



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

*September 2015*

**MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR**

1 John 3:1-3 (the Message) *"What marvelous love the Father has extended to us! We're called children of God. That's really who we are...and that's only the beginning. Who knows how we'll end up...all of us look forward to...Jesus' life as a model for our own."*

It has been quite a year. It is hard to imagine that this time last year I was just 'getting my feet wet', so to speak. It has been a blessing filled journey so far. So much has happened and the full calendar and the full congregation is a reflection of all our work together. Gratitude continues to be the word of the day and the word for the year.

As we move into another year together I invite you to read all the way through the *Glad Tidings* newsletter. Be a witness to the events of the past month. Note the events for the month to come and mark your calendars for where you see God wants your gifts and your presence. There are so many exciting opportunities for all ages of the congregation. God continues to add to our number and we look forward to a fruitful year. We celebrate and praise God for all the new faces and families among us.

This season's focus in worship is on the gospel of Mark where we will discover what it means to be a follower of Jesus.

The youth will begin Sunday school, choir (the Red Robes are here!), and youth group! Faith Meets Life Men's group will continue to gather once a month.

The PLB (Presbyterian Lunch Bunch) will continue hopping from one restaurant to another monthly. Yoga and healing touch continues on Fridays. Prayer meeting gathers twice a month. And another new opportunity awaits us with Lectio Devina on Second Saturdays as well as UFOs (UnFinished Objects) fellowship completing our crafts and projects of years gone by.

There are lots of ways to serve too. We welcome your gifts in areas of worship, music, property, administration, finance, nurture, hospitality, education, and leadership.

I can hear the beckoning of God as we move into this new fiscal year with renewed hearts. See you soon and blessings. Monica

## **SESSION DIGEST from Clerk of Session NMPC...**

Rev. Gould opened the August 25<sup>th</sup> Session meeting by lighting a Christ candle. It evoked the Spirit of God, helped us center in on the presence of God and served as a reminder that the meeting was held in the Spirit of Christ. Our membership remains at 48 and the average attendance for June was 46, July was 33 and August was 40.

The Property Committee had the organ repaired, the exterminator notified about a possible bee infestation, and is getting bids to paint the exterior windows and the fire escape. Monica will research getting an internet connection. In new business, a new microwave was purchased for the manse and surge protectors from the electric company will be installed in both the manse and the church.

The Mission Committee praised the team who provided lunch for the Richmond teens who were working on the Habitat House. Under Cada Grove's energetic leadership the school supplies have been gathered, bought and distributed. Over \$40,000 has been donated in the last 11 years!

Vacation Bible School was a huge success. Many thanks to all those involved and we especially thank Monica for her direction and enthusiasm. Four children who attended VBS are now attending our church services too! A new youth group will be established on Sunday evenings this fall and Sunday School/Choir will expand to every Sunday. Two classes for youth will be offered on Sunday mornings starting on Rally Day, September 13.

The Hospitality Committee is working on the Chili Cook-off in September, a Spaghetti Dinner in October, a make it/take it Advent Wreath project for November, and a bus to the Messiah or Christmas lights across the Bay. There was even talk of a live nativity at the Gazebo as an ecumenical effort. Wouldn't that be fun! Rick Turner will host Christmas Caroling on Sunday, December 20.

The Nurture Committee reported the Sadtlers and Becky Lock have been added to the Shepherd's List. Six meals were delivered to Christie Brumbaugh. The Healing Touch treatments were provided to 14. A Course in Miracles continues with a core group of 4. Yoga/Tai Chi has an average attendance of 6-8 ecumenical seniors. Watch for the proof copy of the new church directory in the next week or so. We all hope the directory will be completed by the end of September.

Monica will schedule a meeting of the Strategic Planning Task Force near the end of September. On September 20, Rebecca Lock will join our church on reaffirmation of faith. At the last Presbytery meeting, Rev. Dr. Liza Hendricks ended her transitional role and was hired as the General Presbyter.

The church manual is being finalized and the Nominations Committee will begin its search for new Session members. Our budget is on track and the Corporation quarterly report was accepted. The baptism of Fitz Godwin's grandson was approved by Session.

The next Session meeting will be Tuesday, September 22 at 4:15 PM in the Makemie Room. Session meetings will be held on the fourth Tuesday of the month.

## **IMPACT Youth Group being formed for MPC and NMPC**

Dear Parents,

Introducing Sunday night youth group for your children/youth through grade 12. **IMPACT** group will be on **Sunday nights from 6pm to 7pm** at the Naomi Makemie Presbyterian Church.

This will be an informal time for your children/youth to get to know one another and build from the relationships they have made during Sunday school, VBS and other church activities.

During this hour we will have games, sometimes some music. We'll divide into small groups by age and have the opportunity to be challenged with real life questions and God's Word with questions such as: "Why Do My Parents Always Say No?" and "What Would Jesus Want with me?"

Also, the children/youth will have the opportunity to participate in an ecumenical Advent 'make it/ take it' activities event in December as well as be part of a full worship service Christmas Program. Our older youth will have the opportunity to prepare for service activities in the church, the community, and further mission fields.

The following dates are when we will meet.

### **Sundays from 6pm-7pm**

September 20

September 27

October 4

October 11

October 18

November 1

November 15



No meeting in December-there will be a community Advent workshop with 'make it/take it' activities for the whole family.

Please contact me [to register](mailto:mondougould@gmail.com) your child for the IMPACT group at [mondougould@gmail.com](mailto:mondougould@gmail.com). You may contact me for any other questions about the program. We are looking forward to seeing the children/youth.

God's love and peace be with you.,

Monica

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## MPC News...

The fence on Back Street has been repaired and is now in place. Work will begin soon on the fence on Cross Street. We hope to include a gate in this area. If anyone would like to make a special donation toward the fence project please contact Rick Hall our treasurer. Donations can be made in honor or memory of someone or just earmarked-fence project.

Thursday School begins again on September 17<sup>th</sup>. We will be using the FaithWeaver Curriculum. Come join us with your elementary age children after school as we learn together about the Bible. Other meeting dates are October 8, 15, 22. November 12 & 19.

Join us on Sunday September 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 a.m. as we commit ourselves to another year of faithful service in the church.

Many thanks to the Hughes family for hosting the August gathering at their home, we appreciate all those who came. Thank you for the wonderful food and fellowship.

## RALLY SUNDAY AT NMPC September 13th - Welcome Back



- ✓ Children's Sunday School restarts,
- ✓ The choir will be back up front
- ✓ We will be hosting our Annual Chili Cook Off after church services.
  - Plan to make your best chili, bring it to church for the annual judging. Just to remind you, the voting is based on which chili gets the most donations. The money collected will be given to the Food Bank of the Eastern Shore to help those in need. Look for special bulletin on Sunday Sept 6th. for more details.

## BLOOD DRIVE Returns to NMPC on September 23rd

You're  
Invited!



The second of our annual two blood drives will be held on September 23rd starting at 2:00. Volunteers are always needed for registration, refreshment service and cookie baking. Please see Cada Grove if you would like to volunteer to help.



# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2015





**Camp Discovery** was a wonderful adventure for the friends and families of Holy Trinity Episcopal, Makemie and Naomi Makemie Presbyterian Churches. Thanks to so many for a great time. Thank you for sending the children. Thank you to all the leaders, the helpers, the snack providers, the supporters, the fabulous parents, and the prayer partners, your presence and your presents made this program so successful!

**We couldn't have done it without you!  
We can't wait 'til next summer!**

## **Special Class to be held on September 27th**

### ***Baptism and Communion class from cradle to college***

Ever had your child baptized or had them receive a lesson about communion (Lord's Supper)? Would you like for them to know about either of these? If you are a high school or college student - this class is for you too. It is a grand opportunity in a safe setting to ask all the questions you have had about the Sacraments.

Please come to the family oriented baptism & communion class on Sunday September 27 from 4pm to 5:45pm. Children, youth and families-parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, are all invited to participate. We hope you will take advantage of this very short introductory class. Please register with Monica at [mongould@gmail.com](mailto:mongould@gmail.com)



### **Knitters! Sewers! Quilters! Scrapbookers! - Announcing UFO Days!**

9:30 – noon on 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays (September 12, October 10, November 14)

If you enjoy handwork or crafting of any kind - come gather at the church to work on your “unfinished objects” (UFO’s) in a companionable atmosphere. We will provide coffee and lots of “oohs and ahs”! The idea is to bring your supplies and we will sit together and work on our projects for a few hours. If you don’t have a project – come anyway and you can help someone else out or learn a new skill!

### **Announcing Lectio Divina Contemplative Prayer Sessions**

9:00 - 9:30 on 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays (September 12, October 10, November 14)

Lectio Divina is a form of contemplative prayer which can lead to a new experience and deeper understanding of scripture. It is a simple yet powerful process. The tradition of Lectio Divina stretches back to the Rule of St. Benedict (5<sup>th</sup> century).

***God desires connection  
with us: “There is  
something far greater  
than my desire to pray—  
that is, God’s desire that  
I pray.”***

Abraham Heschel

An anonymous 14th century work called “The Cloud of Unknowing” relates how Middle Age Christians approached prayer. The anonymous writer asserts that the only way to truly “know” God is to let go of all preconceived notions and beliefs about God and enter the state of “unknowingness,” at which point you begin to glimpse the true nature of God.

Lectio Divina engages the whole person – mind, heart, spirit as fed by grace. The process invites a movement of grace and cannot be forced or hurried. We will use a lectionary passage to engage in the process.

We will read the scripture together and then have a period of silence in which to engage in the process. This meditation will take place upstairs, prior to the “UFO” gathering. We hope you will join us for this rewarding experience!

Debbie Ryon

## THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN GATHERING...

Over 50 women gathered at NMPC, representing churches from Snow Hill to Williamsburg, to share and reflect on "Women Between the Waters." What a wonderful opportunity to share and get to know more about our faith in Jesus Christ.



## School Supplies Distributed...

With a lot of volunteers, boxes of school supplies were sorted by school based on their requests for help. All five of the Presbyterian churches on the Eastern Shore support this mission. If you would like to make a contribution there is still time - next year is just around the corner!



*In photo above, Sally, Bill and Joe from MPC finished their school "Kegotank"*

*The photo at left shows the large amount of supplies and the volunteers busy counting out school requirements.*



## SEPTEMBER UPDATES AND HAPPENINGS AT NMPC...

### **The Church Calendar of Events At NMPC in September *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 - 2nd and 4th Sundays first session is Sept 13th
- ◆ Children's Youth Choir - 3rd Sunday each month - this month September 20th - during church service.
- ◆ Choir Practice Wednesday at 5:30 pm
- ◆ Rally Sunday September 13th with Chili Cook Off
- ◆ PW September 14th at 11:30 am
- ◆ Faith Meets Life Men's Group at 9:00 am September 25th
- ◆ NMPC Session September 22nd at 4:15 pm
- ◆ Prayer Group at 10:00 am on September 3rd and September 13th
- ◆ Joe's Gang (ladies welcome) 9:00 am on September 8th

### *Sunday Moments*

"Followers of Jesus" series

**Sept 6th** Be Astounded  
Mark 7:31-37. Communion  
Honoring those who Labor

**Sept 13th** Rally Day-start of  
All Programs. Followers of  
Jesus Mark 8:27-38

**Sept 20th** New member  
Becky Lock ☺  
Don Broad preaching

**Sept 27th** Be Salt!  
Mark 9:38-50

### **"PRESBYTERIAN LUNCH BUNCH"**

**Lunch Bunch will meet Tuesday  
Sept. 14th at noon  
(location to be announced)**

### *Naomi Makemie Presbyterian Women*

#### **Reconvening for the 2015 - 2016 Church Year...**

Presbyterian Women will meet on Monday, **September 14** at 11:30 am in the Makemie Room. We will be starting our new book *Girlfriends- Exploring Women's Relationships in the Bible* by Barbara J. Essex. Please read Chapter 1 "Sarah & Hagar".

Join us for our book discussion, followed by a brown bag lunch (beverages & dessert provided) and our business meeting. Please note that this is NOT the first Monday in September, it is the second, due to Labor Day.

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 SEPTEMBER**

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

Pam Nielsen	09-05
Don Broad	09-06
Mary Fluharty	09-12
Marshall Ryon	09-21
Edward Barnes	09-28
Jim Tompkins	09-30

