

JANUARY 2019

Glad Tidings



**The Newsletter
of
Francis Makemie
Presbyterian Church
Accomac, Virginia**

**Naomi Makemie
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Awed to Heaven, Rooted in Earth (Fortress Press), Walter Brueggemann writes an Epiphany poem:

... this is a time to be born.
So we turn to you, God of our life
God of all our years,
God of our beginning....
We dare pray that you will do for us
and among us and through us
what is needful for our newness.
Give us the power to be receptive,
to take the newness you give
There is a time to be born, and it is now.
We sense the pangs and groans of your newness.
Come here now in the name of Jesus. Amen.

As we begin another year together, how wonderful it is to be awakened to God through the words of others. Walter Brueggemann shares our prayer that we may not have been able to put to words ourselves. We could all use a little newness. Perhaps its newness of spirit, or energy, or attitude. Perhaps the newness we need from God this year is hope. The newness we seek may also be joy as we journey paths of sorrow and trials. Somehow, the tumbling of life has a way of causing pressure pushing us hard to the ground in an attempt to keep us succumbed to the wills of this world and the wills of our own fears. But, God has this knack of repetitiveness to bring newness back year after year (and sometimes breath after breath) in Epiphany, the Aha of our life when the world awakened to power of God in the gift of a tiny king. Let us take the newness of God's amazing gift born not just in the world but in us and allow it to transform us. Our pregnant anticipation has been born and we are renewed. In the new year of 2019 let our mantra be to 'take the newness'.

Blessings, wonder and newness in 2019

Monica



Charlie Hughes	01-03
Michele Van Hove	01-04
Nina Close	01-09
Raeann Cohoon	01-14
Harper Grey Herbert	01-16
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



**Our Homebound at
Home**

Don and Gloria Broad
Virginia 'Pete' Hall
Jack Humphreys
Kim Penland
Heritage Hall
Gloria Miller

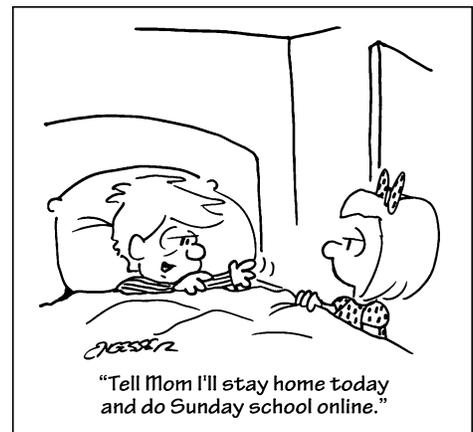
Commonwealth Senior Living formerly known as the *Hermitage*

Elta Green
Pat Stevens

Special Dates for January

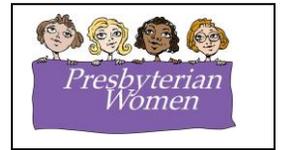
New Year's Day, *January 1, 2019*

- Epiphany, *January 6, 2019*
- Baptism of the Lord, *January 13, 2019*
- Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, *January 18-25, 2019*
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day, *January 21, 2019*



January 2019 Events

Our next **Presbyterian Women's** meeting is coming up next **Monday, January 7th at 11:30 am** in the fellowship hall. Bring a bag lunch. Please do Lesson 6 in our book *Life Lessons from Philipians*.



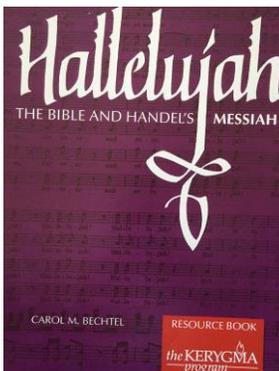
Lunch Bunch will meet Tuesday January 8 at 12N Mallards

Begin the New Year with a new habit-be part of the monthly lunch group.



COMMUNITY EXERCISE CLASS FRIDAYS, 10:00 TO 11:00 A.M

Another New Year new habit to start with Rhudy Naylor and the exercise group-such fun!



Hallelujah The Bible and Handel's Messiah

Handel's Messiah Study Begins

Friday January 18 @ 8:30 am at NMPC please invite the public.

Handel's oratorio, Messiah, is one of the best-loved musical compositions of all time. In this study our appreciation for the words and music of Handel's Messiah will deepen as we study the Biblical texts from which they came. There are three sections of study and we will study the first section as it relates to the prophecy and birth of the Messiah. Invite all your friends who love music!



The elders of Francis Makemie and Naomi Makemie will join together on Saturday January 19 from 9 am to 2 pm for Elder Training and for a joint session meeting at the Ryon Home on Fairgrounds Road. Parking can be in the dentist parking lot next door. We look forward to our time together.

Please pray for your elders for this training event and for the coming 2019 year of service.



Sunday School for our young disciples begins for 2019 on Sunday **January 13**. We have been blessed with so many wonderful volunteer teachers. It's time for the second semester teacher sign up. Please take a moment to pray about our young disciples and perhaps God's call for you to teach them.



Saturday January 12 4-6 pm Youth Meeting 6-12th graders

SUPER FUN!!! You've never known the value of a jigsaw puzzle and your future leadership skills! Success doesn't happen by ACCIDENT or LUCK! Come learn how your faith, humble, courageous nature are important in life but also as children of God.

Dinner included. Be there! Can't wait to see you all again!!



Tuesday January 15 both Youth & Cherub Choir 5:30 pm

Tuesday January 22 Cherub Choir 5:30 pm

Tuesday January 29 Youth Choir 5:30 pm

This second semester of music will be dedicated to singing in worship on special occasions and providing a youth led service of worship for Pentecost June 9th

Both choirs will be learning music they will sing together and only as their group. The youth will begin learning how to sing two part harmony and some choreography. The Cherubs will learn some traditional songs with actions and dynamics.

Be sure to invite your friends and neighbors.

Also, we will be voting on our choir names- Shore Youth Choir & Shore Cherub Choir.

January Mission Matter Hunger



Mission Mega (Congregation Effort)

Souper Bowl of Caring

www.superbowl.org Collections will go on till February 4th - Super Bowl Sunday. Goes to our choice charity. Closest charity receiving is Kimarnock Baptist Church Food Pantry and Central United Methodist Church in Mathews.

Mission Mini (Youth Effort)

www.freerice.com

Learn to play trivia games- correct answers send rice to feed hungry people around the world

Mission Move (Ongoing Effort)

Bin for our local food bank collecting peanut butter.

Lessons in Wise Faith

“The Magi teach us true faith,” said Martin Luther. Given the obstacles they encountered, we would understand if they had given up altogether!

First, the travelers were “off the mark,” coming to Jerusalem to seek a newborn king in a “royal palace.” Then, directed to Bethlehem, the wise men found a sight “so utterly out of keeping with a king” — a poor young woman and child, in a “poor hut” — that one might expect them to head straight home. “But,” declares Luther, “with a great, strong and full faith they ... follow the word of the prophet and the witness of the star in all purity of heart,” bowing to worship and honor the Savior.

Kingfisher Faith

In a video on his publisher’s website, Eugene Peterson tells of watching a kingfisher repeatedly dive for fish in a lake. Peterson counted 37 dives before the kingfisher caught its supper! “And he’s the king fisher!” Peterson chuckles. From that bird-watching episode, he gleaned a ministry lesson: It may take a long time and many attempts — maybe dozens! — before something works out.

God calls us to live out his love faithfully, even when we don’t seem to be accomplishing anything. Maybe we extend 36 invitations to worship, work 36 monthly shifts at a food bank or utter 36 prayers without seeing results. “What’s the point?” we wonder. But the kingfisher urges us on: “Maybe number 37 is the charm!”

In the words of St. Paul (and mixing fishing and farming metaphors): “Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up” (Galatians 6:9, NIV).

December in Pictures

Favorite phrases from the Christmas Eve Children's Nativity Pop up at two services:

@ NMPC. Me: What's this?

CMA: It's an angel

Me: What do angels do?

CMA: They scare people!

Me: Oh, yes, they do

CMA: And THEN they tell people not be afraid.

@ FMPC Me: who or what is this?

C-H: It's the baby Jesus...

Me: yes

C-H: yes, but you're holding him upside down.

Me: Oops, thank you.

Today, on this day after Christmas, I treasure so many precious moments in my heart...

We were blessed with such wonderful music and the joy of all of us together in worship and joy.



Joint church Christmas musical program 'Christmas Means Jesus' Thank you everyone for making this happen-so much joy!! Look at these most beautiful people! Missing from photo are Susan Grove who provided ALL the music, Jack and Jody Humphreys who were the stage managers and set design, Mike Gould who ran the sound, Tracey Arvidson who did the art work and Steve Doan who narrated.



Jennifer as Mary and Carter T Klawitter's debut as Baby Jesu



Blessed with the angelic voices of Jo Penland Anne Barnes and Tashime Cerant.



Johnson Chen stepping in as understudy to Jack Humphreys! Now that's a Wise Man!

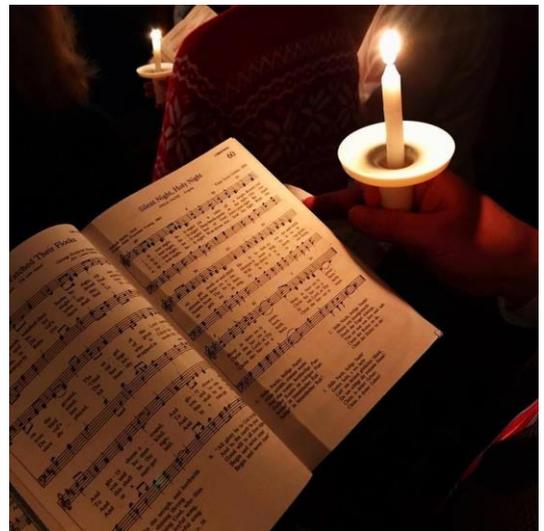




The men provided support to the program with their voices as well as being a shepherd and royal kings-Thanks for being great sports Paul Hughes, Rhudy Naylor, Rick Turner, Johnsons Chen and Steve Doan!



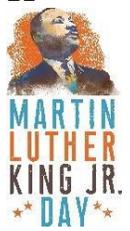
Annual Christmas caroling is so much fun. This was our stop at Don and Gloria Broad's



Carter Ames at NMPC candlelight service.



Christmas Eve @ FMPC midnight service is also known as the Pajama service-Alex, Raeanne & Harper took this seriously. We had a great night!

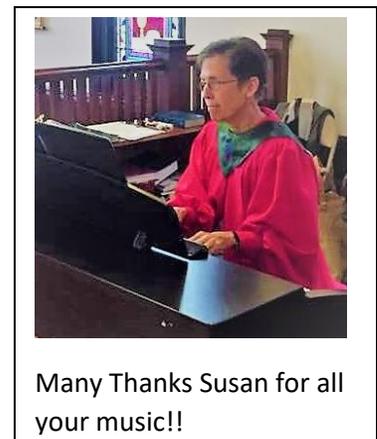
January 2019						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	Wednesday	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
December 30 Worship 9:15 FMPC 11:00 NMPC	December 31	1 	2	3 Prayer mtg 8:30 Choir 5:30	4	5
6 Epiphany Worship 9:15 FMPC 11:00 NMPC SS 11:15 Communion 	7 Presbyterian Women 11:30	8 Lunch Bunch 12N @ Mallards	9	10 Choir 5:30	11 Exercise 10 am	12 Community Youth Group @ NMPC from 4-6pm dinner included.
13 Baptism of the Lord Worship 9:15 FMPC 11:00 NMPC Baptism of Carter Klawitter SS 11:15 Ordination & Installation of elders	14	15 Youth & Cherub Choir Practice 5:30	16	17 Prayer mtg 8:30 Choir 5:30	18 Handel's Messiah Study Begins 8:30 am Exercise 10 am	19  Elder Retreat 9-2
20 Worship 9:15 FMPC 11:00 NMPC SS 11:15 Blessing of Prayer shawls	21  MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY	22 Cherub Choir 5:30 Shore Cherub CHOIR 	23	24	25 Men's Group 9 Exercise 10 am	26 PEVA assembly Theme-Vision Statement
27 Worship 9:15 FMPC 11:00 NMPC SS 11:15	28	29 Youth Choir 5:30 	30	31 Choir 5:30	February 1 Handel's Messiah Study 8:30 am Exercise 10 am	2

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Rick Turner Class of 2021 Anne Barnes, Ron May, Linda
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Many Thanks Susan for all
your music!!

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