



Makemie Presbyterian Church  
Accomac, Virginia  
Naomi Makemie Presbyterian Church  
Onancock, Virginia  
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Members of Presbyterian Church USA

*April 2015*

***MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR***

*“Day after day they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.” Acts 2:46-47*

We are so blessed! We have had an amazing month together through a variety of activities, studies and worship. Your presence and faithfulness has made all the difference. Your generous hearts in giving through your financial offerings has and is making a difference. Your goodwill of the people in the community through the actions you take everyday are making a difference! My heart soars with joy in the love of God my Savior and the greatest joy is when we have the opportunity to share this love together through all the ways God has called us to be the church.

As the early church in Acts began to draw together and discover how to live as Easter people, each day unfolded before them as it happened. The Good News that Christ is alive gave them occasion to sing and to praise and to gather together. Times haven't changed for us. We still sing Christ is alive! Let Christians sing! And so we continue to gather together. We too gather to share and break bread. We gather with generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all people. Let us remember the gift that God gave the early church as they gathered, the Lord added to their number. Let us have the faith too that the Lord is adding to our number as we gather in God's name.

Each day for the early church was as if it was a new beginning. There wasn't a road map or a long range planner advising them on how to look to the future. Yet, they were open to God's Spirit to guide them. They took the initiative to move forward despite their fears and despite their lack of knowledge of what the future would look like. We are able to take the initiative too. We might not know what the future looks like but we can learn and listen together and hear the Spirit guide us. Perhaps one of the best ways of looking to the future is through remembering. What memory do you hang on to of this congregation? How does that memory form your thoughts and desires of the church today? As we retell these stories together we'll discover how we will continue to live out the Good News in the days ahead.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring Good News to this and every age, till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise! We are so blessed!

*Rev Monica Gould*

## SESSION DIGEST FROM CLERK OF SESSION NMPC...

The Session members met on Thursday, March 26 and they approved the February 24 Session minutes and the Treasurer's February 2015 Report. The Presbytery voted to offer only retreats and conferences at Makemie Woods Camp and Conference Center in 2015 while their management team researches ways to keep the facility solvent. Those families interested in Presbyterian youth camping are encouraged to contact Camp Hanover in the Presbytery of the James. On the national level, a majority of the presbyteries approved changing the definition of marriage and allowing same sex marriage in states where it is legal. Our Session has agreed to address this issue on a case by case basis.

We approved and celebrated the baptism of Brooklyn Grace Colona on Palm Sunday and we look forward to having April Lynn Thompson join our church on April 19. The Lenten brown bags and suppers were well attended and very educational. The second Winter Blues Bash Lunch was great fun and they have relabeled themselves the "Presbyterian Lunch Bunch." Everyone is invited to join the Presbyterian Lunch Bunch at Rita's in Parksley on Monday, April 13.

The Session approved Michele Van Hove as the Assistant Treasurer. She will also direct the Youth Choir which hopes to sing quarterly. Plans for Vacation Bible School are being finalized. The nursery overhaul is now completed thanks to Joe's Gang. Additional school supplies have been distributed and the Mission Committee has applied for grant funding for this project. The last week in April, the church will host a university group working on Habitat projects.

The Hospitality Committee noted 18 attending bowling on March 1. They will host a spaghetti dinner and silent auction on May 1<sup>st</sup> and on Saturday, May 16 will manage the church yard sale. Please let them know what items you have to offer for both the auction and yard sale. On Sunday, May 31, Monica will host the Church Picnic at the manse.

The next Session meeting will be Tuesday, April 21 at 4 PM in the Makemie Room

**PCUSA NOTE:** *from Gradye Parsons, Stated Clerk of the General Assembly*

*Sisters and Brothers in Christ,*

*It appears from unofficial voting tallies that amendment 14-F of the Directory for Worship in the Book of Order has been approved by a majority of the presbyteries. The approval allows Teaching Elders wider discretion in whose weddings they may conduct and Sessions wider discretion in whose weddings it may host. That discretion could include same gender marriages in states where that is permitted. It is important to note that the determination of what couple a Teaching Elder will marry has and will continue to be with that Teaching Elder. Likewise, the determination by a Session as to whose weddings a congregation will host remains solely with the Session. There is nothing in the amendment to compel any Teaching Elder to conduct a wedding against his or her judgment, nor a Session to host one against its judgment.*

*The Book of Order in F-3.0105 encourages us to exercise mutual forbearance toward each other when we differ. That forbearance should show itself in respect and genuine care for each other. As a church the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has received much grace from God in Jesus Christ. We should extend that grace to each other in all gentleness as we live into this chapter of our common life. Many more materials, and other downloadable resources, are available at [pcusa.org/marriage](http://pcusa.org/marriage). A copy of the press release is on the NMPC bulletin board in the Makemie Room.*

## LUNCH GROUP CONTINUES WITH A NEW NAME:

The day time lunch group has had fun this past few times as we've discovered different places to eat and enjoyed a meal together. Since winter is now finally over we've tossed around different names for our group and have settled on **PLB** (Presbyterian Lunch Bunch)

The great thing about this group is the only agenda is to get together for lunch and enjoy each other's company. Hope you can be part of our next gathering on Monday April 13 at 12 noon at Rita's restaurant in Parksley. Rides are available, let Pastor Monica know. See you there. The address is **21013 Lankford Hwy** Parksley, VA 23421



## **NMPC QUIZ... LAST MONTH'S ANSWERS - NO CORRECT ANSWERS**

How well do you know the church building? some quiz questions...

1. How many memorials are there in the church (not counting the windows or the two Memorial Plaques on the wall at the side door).
  - a...5
  - b...9
  - c 12
  - d...17 correct answer**
2. Where is the memorial that reads: "A Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Q Quay" **Answer: On the door to the Anne Makemie Room on the second floor**
3. Where would you find the following:... "Onancock Presbyterian Church, In memory of R. H. Miles" **Answer: On our original communion cup located in the display case in the Makemie Room.**

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### **The questions are easier this month...**

1. Where would you find this? "In Memorial Cornelius T Taylor Born July 3, 1836 Died June 21 1888"  
Clue: It's right in front of you.
2. Where would you find this? "In Loving memory of John P Mueller 1979".  
Clue: You should not need one.
3. Final chance, where would you find? "In honor of Don and Collie Broad"  
Clue: Have something to drink at coffee hour..you cannot miss it.

The answers to this month's questions will be in the May Newsletter. If you have the answers let Cada know , you could be a winner. This month's winner will receive two coupons for ice cream at Sugar Shack! See Cada with your answers

## MPC NEWS AND UPDATES

The session met for a short called meeting on Sunday March 29 and approved the beginning of work on the fence around the church. The first phase will be the fence portion at the entrance of the church. Anyone interested in contributing to this work as it goes forward is welcome. We are encouraged by the desire to maintain the historic nature of the church.



*Children singing Easter Morning at MPC*

In other news: Thursdays at 2pm is the time to stop in and help with the church archives. From 2-4 each week in April (starting April 9) we will pull out the papers in the boxes and sort the closet. If you have information about names and stories to contribute as we do this work please contact us and share your news.

### **April birthdays:**

April 7-Cynthia Hall

April 15 Laura Lucas

### **Thursday School continues:**

Since the public schools have extended the school days we will meet beginning 4pm for snack and 4:15 for class and end at 5pm. Any local Accomac children or family friends are invited to join in with us. April lessons continue with stories from the Old Testament.

*Editor's Note: Members of MPC are welcome to join NMPC for any of the special events described in the newsletter.*

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## **NEW!!!! "FAITH MEETS LIFE MEN'S GROUP WILL BEGIN IN APRIL.**

This is an invitation for all men attending the Naomi Makemie and the Makemie Presbyterian Churches. On **Friday the 24th of April at 9 am**, the men will join together at the Naomi Makemie church for the first gathering of men. We will be known as "Faith Meets Life". As men we have ideas, concerns, and prayers which are similar in nature. And as such we can share and receive in a gathering of men. All men are sincerely invited to join our group for support, prayer, and discussion of our issues as a dad, husband, grandparent, or simply a friend. We will meet once a month from 9 - 10 a.m. As time goes by we will consider the possibility of a more frequent meeting schedule. We would like to develop a loving, safe, and supportive environment for each of us. Please give me a call if you have any questions. Love to have you join together on April 24th. Grace and Peace, Howard Picard

## MPC AND NMPC WENT BOWLING

The gang at the bowling alley ready for some fun together



This is a dangerous group...



OK Joe so you got a split.  
You can do it!



Harry came to watch, Paul came to give advice,  
Dick was there for the fun and Mike was there  
because Monica said so...



Their only question is  
"When are we going to  
do this again?"



They came for the food...

## LENT EVENTS AND PALM SUNDAY AT NMPC

Rev Monica conducted five Wednesday night "Soup and Study" sessions. Each one focused on one of the traditional feasts or holidays in the Old Testament. The last evening we had a Seder Dinner. Many people helped with the preparation of the room and food. The result was a very interesting and enjoyable evening.



Palm Sunday we celebrated with Palms and a very special event...the Baptism of Brooklyn Grace Colona.



Brooklyn Grace Colona being presented to the congregation. Brook is the daughter of Cassie and DJ. Cassie has been a member of NMPC for many years and has two other daughters Caroline and Danielle who also were baptized at NMPC. Cassie is the granddaughter of Grace

Moscater, a very long time member of NMPC, who passed away last year. Brooklyn is named for her grandmother, who was born in Brooklyn NY.



The Colona Family



The Palm Sunday Service began with the hanging of the Palm Sunday Banner. This year Quinn Eames carried the banner and placed it in the sanctuary. All the other children assisted by waving their palms to announce the beginning of the service.

A special treat was the anthem sung by four of the children...it was great!



The children have agreed to sing more often and Michele Van Hove has agreed to work with them in the future. Michele wanted both to thank the children and also to give them a challenge. ..."*What a wonderful job you did on Palm Sunday. Let's think about a name for our choir. Please give me your choir names by April 25 and we will put them in a hat and draw out a winning name. The winning name will receive a Gift Certificate to Scoops for ice cream (when they open). I'm looking forward to some great names!*" Ms. Michele

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT NMPC...MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

**Presbyterian Women..**  
**Mark your calendars! It's almost here.**

**April 25th** is the PEVA PW Spring Gathering at Bayside Presbyterian Church in Virginia Beach. Time is from 8:15 to 12:45. We would like to have a group from the Shore attend. Contact Pam or Monica to arrange carpooling. This is a really fun event.



**NMPC's Spaghetti Dinner is scheduled for  
May 1st from 5 to 7 pm**

This is also weekend of the Shore to Shore Bicycle event sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. Part of the proceeds from both events will be given to the Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Please plan to attend and volunteer to make one of your favorite desserts... we have become famous for our dinner and desserts!!

***Special Silent Auction May 1st***  
*During the Spaghetti Dinner we are having a silent auction. We need some special items to auction off. While you are doing your spring cleaning keep us in mind.*

### ***Wholeness at Any Age: Cultivating Courage, Alignment and Wonder***

Contemplative Retreat, April 10---12, 2015  
Chincoteague Island, Virginia's Eastern Shore

***The invitations of wholeness come throughout our lives,*** and have different imperatives as we get older. Often wholeness is about subtraction, not addition; about perspective, not idealism. But always the urge is toward personal awareness and a deep listening to what is possible now, what is needed now in order for our lives to feel more whole, more aligned, less scattered. This retreat will offer a wide range of ways to look at, savor, let in and play with the wholeness that is always calling us forward.

For more details contact Debbie Ryon  
...there were more details in the March  
Newsletter



**May 18th**

NMPC will be participating in Onancock Days with a yard sale...calling for all your good stuff. Please help by donating all the stuff you no longer use or need. If you need help in getting it to the church, let Rick know...we will come and get it. Please - no clothing or old fashionrd tube TVs.

## APRIL UPDATES AND HAPPENINGS AT NMPC...

### **The Church Calendar of Events At NMPC in April** *Please mark your calendar*

- ◆ Adult Church School starts at 9:30 am – every Sunday
- ◆ NMPC Church Service starts at 11:00 am – every Sunday
- ◆ YOGA every Friday at 10:00 am
- ◆ Children's Church School at 11:15 am - alternating Sundays April 12th and April 26th
- ◆ Choir Practice is 5:30 pm - every Thursday
- ◆ PW is April 6th at 11:30 am
- ◆ New Men's Group April 24th at 9:00 am
- ◆ NMPC Session Tuesday April 21st
- ◆ Prayer Group at 10:00 am on 1st and 3rd Thursdays April 2nd and 16th
- ◆ Joe's Gang (ladies welcome) 9:00 am on the 2nd Tuesday of each month - April 14th

### *Sunday Moments*

**April 5th** Easter Morning and Communion

**April 12th** Beat the Odds! Come to church the Sunday after Easter. - Children's Sunday School

**April 19th** Reception of new member (April Thompson)

**April 26th** Retell your story - Sunday School

### "PRESBYTERIAN LUNCH BUNCH

APRIL 13TH AT 12 NOON  
AT RITA'S IN PARKSLEY

### *Naomi Makemie's Presbyterian Women*

Presbyterian Women will meet on Monday, April 6 at 11:30 am in the Makemie Room. . Our book , *Prayer: Finding the Heart's True Home* by Richard J. Foster, is our study from January to June, 2015. Katherine Moore has asked us to read chapter 4 for tomorrow, April 6. May's assignment will be Chapter 5.

Join us for our book discussion, followed by a brown bag lunch (drinks & dessert provided) and our business meeting.

Following the meeting, we will gather upstairs to make up a few more First Night kits for ESCADV. Please plan to stay if you are able. Socks are the item most needed. Dues of \$5.25 for the year are due. If you have not already paid, you can see Carol.

The newsletter is published monthly on the first Sunday of the month. Email copies are sent the Saturday before the first Sunday. Input to the newsletter should be sent to: [cadagrove@att.net](mailto:cadagrove@att.net) by the prior Monday.

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### BIRTHDAYS IN APRIL

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|-----------------|-------|
| Rhudy Naylor    | 04-10 |
| Jeanne Serini   | 04-13 |
| Gloria Miller   | 04-18 |
| Buddy Perry     | 04-28 |
| Carrie Fluharty | 04-29 |
| Jo Penland      | 04-30 |



**Did we miss anyone? Let us know!**