

GLAD TIDINGS

THE NEWSLETTER OF FRANCIS MAKEMIE &
NAOMI MAKEMIE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES

PASTOR'S GREETING



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I don't know about you, but for our family, 2025 was a year of discernment and of saying "yes" to a lot of new experiences. Leaving behind the familiar to dive into a lot of unknowns. We are so grateful to have heard God's call and to have responded to this big, bold move.

God calls us all to look at our lives and to make decisions that are uncomfortable at times. Following God into the unknown might mean very different things to different people, but we always listen and wait for this call to come.

Mary, Jesus' mother, was asked to say "yes" to God, and her obedience in her response will always be an inspiration to me. Her life was turned upside down in an instant, and her faith in God was complete.

As we wait for much of December for Jesus' birth, a month that is often filled with commitments and additional stress, I invite you to take time every day to sit still and to listen for God's invitation to you. To listen to God's call to you, whether it is to make an uncomfortable small change in your life or to take a big step.

As we continue to grow together in our relationship, I want you to know that I am thankful for each one of you, and that I feel doubly blessed by two beautiful and distinct congregations that share the same love for God and for their neighbor.

I wish you all a beautiful holiday season filled with hope and joy, as well as meaningful gatherings in and outside church.

Peace
Joyeux Noël,

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HAPPY
Sunday
SCHOOL



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

December Sunday School

Our Adult and Children's Sunday School Classes will be meeting on Dec. 7th and 21st. The Adult Class will continue with their study of the Book of Acts and both of the Children's Classes will be looking at the roles of Joseph, Mary, the Magi and of course Baby Jesus, in the Christmas Story.

Please make plans to join us on December 14th during the 11am worship for the Christmas Pageant entitled Come to the Manger by Rebecca Wimmer. The pageant will be presented by an intergenerational cast and will surely touch your heart and bring a smile to your face.



Looking ahead to January, our Sunday School dates will be Jan. 11th and 25th.



FROM BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

In case you are wondering about the ugly looking-ceiling at the top of the stairs...yes, the plan is to have that fixed! The damage resulted from the unusually heavy rainfall that we experienced a couple of months ago, and there was a leak from the flat portion of the roof. We are having the roof replaced, hopefully by mid-December. After that work is completed, we will repair the damage in the ceiling. We thank you for your patience!

Your Buildings & Grounds Team



**Our next meeting is on December 1st at
11:30 am**

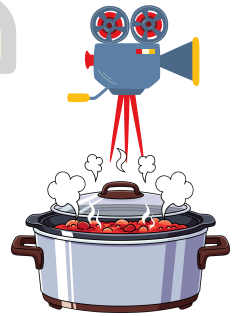
We will discuss the first chapter of our new book by Max Lecato on "Matthew."



Potluck and Movie Night Wednesday, December 17

at 5:30

Potluck & a Movie



Where Film and Faith Intersects

Prayers Needed

We ask for prayers for Gabe and Rowan Nock this month as they undergo major liver procedures. Pray for the rest of the family as well. When the time is right, we will set up a meal train for them.

We continue to pray for Yara Rose, great grand-daughter of Carol Doud, who is undergoing chemotherapy.

Dear Merciful Father, with your great healing hands, bless these children with your love and comfort. Heal their sick bodies and be with their parents and family as they suffer alongside these little ones. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.
John 1:5

The Longest Night

Finding Light When the Night is Long

A service of reflection, music, and candle lighting.

December 21 at 6 pm

Naomi Makemie Presbyterian Church
89 Market Street, Onancock

All are welcome!

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

Naomi Makemie Presbyterian Church at 7 pm

Service with choir and musicians

89 Market St., Onancock



Francis Makemie Presbyterian Church at 11 pm

Intimate worship in a beautiful and historical church

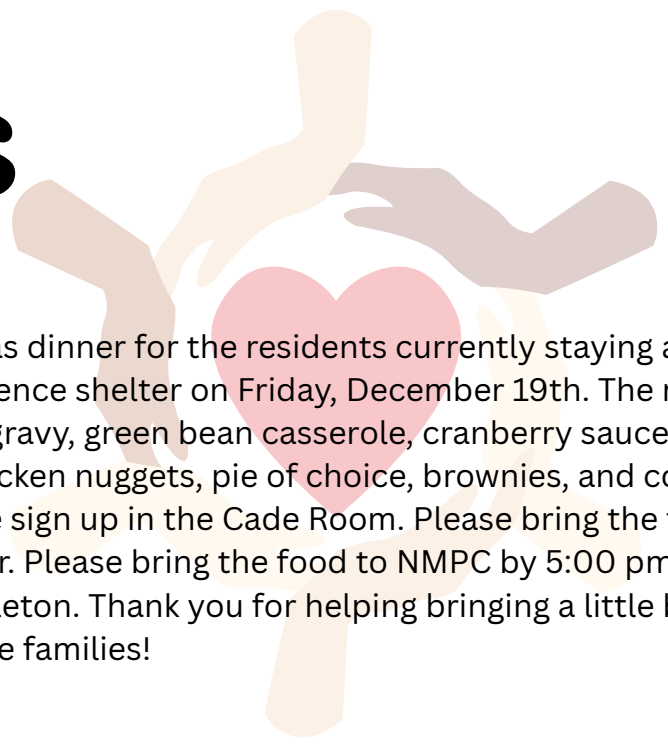
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COMING UP

- Onancock Calendars are still available \$10 with stand; \$5 refill. Perfect stocking stuffers!
- Poinsettias will be displayed in the sanctuary on Sunday, December 7th.
- Our own AJ Nielsen will be featured in the musical “Elf,” let’s all support him! Details at <https://northstreetplayhouse.org/>
- Our annual cookie exchange will take place on December 14th, following the pageant and music service. Time to start baking!

Francis Makemie: A whole congregation potluck is coming up in January at the manse. More info soon! Please give to the Catherine Moore project to help with gift cards for seniors. We will collect money until January 1st.

Missions



The mission committee is providing a Christmas dinner for the residents currently staying at the Eastern Shore Coalition Against Domestic Violence shelter on Friday, December 19th. The menu includes turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, green bean casserole, cranberry sauce, mac n cheese, veggie side of choice, rolls, meatballs, chicken nuggets, pie of choice, brownies, and cookies. If you would like to provide a side or dessert, please sign up in the Cade Room. Please bring the food hot and ready to eat in a disposable pan or container. Please bring the food to NMPC by 5:00 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Stapleton. Thank you for helping bringing a little bit of joy to these families!

The mission committee is happy to be providing Christmas gifts to a family with the Eastern Shore Coalition Against Domestic Violence again this year. The Angel Tree is up in the Cada Room and covered in gift tags. Each gift tag provides the information of what that specific person would like for a gift. The gifts are due back to NMPC by no later than Wednesday, December 10th at 2:30 pm. Please return the gifts unwrapped as the volunteers make sure the gifts are appropriate. Gift bags are acceptable. Also please make sure to return the gifts tags attached to the item or gift bag so that the volunteers know what family the gifts are to go to. Please contact Jennifer Stapleton if you have any questions. Thank you for supporting these families in need!

In an effort to save some money and reduce our amount of trash, we will be using real dishes and utensils during our Sunday coffee hour. We will need some volunteers to help wash the dishes each Sunday. Thank you to everyone who signs up to host and to those who will help with the dishes.

Our annual congregational meeting will be held after worship service on Sunday, December 7th. The 2026 budget will be presented and the Nominations Committee will announce their nominations for session.

December Birthdays

Debbie Ryon 12-01
Ted Ames 12-03
Monica Gould 12-04
Nina Moring 12-05
Bethany Shea*. 12-08
Karen Collins 12-10
Molly Arvidson 12-12
Debbie Holland* 12-21
Sarah Bingman 12-25
Julie Chuquin 12-30



More December Fun!

The town of Accomac is hosting its annual "Santa Claus is Coming to Town" event on **Sunday, December 7, 2025**, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Court Green. The event will feature Santa, carol singing, and refreshments like hot cocoa, cookies, and cider.

Naomi Makemie will be open for the House Tour on December 13 from 1-5 pm. Come enjoy cookies and hot cocoa.



Christmas Caroling

Sunday, December 14 at 4 pm at the Commonwealth Senior Living.

Potluck dinner at the Manse to follow.

RSVP to Genevieve if you would like to join us.



2025 December



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 11:30-1:00 Presbyterian Women	2 5:30 PM OBCA 5:45 PM Yoga	3 6 PM Novel Idea Book Club	4 8 AM Prayer Group 4:30- 6 PM Choir	5	6
7 9:15 FMPC 11:00 NMPC Sunday School, congregation meeting at 12	8 6:00 PM Session Dinner	9 5:45 PM Yoga	10	11 4:30- 6 PM Choir	12 5 PM Choir Dress Rehearsal	13 Pageant Dress Rehearsal
14 9:15 FMPC 11:00 NMPC Pageant and Music service/ Cookie    Exchange	15	16 5:45 PM Yoga	17 Potluck & Movie Night  	18 8 AM Prayer Group Book Club 1:00 PM 4:30- 6 PM Choir	19 9 AM Men's Group Dinner for ESCADV	20
21 9:15 FMPC 11:00 NMPC 6:00 PM The Longest Night Service	22	23 5:45 PM Yoga	24 7 PM NMPC 11 PM FMPC Candlelight Services 	25  	26	27
28	29	30 5:45 PM Yoga	31 			