



The Newsletter
of
Francis Makemie
Presbyterian Church
 Accomac, Virginia

Naomi Makemie
Presbyterian Church
 Onancock, Virginia

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Special dates

- First Sunday of Advent, *December 3, 2017*
- Second Sunday of Advent, *December 10, 2017*
- Third Sunday of Advent, *December 17, 2017*
- First day of winter, *December 21, 2017*
- Fourth Sunday of Advent, *December 24, 2017*
- Christmas Eve, *December 24, 2017*
- Christmas Day, *December 25, 2017*
- New Year's Eve/Watch Night, *December 31, 2017*

“**Advent**” means “coming,” of course, and the promise of Advent is that what is coming is an unimaginable invasion. The mythology of our age has to do with flying saucers and invasions from outer space, and that is unimaginable enough. But what is upon us now is even more so – a close encounter not of the third kind but of a different kind altogether. **An invasion of holiness.** That is what Advent is about.
 –Frederick Buechner, *The Clown in the Belfry*



Ministry to our homebound and traveling friends and members

We are currently making a CD recording of the worship service at Naomi Makemie each Sunday. We will bring or mail a copy of the service to you each week if you would like to listen to it. It includes the whole service from organ prelude, choir anthem, sermon, prayers, hymns and postlude.

Our hope is to eventually make a podcast or live stream available to everyone.

We will bring communion to anyone at home at any time.

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| Debbie Ryon | 12-01 |
| Ted Ames | 12-03 |
| Monica Gould | 12-04 |
| Harriet Adams | 12-05 |
| Bethany Shea | 12-08 |
| Molly Arvidson | 12-12 |
| Julie Chuquin | 12-30 |
| Debbie Holland | 12-21 |
| Diane Kelly | 12-21 |

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!



Naomi Makemie is seeking a new director for its **Shepherd Program**. Laura Naylor has faithfully served as 'Head Shepherd' for our program that provides information for prayer chain, and the dissemination of other important church information. We thank her for her service and invite you to consider this important ministry of the church. If you are interested in learning more about this position and perhaps serving as leader, please contact Laura or Monica.

Feed my sheep says the Lord.

Our next Presbyterian Women's meeting will be on Monday, December 4, 2017 at 11:30 in the Makemie Room.

We will continue our study of *Boundaries* by Dr. Henry Cloud & Dr. John Townsend. For December please read the second half of Chapter 5. Bring a bag lunch; dessert & drinks provided. A short business meeting will follow our study.

Our **January meeting will be on January 8** (which is the second Monday, not the first). See you there, & Happy Holidays.

Blessings, Pam



Presbyterian Lunch Bunch will meet Tuesday December 12 at 12 noon at **The Sage Diner** on Hwy 13 in Onley. A full lunch, dinner and breakfast menu available.

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

Francis Makemie will hold the annual congregational meeting following 9:15 worship on December 10. We invite all members to attend to hear the approved budget for 2018. Also, to vote to retain the current slate of officers as per Book of Order guidelines for small churches.



With cards and a cake, *the Session of NMPC* thanked **Linda Arvidson and Dick Freeman** for their 6 years of service as Ruling Elders. We are grateful for their dedication and joy spread to all through their service.





We rejoice with **Matthew L. Albertson** on the occasion of his baptism on Sunday November 19 at Naomi Makemie. His family Rick and Tracey Arvidson are faithful, loving parents and support him in journey of faith and walk of life.



Baptism cake for Matthew made by Megan Ames

The baptism of Bethany Marie at FMPC . With her was her dad Alex Herbert and Elder Rick Hall presenting her.



We rejoice on the occasion of her baptism and for her family-Grandparents Tammy & Andy Mason



+ Christian Symbols +

Water -- Water flows through the Scriptures: the flood, the Red Sea crossing, water springing from a rock to nourish Israelites in the wilderness, the healing of Naaman's leprosy when he washed in the Jordan River, John's baptism of Jesus and, chiefly, our baptism into Christ. The water of baptism symbolizes cleansing from sin, the quenching of our spiritual thirst and God raising us from death (drowning in sin) to life everlasting. Just as we can't live without physical water, neither can we truly live without the living water that Jesus gives (see John 4:13-14).



Bethany Marie



Hanging of the Greens at Naomi

Makemie Sunday December 3 after worship

We set up and decorate four Christmas Trees



Orders for poinsettias to be placed in the sanctuary of Naomi Makemie Dec 10-31 in honor and memory of a person are being taken until Dec 6.



Join us for the four Sundays of Advent at Francis Makemie 9:15 am and at Naomi Makemie 11:00 am. This is the perfect season to come and sing your favorite carols and rejoice in the Light of Hope.

- Advent 1** December 3-Light of Hope
- Advent 2** December 10-Light of Peace
- Advent 3** December 17-Light of Joy & Christmas Programs
- Advent 4** December 24 Light of Love

*Christmas Program at Francis Makemie
Sunday December 17 at 9:15 am*

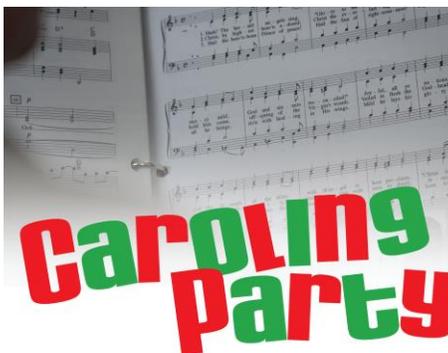


His Name is Jesus!

*Christmas Program with adult and youth
choir at Naomi Makemie Sunday
December 17 at 11 am*



A Thankful Heart this Christmas



Annual Christmas Caroling to the Hermitage and Homebound. Sunday December 17 at 4:30 pm. Gather at church for carpool. Then followed by gathering at Rick Turner's

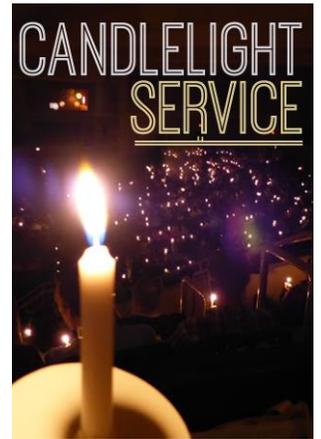
Come join the fun!! It's a great evening for all ages!



***CHRISTMAS EVE services
Lessons & Carols Candlelight
Communion***

***7 pm at Naomi Makemie
Presbyterian***

***11 pm at Francis Makemie
Presbyterian***



Advent is: ***An invasion of holiness.***

I really enjoy reading and sharing the writings of Frederick Beuchner. I appreciate his ability to bring to basics our understanding of the love of God.

Psalm 124:8 Our help is in the name of the LORD, Who made heaven and earth

As we enter into the season of Advent we participate in many activities. There are many things happening in the community-check your local info sources. There are also many activities at our churches.

This is my greatest joy of the year. Every year I look forward to another fresh and new encounter with God as the invasion of holiness descends upon us. My prayer for you is to experience the encounter with God as fresh and new for you too this wonderful season of the Christchild breaking forth into our world. God made heaven and earth. We rejoice in the wonder of all God has done.

May you and your family find the peace of Christ this Christmas. May you rejoice as we pause to reflect on the God who loves us beyond measure.

Be surprised this season as God invades us all with holiness!

Merry Christmas

Monica



NOVEMBER SESSION DIGEST from Clerk of Session NMPC

Nuts and Bolts:

- Jack Humphreys and Mike Gould met with Thornton Services to assess and refine the various thermostats. Three of the five in the sanctuary wing will be disabled. The thermostat on the uninsulated west wall will soon include a new temperature sensor in the piano area so that a stable temperature can be maintained.
- Session approved Christmas bonuses for the staff.
- *A Transition Team will work in early December to transfer our accounting functions to the Leatherbury Company. For 2018 we will be recruiting for those willing to count and deposit church funds several weeks a year.* George Heinrichs was thanked again for his years of service as Treasurer.
- The Stewardship Campaign yielded a few less pledges this year but some increased their pledge amount. Thank you to the committee and all those who gave mission moments.

Mission:

- Save the date: *On January 19, we will have a potluck dinner and listen to Bill Stillwagen's presentation "Vietnam Battlefield Tours – Traveling in the Company of Heros."*
- The Mosher's will use our kitchen as a staging area for their dinner for the remaining 13 G.F. Horne residents. They will take our warming trays and other necessary serving supplies.

Presence:

- **The hanging of the greens will be December 3 after church.**
- Thanks to all the readers for Advent.
- We still need musicians for Christmas Eve services.
- The order form for poinsettias is in the Sunday bulletin.

Community:

- All the information for the photo directory has been provided and we hope for a quick turnaround.
- The next Presbyterian Lunch Bunch gathering will be at noon at Sage on Tuesday, December 12. All are welcome.
- The Spaghetti Dinner netted the church \$600 for carpeting. The same amount was given to Rural Health in Eastville. The cake auction added \$400 more for ESRH.
- All the beige carpeting will be replaced soon and will match the existing blue stair carpeting.
- Laura Chuquin-Naylor is no longer able to manage the Shepherds so a new director will be recruited.
- Coffee fellowship on December 17 will feature a cake but other contributions would be welcome.

Moderator:

- On Halloween, we ran out of candy before 8 PM. For 2018 we will aim for 600 bags to promote our church.
- Our shut-in members love to have visitors so just call Elta Green, Kim Penland, Don Broad, and Gloria Santacrosse before stopping by.
- Session agreed to have the local police/sheriff do a security assessment of our church and speak with us about the proper response to an active shooter situation. Our current policy on guns requires those with a concealed weapons permit to notify the Pastor if they are carrying.
- The Sabbatical Committee will report to Session and will gather for their initial meeting in January.
- With cards and a cake, the Session thanked Linda Arvidson and Dick Freeman for their 6 years of service as Ruling Elders.

The next Retreat and Stated Meeting of Session will be Saturday, January 13 at the Ryon Retreat Center on Fairgrounds Road.

November in Pictures



Spaghetti Dinner November 2017 was for the benefit of the Eastville Eastern Shore Rural Health Center. The cake Auction and the dinner brought record results. We had so much fun. The Kitchen crew and the servers were beyond compare. We are so blessed to have such a united group of servants for the Lord.



| December 2017 | | | | | | |
|--|---|---|------------------|---|---------------|---|
| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | Wednesday | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
| | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3  FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Worship 9:15 FMPC 11:00 NMPC Hanging Greens NMPC | 4 Presbyterian Women 11:30 | 5 | 6 | 7 Prayer mtg 9 Choir 5:30 | 8 | 9 |
| 10  SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT Worship 9:15 FMPC 11:00 NMPC SS 11:15 | 11 | 12 Lunch Bunch Sage Diner 12N | 13 | 14 Choir 5:30 | 15 | 16 Christmas Program Dress Rehearsals |
| 17  THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT Christmas Program <i>His Name is Jesus 9:15</i> FMPC <i>A Thankful Heart this Christmas</i> 11:00 NMPC <u>CAROLING</u> <u>4:30 pm!</u> | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 Prayer mtg 9 Choir 5:30 | 22 | 23 |
| 24  ADVENT Worship 9:15 FMPC 11:00 NMPC  CHRISTMAS EVE 7pm NMPC 11pm FMPC No SS |  CHRISTMAS DAY | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 31 Worship 9:15 FMPC 11:00 NMPC | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 Prayer mtg 9 Choir 5:30 | 5 | 6 |

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Address Correction Requested for
The 2017 church directory.



Reverend Monica Gould Pastor

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Class of 2017 Linda Arvidson Jack Humphreys Dick Freeman Class of 2018 Tom Nielsen Anne Barnes George Heinrichs Treasurer Class of 2019 Laura Naylor Jennifer Stapleton Tracey Arvidson

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