

February 2018



Glad Tidings

The Newsletter
of
Francis Makemie
Presbyterian Church
Accomac, Virginia

Naomi Makemie
Presbyterian Church
Onancock, Virginia

Wise words came across my desk this morning. Do justice, love kindness, walk humbly with God Micah 6:8, **“Do all the good you can, By all the means you can, In all the ways you can, In all the places you can, At all the times you can, To all the people you can, As long as ever you can.”** — John Wesley

As the weekend approaches these words ring in my thoughts and I reflect on how I am living into them in my daily routine. Friday morning as I participate in the exercise program at NMPC is perhaps a good way to start living into the words above. Read further in the newsletter as Rhudy shares his story about how he stumbled into being the faithful leader of this community group.

This month we really do **seek to live into the mission statement “Do what is fair and just to your neighbor, be compassionate and loyal in your love, and don’t take yourself too seriously, take God seriously”**. We are doing **our best to live this out in the way we worship, fellowship, and engage in mission**. You’ll notice this month is filled with a variety of ways our two churches will be living together and living out the vision of becoming places of gathering and growing. Take time to read through the whole newsletter and print out pages of importance.

Valentine’s Day is also Ash Wednesday this year. Consider bringing the one you love to worship the One we love. Ash Wednesday & Maundy Thursday (3/29) are held at NMPC. Good Friday (3/30) is held at FMPC. Lent is a Holy Season of reflection of God’s love for us through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus the Christ. I hope you’ll join in this season of worship together.

Our youth choir has regular meeting times twice a month. *Tuesday Feb 13* when they meet is also known as *Shrove Tuesday*. We will be having pancakes for dinner. Anyone who wants to join us for the dinner time is welcome, just let me know.

Each year the congregation grants me two weeks of study leave and 5 weeks of vacation. In September I took **vacation to celebrate my mom’s 90th birthday**. February 11th I’ll be taking a week of study leave. Rev. Steve Doan will be preaching in my absence. We are so blessed to have him and Donna in our congregations. I look forward to listening to the recording of the service when I get back. I will be reading, writing, and resting in my week away.

Thank you all for who you are and for your attentiveness to this monthly publication. Blessings to you as you journey a Holy Lent,

Monica





Rick Turner	02-07
Janet Booth-Scott	02-09
Katie Arnold	02-09
Jennifer Stapleton	02-10
Herman Floyd	02-17
Barry Mears	02-17
Logan Stapleton	02-21
Meg Adams	02-22
Spencer Schuyler	02-23
Mathew Albertson	02-24

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!



Thank you to those helping in worship at **NMPC in February**. There are several areas where all who would like to serve can find a place to serve. Thanks for all you do each and every day Usher & Communion schedule not listed

Thank you to those helping in worship at **FMPC in February**

Sunday	Flowers	Snacks
Feb 4	Wanda H	Wanda H
Feb 11	Tammy M	Fitz G
Feb 18	Cissy H	Cissy H
Feb 25	Tammy M	Fitz G

Leslie M 5th Sunday flowers & sub for Flowers

Sunday	Reader	Coffee Hour host	Acolyte	Youth Liturgist	S.S. Adult Assistant
Feb 4	Laura C-Naylor	Soup Lunch	No Acolyte		No SS
Feb 11	George Heinrichs	Wilma & George	Kamryn		Linda Mears
Feb 18	Jody Humphreys	Tracey & Victoria	Victoria & A.J.		Carol Rush
Feb 25	Addy Babus	Rick T & Linda Arvidson	Katie	Quinn Ames	Megan Ames

Youth choir practice for February.

We meet on **Tuesday evenings at 6 pm** at NMPC with a simple dinner included. Practice ends promptly at 7 pm. Practices will be held at NMPC.

practice dates:

Tuesday February 13 6-7

Tuesday February 27 6-7

The FMPC youth will sing in their service and the NMPC youth in theirs, but any of the youth are welcome to sing in both services to support the joint choir

Youth Choir singing in church Sunday February 25th "I'm Gonna Sing"



February 2018						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	Wednesday	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Prayer 9 am Choir 5:30 pm	2 Exercise 10 am	3
4 Communion NMPC Worship 9:15 FMPC 11 NMPC Adult SS 9:30 Souper Bowl of caring lunch	5 Presbyterian Women 11:30	6	7	8 Choir 5:30 pm	9 Exercise 10 am	10
11 Rev. Steve Doan Worship 9:15 FMPC 11:00 NMPC Youth SS 11:15 Adult SS 9:30	12	13  12N Youth Choir Practice @NMPC  6-7 supper included	14   ASH WEDNESDAY Worship 7pm	15 Prayer 9 am Choir 5:30 pm	16 Exercise 10 am	17
18 Lent 1 Worship 9:15 FMPC 11:00 NMPC Youth SS 11:15 Adult SS 9:30	19 <i>Hosting students for Habitat for Humanity for week at NMPC begins Sunday night thru Sunday</i>	20	21 Ecumenical Lenten Services Begin @ Market ST UMC 12N	22 Choir 5:30 pm	23 Men's Group 9 am Exercise 10 am	24
25 Lent 2 Worship 9:15 FMPC 11:00 NMPC SS 11:15 Adult SS 9:30	26	27 Youth Choir Practice @NMPC  6-7 supper included	28 Ecumenical Lent Service 12N @ Holy Trinity Baptist NMPC session 4:30	MARCH 1 Prayer 9 am Choir 5:30 pm	2 Exercise 10 am	3
4 Lent 3 Communion NMPC Worship 9:15 FMPC 11 NMPC Adult SS 9:30	5 Presbyterian Women 11:30	6	7 Ecumenical Lent Service 12N @ Onancock Baptist	8 Choir 5:30 pm	9 Exercise 10 am	10



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

To Dick Freeman in the loss of his sister Mary Williams and to Jean and the Freeman family



Welcome Harper Grey Herbert daughter of Raeann Cohoon & Alex Herbert, sister to Bethany and granddaughter to Tammy & Andy Mason



Sunday January 28 The congregation of Francis Makemie Presbyterian Church welcomed three new members. An astounding 23% increase in the church's membership roles. The congregation was blessed with the presence of members and leaders of the Francis Makemie Historical Society. The three new members are: Joe & Kathy Boggs, (Joe is a descendent of William Boggs who was the nephew of Francis Makemie) and Fitz Godwin Jr. We welcome them with great joy!



Welcome to the class of new elders 2020 of NMPC. Ordination & ordination prayer of Megan Ames and installation on Jack Humphreys and Rick Turner



EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY



Senior Exercise By Rhudy Naylor

For three years now I have led our Senior Exercise program here at the Naomi Makemie Presbyterian Church, and I am grateful to have this role. First, something about me. My first role as an exercise leader began at the U.S. Army Chaplain Center & School, when it was at Fort Monmouth, NJ., in 1984- 1985. I led U.S. Army style calisthenics for an advanced Chaplain's Class, that coincidentally had our own Chaplain Steve Doan in it. By then I had become a jogger and was running about 10 to 12 miles a week. I later took Yoga classes at Camp Zama, Japan, and at the South Unity Church, Atlanta, GA.

In 2014, I was trained by the Arthritis Foundation to do senior exercise for the Eastern Shore Area Agency on Aging's Senior Centers at Onanock and at Exmore, which I still do. Here at NMPC, I substituted for Rev. Close and for Toni Nelson as Yoga instructor, until Toni left in the summer of 2016, when I became the lead instructor.

For our program, I have adopted an eclectic style using elements of Tai Chi, Qi Gong, Yoga, and gentle stretching movements, all designed to enhance strength, support balance, and maintain mobility for aging seniors. However, our class is open to persons of all ages, younger or older! Please feel free to drop in at 10:00 A.M. each Friday at the NMPC Fellowship Room, and have some exercise fun! Thank you.

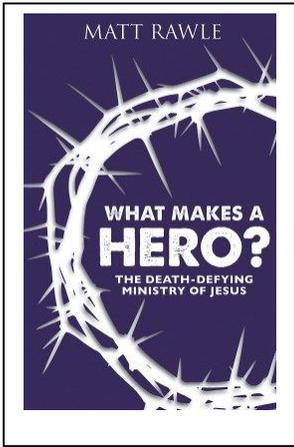


FEBRUARY MISSION SUNDAY FEB 4th

SOUPEL BOWL OF CARING SOUP LUNCH
AND FOOD AND FINANCE COLLECTION.

Please join us at NMPC @ 12N for a
wonderful time of fellowship and a chance
to give to others

Presbyterian Women will meet on **February 5 (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! **Monday, March 5, 2018 at 11:30** Will be the next PW meeting in the Makemie Room. We will continue our study of the book *Boundaries*. For this meeting, please read Chapters 12 & 13. If you don't have a book, please join us anyway. Bring a lunch- dessert and drinks are provided. A short business meeting will follow lunch. Looking forward to seeing everyone



WHAT MAKES A HERO? The Death-Defying Ministry of Jesus

by Matt Rawle

The **Adult Sunday School Class** has started a new **Lenten study** using the book above.

Come join us at 9:30 AM for this important study. An excerpt follows: In his groundbreaking book *The Hero with a Thousand Faces*, American mythologist Joseph Campbell analyzed myths from cultures around the world and found some fascinating patterns.

Virtually all cultures have hero stories that have elements in common:

- Ordinary world
- Call to adventure
- Crossing the threshold
- Challenges and temptations
- Death and resurrection
- Return home with the reward

This pattern, the hero's journey, appears over and over again in our myths and stories. Our superhero narratives nearly always follow this progression, and even the story of Jesus contains elements of the hero's journey. We will explore it further in this book, using examples ranging from pop culture to our daily lives. We'll be discussing good and evil, right and wrong. We'll consider the hero's role in the struggles between us and them, haves and have-nots, old and new, and life and death. Through it all, we will look at our greatest hero, Jesus—how he took the world's view of courage, turned it on its head, and forever redefined what a hero is.

**Join the LUNCH BUNCH on
Tuesday February 13 at 12N
at Kendall's Kitchen in the
Four Corners Plaza**



ASH WEDNESDAY

**Join us February 14 at 7 pm
@NMPC as we worship
together to celebrate the
beginning of the season of
Lent,**

Mission MEGA



NMPC will host a group of 20 (18 New York high school students and 2 chaperones) February 18-25th as they work on a house in Painter. They will be sleeping upstairs and will have access to our kitchen and bathroom. Thursday February 22nd we are asking for our church members to sign up to bring a dish, as we will provide dinner for them that evening. A sign-up sheet will be on the podium in the social hall.

Mission Move (Ongoing Effort)

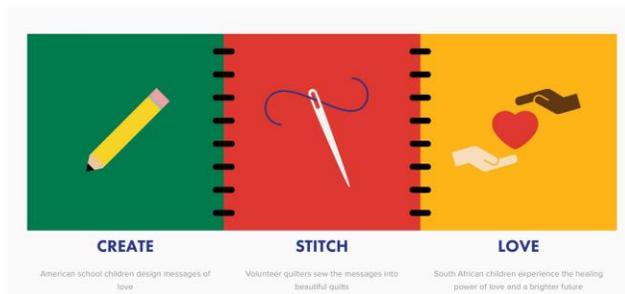
Senior center members are in need of donations for supplemental food supply, our Mission Committee has been asked to give \$100 towards their efforts. This also indicates that there may be other needs as well. Suggestion of a collection per month for the seniors (socks, snacks, books, etc). A bin will be provided in the social hall with the request to bring in socks for the month of February.



A Mission mini is a prompt for our congregation to join www.freerice.com. This a 100% non-profit website that is owned by and supports the United Nations World Food Programme. Go online and answer questions and get rice for others to help reach zero hunger. Sign up online and play and have fun too.

Tracey Arvidson is our Mission Chair for 2018

Look forward to hearing more opportunities throughout the year.



Mission Mini (Youth Effort)

www.lovequiltproject.org

Expressing a heartfelt message on a piece of special fabric that is then stitched into a beautiful quilt. Wilma Heinrichs will be heading up this mission with our youth. More details to come.



Worship services are @ 12:00

Bring a bag lunch. Host churches will be providing drinks and dessert.

Wednesday February 21, 2018

Market Street United Methodist Church

75 Market Street Onancock, VA 23417 Phone: (757) 787-4873 Pastor Andy Cobb preaching

Wednesday February 28, 2018

Holy Trinity Baptist Church

14191 Trinity Lane, Painter, VA 23420 Pastor Brandon McAfee preaching

Wednesday March 7, 2018

Onancock Baptist Church

1 Crockett Ave, Onancock, VA 23417 Phone: (757) 787-4348 Pastor Bill Greer preaching

Wednesday March 14, 2018

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church

66 Market St Onancock VA 23417 Phone: (757) 787-4430 Pastor Willie Justis preaching

Wednesday March 21, 2018

Drummondtown UMC

23457 Drummondtown Rd, Accomac, VA 23301 Phone: (757) 787-2772 Pastor Bart Weakly preaching

Wednesday March 28, 2018

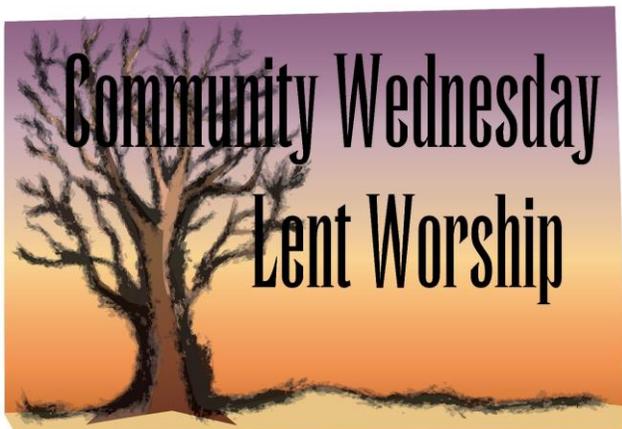
Gaskins African Methodist Episcopal Church

Savageville Rd Melfa, VA 23410 Phone: (757) 787-7645 Pastor Fr. Berkley Ford preaching

GOOD FRIDAY FRIDAY March 30, 2018

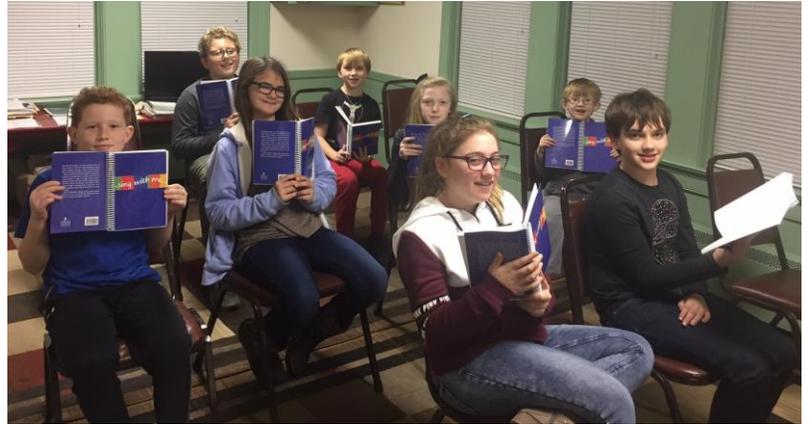
Francis Makemie Presbyterian Church

23355 Back St Accomac VA 23301 All preachers preaching in this extended service



JANUARY IN PICTURES

We had several events in January despite the snow and cancelations. We had 18 come to our Lunch Bunch group, we had our NMPC session retreat with 100% attendance, we had the ordination and installation of our officers at NMPC, Our Youth Choir started up again, we hosted a presentation called "In the Company of Heroes" by Bill Stilwagen along with a potluck dinner with 24 attending, we hosted and provided a music introduction program for the La Familia High School fellowship with leaders Sarah & Johnson Chen. Thank you Katie Klawitter for your knowledge of the organ, we rejoiced at FMPC with 3 new members, FMPC had 100% of elders at the year kickoff meeting and dinner. Those are just a few highlights for the month. We thank everyone always for their participation and their support. Our weekly exercise group, monthly prayer meeting and men's group, PW and other groups remain active and a blessing for the community.



Youth Choir. Come hear them sing. Send your youth to join too!



Wonderful turnout for our potluck! Great food too!

La Familia High School Fellowship & Katie K teaching



Bill Stilwagen. Thank you for a powerful presentation!



Learning the story behind hymns

NMPC SESSION COMMITTEES 2018

Clerk-Jody Humphreys

ADMINISTRATION

Chair-Rick Turner Stewardship

Stewardship-Chair George Heinrichs

Finance-Chait Tom Nielsen

Personnel-Chair Rick Turner

Building & Grounds

Chair-Jack Humphreys

Congregational Life

Chair-Megan Ames

Jennifer Stapleton

Presbyterian Women President Pam Nielsen

Mission

Chair-Tracey Arvidson

Laura Chuquin-Naylor

Worship & Education

Chair-Anne Barnes

Bulletins Pam Nielsen



Be looking for upcoming information for another weekend retreat from Creative Contemplatives in April led by Debbie Ryon and Nina Frost.

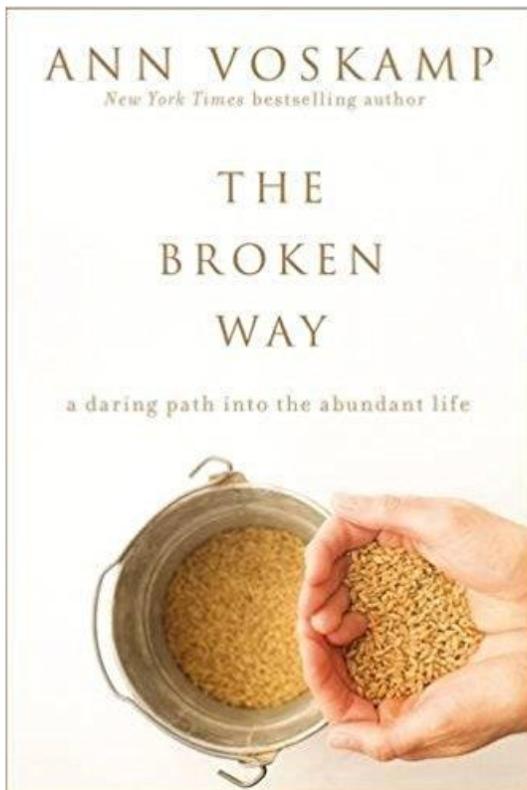


Join in a community wide 6 week study beginning in March. Dates, times, and location soon to be announced. Child care to be provided.

"The Broken Way" is not just for women and it is not just for stay-at-home parents--it is for anyone who has experienced brokenness; anyone who needs to learn how to live with a broken heart, not just limping through life, but living joyfully and abundantly. It is for anyone who believes that Christ is the Great Physician and that He Himself is our peace. It is for both women and men.

Ann Voskamp is the wife of one fine, down-to-earth farmer; a book-reading mama to a posse of seven; and the author of the New York Times bestsellers One Thousand Gifts, which has sold more than one million copies and has been translated into more than twenty-one languages, and The Broken Way.

Named by Christianity Today as one of fifty women most shaping culture and the church today



JANUARY SESSION DIGEST from Clerk of Session NMPC

The Regular Stated Meeting of the Session of the Naomi Makemie Presbyterian Church was held at the Ryon Retreat Center at 12:00 PM. Moderator Rev. Monica Gould opened the Retreat with prayer and an emphasis on our call rather than our worth as elders.

Session reverted to our previous committee structure. A copy is on the bulletin board.

Election results:

Jody Humphreys as Clerk of Session

Rick Turner as Treasurer

Tracey Arvidson as representative for Presbytery meetings

Anne Barnes as Nominations Committee Chair

Communion may be offered on any days prescribed in the Presbyterian calendar, the first Sunday of the month and at Church or Session Retreats.

An honorarium and thank you notes were given to each member of the Advent Brass Group.

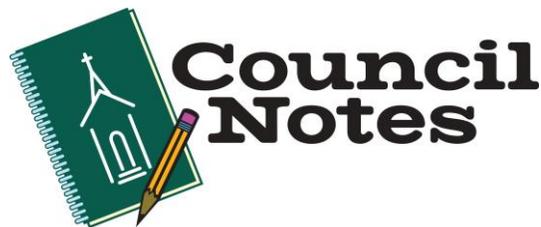
The 2018 budget will be revised to cover the accounting services by increasing donation income by \$1500 and taking \$2000 from the trust. Thank you to the five new counters: Rick Turner, Jack Humphreys, Susan Grove, Mike Gould and Harry Rush.

On Sunday, February 4 th there will be a soup lunch after church for “Souper Bowl Sunday.” We will collect canned goods and funds for the local food bank.

Our stewardship theme “A place to gather and grow” will become our new vision statement and will be incorporated into a new promotional brochure.

Average attendance for 2017 was 40. Our active membership is 49.

The next Session meeting will be Wednesday, February 28 at 4:30 PM in the Makemie Room.



NMPC ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT 2017

Our total membership remains at 49, which is the same as last year. While we welcomed the Klawitters, the Mays and Ed Satterfield, we also transferred Fitz Godwin to the Francis Makemie PC and removed the Schuylers, Jennifer Radigan and Sylvia Fazio who moved. Our members are predominately female (32/49) and over age 65 (32/49). We remain all white and twice as many as last year have disabilities.

We rejoiced that we had one baptism in 2017 of Matthew Albertson. Christian Education had one less participant last year. We did have 3 more friends this year than we did last year so our total adherents rose from 75 to 78. Our average attendance on Sundays dropped from 43 to 40.

We are truly appreciative of the increased financial support this year. Our regular contributions rose to \$105, 200 or a 29% increase over last year. The stock market did really well and our investment income rose by 56% to \$27,000. We met our budgeted expenses of \$101,700 and were able to meet the capital expenditures made necessary by the boiler failure last January. We were pleased to increase our mission giving by 24%. Thank you for your generosity. The complete report is posted on the bulletin board.

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The 2017 church directory.



Special dates

- African-American History Month
- Transfiguration of Our Lord, *February 11, 2018*
- Ash Wednesday, *February 14, 2018*
- Valentine's Day, *February 14, 2018*
- First Sunday in Lent, *February 18, 2018*
- Presidents Day, *February 19, 2018*
- Second Sunday in Lent, *February 25, 2018*

Reverend Monica Gould -Pastor

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Staff and Elders

Music Director-Katie Klawitter Clerk-Jody Humphreys

Class of 2018 Tom Nielsen, Anne Barnes, George

Heinrichs Class of 2019 Laura Naylor, Jennifer

Stapleton, Tracey Arvidson Class of 2020 Megan Ames,

Jack Humphreys, Rick Turner

Web-NMPresChurch.org

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Mailing Address- P.O. Box 680 Accomac, VA 23301

Staff and Elders

Organist and vocalist-Jill Cathey

Cynthia D. Hall-clerk Richard F. Hall III treasurer Paul D.

Hughes Charles F. Mahler Joseph Valentine

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