



Naomi Makemie
Presbyterian Church
Founded in 1893 Onancock, Virginia

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Dear and Beloved Friends in the Naomi Makemie Presbyterian Church

"I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living." Psalm 116:9

Years ago, I can recall Gordon Cosby, Pastor of the Church of the Savior in Washington, DC. saying that he was most fortunate because everyone in his church considered themselves a member of the crew. There were no sightseers, tourists, no first class passengers expecting special treatment. You might want to look up the history of Gordon and Mary Cosby and the Church of the Savior. It is astonishing.

I want to say the same thing to you in the Naomi Makemie community of faith. I am amazed at what this little church of fewer than 58 people can do. There are so many "functional structures." There are so many folks sharing their gifts, their talents, and their treasure. You are most generous and giving in so many ways. God bless you.

This little church has perhaps the greatest choir for its size. This little church on a per capita giving basis may rank near the very top in the denomination. This little church in terms of mission work and mission giving may rank near the top. I celebrate all that you do for others.

I see that you do not so much come to church, but more you realize that you are church, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You seek to *"love justice, to do kindness, and to walk humbly with God."* Micah 6:8 This realization makes all the difference in the world.

Nina and I are pleased to be serving God with you in this beloved community of faith. Referring to Psalm 116:9 *"I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living."* It is our joy to be walking and working with you. Thank you again for all that you are doing.

God's Peace and Purpose,

Robert

In the May newsletter, we talked about church growth "will your church be here in 10 years." On page two is a questionnaire. Please take the time to complete and return to Jody or Robert. We will share the results in a future newsletter. Thank you in advance for your help.

Will Your Congregation Still Exist Ten Years From Now?
10 Factors That May Impact Your Survivability, Vitality, and Vibrancy
(CHECK ONE BOX ONLY FOR EACH QUESTION)

#	√	More Likely to Exist	√	Marginal/Uncertain	√	Less Likely to Exist
1		We are fueled and flavored by an empowering spiritual vision and deep relationships.		We are flavored by the success of programs, ministries and activities.		We are fueled by management processes that are controlling.
2		We have high expectations of attendees that they will be growing as disciples.		We have some, yet tentative, expectations of attendees regarding discipleship.		We have few or no expectations of attendees regarding discipleship.
3		The average tenure of the active congregation is less than 15 years.		The average tenure of the active congregation is 15 to 25 years.		The average tenure of the active congregation is more than 25 years.
4		The average age of the active congregation is less than 50 years old.		The average age of the active congregation is 50 to 65 years of age.		The average age of the active congregation is over 65 years old.
5		Relationships within the congregation are about true friendships with one another.		Relationships within the congregation are about meaningful fellowship.		Relationships within the congregation are about face familiarity with many people.
6		Worship services are about a true relationship with and praise to our Triune God.		Worship services are a weekly program in keeping with our faith tradition.		Worship is a weekly cultural gathering where we celebrate the traditions of the church.
7		Weekly attendance has grown at least 10% during the past five years.		Weekly attendance is plateaued; not experiencing much growth or decline.		Weekly attendance has declined at least 10% during the past five years.
8		More than 30% of our budget goes to programs, ministries, activities, and missional efforts outside the congregation.		20% to 30% of our budget goes to programs, ministries, activities, and missional efforts outside the congregation.		Less than 20% of our budget goes to programs, ministries, activities, and missional efforts outside the congregation.
9		We have no significant debt for our buildings and/or other areas of our church.		We have significant debt for our buildings and/or other areas of the church.		We have overwhelming and burdening debt for our buildings and/or other areas.
10		Our buildings are in good shape and simply require routine and expected repairs.		Our buildings need regular repairs, and we are behind on routine maintenance.		Our buildings are in disrepair and we must address major repair needs.

11. Given your own preference, what time would be best for you to start church on Sundays?
 The most desirable time to come to Church is: _____

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SESSION DIGEST *May session meeting*

At the May Session meeting, Treasurer George Heinrichs indicated that he would send out pledge statements at the end of the second quarter. The Session approved reinvesting the \$926.04 cash balance in the Merrill Lynch Cash Reserve to purchase more shares of Pimco.

After a discussion of a Presbytery workshop on “Enduring Congregations,” the Session asked Cada Grove to distribute a questionnaire to the congregation on whether our church will exist ten years from now.

Buildings and Grounds will repair the roof leaks and have the gutters cleaned.

Congregational Life reported that about half the newsletters are distributed electronically. The blood drive will be Wednesday, May 29 from 2-7 PM.

The Mission Committee’s motion to make an early contribution to the Coalition on Domestic Violence was approved. This action will enable them to meet payroll.

The Membership, Friendship and Service Committee was pleased to announce that the Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction raised about \$1560. Thank you all for the help!

The Worship and Music Committee will order battery-operated candles for children to use at Christmas. The church picnic will be held at the manse on June 2 so casual dress was approved for church. The choir picnic will be on June 9. Fall and Winter potlucks are also planned.

For May, the average attendance was 37 and our active membership is 58.

PARABLES *Adult Sunday Discussion*

In June, we will wrap up our series on the Parables. Drop in any Sunday at 9:30 AM and join the discussion on the following:

Sunday	Chapter	Title	Reference
June 2	8	Pardon My Insistence	Matthew 22: 1-10
June 9	9	The Prodigal Who Stayed at Home	Luke 15: 25-32
June 16	10	A Case for the Un-hired Hand	Matthew 20: 1-15
June 23	11	Moses and the Fig Tree	Luke 13: 6-9
June 30	12	I Wish I Could Sell You More	Matthew 25: 1-13

The teacher plans to resign on June 30 so open your ears to God’s call to take on this teaching opportunity. Thank you for your consideration.

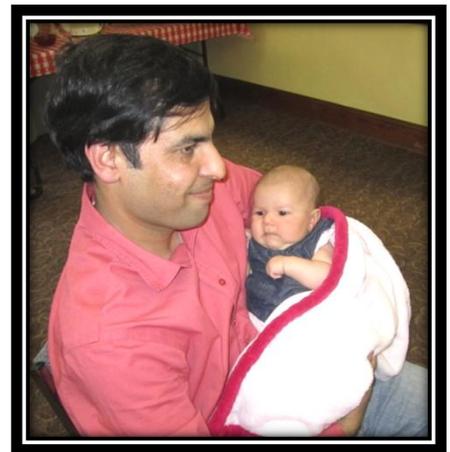
May in Review at NMPC...

May was Spaghetti dinner and Auction Month. It was the most successful event so far for this year! The outreach team was able to raise over \$1500.00 to support our church and its various programs. Look at the great photos of the event...



Diners enjoyed wonderful spaghetti, salad and the most wonderful desserts - all made by you the members. GREAT!!!

We even had Harry and Carol Rush's newest granddaughter there - with proud father.



The evening was made even better with lots of music and a silent auction - with a lot of great stuff!



Upcoming Events and Announcements for March and Later

The Church Calendar of Events for June

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

(June 13rd last practice before summer break)

YOGA is 10:00 am – every Friday

(YOGA will end June 7th back September 6th)

PW is 11:30 on first Monday of month

Prayer Group at 10:00 am on the 6th and 20th

Session at 2:00 pm on the 10th

Joe's Boys (ladies welcome) 9:00 am on the 11th

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

Upcoming Events in June...

Church Picnic June 2nd

To reserve any room at the church you only need to post it on the calendar in the Makemie Room - please include your name! Remember, regular church and special church services always take priority.

Supporting the Worship Service

As we all know, our Sunday Worship Service requires a number of volunteers. The signup sheets are posted in the old Sunday School Room.

We need:

- Scripture readers
- Flowers
- Coffee Hour host

Please take time to sign up for a Sunday this summer. Then mark your calendar.

You will only be notified if you are a reader.

NMPC PW Bible Study

NMPC Presbyterian Women will meet Monday, June 3rd 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". The chapter on *The Bible* will be the next discussion. 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; we need lotion and hair brushes. We are sorry to report that the shelter is very busy - this increases the demand for the kits we assemble.

The staff and editor of our newsletter want to make sure it is what you want. If you have comments or suggestions please feel free to send an email to cadagrove@att.net or talk to Meg or myself at church. The newsletter is now available on our web page or **via email** – sent out Saturday before the newsletter is available in church. If you would prefer an email copy please send me an email from the address you want to receive it on and we will be sure to make it happen!

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To:



Happy Birthday to all our
members and friends born in
June

Bob Eames	7th
Robert Close	13th
Howard Picard	15th
Elizabeth Barnes	16th
Mike Carpenter	16th
Bill Taylor	17th
Dorothy East	26th
Dick Freeman	26th
Susan Grove	27th
Steven Green	28th
Sasha Schuyler	30th

Did we miss
someone?
Please let us
know