



*Naomi Makemie
Presbyterian Church
Founded in 1893 Onancock, Virginia*

February 2013

Message from the Pastor...

Dear and Beloved Friends in the Naomi Makemie Presbyterian Church

"Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations."

Psalm 90:1

We are soon to be entering the Season of Lent.

Below you will find a schedule for special midweek ecumenical services.

I hope you will make every effort to attend and support these services.

Wednesday Midweek Noon Ecumenical Lenten Services

Ash Wednesday	February 13	Naomi Makemie Presbyterian
	February 20	Market Street Methodist
	February 27	Holy Trinity Episcopal
	March 6	Holy Trinity Episcopal
	March 13	Naomi Makemie Presbyterian
	March 20	Market Street Methodist

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A LENTEN PRAYER

On this journey of life, O God, be our companion, be our guide.

Show us where to go. Grant us vision and grant us courage.

Wherever we are, in the journey from birth to death, grant us your peace.

We thank you for each other, our companions on the journey of faith.

Help us to live faithfully with courage and with holy boldness. Amen.

News from PW

Presbyterian Women will meet Monday, February 4 at 11:30 a.m. in the Makemie Room. Don Broad will lead the discussion on his book "Reconciling the Heart and Mind: Essays on Faith". Please read chapter 1. This is the first in a series of discussions that Don will be leading over the next few months.

The books may be purchased from Carol Rush for \$10.00. All proceeds from the sale of the books will be donated to Eastern Shore Literacy Council. Bring a brown bag lunch (dessert and beverage will be provided). A short business meeting will follow after lunch.

We continue to put together the "First Night Kits" for CADV. Items to focus on for the kits are feminine products. Please bring what items you can to the meeting. Please join us for this informative study and bring a friend.

Identity's Thread: Listening to Who You Are Now Announcing a weekend retreat... March 15, 16 and 17

The question of our identity weaves throughout our lives, especially in times of transition. Our work in the world changes... our children leave home... our health or geography may change... what we feel called to do can shift in ways planned or unplanned.

Throughout, questions, challenges and opportunities abound to listen deeply and to respond to life's current invitations—especially when those invitations involve not necessarily a big change in identity but a subtle shift in perception.

This kind of conscious, exploratory and even playful inquiry is aided immeasurably by time set apart, by a community of fellow travelers, and by a setting conducive to inner exploration. Wherever you may be on the journey of articulating the next phase of your life, this retreat will speak to you. During this weekend of presentations, artwork, quiet time, journaling, fellowship and sharing, walks in nature, yoga and meals together, we will explore various ways to sense, articulate, and respond to who we are becoming.

About the Retreat: Join us Friday afternoon for a leisurely beachfront birding and wildlife walk at Assateague Wildlife Refuge. Following dinner (on your own in one of Chincoteague's many interesting restaurants), we'll meet at 7:30 to settle into our cozy meeting spot and begin our brief journey together. On Saturday enjoy presentations, quiet times, and opportunities to share. Choose from included events such as art projects, journaling, dream workshops, guided meditation, yoga, a social hour and relaxing in a hot tub (overnight guests.) Sunday morning features morning stretching, a wrap-up session and time for one last walk on the beach. We'll close before noon to allow time to explore Chincoteague and for a leisurely return home, renewed and refreshed. Lodging this year is at the beautiful Island Motor Inn, with a wonderful waterfront meeting room, a contemplative garden, indoor pool, hot tub, workout room, and guest rooms facing the water. (Website for the Island Motor Inn is www.islandmotorinnresort.com)

Registration and rates:

Full weekend, all programs, art supplies, materials, and refreshments: \$150 (lodging not included.)

Saturday only, all of the above: \$95

To reserve a spot contact Debbie Ryon 710-4661; dryon@verizon.net by March 1st, 2013.

Session and Corporate Updates

At the January Session meeting, Rev. Close updated us on a long list of members and friends that need our prayers concerning health issues. Our Treasurer, George Heinrichs, reported that our year end results were good but we had a lot of capital improvements.

Joe's Boys will host the Easter Breakfast on March 31 and they are working on bids for a new water heater for the Manse. There are plans afoot for a Memorial Garden in front of the church. Stay tuned. The Phillips Head Start Defibrillator has been purchased and more information on training will be available soon.

Bev Tompkins requested that all information for the Church Bulletin be sent to her by Wednesday of each week. For December, the average attendance was 46 and our active membership is 58.

The Mission Committee provided lunch for a Habitat for Humanity group from Cornell University in December and the Membership, Friendship and Service Committee was busy planning the Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser.

Rev. Close will convene the Worship Committee and plan the upcoming pancake lunch on Sunday, February 10. He also announced that the community Lenten Lunch series will start on February 13. The ecumenical noon Lenten (brown bag) services will start at NMPC then Market Street United Methodist Church, then the third and fourth Wednesday's at Holy Trinity Episcopal, fifth Wednesday back to NMPC, and the last at Market Street Methodist. Rev. Close will offer at 7PM worship service on Maundy Thursday, March 28 at NMPC.

At the Corporation Meeting, we elected new officers. Congratulations to President Cada Grove, Secretary Jody Humphreys and Treasurer George Heinrichs. Cada appointed Tom Nielsen and Debbie Ryon to serve on the Financial Management Committee. The corporate officers are working on locating the deeds of the manse and the church.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Each Sunday at 9:30 AM in the Makemie Room, adults gather for study and conversation. In February we are continuing to look at the *Ten Commandments from the Back Side*. Jody is leading the study.

February 3rd – We will tackle the gift of rest. The Sabbath will keep you is the reworded commandment. This is perfect for all the workaholics in the congregation who think creation will collapse unless they stay on the job. Come embrace this piece of sacred time.

February 10th – Chapter 5 is on futures unlimited. Instead of honor your father and your mother, we will accept and embrace the blessing of the past so we can have a future. Accept your gift of heritage and understand that none of us is perfect. Open your arms so you can radiate hope into the future.

February 17th – Instead of you shall not murder, you shall embrace life! "We must fulfill what must surely have been the essence of this commandment, by blessing and enlarging life." Join us to discover how we can make life longer, fuller, deeper and more exciting.

February 24th – Indeed, we are fearfully and wonderfully made! The adultery commandment is rewritten to be "You shall cherish the sacredness in you and your mate."

We look forward to having you join us!

January in Review...

January 18th ...Spaghetti Supper



Our wait staff ready to serve our visitors Pam, Susan, Jeanne, Linda, Bev and Cada



Rudy and Bev sing to our guest

Don and Gloria enjoy dinner...



We served over 75 meals, enjoyed an evening of fellowship and had many visitors. A great evening for everyone...



Mary and Carrie
Dish Washing crew

New AED Installed! Watch for schedule for CPR and AED training. Questions? Ask Jim Tompkins



We got thank you notes for our Mission Work

Eastern Shore Coalition Against Domestic Violence
 "This donation (\$6500) was used to support paying off the mortgage held on our office space. The victims we serve are young, old and many races and cultures. Many have physical and/or emotional problems from the abuse they have endured. We provide sanctuary and safety."
 Catherin Fredholm, Executive Director

Metomkin Elementary
 "...our students will be very prepared for a successful year in education."
 Ann Marie Parks, Assistant Principal
 Kegotank Elementary School
 "...school supplies. They are a great help to our families in need."
 KES Staff

Accawmacke Elementary School
 "...have students who will benefit greatly from them (school supplies)..I should have plenty to get through the year." AES Staff
 Pungoteague Elementary School
 "All these supplies are greatly appreciated."
 PES Staff

Upcoming Events and Announcements for February and Later

The Church Calendar of Events for February *Please mark your calendar*

Church School starts at 9:30 – every Sunday

Church Services start at 11:00 – every Sunday

Choir Practice is 5:30 pm - every Thursday

YOGA is 10:00 am – every Friday

PW is 11:30 on the 4th

Prayer Group at 10:00 am on the 7th and 21st

Pancake Lunch following Church Service on the 10th

Session at 2:00 pm on the 11th

Joe's Boys (ladies welcome) 9:00 am on the 12th

Wednesday Noon Services begin on the 13th

Don't forget to check the full church calendar on the web or in the Makemie room for non church meetings and activities. WWW.NMPRESCHURCH.ORG

Special Notice

We need volunteers for scripture reading, flowers and coffee hour. The signup sheet is posted in the Old Sunday School room. Please take a minute to look it over and sign up for a date in the future.

More thank you notes...

from Habitat

"...I would like to thank you for ALL you did for our visiting work groups. WOW! You hosted 3 groups and provided numerous meals – thank you."

Price Clark, Board Member, ESHFH

from AICC

"Your generous donations (\$2000) can be the difference between a family living in a cold house without electricity or being warm,...able to pay their rent or being out on the street."

John Foltz, Financial Secretary

Schedule of Easter Season Services and Activities

- Ash Wednesday is the 13th.
- We will have our traditional pancake lunch on the 10th following church services
- Noon Lent Services will be held at 12:00 noon
 - February 13th - NMPC
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will be used to help refurbish the children's classroom
- Maundy Thursday Service at Naomi Makemie at 7:00 pm on March 28th
- Easter Morning Breakfast March 31st, prepared by Joe' Boys

Please remove this page and post on your frig. or wherever you keep your calendar.

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To:



Happy Birthday to all our members and friends born in February.

Rick Turner	7th
Gil Gordon	8th
Janet Booth	9th
Jennifer Stapleton	10th
Herman Floyd	17th
Logan Stapleton	21st
Meg Adams	22nd
Spencer Schuyler	23th

Happy Birthday Addison Stapleton – sorry we missed you in January on 22nd

Did we miss someone? Please let us know!