



Makemie Presbyterian Church
Accomac, Virginia
Naomi Makemie Presbyterian Church
Onancock, Virginia
Rev. Monica Gould
Members of Presbyterian Church USA

June/July 2015

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Here comes summer
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Chirping robin, budding rose
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Gentle showers, summer clothes
Whoosh-shiver-there it goes...Shel Silverstein

The poem reminds me of how important the seasons are in our life. We have the opportunity to intentionally seek out the moments of the seasons that fill us with joy and create memories. We live here on the Shore and the things we have at our fingertips are for many only a dream. I think of water that is just a 5 minute walk away, the seashore and the shells just up the road, and the summer sunsets right before our eyes. All of these are new to me this year and I am so excited about the season. I hope you are too.

It means a lot to don shorts, T-shirts, and flip flops. The change in wardrobe helps me make a deliberate change in routine and helps me focus on recharging the emotional, spiritual, and physical batteries. We all need a chance to be deliberate in taking time for ourselves and our families to recharge and renew. Even those in retirement need a chance to stop and recharge and take a break for summer. May this season be filled with blessings and renewal.

I will refresh the weary and satisfy the faint. Jeremiah 31:25 – NIV
My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest. Exodus 33:14

WE WILL BE ON VACATION!

Mike and I will be on vacation from June 29th to July 28. We are looking forward to our time away as an opportunity to explore new places and try our hand at sailing the seas again. Our boat *Neverland* is currently in Dubrovnik, Croatia. Our plan is to sail from Dubrovnik and arrive at Kalamata, Greece. We have several stops planned along the way. We hope to visit Olympia and a few other famous spots. We will also visit many places that are off the beaten path for most tourists. It has been two years since we have been sailing so we hope our boat is in order, our paperwork in order and our skills up to snuff. We will do a bit of blog posting along the way as the internet permits. If you would like to follow our travels the address for the blog is: <http://www.sailblogs.com/member/neverland/>

SESSION DIGEST FROM CLERK OF SESSION NMPC...

The Session met on Monday, May 18 and mourned the loss of Elder Helen Genevieve Bunch. Our membership is now 46 and the average attendance for April was 41.

The proposed course on discovering your gifts has been postponed until the fall. Monica continues to staff the Strategic Planning Task Force and over the summer the group will read "Holy Conversations" by Gil Rendle and Alice Mann.

The Property Committee was working to get the air conditioning system fixed for the sanctuary. Another order for memorial pavers will be made soon so see Rick Turner if you want to place an order.

The Mission Committee announced that the blood drive will become the "Helen G. Bunch Memorial Blood Drive" in honor of her work with the American Red Cross. Session voted to send \$500 to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for their efforts in Nepal.

Children's Sunday School will continue until the end of June. Vacation Bible School is scheduled for August 10-14.

At the May 17th worship service we recognized the Shepherd program. Laura Chuquin-Naylor described the new card, transportation, and loaves and meals ministries. By now, you should have been contacted by your newly assigned Shepherd. If you need a ride to church, please contact Harry Rush.

The Hospitality Committee made \$582 at the church yard sale and over \$1800 at the Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction. Half the proceeds were shared with the Coalition Against Domestic Violence. We are all looking forward to the church picnic on May 31st at the manse.

The next Session meeting will be Tuesday, June 23 at 4 PM in the Makemie Room. Pastor Monica will be on vacation in July so there will not be another Session meeting until August. We wish Mike and Monica smooth sailing!

ADDITIONAL MEMORIAL PAVERS READY FOR ORDERING.

Members and Friends, we have had several requests for paver engraving to be placed in our Memorial Garden. Since this is an involved process, we wait until there are at least five requests before ordering the work. Anyone interested should know that the cost is \$125.00 per paver and they do take some time to be engraved. We are excited by the continued interest in memorializing relatives, friends, and past members. Anyone interested in this ongoing project should contact Rick Turner.

YOUTH CHOIR GETS A NAME

Congratulations to Quinn Ames for naming the children's choir the "little red robes." Practice will be the third Sunday of the month after children's chat. All children are invited! We will start working on the vacation bible school music in June. Hoping to see you all then! Miss Michele

MPC NEWS AND UPDATES

Session met May 20. Minutes and treasurer's report were approved. Attendance has been consistent throughout the year averaging around 10-12, with 20-24 on special days. This is encouraging and we look forward to continuing this momentum after our short summer pause in July. Services will continue through June, take a four week pause in July and return to regular weekly worship on August 2nd with communion. During July we encourage you to attend our yoked church (NMPC in Onancock) for worship at 11:00 am.

Meeting Announcement

Come to the annual meeting of the Francis Makemie Society Saturday June 13 at 11:00 a.m. at Makemie Monument Park 7492 Monument Rd, Sanford, VA. Following the meeting will be the opportunity to observe the 'dig' at the site.

Thursday school for the children will meet June 4th and the 25th.

Makemie Presbyterian Church has a new website you can find us at:
<http://www.makemipresbyterianchurch.org/>

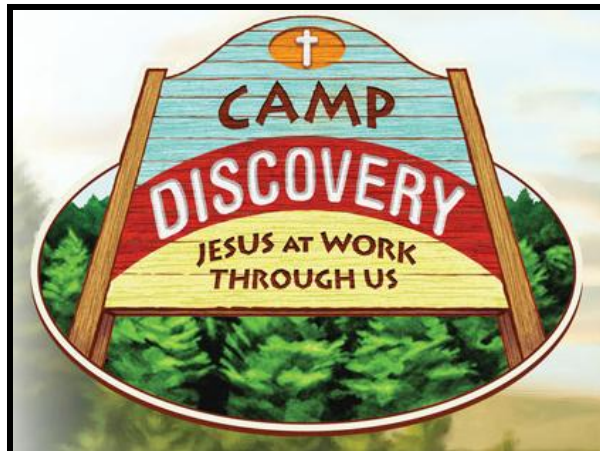
Editor's Note: Members of MPC are welcome to join NMPC for any of the special events described in the newsletter.



MPC Church Picture taken on Pentecost Sunday

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL FOR MPC AND NMPC

This year Vacation Bible School will be Monday August 10th through Friday August 14th from 9-12:30. Registration begins June 1st. It is a joint endeavor of our churches and Holy Trinity. It is open to preschool through Middle school youth. (4 years old to 8th grade). All children are welcome. Think of your children, grandchildren, neighbors and others who you can invite. The VBS this year is: CAMP DISCOVERY! We will learn about Jesus, sing lots of songs, make amazing crafts, have energizing recreation, Bible stories will come alive, have some science discovery and have whole new level, you will definitely want to be part of it!



Ways to volunteer:

Be a leader of-recreation, crafts, or discovery time

Sign up as a snack/lunch provider

Help with registration before and during VBS

Be on hand as a helper throughout the days of VBS.

Help with decoration of the sanctuary and the classrooms.

There is a place for everyone to be part of CAMP DISCOVERY!

If you want to help please see Monica before she leaves on vacation.

HELEN BUNCH RECOGNIZED AS WOMAN OF THE YEAR BY NMPC PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



Woman of the Year is an award given by Presbyterian Women to acknowledge exemplary contributions made during the year(s). Helen Bunch was chosen to be our 2015 recipient.

Helen crocheted numerous baby hats & prayer shawls for our Knitting Ministry. She was always present in the kitchen during our blood drives. Helen attended most of our Presbyterian Women meetings and always had a smile and kind word. Whenever the church needed baked goods, Helen could be counted on to bring desserts. Her deviled eggs are infamous!

Helen left us too soon. This award is given posthumously by NMPC Presbyterian Women in recognition of all of her works throughout the years. PW will send a donation to the American Red Cross (her favorite charity) in Helen Bunch's name.

Mrs. Helen Genevieve Serra Bunch, 89, wife of the late George E. Bunch and Michael C. Serra passed away at her home on Saturday, May 2, 2015, following a brief illness. She was born March 13, 1926 in Elizabeth, Pennsylvania.

COMMITTEES OF NMPC SESSION MEMBER ASSIGNMENT

NUTS & BOLTS

Property

Chair- Rick Turner
Dick Freeman

Tom Nielsen

Administration

Stewardship

Chair- Dick Freeman
George Heinrichs
Harry Rush

Rick Turner

Finance

Chair- Tom Nielsen
Dick Freeman
George Heinrichs

Personnel

Chair- Dick Freeman
Rick Turner

MISSION

Chair- George Heinrichs

PRESENCE

Education

Chair- Jennifer Stapleton

Worship

Chair- Jack Humphreys

COMMUNITY

Nurture

Chair- Laura Naylor
Linda Arvidson

Hospitality

Chair- Linda Arvidson
Laura Naylor

Communication

Linda Arvidson
Dick Freeman
Laura Naylor
Tom Nielsen

Rick Turner

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NMPC Church Picture taken on Pentecost Sunday



SPAGHETTI DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION... To SUPPORT THE COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

NMPC's Spaghetti dinner has become a very popular event in and around Onancock. Starting a new tradition our dinners are now jointly sponsored by one of the organizations we support through our local missions. ESCADV received half of the funds raised for their support of the event and turning out in large numbers to enjoy the dinner. This event resulted in a gift of \$950.00 to ESCADV.



Some of the many items for the silent auction and the many folks enjoying the dinner prepared by the great NMPC Team.



The hard working kitchen staff...the workers enjoying their dinner after everyone had been served. A wonderful evening for everyone. Our next dinner this fall will be in cooperation with Habitat.



NMPC ANNUAL PICNIC WHAT FUN IT WAS!



Horse shoes, singing, and a spirited game of Trivia was enjoyed by everyone. To say nothing about the food...WOW! Job well done - picnic planners.



Our hard working picnic planners!



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

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN...

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the retreat on August 29th at NMPC. More details will be available

soon...

In the pulpit for July...

JULY 5TH	REV DON BROAD
JULY 12TH	REV RHUDY NAYLOR
JULY 19TH	REV JUDY STANLEY
JULY 26TH	REV STANLEY LIN

YOGA AND QIGONG SHIBASHI EXERCISES

Every Friday at 10 AM, men and women gather for exercise in the Makemie Room—well, truth be told, it is really more like heavy breathing and stretching. Rhudy Naylor will be teaching this summer and adding Qigong to the mix as well as special exercises for seniors. Every age is welcome and each person sets their own pace and navigates around their own physical foibles. The important thing is to come, be open to the Spirit and nourish both body and soul.

Yoga is open to the community so invite your friends as well. This summer please keep one of our classmates in your prayers. On Saturday, May 23, Rev. Rebecca McGee was in a traffic accident that broke her pelvis. She is the pastor at Atlantic and Berea United Methodist Churches.

Dates to remember in July/August

- **THERE WILL BE NO SESSION MEETING AT NMPC IN JULY**
- **PEVA MEETING AT HIDDENWOOD PC JULY 28TH AT 4 PM**
- **FAITH MEETS LIFE - MEN'S GROUP JULY 31ST**
- **NMPC SESSION AUGUST 25TH AT 4 PM**
- **VBS AUGUST 10TH TO 14TH**

Save the Date...

September 13th is Rally Day, Sunday School resumes, Choir returns, and the Great Chili Cook Off Returns.

JUNE & JULY UPDATES AND HAPPENINGS AT NMPC...

The Church Calendar of Events At NMPC in June and July *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 June 7th then we take a break until VBS
- ◆ Choir Practice is 5:30 pm - every Thursday (last practice until fall is the 14th)
- ◆ PW is off for the summer back in September
- ◆ Faith Meets Life Men's Group June 26th at 9:00 am and July 31st
- ◆ NMPC Session Tuesday June 23rd at 4 pm
- ◆ Prayer Group at 10:00 am on 1st and 3rd Thursdays June 4th and 18th July 2nd and 16th
- ◆ Joe's Gang (ladies welcome) 9:00 am on the 2nd Tuesday of each month - June 9th and July 14th

Sunday Moments

June 7th: Baptism and Communion

June 14th: Joshua and crossing the Jordan

June 21st: Be renewed in your call. Children's choir rehearsal

June 28th: Ezekiel and the dry bones

"PRESBYTERIAN LUNCH BUNCH

Lunch Bunch will meet at Sage Diner Monday June 8 at noon.

NAOMI MAKEMIE'S PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Presbyterian Women finished their study of the book , *Prayer: Finding the Heart's True Home* by Richard J. Foster. Katherine Moore led this year's study, thank you!

Our fall/ winter book study will be based on "Girlfriends". Copies are available and cost \$12.00. See Michele Van Hove if you need a copy.

Our fall meetings will start on September 14. Mark your calendars now, since this is NOT the first Monday in September, it is the second, due to Labor Day.

On **August 29**, NMPC will be hosting a Gathering, "**Women Between the Waters**", calling all Presbyterian Women from the Eastern Shore of Virginia and Maryland to gather for a morning of fellowship. Look for further details soon.

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 by the prior Monday.

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To:

BIRTHDAYS IN JUNE AND JULY

Did we miss anyone? Let us know!

Bob Eames	06-07
Robert Close	06-13
Howard Picard	06-15
Elizabeth Barnes	06-16
Mike Carpenter	06-16
Bill Taylor	06-17
Dick Freeman	06-26
Susan Grove	06-27
Steven Green	06-28
Sasha Schuyler	06-30

Linda Arvidson	07-03
Wilma Heinrichs	07-09
Carolyn Lin	07-09
Marge Carpenter	07-18
Cantrell Ryon	07-21
Harry Rush	07-26
Anne Barnes	07-29

