The Newsletter of Francis Makemie Presbyterian Church

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Naomi Makemie Presbyterian Church

Onancock, Virginia

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SEPTEMBER SESSION DIGEST from Clerk of Session NMPC

Nuts and Bolts:

-Dick Freeman said the Personnel Committee completed the Pastor's performance appraisal, recommended an increase to her retirement account and passed the budget information to the Treasurer for entry into the national system. All motions were approved.

-Jack Humphreys reported that the manse had a leak from the attic air conditioner unit in August and it has been fixed. Drywall has to be removed and replaced and additional insulation needs to be installed.

-The second boiler at the church failed to start automatically so a new part has been ordered. Our insurance company, Church Mutual, sent a free temperature sensor that will be installed shortly. It will warn us before pipes freeze, hopefully.

-Elta Green is appreciative that our sound system can now make CDs of the service for shut-ins.

-The annual Audit Report has been received and we truly appreciate Jennifer Stapleton and Susan Grove's efforts. All is well and George Heinrichs will start implementing the recommendations. Kudos were given to George for all his dedication.

-The Stewardship Campaign kicks off October under Jennifer's leadership.

Mission:

-We received a lovely thank you note from Calvin Presbyterian Church complimenting George for his hospitality when they brought us school supplies. We are thankful to Walmart for the discounts, contributions from the other Eastern Shore Presbyterians and we used Belote Trust monies for the remaining funds.

-Thanks to all of you who contributed generously to the Hurricane Disaster Relief efforts.

Presence:

-Please sign up to assist with the Children's Sunday School. We need one adult (over 18 years of age) each week to help Dave Klawitter.

-On November 19, the Adult Sunday School will start the **Advent study on "Scrooge**." See Jack if you need a copy.

-The Christmas Program will be December 17 and there will be a dress rehearsal the day before. Please save the dates.

-On Christmas Eve, there will be both morning services and evening services at both churches.

Community:

-Both churches are having a new photo directory produced. On-line registration is now open for Lifetouch Photography appointments. Select a time on November 1 or 2 from 1:30 PM to 9 PM. See Megan Ames in the Makemie Room if you are computer challenged. Thanks also the Meg Adams for doing the telephone work.

-The next meeting of the Presbyterian Lunch Bunch will be at noon at the Onancock Deli on Tuesday, October 10. All are welcome.

-November 10 will be our next Spaghetti Dinner. A planning dinner will be October 26 at 7:15 PM at Linda Arvidson's home.

Moderator:

-On October 15, Ron and Joan May will join our church. We are so happy they have chosen to join us.

-We bid Fitz Godwin a fond farewell as he transferred his membership to Francis Makemie Presbyterian Church. We'll miss you at 11 AM!

-Session also approved the removal of Jennifer Radigan from membership since she has moved away.

-Session is reviewing a new brochure with our revised vision statement.

-Memorial monies will be used to purchase new candlesticks and candle lighters for the growing acolyte program.

-The annual meeting of the congregation and the corporation will be November 12. Please plan to spend an extra few minutes approving the budget and electing new Elders.

The next Stated Meeting of Session will be Wednesday, October 25 at 4:30 PM in the Makemie Room.

Session Notes from Francis Makemie PC

-The fence project is complete. The roof project is almost complete. The bell tower will need some paint to prevent rusting. The outside of the church has been power washed. This revealed areas of loose paint. Those areas will be scraped and prepped for painting.
-The session received three requests for membership. Fitz Godwin, Kathy and Joe Boggs. The session approved with joy these requests to be celebrated at a date yet to be determined. The session moved and accepted a request for the baptism of Bethany Shea to be celebrated at a date yet to be determined.
-Plans are moving forward for the Catherine Poulson plaque to be reinstalled inside the sanctuary on the NE wall.
-The Christmas Program will be on December 17.
-There will be worship services on Christmas Eve at 9:15am & 11pm. The 11pm service will be candlelight, carols, & communion.
-Communion will be celebrated October 1, December 24@11pm, January 7, April 1, July 1.
-The church will participate in the picture directory. Appointments can be made for pictures on Nov 1 & 2 from 1:30 9pm. Online information is coming. Please plan to be part of the directory.
-Next Session meeting is October 18 at 5:45

"Does a tree grow at NMPC?

Find out starting next week."

Every year at this time, the Stewardship Committee begins its annual campaign. This is a necessary event that must occur in order to make financial decisions of the church. During this year's campaign, we decided to give the campaign a theme titled "Making A Place To Gather And Grow".
Over the course of eight weeks, you will hear about the many areas of mission and focus of the church's commitment.
During the campaign, we ask that you listen with an open heart and open mind. Think about why you love coming to church. Think about how you have grown in your faith. Think of where your own commitments have increased. Come and learn and grow together. It is so easy to forget about how blessed we are with our church and our congregation.

So, over the next seven weeks, listen to the speakers' stories, look around at the beauty of our church, take in the sounds from our choir and organ, watch the children move through our church, and let the Holy Spirit guide you in your offering to our youth, our music, our church, and our missions.
Jennifer Stapleton Stewardship Chair

Presbyterian Women will meet on **Monday, October 2 at 11:30**. Our study of *Boundaries* will continue with Chapters 3 & 4. Bring a bag lunch; drinks & dessert provided. Our study will go from 11:30- 12:30, followed by lunch & brief business meeting.

November's Presbyterian Women meeting will be on Monday, **November 6 at 11:30**. Our study of *Boundaries* will continue with Chapters 5 & 6. November is also our Thank Offering.
I look forward to seeing everyone on October 2 and November 6.
Blessings, Pam

Just inside the Cada Grove Room at NMPC on the bulletin board there is a **Master Sign Up List**

Will you consider serving by Reading Scripture, Preparing Coffee Fellowship, Assisting in Sunday school, Providing special music? There is space for the children to acolyte, and act as youth liturgist.

Carol Rush schedules ushers for Sunday mornings, speak to her and let her know you are willing to greet and usher.

Becky Lock plans the flowers for the second Sunday of each month. If you would like to share your talents in this way, please speak to her.

Other volunteer opportunities are ready for you. Just ask. There is a job for you!

Presbyterian Lunch Bunch will meet October 10 at 12 noon at the Onancock Deli

Come join the Bunch for Lunch, it will be fun.

September Lunch bunch group! Join them in October too!

World Communion Sunday, October 1, is a very special day. Christians around the world will join together at the Lord's table to partake of the sacrament. What a great day that will be!

Consider what an amazing table the Lord's table is! In a sense, it stretches around the whole earth. Catholic Christians, Coptic Christians, Orthodox Christians, Reformed Christians, Lutheran Christians, Baptist Christians, Anglican Christians, Methodist Christians, Evangelical Christians, Christians who worship in churches bearing names we may never have heard of, will gather in their place of worship and do what Christ asked his friends to do: Remember him!

"This do," he said, "in remembrance of me." Then he broke bread as a reminder of his sacrificed body and lifted up the cup holding the wine representing his blood. The sacrament is a vivid symbol of Christ's sacrifice and loving concern for each of us. How could we ever forget him?

Remember, also, as we gather as Christ's family around that table of grace that we are brothers and sisters in Christ with Christians around the whole world.

"In Christ there is no east or west; In him no south or north; But one great fellowship of love, Throughout the whole wide earth." Thank you, Lord.

MISSION HALLOWEEN October 31, 2017

From the steps of Naomi Makemie on Tuesday <u>October 31 from 5-8pm</u>,

Halloween candy will be passed out to the children as they 'trick or treat' their way through Onancock. Last year we gave away more than 400 bags of candy! Our goal for 2017 is **500 bags**. Join us in this great outreach mission to the community. Donated candy and snack size plastic bags accepted.

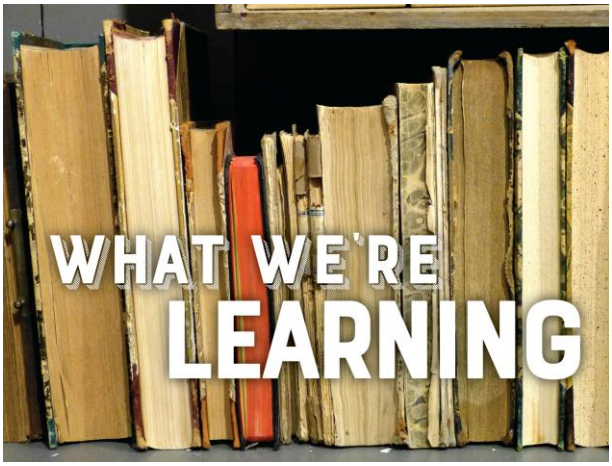
<u>Thursday October 26 4:30-5:30</u> the youth and adults are invited to gather to assemble the treat bags.

OCTOBER

Charlie Mahler	10-01
George Heinrichs	10-02
Bowdie Arvidson	10-02
Dennis Schirmer	10-04
Kim Penland	10-05
April Thompson Barnes	10-05
Linda Mears	10-19
David Hughes	10-22

Remember to wish Happy Birthday when you see these friends. If your name is not included let us know-we want to wish you Happy Birthday too!

Christian Education is an important part of the vision and mission of our church. Consider attending one of the educational opportunities available to you this month.



Adult Sunday school meets each Sunday at NMPC at 9:30 the class is growing each week. Won't you consider joining them? November 19 they will launch a study for **Advent titled "Scrooge".**

Presby 101 continues this month with the focus on baptism and the Lord's Supper. The class will meet **Tuesday October 17 5:30** to 7 bring a bag supper. This was a lively discussion last time. We seek to meet once a month

Classes for children/youth to introduce them to the **Lord's Table** are available upon request to the pastor. The classes last two hours and can be done on a Saturday, Sunday afternoon, or weekday. The classes are divided by age groups.

Reformation Notes

The Reformation is understood to have been initiated by Martin Luther. At least, it is the anniversary of his complaint to the religious leaders, that we commemorate this year. He is said to have posted his 95 theses-his 95 statements of disagreement with the church on the sanctuary doors of Wittenberg Castle Church. We always see Luther depicted with a hammer in his hand. It is most likely though that he had a wax sealer in his hand. Notices posted on the doors were not done with hammer and nails. Here are some of liturgical reforms he introduced. As we celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation surrounding Luther's reforms, Here are a few:

- Mass (worship) in the language of the people
- Communion with bread and wine (the people only received once a year and just bread)
- Centrality of Scripture
- A strong emphasis on congregational singing
- Just two sacraments not seven Baptism and Lord's Supper
- Put the liturgy and the Bible in the hands of the people (printing press made this possible)
- A strong emphasis on preaching the law and the gospel
- The presence of Christ as real presence "in, with, and under" rather than transubstantiation or a mere symbol
- Worship is nourishment for the people living their baptismal vocation in the world.

How are these reforms still an important part of our life of worship today? Do these ideas matter? Do they speak truth to you? Think on them and pray asking God to renew your heart and mind as we continue to grow in the transforming of our minds toward Christ.

Pastor Note:

For by grace you are saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is a gift from God. Ephesians 2:8

The story of Martin Luther is a remarkable story of one man's struggle of faith. His journey to understand God's love, God's forgiveness, and God's grace created great torment in his heart. Even in his last days he struggled to say, "God forgives me."

Early in his writings he preached civility, patience, and nonviolence. He said, "We do not force people to believe what we believe, and we do not inflict harm on other people because they believe differently."

The sermons in the month of October will focus on the themes of the reformation: Authority, grace, baptism, faith, and forgiveness.

May your hearts be encouraged and your faith increase. Joy and peace to you,

Pastor

Monica

September Moments in Pictures

Rally Day/Chili Cook Off

Quinn & AJ

Linda giving Medicare information

Nielsens prepare coffee hour

Co-preaching with Don Broad

Logan Acolyte Super!

Worship and fellowship moments

SAVE THE DATES:

Spaghetti Dinner
November 10

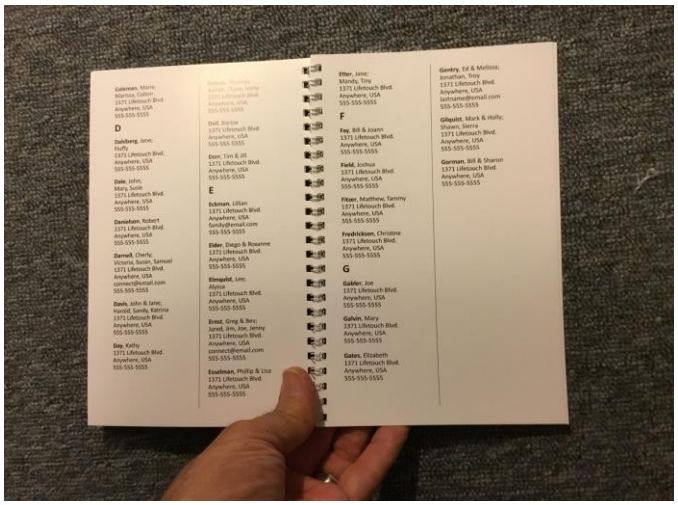
Christmas Programs
December 17

Francis Makemie & Naomi Makemie

are joining together to create a

Church Photo Directory by Lifetouch Studios

The directories and special photos will be ready by mid December. We hope all of you near and far will consider being part of the directory. Photo session are scheduled for November 1&2 from 1:30-9 Sessions require registration. Megan Ames and Meg Adams are our point of contact to schedule your appointment



Oct 2017						
SUNDAY	**MONDAY**	**TUESDAY**	**Wednesday**	**THURSDAY**	**FRIDAY**	**SATURDAY**
1 Worship @ FMPC 9:15Communion NMPC Adult Sunday school 9:30; Worship 11 Communion	2 Presbyterian Women 11:30	3	4	5 Prayer group 9 Choir 5:30	6 Exercise 10	7
8 Worship @ FMPC 9:15 NMPC Adult Sunday school 9:30; Worship 11 Youth SS	9 Columbus Day	10 Lunch Bunch @ Onancock Deli 12N	11 Nutrition Group 5-8	12 Choir 5:30	13 Exercise 10	14
15 Worship @ FMPC 9:15 NMPC Adult Sunday school 9:30; Worship 11 Youth SS	16	17 Presby 101 5:30	18 FMPC session 5:45	19 Prayer group 9 Choir 5:30	20 Exercise 10	21
22 Worship @ FMPC 9:15 NMPC Adult Sunday school 9:30; Worship 11 Youth SS	23	24	25 NMPC session 4:30	26 Youth Packing Halloween Bags 4:30 Choir 5:30	27 Men's Group 9 Exercise 10	28
29 Worship @ FMPC 9:15 NMPC Adult Sunday school 9:30; Worship 11 Youth SS	30 Peter Steinke @1st Norfolk 9-3 check PEVA website	31 Halloween Mission Candy Giveaway 5-8	**1 NOV** **PICTURE DAY 1:30-9**	2 NOV **PICTURE DAY 1:30-9** Choir 5:30	3 Exercise 10	4

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Address Correction Requested for
The 2017 church directory.

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