



January 2018

Glad Tidings

The Newsletter
of
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Welcome to 2018! May the God of all joy surround you and keep you in ways of health and wonder for the coming year. It is hard to imagine that the work of Christmas has gone from us and we are full swing into remembering to write 2018 on our checks-for those of us who still write checks. (Actually the work of Christmas has just begun)

Over the past year my focus for reflection has been on 'remembering' and on 'being vigilant'. These two reflection 'watch words' spoke truth as I sought medical assistance for my own health, as well as my step father's. It also was important this summer while we were sailing and encountered some storms. God taught me the value of remembering our history as it pertains to our present life. God taught me the value of remembering past experiences and learning to aid in present storms. Living with these 'watch words' from God strengthened and encouraged my growth in faith. A new 'watch word' for 2018 came to me last week as I was doing my devotions, 'live with joy'.

It seems appropriate to seek to live with joy, when life is healthy and happy. But we are bombarded with sorrow and pain, injustice and violence, anger and discord and there is no joy in these. And yet, I find that it is most important in these times that we seek to understand the power of God to supply us with the joy that sustains us in the darkest hours. God offers us hope and healing, love and grace, and in these we find all we need to live with joy with each moment and with each breath.

Peace,

Monica

- New Year's Day, January 1, 2018
- Epiphany, January 6, 2018
- Baptism of the Lord, January 7, 2018
- Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Observance, January 15, 2018
- Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, January 18-25, 2018



Charlie Hughes	01-03
Michele Van Hove	01-04
Nina Close	01-09
Jean Freeman	01-21
Addison Stapleton	01-22
Juliann Green	01-23
Nancy Drew Picard	01-28
Mary Helen Gardner	01-30
Tom Nielsen	01-30

Have a Happy Birthday and a year filled with joy! If your name is not included let us know-we want to wish you Happy Birthday too!

Give rest oh Christ, to your servant with all your saints, where there is neither pain nor sorrow nor sighing, but life everlasting.

Our Condolences to

Sarah & Randy Fischer for the loss of their son

Cynthia Hall for the loss of her mother Josephine Huber Dahlke passed away at the Hermitage. Memorial donations may be made to the Jo Dahlke CNA Scholarship Fund at the Hermitage on the Eastern Shore. This fund will support nursing assistants who wish to pursue a nursing degree. Please make checks payable to Hermitage on the Eastern Shore, and mail to 23610 North Street, Onancock, VA 23417, with memo designating the scholarship fund.



Jean Freeman for the loss of her nephew Mike Mahan

To the family of Mrs. Evelyn N. Gibb, 90, wife of the late Robert G. Gibb and a resident of Onancock, VA, passed away on Monday, December 25, 2017

Ed Satterfield for the loss of his grandmother



Acolytes now have their own robe. There is a list on the wall which has each name with a corresponding number. Please use your robe when you acolyte and when the Red Robes choir sings. Please make sure to return your robe to the correct hanger when finished. We are so grateful to you for your service.

NMPC Session news

The elders of NMPC will meet on Saturday January 13 from 9-3 for a retreat of training and meeting. The Meeting will be at the Ryon Retreat Center on Fairgrounds Rd. Lunch will be provided.

We introduce the new class of officers for 2020. Megan Ames is a first time elder and will receive ordination. Jack Humphreys is returning for a second three year term, Rick Turner is returning to serve after a one year rest, these two will be installed. The service will take place during morning worship on January 14 at 11 am. Please welcome these new term elders when you see them.

After many years of faithful service to the church as treasurer, George Heinrich

Heinrich will retire from this post. However, he will continue as Ruling Elder for another year and maintain his active engagement with the ministry of the church. George has given his heart and soul to the care of the finances of the church. He has paid the bills, reconciled the accounts, done many a reimbursement, faithfully paid toward our mission commitments, created a budget, and offered his time and love to sitting in the office at church for hours on end. We are indebted to him for serving us and we ask God to bless him as he has some well deserved time with his family. We truly thank him for his service.



New Accounting for NMPC will be done through Leatherbury Broache & Co.

They will take over the work of the treasurer on January 10. This new system will have some requirements from the congregation in order to provide a smooth process. The first thing is patience. The first month or two might have a few hiccups as we all learn the process. They will do payroll as well as send out 1099s. They will also do the reimbursements. Each person seeking reimbursement will have to fill out the reimbursement form provided on the desk in the Cada Grove Room. The request will need a signature of a committee chair or the pastor before submission. All requests will be submitted twice a month to the accounting firm, on the 10th and the 20th for payment on the 15th and the 25th. We are truly grateful to Mr. Leatherbury for his willingness to take us on as his client.

A Penguin Parable

During storms, emperor penguins huddle for warmth, taking turns at the center and on the perimeter of the group. While incubating eggs, up to 6,000 male penguins have been observed clustering for shelter against the harsh Antarctic winter. Partially grown chicks gather in protective “crèches” (French for “cribs”); often surrounded by a colony of adults, these groupings ward off predators and cold.



In stormy times, humans also need supportive groups; we can't survive alone. A church family allows us to take turns giving and receiving care. Amid social upheaval, injustice, illness, natural disaster and any loss or crisis, God invites us to gather for protection and warmth. In the church community, we support and strengthen one another and are empowered to go out again into the less-sheltered world.

KNITTING MINISTRY



The Prayer Shawl ministry was started in 1998 by 2 women at the Hartford Seminary in Hartford, CT.

Marge Carpenter brought it here to Naomi Makemie in March of 2003.

To date we have given out 517 shawls.

In 2017 we gave out 17 shawls. They went as far away as Washington state, Illinois, Texas and other states, but most went here on the Eastern Shore.

We do not sell shawls. We do accept donations from recipients and interested persons in our ministry.

In 2012 at the request of Katherine Moore we added crocheting or knitting baby hats for newborns on the Eastern Shore to our ministry. With this addition, we voted at our PW meeting in November of 2014 to change the name of our ministry to "The Knitting Ministry", to better describe our expanded outreach.

In addition to our own women who knit or crochet, we also have several members of the community that knit for us.

We are always looking for additional people who knit or crochet- a very simple pattern is supplied, as is the yarn. If you are interested in helping, please see Pam Nielsen.

A notebook of thank you's is on the table in the Cada Grove Room room. Take a moment to read some of the notes-- they are heart warming.

If you know of someone who needs a prayer shawl, please contact Pam. nielsenpm@verizon.net

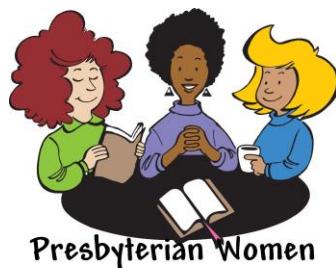


EVENTS FOR JANUARY

Presbyterian Women will meet on January 8 (Monday)

at 11:30 in the Makemie Room. We will continue our study of the book *Boundaries*. For this meeting, please read Chapter 6. Bring a lunch- dessert and drinks are provided. A short business meeting will follow lunch.

Come join us!



Presbyterian Lunch Bunch will meet Tuesday January 9 at 12 noon at **The Market St Grill** on Market St in Onancock. A full lunch, dinner and breakfast menu available.

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

TRAVELING IN THE COMPANY OF HEROES



Please join us on January 19 at 6 pm at NMPC for this powerful presentation. Bring a dish to share as we fellowship together and learn from a local Vietnam Veteran and founder of non-profit tour company 'Vietnam Battlefield Tours'.

The Presentation will focus on the amazing experiences that occur during the during the post-war trips to the jungles and battlefields of Vietnam. These events provide healing and solace for veterans and families. The stories will be uplifting as we witness how hope and healing is imparted through these events.

Bring your neighbors, friends, and families.

Youth choir practice will begin again. We will use recorded music as well as I have some wonderfully simple piano tunes.

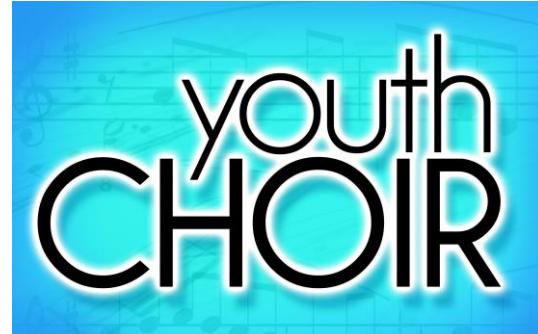
We will meet on **Tuesday evening at 6 pm with a simple dinner included ending promptly at 7 pm**. This is open to all youth who want to sing in church.

Please know that every voice heard on the Sunday program was an Excellent Voice!
Practices will be held at NMPC.

Here are the practice dates:

Tuesday January 16 6-7	Tuesday March 13 6-7
Tuesday January 30 6-7	Tuesday March 27 6-7
Tuesday February 13 6-7	Tuesday April 10 6-7
Tuesday February 27 6-7	Tuesday April 24 6-7
	Tuesday May 8 6-7
	Tuesday May 22 6-7

Here are the singing dates. The F MPC youth will sing in their service and the NMPC youth in theirs, we will just practice together.



Sunday February 25th If they are ready "Praise Ye the Lord"
Sunday March 25th (Palm Sunday) "Lift High the Palms of Praise"
Sunday April 22nd "I'm Gonna Sing"
Sunday May 13th (Mother's Day) "A Family Song" or "See the Lilies"

Thursday January 18 until Wednesday Eve January 24 the week of prayer for Christian Unity is observed worldwide.

As we pause this January 2018 let us too pray for one another across the globe and in our backyard.

Although early Christians had much in common, they also dwelt in diversity. Each of their leaders emphasized certain parts of the gospel and favored certain worship styles. They all believed in the resurrected Jesus, and they all celebrated the Lord's Supper and baptism. But Christians in Corinth had a unique approach, as did those in Ephesus, Philippi, Galatia, Rome and so on.

It might be boring if we all believed and practiced completely alike. Variations don't need to be an impediment to Christian unity. As pastor Charles Best said, "If we're going to be in heaven together, we might as well get along now."

DECEMBER IN PICTURES AND IN REFLECTION



AJ Nielsen & Carter Ames help too!

Anne & Miles Barnes



Addy, Joan, and Linda work NMPC kitchen magic



Russ & Leslie of F MPC arranged the Christmas meal for OTP (the former GF Horne). There are 15 residents in building C.



Jack helping serve



Carols led by residents



The stockings were hung and songs were sung



Christmas Caroling Dec 17 to homebound & the Hermitage



Christmas Caroling

Reflections

Each Christmas celebration has the potential to teach us a new lesson or give us a new perspective on an ancient mystery. My insight came early this year.

If you are seated in the back row of the choir during the children's Christmas program, your vision is limited. You see the backs of shepherds and the rear ends of angels. Joseph's head blocks out a view of Mary and the baby Jesus.

The vision from the back row is of the Pastor encouraging and coaching the Youth actors and singers. You can also see congregation members switching seats or quietly creeping around the Christmas tree so they can get a better camera angle. In your peripheral vision you glimpse the Mom Squad assisting with costume changes and adjusting head gear.

It was at that moment, when all were gathered around the manger focused on Jesus, that I experienced the spirit of Christmas.

What I saw was the awe and wonder reflected on the congregation's faces.

Amid the camera flashes, there was laughter and joy as the younger shepherds complained about how LOUD and BRIGHT the angels were! When I heard oohs and ahhs, I assumed they occurred each time baby Jesus moved. The facial expressions were entranced and glorious.

I believed in the miracle of Christmas because you believed for that brief moment in time.

You reflected the Light! You reflected the good news of the Gospel.

When the program was over the church family rushed forward like a press gaggle with cameras aloft.

Suddenly it was like a Norman Rockwell painting with everyone frozen and absorbing the amazing tableau. With eyes wide open they stared at their adorable actor beaming brightly. Then click, click, flash and post.

Instantly, Facebook was filled with pictures to witness what is really important this season. Instagram shots were spreading like ripples in a pond to our wider community of friends and neighbors.

The shepherds and angels shared their gifts of the heart. Can we do any less?

As you reflect on this story/program remember that you too are a child of God reflecting the Light.

By Jody Humphreys



Ames Boys



The manger scene



Shadow angels



Singing 'A Thankful Heart this Christmas'



NMPC Choir for Christmas Program



The Manger scene -Paige & Carter Jones debut as baby Jesus and sheep

His Name Is Jesus FMPC Christmas Program



Angel Tree for families of the Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Christmas Party hosted by Barry Mears stocking, ornaments, cookies, secret gift bags and more.
It was fun-can't wait until the next one.



Busy decorating cookies-all that sugar!



Barry Mears & Chris Ames



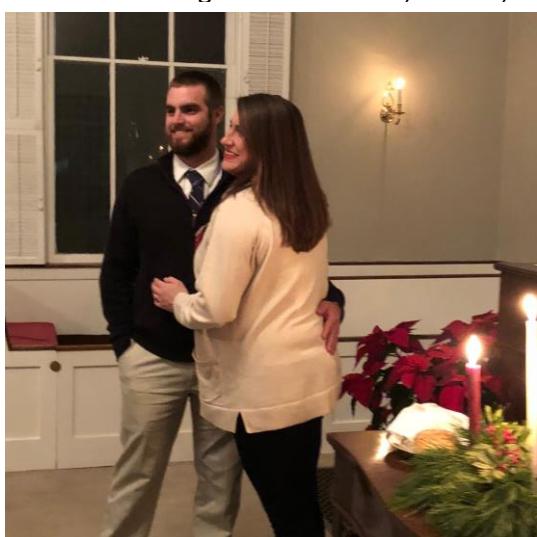
Victoria & Chris leading the candle lighting for Silent Night at NMPC



Christmas Eve

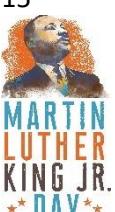
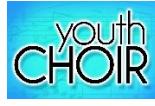


A wonderful gathering at FMPC



A Christmas Eve proposal! And she said yes!

Congratulations Alex Herbert and Raeann Cohoon!

January 2018						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	Wednesday	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 Worship SCHEDULE	1 	2	3	4 Prayer 9 am Choir 5:30 pm	5 Exercise 10 am	6 
7 Communion F&NMPC Worship 9:15 FMPC 11 NMPC Adult SS 9:30	8 Presbyterian Women 11:30	9  12N	10 New Accounting system begins	11 Choir 5:30 pm	12 Exercise 10 am	13  9-3
14 Worship 9:15 FMPC 11:00 NMPC Ordination & Installation of Elders Youth SS 11:15 Adult SS 9:30	15 	16 Youth Choir 2018 Begins  6-7 supper included	17 FMPC Session 5:45 pm	18 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Prayer 9 am Choir 5:30 pm	19 Exercise 10 am  6 pm	20
21 Worship 9:15 FMPC 11:00 NMPC Blessing of Prayer shawls Youth SS 11:15 Adult SS 9:30	22	23	24	25 Choir 5:30 pm	26 Men's Group 9 am Exercise 10 am	27 PEVA assembly at Providence Theme-Racial Taboo
28 Worship 9:15 FMPC 11:00 NMPC SS 11:15 Adult SS 9:30	29	30  6-7 supper included	31	February 1 Prayer 9 am Choir 5:30 pm	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 Choir 5:30 pm	9	10

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