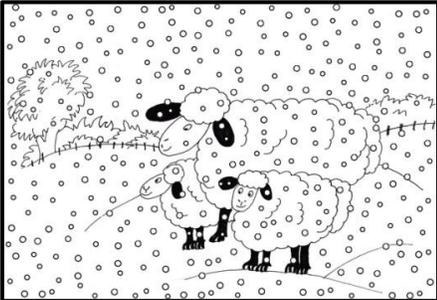


Glad Tidings

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

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MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR



"You are fellow citizens with the holy ones, you are God's household, having been based upon a foundation of apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the stone around which the house is built. In him the entire building fits together and grows into a sacred gathering becoming a dwelling place to God in the Spirit." Ephesians 2:19-22

It is Lent. It is winter. It is March! It is a holy season. It is a cold, snowy season. Soon spring *will* come. Daylight savings will set in. All the bright colors we have been waiting for *will* emerge. The hope that we hold in our hearts will be revealed.

As the season of the Lamb who gave his life for us is upon us, so also the snow has been upon us. It has kept many of us from being able to be together. And yet, it has also been a time of great togetherness in families stuck home from work and school due to cancellations. There has been community joy as people of all sizes, ages and shapes have been sledding on the one hill behind the school. We have kept in touch with those who cannot venture out through phone calls and emails. We have cared for one another even in our time apart.



The household of faith has been strengthened. The foundation of your love for one another cannot separate you from each other even when the weather has tried to do so. It is in this season we have discovered that the household of God in which we dwell is more than bricks and mortar. For the house in which we dwell is built on the love of Christ who is the cornerstone. We fit together well.

As the days go forward let us continue to grow together recognizing all the ways we fit together well. This month is full of opportunities in ways we can worship, learn, fellowship and have fun. Together we can grow into a sacred gathering. The hope we hold in our hearts will be revealed!

I'm looking forward to seeing you *and* all the bright colors of spring. Blessings to you!

"WINTER BLUES BASH" LUNCH GROUP

We had a great turnout for our February beat the winter blues bash! I will say it was a lesson in patience as we all waited for over an hour for our meal. But, as usual, God is in the midst of all our moments and we had lots of time to get to know each other and enjoy fellowship together. **We will meet again in March-Monday March 23rd at 12 noon-to be exact.** This time we'll try out another restaurant as we make our way around the Shore. The restaurant is TBA and we welcome your suggestions-two things are a priority as we choose a place, 1. must be handicap accessible, 2. must have menu variety for those with dietary restrictions. Keep tuned to weekly bulletins for more information. Contact Pastor Monica for the destination and/or if you need a ride. We look forward to being together.

OUR PRESBY 101 CLASS

Our Presby 101 class was also an interactive time, filled with learning for all of us. We can say we even had fun! It sparked some fabulous questions for further and perhaps deeper exploration. There has been a request for a Presby 102 course. Be on the lookout after Lent for this opportunity. One does not need to have been in 101 to be part of 102. ☺

FEBRUARY BLOOD DRIVE SUCCESS DESPITE THE WEATHER



On February 19th, there were 23 people to be nice to at NMPC. That's how many gave blood, plus two doubles for a total of 25 pints! Even if it was cold, some roads still with snow on them and the middle of winter, these folks knew how important it was to come out to give blood. The Red Cross' supply is really down due to the series of storms that have forced the cancellation of many drives. Thanks to Gloria Miller who made soooo many phone call, Helen Bunch for managing the snacks (and handing out great NMPC cookies), Harry Rush on registration and many others who furnished cookies, or stopped by to see if we needed help. Finally to Rick Turner who stayed late,

after choir practice, to clean the Makemie Room and help the Red Cross get on their way home to Norfolk. The Red Cross Blood Drive will be back Wednesday May 27th - save the date - save a life!

NMPC QUIZ...

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

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

Where is the memorial that reads: "***A Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Q Quay***"

Where would you find the following:... "***Onancock Presbyterian Church, In memory of R. H. Miles***"

Answers and more questions in the April Newsletter...If you think you know the answers, let Cada Grove know and receive a prize for 3 correct answers!

SESSION DIGEST FROM CLERK OF SESSION NMPC...

Despite the snow, a quorum of Session members met on February 24. By common consent they approved:

1. The Treasurer's January 2015 Report.
2. The January 10 Session and Corporation minutes.
3. The Annual Statistical Reports to the Presbytery.
4. The statistical report to the congregation.
5. A thank you note to Pam Nielsen for the 2014 history.

We celebrated Michele Van Hove joining the church and we were sad that Robert Gibb has passed. Our membership remains at 47. The average attendance in January was 38 and February was 33. The membership rolls were reviewed.

The Clerk passed out a draft update of our operations manual. Property continues to update the Nursery, monitor the utility uses and plans to fix one of the oil heater lines in the spring.

The Session approved the church joining the Frances Makemie Society. The La Familia initiative was declined after further investigation.

The Personnel and Pastor Nominating Committees completed a performance appraisal for the Pastor. She is a definite keeper and huge asset to our congregation. Highlights have been the Christmas Program, Presby 101 and the Lenten series.

The Hospitality Committee has lots of plans starting with Bowling on March 1. In conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce, we will host a spaghetti dinner fundraiser on the Friday of the Tour de Shore bicycle race. The proceeds will be shared with the Eastern Shore Coalition Against Domestic Violence. On April 17 there will be a prayer breakfast for the Christian Businessmen's Association at the Elks Club. Rhudy Naylor and Susan Grove will provide music for the Governor and other guests. The last Sunday in April we will invite Anthony Burcher back to our service as Frances Makemie. May 17 will be the church yard sale and May 31 will be the Church Picnic at the manse.

Name badges have arrived for ushers and Ruling Elders so visitors can readily find out more information about us. Pens and a welcome brochure will also be given to first timers.

SAD NEWS TO REPORT...

Condolences to Evelyn Gibb and her family in the loss of Bob. Robert Garrison "Bob" Gibb, Sr., 89, husband of Evelyn Nock Gibb and a resident of Onancock, VA, passed away Wednesday, February 18, 2015, at Arcadia Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Parksley, VA. Bob was a long time member of NMPC. He always had on a smile and always offered you a warm greeting.

In life and in death we belong to God and to each other.

MPC NEWS AND UPDATES

The MPC directory has been printed and is available for the congregation. It can also be emailed as a Word document. Please plan to come to worship and receive your copy. If you are unable to do so please email me and I will send you an electronic copy. mongould@gmail.com

Happy Birthday to:

Wanda Hughes	March 5
Erin Fletcher Hall	March 9
Tina Toft	March 12
Mike Gould	March 15
Rick Hall	March 21
Laura Lucas	March 21
Bruce Holland	March 26

Our condolences go out to Andy Mason with the news of the loss of his father.

MPC elders have a dream. It is a dream of a full sanctuary in worship, it is a dream of full participation in the small things we do. It is a dream of friends joining in and becoming members. It is a dream of the sanctuary being used during the week or on special occasions for the sake of the community. You are invited to join in this dream. Here are just a few ways in which you can be part: Helping with flower arrangements, communion, help with cleaning the church and straightening up, offering the building for use for meetings, using the building for prayer times, providing mission ideas and opportunities. We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you.



THURSDAY SCHOOL at MPC

After school Bible classes for children will take place at MPC for our elementary age children. The classes will begin Thursday March 5 at 3:30 p.m. snacks will be provided. We will be using the PCUSA curriculum *We Believe* and learning about the important people of the Old Testament-Cain/Abel, Jacob, Joseph, David, to name a few. All children are invited! Contact Pastor Monica for any questions.

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

JOE'S GANG

This month Joe's Gang will be giving the nursery a much needed spring cleaning. A new rug has been donated, curtains are wash and ready to hang. We will be cleaning all the toys, waxing the floor and washing the windows. All who are able and available are welcome to come and help with this effort. We are also planning an annual general clean-up on a Saturday in the Spring; more on that at a later time. We have a good time while saving money for the Church.

THE LENTEN AND EASTER PROGRAM IN MARCH

LENTEN SOUP & STUDY

The Lent Soup & Study began on Wednesday February 25th. We will be studying the feasts of the Old Testament and how they relate to the Jesus presented in the gospel of John. It is a fun study as well as interactive. There is still time to sign up for the March dates, sign up sheets for this each week are in the Makemie Room. Why not invite a friend. We want to share a cup of soup and grow together.

The remaining schedule:

Wednesday March 4th 6-7:30pm
Festival of Booths

Wednesday March 11th 6-7:30pm
Festival of Weeks

Wednesday March 18th 6-7:30pm
Day of Atonement

Wednesday March 25th 6-7:30pm
Passover-Christian Seder supper

This is a meaningful interactive experience as we study, learn and pray together.

ALL ARE WELCOME-come one night or all 5 weeks

ECUMENICAL LENT WORSHIP AND BAG LUNCH

The community churches of Onancock will gather on Wednesdays from 11:30 to 12:30 and will rotate to the different churches throughout the season. We will begin with worship followed by sharing together over a brown bag lunch. Each church that hosts will provide dessert and beverages. Consider this opportunity to share in our faith walk as brothers and sisters in Christ. Despite the inclement weather, the first service was held at NMPC on February 25th and was well attended. Specific dates and locations for the remaining services are:

March 4th - Holy Trinity, Rev Andy Cobb preaching - Onancock Baptist

March 11th - Market Street Methodist, Rev Monica Gould preaching - NMPC and MPC

March 18th - Onancock Baptist Church, Rev Bart Weakly preaching - Market Street Methodist

March 25th- Makemie Presbyterian Church, Berkley Ford Priest preaching - Holy Trinity

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.

If you are tired, restless, in transition, wondering about next steps, or just wanting some time to listen to your life in good company, join us for this contemplative retreat. You will find rest, perspective, community, thought-provoking presentations, inviting art projects, poetry, various easy forms of meditation, and the beauty of early spring at the Chincoteague seashore.

You will come away refreshed, and with a variety of tools and practices to take home. For more in-depth descriptions of the weekend's components, please visit our website:

www.creativecontemplatives.com and click on "upcoming retreats."

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 7:00 to settle into our cozy meeting spot and begin our 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, a social hour and relaxing in a hot tub (overnight guests). Sunday morning features 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 is at the beautiful Island Motor Inn, with a wonderful waterfront meeting room, a contemplative garden, indoor pool, hot tub, workout room, and waterfront guest rooms.

Registration and rates:

Full weekend, all programs, art supplies, materials, and refreshments: \$165 (lodging not included.) Saturday only, all of the above: \$95

To reserve your spot: contact Debbie Ryon 710-4661; dryon@verizon.net by April 3rd, 2015.

Lodging may be arranged for a nightly rate of \$88.00 plus tax (11%) per room, through Island Resort, 4391 Main St, Chincoteague, VA 23336, (757) 336-3141. www.islandmotorinnresort.com Be sure to mention you are with the Creative Contemplatives retreat! Catered lunch and dinner will be offered Saturday for a nominal fee.

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

Presbyterian Women..

Mark your calendars!

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

Easter Morning Service



This year at NMPC, we are starting a new tradition. You are invited to purchase a potted Lily to be displayed in the Church on Easter Morning. You can purchase them in honor or memory of someone. If you are interested please see or contact Cada Grove. The approximate cost is \$15.00 per plant. They will be delivered to the church and displayed Easter Morning. You are then requested to take the plant home with you following the service.

We will still be "Flowering the Cross" - another great tradition at NMPC so don't forget to bring some cut flowers to church Easter Morning.

Easter Breakfast



Joe's Gang will be serving breakfast at the church prior to the Easter Sunday Service. As always we will be serving "Mike's Eggs", pancakes, French toast, and fruit. Donations will be used to help maintain the Church Building.



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MARCH UPDATES AND HAPPENINGS AT NMPC...

The Church Calendar of Events At NMPC in March *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 March 1st, March 15th, and March 29th
- ◆ Choir Practice is 5:30 pm - every Thursday
- ◆ PW is March 2nd at 11:30 am
- ◆ NMPC Session Tuesday March 24th
- ◆ Prayer Group at 10:00 am on 1st and 3rd Thursdays March 5th and 19th
- ◆ Joe's Gang (ladies welcome) 9:00 am on the 2nd Tuesday of each month - March 10th
- ◆ Noon Lenten Service at 11:30 am see page 5 for location.
- ◆ Soup & Study Wednesday night at 6:00 pm
- ◆ DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME MARCH 8TH

Sunday Moments

March 1st Communion

March 8th Daylight Saving Time begins - set clocks ahead one hour.

March 15th Friendship Sunday & Sunday School

March 22nd 5th Sunday in Lent

March 29nd Palm Sunday and children singing

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If you have a suggestion for a restaurant, please let Monica know.

Naomi Makemie's Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women will meet on Monday, March 2 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 3 for tomorrow, March 2. April's assignment will be Chapter 4.

Join us for our book discussion, followed by a brown bag lunch (beverages & dessert provided) and our business meeting. We will be voting on a book to start in September; so far we have two suggestions (*Girlfriends* or *Lineage of Grace*.)

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 by the prior Monday.

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

To:

NMPC Birthdays

Joanne Humphreys	03-01
Jerry Fluharty	03-02
Kate Jacob	03-05
Olga Gregor	03-06
Carol Rush	03-09
Gloria Santacrose Broad	03-12
Helen Bunch	03-13
Mike Gould	03-15
Harold William Deuter	03-16
Brandon Stapleton	03-21
Miles Barnes	03-24
Ales Gregor	03-29
Carey Tuttle	03-30



Did we miss anyone? Let us know!