga 5:45- 6:45	19 Prayer meeting Movie 5:30 Princess Bride	20 Book Club 1- 3 Choir 4:30-6	24	25
23 9:15 FMPC 9:45 Sunday School NMPC 11:00 NMPC	24	25 Yoga 5:45- 6:45	26 Member- ship class (5:30) or as needed	27 Choir 4:30-6	28 ????Spaghetti Dinner	MARCH 1
2 9:15 FMPC 11:00 NMPC Communion	3	4 Yoga 5:45- 6:45	MARCH 5 ASH WED 7PM	6 Choir 4:30-6	7	8 Daylight Sav- ings

# MISSIONARY- MINDED PRAYER

An important part of missions is prayerfully supporting the church. Use this activity to guide your family's prayer time.



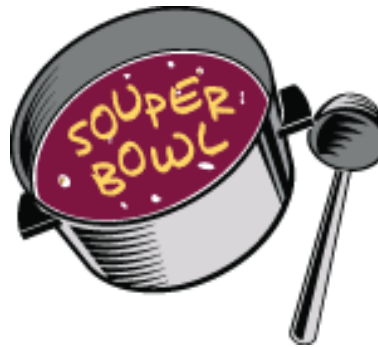
## What you need:

- Plastic bag (large zippered)
- Permanent marker
- Bandage
- Toy plane
- Heart-shaped drawing or toy
- Spoon
- Coin
- Hot-sauce packet



## What you do:

1. Label the bag with details about the missionaries you'll be praying for (names, location, specific needs).
2. Add small prayer-prompt objects to guide your prayer time (bandage = health, plane = travel, heart = relationships, spoon = cultural connection, coin = finances, hot sauce = boldness).
3. Include other objects that will prompt prayer for missionaries' specific needs.
4. Place the bag where it will remind your family to pray regularly.



Join us on Sunday February 9 for our Souper Bowl Potluck fellowship from 12-2

During the time together we'll have the opportunity to answer some football trivia.

We'll hear a few words about the NMPC

committees and what they do and how you can volunteer. We'll have a chance to offer a special collection for the Food Pantry.

Please bring cans of soup, cream soups, Raman noodles, canned pasta, canned chili, beef stew etc.

If we are successful with our donations we can consider going back to monthly or quarterly collections.



Eastern Shore of VA Habitat for Humanity Polar Plunge

Join Jeannette Edwards, the 2025 Celebrity Dipper, at the Cape Charles Beachfront on Saturday, February 22, 2025 as she goes Freezin' for a Reason. Help her reach her fundraising goals in support of this cause by donating online at:

<https://checkout.square.site/.../W7RYENIW7ABLNQP4MPDB6CAP...>

Habitat Office in Exmore or mailed to PO BOX 1299, Exmore, VA 23350. (\*Checks should be made out to ESVA Habitat for Humanity)





**NEW MEETING TIMES FOR 2025**

**2 to 3:30pm**

**Sunday February 16**

**2-3:30pm**

Come Sunday February 16 for a culinary experience with **Chef Ted Cathey**. Ted works at Riverside Hospital providing food for the patients. He also runs the lobby cafeteria which has great ratings. Ted has served many restaurants and large facilities. Come enjoy time with him and learn a few things to take home. He's also a great musician. **PLEASE RSVP to Pastor Monica**

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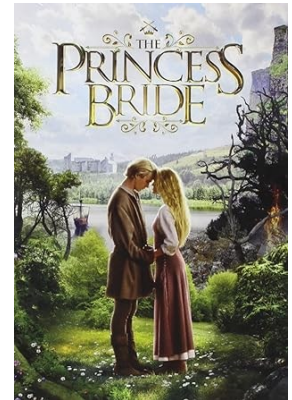
**THE PRINCESS BRIDE**

It's Valentine's month! So come on out and watch one of the greatest love stories of all time **Wednesday evening February 19**

**5:30 for potluck**

**6 pm for the movie.**

Discussion to follow!



**Please take time to remember our members who are away from home.** Pray for them and send them words of encouragement.

Logan Stapleton, Kamryn Mears, and Quinn Ames are attending college.

Andrew May, Tom Nielsen, Jo Penland live in care facilities.

Contact the church or the church directory for their contact information.

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*Love is a deep unity, maintained by the will and deliberately strengthened by habit; reinforced by the grace which both partners ask and receive from God.*

—C.S. Lewis



**Friends, Our Presbytery of the Eastern Shore cares about small churches!!**

In the ten years I have been serving our congregations we have received several grants, visits, prayers of concern, and especially in person presence from the leaders of our PEVA! We are a connected community. I encourage you to read this information and let me know if you would like to be one of the people joining this conversation. It's so important we stay connected and stay active. We are so blessed!! Love, Monica

**We are excited to invite small churches within our Presbytery to join a new and innovative opportunity: *the Small Church Cohort. The cohort will begin on March 6, 2025, and continue monthly on the first Thursday at 10:00 AM via Zoom.***

More than a quarter of PEVA's churches are small congregations, and we truly value their significant role in our communities. Our commitment to supporting these churches reflects our belief in their importance. Small churches foster close relationships, create a strong sense of community, and offer regular worship and local mission opportunities. Through their efforts, they share Christ's love and strengthen their members' faith. We wholeheartedly affirm that PEVA cares deeply for our small churches and is dedicated to walking alongside them in their vital work.

Over the past decade, we have faced the difficult decision to close ten small churches, each for various reasons. The Presbytery of Eastern Virginia wishes to break this troubling trend. However, to do so, we recognize that it is essential that our congregations take the time to think creatively about their future. Every church, regardless of its size, is grappling with the challenge of engaging the next generations at a time when attending church on Sundays is not as prevalent as it once was. As members of the Wellness Team, we feel a profound responsibility to support small churches as they navigate this reformation era intentionally. We fully recognize that it can be daunting for your congregations to envision and plan for the future, especially when many lack a full-time minister, sufficient staff, volunteers, funding, or even the energy it takes to research and initiate critical discussions.

The Wellness Team of the Committee on Ministry has established the Small Church Cohort to address these challenges. This cohort will create a structured space for discussion on topics relevant to small church ministry, provide resource-sharing opportunities, and foster collaboration among participants.

We kindly ask your church to **select at least one elder**, past or present, to participate in the cohort and regularly report to your church session.

**To register:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/76L7vmiCQeGuNE9c9y6clw#/registration>.

As we embark on this journey together, let us remember that with God's guidance and our collective efforts, we can navigate this new era of ministry with hope and faith. We look forward to your church's participation and the possibilities that lie ahead.

In Christ's love,  
The Wellness Team



**Do you know how to knit or crochet** ? The Presbyterian Women of NMPC are looking for some more knitters for our prayer shawl ministry. This ministry has been a part of PW for many years. PW has made, blessed, and given out dozens and dozens and dozens (and even more than that) of prayer shawls over the years. You do not have to be a member of the church to make a prayer shawl, request a prayer shawl, or receive a prayer shawl. Many people have felt the comfort, love, and peace of their prayer shawl. If you would like to be part of this meaningful and loving ministry, please contact Pamela Nielsen, and we will provide you with the pattern and yarn. No deadline to have one done. You work on it at your own time and pace.

This is a reminder that the Presbyterian Women will meet on **Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11:30** in the Makemie Room at NMPC. Monica will lead us as we continue our study of Chapter 1, "An Ominous Day in Galilee" in *The Parables of Jesus*. Jennifer is our hostess. The Minutes from our December meeting are attached. Let us know at the meeting if there are any corrections so they can be approved.

Bring a bag lunch. There will be a short business meeting following our lesson and lunch.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on Monday, Anne Moderator  
Presbyterian Women



**Naomi Makemie** is returning to monthly communion after a four year hiatus. If you are an elder and would like to be part of our list of servers and preparers please let Anne Barnes our Worship Chair know.

**We will have communion on these dates in 2025** February 2, March 2, April 6, May 4, June 8, July 6, August 3, September 7, October 5, November 2, December 7.

Rev. Donna Doan shared how her husband, Rev. Steve Doan, described the reason for frequent communion. We are all members of Christ's body. When we gather at the Table of our Lord, we remember him and we also re-membered as his body to continue to be sent and to serve. Join us every week as we are re-membered as the body of Christ, nourished, sustained and sent out.



## A NOTE FROM YOUR PASTOR TRANSITION TEAM (PTT)

As we continue to work on behalf of FMPC and NMPC to find our next Pastor, we need **your** help! Please let us know (via comments box, email, phone call, coffee hour conversation) what's important to **you** regarding your worship and church experience. Your PTT openly welcomes and encourages your feedback. We are starting to speak with candidates and the team will continue to share updates.

Thank you for supporting us in this very important process!

Megan Ames, Brad Davis, Barbara Haynes, Paul Hughes, Suzanne Rogers.



We pray especially for our leaders, that you will bless them with wisdom and humility. Prompt everyone in positions of authority to pursue righteousness, justice and the welfare of all.

Remind us of the psalmist's teaching: "Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord" (Psalm 33:12, NRSV). May that promise be fulfilled "from sea to shining sea." Amen.



**Love is patient,  
Love is kind.**

1 CORINTHIANS 13:4



**You're Invited!**

**Every week to worship with us at Francis Makemie at 9:15 am**

**or at Naomi Makemie at 11:00 am**

