

GLAD TIDINGS

The Newsletter of
Francis Makemie Presbyterian Church
Accomac, Virginia
Naomi Makemie Presbyterian Church
Onancock, Virginia



PCUSA

“How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God!” (Genesis 28:17)

Happy JULY! I do hope that you have the opportunity to spend time in community this holiday weekend. In community, we find joy in realizing how much we have in common with one another. We discover that we all worry about the same things. We learn that we have many of the same likes in food, music, books, and movies. It's always a delight to make a new friend.

Take time to look at your local event calendars and be intentional to go out and enjoy yourself celebrating the birthday of our nation.

I am looking forward to participating in the PCUSA Big Tent in St Louis this year. There will be a focus on reconciliation and other learning opportunities. I'll be gone from July 5 through 11.

We are excited about VBS this month. Our theme is mission and we will blast off having hearts to change the world. We join with our local churches again this year.

It is a real joy to celebrate God together each week in worship. It has been a blessing to witness the faithfulness of parishioners in both services week after week. I look forward to meeting new faces as we welcome our neighbors and friends to worship.

Peace

Monica



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SESSION DIGEST from our clerk at Naomi Makemie-Jody Humphreys

Nuts and Bolts:

- Dick Freeman reported that the Personnel Committee approved a sabbatical for Rev. Gould from October through December 2019. The Session ratified it and looks forward to a season of refreshment and renewal for the congregation as well as the Pastor.
- Unfortunately, our cleaner, Mary Durer, has become disabled so we approved a gift for her long service. Another prospect has been contacted and a background check will be initiated.
- On a recommendation from Presbyterian Women and approved by the Session, Rhetta Isdell will be given a raise. She has served in our nursery for 26 years!
- Jack Humphreys reported that the building combination has been changed since all vendors have completed their work. The total cost of the renovation has yet to be determined. The picket fence in front of the upgraded AC units will be completed by the end of June. A service contract for the heat and AC will be negotiated.
- All sign up sheets will be logically consolidated and placed on the Makemie Room bulletin board.

Mission:

- VBS will be held July 31 thru August 4 from 9AM to 12:30PM. Registration is underway and volunteers of all sorts are needed.
- School Supplies will be distributed August 29 at 1 PM. All schools have representatives to transport and contributions are always needed and welcomed. Thanks to George Heinrichs for his leadership on this program.
- The children have decided to buy a cow from Heifer International with the monies from the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering.

Presence:

- The Presby 101 course was such a success that the group wants to continue it.
- Anne Barnes thanks everyone for all the support and prayers over the last month.
- Dave Klawitter was recognized for the outstanding job he is doing with our youth. The parents' feedback as well as the children's comments have been laudatory.

Community:

- Volunteer Shepherds are needed so please contact Laura if you can help.
- The Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser in June raised \$750 for the FMPC roof restoration.
- Session approved new seating for the Cada Grove Room using our share of the Spaghetti proceeds.
- The next Spaghetti Dinner will be in October and benefit the ES Rural Health Center at Eastville.
- The Tangier Island fun day is scheduled for Tuesday, July 18. Please sign up!

Moderator:

- Monica will recruit an accountant to review our financial system with a small committee and the Treasurer. Perhaps newer technologies would benefit us.
- Printing new bookmarks and rack cards publicizing us was approved.
- The Corporate Financial Committee met with Merrill Lynch about their company acting as the church fiduciary.
- Broadwater Academy sent a thank you note to the church for Matthew Albertson's efforts on behalf of a teacher there and they look forward to working with us on future endeavors.
- Thanks to Mike Gould, the sound system can now record the service for our shut-ins.
- The Vision group's report is included elsewhere in the newsletter.

Tracey Arvidson volunteered to be the PEVA Commissioner for the July 25th meeting. The next Stated Meeting of Session will be Wednesday, July 26 at 4:30 PM in the Makemie Room.

Session will not meet in August. **Rally Day and the Chili Cook-off will be September 10th**



Linda Arvidson	07-03
Wilma Heinrichs	07-09
Carolyn Lin	07-09

Marge Carpenter	07-18
Cantrell Ryon	07-21
Harry Rush	07-26
Anne Barnes	07-29

Wedding Blessings to Ed Satterfield and his bride Heather who will be married in July in Pennsylvania their home state



Congratulations to Amanda and Matthew Jones who were married at NMPC on June 17 Linda and Barry Mears are the proud parents.



THANK YOU DAVE For a GREAT YEAR in SUNDAY SCHOOL! We can't until next year!!



Join us 4th of July at the Accomac Parade

Honoring Excellence

Congratulations to all the **students** who received awards at school and who made honor role. To all of you who made it to the end of the year, yay! And hats off to you for your hard work in your afterschool sports and activities.

Well done good and faithful servants for a job well done!!

Also, congratulations to **Kamryn Mears, Charlie Hughes, and Emma Cathey** for their BETA club's advancement to compete in Florida this month!



4th Place award for Songfest at BETA competition!



David Hughes' school awards



Some of the Beta team including Kamryn and Emma

Congratulations to Matthew Albertson who was awarded an internship for the summer at Sentinel Robotic Solutions with NASA. He is working with drones on Wallops. He is the only high school student awarded this position. The other interns are college level students. Way to Go Matthew!!



At Disney- David, Charlie, & Emma



Michele surprised Kamryn in FL and FLAT JESUS looks happy. 😊

Jesus has said he is with us always. And so, this summer we are taking **FLAT JESUS** with us on vacation and everywhere we go. We have been posting our pictures in all those places.



FLAT JESUS IN DC! With the Kamryn and Barbara Mears!



Kamryn, FLAT JESUS, & BETA friends

Running blind

Years ago, I worked at a summer Bible camp with my cousin Erik. As an evening staff meeting concluded, a sprinkle suddenly became a downpour. Counselors sprinted off toward cabins, while Erik and I, who didn't supervise youngsters, debated whether to wait out the storm.

We opted to run for it, but being visually impaired, I soon realized the sheets of rain, added to the dark, hindered my view. "I can't see!" I yelled through the wind to Erik. Immediately, he grabbed my hand, pulling me along. "It's okay!" he shouted back. "I can!"

The sensation of *running blindly yet feeling so secure* became a metaphor for me about what I can handle and accomplish through faith. When I let God grab my hand and guide me, even when I'm running through dark, stormy times, I experience peace. For though I cannot see what lies ahead, I know God can.

—Heidi Mann

The choir visited her class on Tuesday, *June 6 to distribute the bears.* (Makemie Woods Bears) It turns out that these children could not afford the school yearbook so it was an answer to prayer for these kids to have an end-of-the-year gift. God works in mysterious ways!



Here are some photos of the **Spaghetti Dinner** and the **Rededication of the Sanctuary.** And the dedication of the Cada Grove Room. It was a real joy! We show pictures every week during coffee hour since we can't show them all in the newsletter. Please join us around the table for coffee and snack.



**VOLUNTEERS:
VERY VALUABLE!**

Thank you for the joint work of Francis & Naomi MPC! A great time together!

Bill washed dishes for hours and then rode miles & miles in the Tour de Shore! Now that's champion volunteering!





Well done Joe Valentine!



Chris Acolyte on this special day!



Choir giving the Proclamation:
"Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord!"



Sarah on trumpet!



Welcome Back!

Welcome Home!



Dedicating the Cada Grove Room



We owe a great deal of gratitude to Mark Thompson Organ Company. Not only were the organ pipes reclad, but the entire organ was refurbished and it sounds magnificent. Their astute understanding of damage to a church set us on a path for the success of the restoration of the smoke damage done to our building. We are truly blessed!

The congregation has been restored, renewed and reinvigorated. It is time that our official documents reflect that so the Session has asked us to **re-imagine our vision and mission**. We plan to do this in several ways using this newsletter, the bulletins and post-it boards in the Makemie Room. We will also post this on our Facebook page.

A vision is usually a short, active and memorable group of 2-7 words. Vision provides motivation, sets a direction and translates a purpose. So, what does make Naomi Makemie unique? Please answer the following questions.

- 1. What words describe Naomi Makemie Presbyterian Church?** Inclusive was suggested along with "all have voices and people really listen."
- 2. What gets you excited about Naomi Makemie?** Vacation Bible School and mission were suggested.
- 3. What scripture verses reflect our vision?** Romans 12:2 and the Message version of Micah 6:8 started the list.



So put your thinking caps on and tell us how you feel connected to the church or what you think we do best. Easels will be up **July 2-16** for your comments. On **July 16**, we will spend a few minutes of the fellowship time exploring your ideas.

We invite your responses via all communication mediums, email, regular mail, text, Facebook as well as in person.

Tangier Island
A Chesapeake Bay Adventure



An **outing to Tangier** is planned for **Tuesday July 18**. We will ride the ferry from Onancock, have lunch on the island, and spend the day touring. The day excursion is from 10-4:30. Contact mongould@gmail.com or sign up at NMPC Makemie Room. The ferry cost is \$25 round trip plus the cost of lunch and other treats.



The Eastern Shore Presbyterian Churches are in the process of the annual School Supply Mission Program.

August 19 is the distribution day. If you are interested in serving on that day please speak to George Heinrich or Tracey Arvidson. Donations to this mission can be made to any of the four Presbyterian Churches (FMPC, NMPC, Powelton, Holmes), make sure 'school supply' is in the memo. This is our largest mission of the year and we are so glad to be able to offer our financial gifts to this important ministry.

We have consolidated our sign-up list. The MASTER Sign up list is in the MAKEMIE ROOM or you can look at here and sign up on this thread. We'll add you to the master list. Thank you so much for all you do. You bless us each week with your presence.

Please sign up for:

- Reading Scripture
- Hosting coffee hour
- Providing Special Music
- Adult Assisting in Sunday School
- Youth Opportunities: Acolyte; Youth Liturgist

The code on the side door to the church NMPC has changed-if you need the code contact Jack H. or Rick T or email the church.

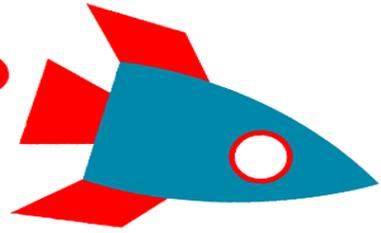
News from the Church

Treasurer.....Donations from the Congregation in the first five plus months have been good. As the dog days of summer set in and we get away for our vacations, please remember the church. We have the same bills to pay in July and August as we have in October and November. As in the past, I will send out Donation Statements shortly after the last June data is in. It will give members a chance to see if they are on track with their giving plans. Questions? Please ask.





MISSION MADNESS



Having Hearts to Change the World

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY 31 to AUGUST 4

4 y.o. to 6th grade

9:00 to 12:30



Naomi Makemie PC, Market St UMC, Holy Trinity Episcopal hosting.

Look for the Facebook invitation.

Stop by the church for the application.

Invite your neighbors, friends, and new to be friends.

We will be providing **mission opportunities** for the children.

If you would like to sponsor this VBS with your financial giving.

We suggest a gift of \$25 will supply 1-bag of food for the migrant program, 2-bags of gratitude for our local law enforcement officers, and 1-suncatcher for a resident at the Hermitage

Our space theme will blast us off into the love for sharing with others in our own backyard. We will learn how God provides, protects, loves, cares, and gives through stories from the Bible, crafts, recreation, music, and mission! Our hands are the hands that God can use!

Please spread the word of our joy to offer VBS to the children of the Shore.

Friendship Snack Mix



Life is more interesting when you have a diverse "mix" of friends. Show your variety of buddies how much they mean to you by making this snack for (or with!) them.

What you need:

- 1 cup fish-shaped crackers
- 1 cup chocolate Chex
- 1 cup mini pretzels
- 1 cup peanut butter crackers
- ½ cup mini M&M's
- Large bowl
- Snack-sized zippered baggies
- Permanent markers
- Foam stickers

What you do:

1. Mix all the food in the bowl.
2. Write a personalized message on each baggie. Decorate with stickers.
3. Measure some snack mix into each baggie. Seal them shut.
4. Share this snack with your friends!



Friends in the Lord

Proverbs 27:17 (NIV) says, "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another." It's important to choose friends who help us be more like Jesus. How many words can you make from the word *friendship*?

F R I E N D S H I P

2-letter words: _____

3-letter words: _____

4-letter words: _____

5-letter words: _____

Words with 6 or more letters: _____

Answers include: in, is, hi, he, hip, end, sip, dip, np, nip, pie, sit, hid, ship, send, ride, dine, find, fine, drip, shed, dish, fish, nud, npc, hide, freed, pride, siren, fresh, ferns, friend, fisher, diners, nused, string, finsh, shiner, insider, hinders, inspired, refinish, finished

JULY 2017						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	Wednesday	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2 Worship @ FMPC 9:15 NMPC Adult Sunday school 9:30; Worship 11 Communion	3	4 Independence Day 	5 Rev. Monica at PCUSA Big Tent event	6	7 Exercise 10	8
9 Worship @ FMPC 9:15 NMPC Adult Sunday school 9:30; Worship 11 Rev. Stanley Lin	10	11	12	13	14 No exercise	15
16 Worship @ FMPC 9:15 NMPC Adult Sunday school 9:30; Worship 11	17	18 Tangier boat trip leaves at 10 am	19	20	21 Exercise 10	22
23 Worship @ FMPC 9:15 NMPC Adult Sunday school 9:30; Worship 11	24	25 Presbytery mtg 1pm	26 NMPC Session 4:30-6	27	28 Exercise 10	29
30 Worship @ FMPC 9:15 NMPC Adult Sunday school 9:30; Worship 11	31 VBS Starts 9am 	 August 1 VBS	2  VBS	3  VBS	4  VBS	5

Destination devotions

Planning a summer trip? Take along a Scripture passage befitting your vacation to use for devotions and prayer time (all NIV below):

- In the mountains: “The mountains and hills will burst into song before you” (Isaiah 55:12).
- At a lake, perhaps on a fishing trip: “They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ‘Come, follow me,’ Jesus said, ‘and I will send you out to fish for people’” (Matthew 4:18-19).
- Near an ocean or river: “Let the sea resound ... let the rivers clap their hands” (Psalm 98:7-8).
- In the desert: “They looked toward the desert, and there was the glory of the LORD appearing in the cloud” (Exodus 16:10).
- In the woods: “Blessed is the one ... whose delight is in the law of the LORD That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season” (Psalm 1:1-3).
- In the flatlands: “‘My food,’ said Jesus, ‘is to do the will of him who sent me I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest’” (John 4:34-35).
- On a “staycation” close to home: “Love the LORD your God These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. ... Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates” (Deuteronomy 6:5-9).

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TO:



Happy 4th of July!

