

# Glad Tidings

JULY 2019



The Newsletter  
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*For we are to live our lives with pure hearts in the constant awe and wonder of our Lord God. Colossians 3:22 (TPT)*

The surroundings where we live can come alive to us when we walk with someone new to the area. Our eyes are often dulled to the familiar as we live day after day in the same place. We have a tendency to miss noticing the peaks of glorious mountain tops because they are always there. We have a tendency to miss the sounds of the ocean waves as the tides ebb and flow because they are the routine of our life. We have a habit as humans to wish for things we do not have, to live in places unlike where we are, to hope for a life other than what we experience every day.

Yet, I wonder if in the 'dull days of summer' our eyes and ears could be opened anew, if we might not be witnesses to the power and the wonder of God's creative imagination in our own backyard.

I learned a valuable lesson about where we live these past few days. I discovered the wonder of my surroundings through the eyes and voices of my 4 and 6 year old granddaughters. Everything they saw was new and fresh and full of joy. They delighted in the simplicity of a walk to the park, a ride to the beach, an outing on a boat. They giggled with glee with old worn out children's books, broken crayons, and recycled paper. They were thrilled at the post office and how it worked, the church and all its doors and windows, the idea that we could walk with ease anywhere we wanted. They were grateful for a visit to a church member and the opportunity to chase butterflies.

I believe we often need others around us to help us to see and hear the things we forget are right at our fingertips, right in our own backyard. God reminds us we are a people who need one another. We need each other not to help us only in times of trouble, but to remind us of the delight of God all around us always in so many ways.

May you have time in these days to experience the wonder of God's creative imagination in your space and place this month. Many blessings

Monica





## JULY

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



### Community Senior Living

Elta Green

### At Home

Don Broad and Gloria

Kim Penland

Virginia 'Pete' Hall

### Condolences to Becky & Roy Lock

Becky's mother Mary Marsh Johnson, 87, of Parksley passed away June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Funeral services were Saturday June 29.

*May she rest from her labors and rise in glory, good and faithful servant.*

### YOUR SERVANT HELP in WORSHIP at NMPC is appreciated

Please sign up for:

Ushering on Sunday mornings for one Sunday or Four

And For: • Reading Scripture

- Hosting coffee hour
- Providing Special Music

Opportunities for our youth are acolyte-beginning at age five (Kg) & Liturgists beginning in fifth grade.

### AUGUST WORSHIP at FMPC every Sunday at 9:15

Here's our list of Servant helpers at FMPC: Sunday flowers and refreshments.

1st-Wanda and Paul

2nd-Tammy and Fitz

3rd-Cissy and Rick

4th-Leslie and Fitz

5th- Cissy. Substitutes are: Joe and Kathy Boggs-refreshments

Barbara Hanes-flowers and/or refreshments.



## A VERY SPECIAL LUNCH BUNCH EDITION!!

Lunch Bunch at **12 noon on Tuesday July 9th** at Capt E's Hurricane Grill & Bar located at 9104 Starling Creek Rd in Saxis, VA. This is to be followed by a tour of the Saxis Island Museum.

Joy, the owner, is expecting **12-15 people for lunch** and we need to have that many because they are not normally open on Tuesday's at lunchtime. *She's opening just for us.*

Also, if anyone wants to purchase any items from the Saxis Museum (T-shirts, hats, photo prints, etc.), please bring cash or checks, their credit card machine only works if the internet is working and that is not reliable. Please sign up at church or email Anne Barnes at [barnes429@verizon.net](mailto:barnes429@verizon.net)



Onancock Business and Civic Association

**Ice Cream Social** at Onancock Historic School

Wednesday **July 3 6:30-9:30 pm**

All ice cream is free to the public.

Come join in the fun!

## Accomac Walking Parade Monday July 4<sup>th</sup>

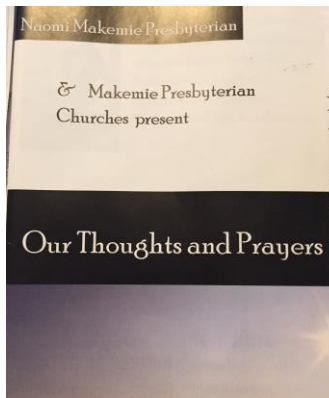


Your invited to **VBS July 29-August 2 2019**

9-12:30 pm ages 4 y.o. to entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade

Snacks and lunch included

PICK UP YOUR REGISTRATION FORMS at CHURCH or ONLINE or in front of the Post Office



Many years ago the congregations of Francis Makemie and Naomi Makemie collaborated on the joint project of a booklet of thoughts and prayers.

It is an amazing lovely simple booklet filled with the submissions of all the members of that day. We still have several copies available.

You are invited to pick one up off of our pick up tables in both churches.

### A New Devotional Booklet

*The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders* Psalm 65:8

This is the scripture that is guiding Monica and Mike on their passage across the ocean later this year, an anticipated passage of awe and wonder.

We will be taking our own passage of awe and wonder through sermons and other activities during that time. As we follow them on the map and through their blog, we will be focusing on how we are overwhelmed with God's awe and wonder. We have all had those moments when we stand speechless and think to ourselves, "Wow...God is here. God is amazing!" Sometimes it happens to us in a boat, in a car, walking a path. It happens sometimes at home around the dinner table. It can happen in a hospital room. It can happen when we are alone, or when we are with others. It can happen in church, or at any other location. It can happen anywhere because God is always with us and always calling us to experience divine wonder. The problem is we often get too wrapped up in other things and forget to notice God --who is right there beside us.



**I would like to collect some stories from you of your experiences of divine awe and wonder.** I will collect as many of them as I can, and put them into a small booklet that we can use together to help us remember the awe and wonder of encountering God. *I want to start collecting these as soon as possible.* We will share them with everyone after Monica and Mile leave in September. Please consider sending me a short description of your experiences. If there is a scripture that comes to mind to go along with it, please send that too.

I anticipate that this will become a **devotional booklet** which allows us to encourage and support one another in our own life's passages, and help us find God right there beside us all along. Lets see how many of these I can collect within the next month!

Reverend Donna Doan [donnastevendoan@yahoo.com](mailto:donnastevendoan@yahoo.com) or mail written copy to PO Box 397 Onancock 23417

**Naomi Makemie Presbyterian Church June 17, 2019 5:30 PM**

**Minutes Summary of NMPC JUNE MEETING**

Designated Temporary CLERK: Laura Chuquin-Naylor

**GRANT FULFILLMENT MANAGERS REPORT**

Susan Grove presented a CTS Grant Status. The temporary relationship agreement with Steve and Donna Doan was accepted by Presbytery. Monica is working on a communion schedule. Send Off Sunday is on track for September 22, the Congregational Retreat is on track for October 25-27 with Rev. Mike Burcher. The ATM card is functioning well but due to additional fees will be used for large amounts only.

Monica Gould added that she has met with Donna & Steve Doan to review the church calendar and discuss a Litany of Transition of Pastoral Responsibilities to take place at the Send Off on September 22nd and again at the Reunion in January. Pam Nielsen has agreed to pick up and sort the mail, and Donna Doan has volunteered to do the newsletter.

MOTIONS: Session minutes and the treasurer's report were approved.

**COMMITTEE Reports**

**Administration**

**Finance**-Ron May gave the quarterly report of the Merrill Lynch accounts and the summary of the finance meeting held in June.

**Buildings and Grounds** Rick Turner

-The men will be at Jody Humphry's on Friday, June 21 to help with her yard, and will work on the church and manse at 9:00 on Saturday June 22. The church needs to be power washed for a cost of \$950.00. A concern was expressed about the lack of flowers on Sunday. Rick will speak to Basket and Bows. ***Rick requested 1 or 2 more money counters to count the offering after church on Sundays.***

**Personnel**-A meeting is needed in July.

**Congregational Care**

**Nurture/Card Ministry/Meals**

-Monica requested a welcome back card be sent to Kate Jacobs. Megan volunteered to do it.

-Holmes Presbyterian Church invited our congregation to Rev. Soud's retirement celebration June 30 RSVP only

**Mission**

**School Supplies**- Emails will be sent out to the schools asking what supplies are needed, then a date will be set for purchasing and packing supplies.

-Ron May noted that the Mission Committee should be using the interest from the Belote Fund for local missions.

-Tracey shared a sample Blessing Bag that the Youth put together for the homeless.

**Worship**

Please spread the word for sign up of worship opportunities. Communion schedule changed for fall dates accepted were **September 22, November 3, January 12.**

**Education**

**Sunday school**-Fall plans; The Youth will attend the church service on the 1 st Sunday of every month, Laura Chuquin-Naylor will teach them the 2 nd and 4 th Sundays and is currently researching curriculum, and Tracey Arvidson will do mission work with them on the 3 rd Sunday of the month.

The Men's Group will meet at Don Broad's house

**MODERATOR'S REPORT Rev. Monica Gould**

**VBS July 29-August 2** – Joan May is teaching the Bible class, Matt Arvidson will be asked to teach Science

**Visitations/Correspondence**- The men were asked to visit Kim Penland and Don Broad any afternoon after 2 p.m.

NMPC's list of members has 51 names, and there are 20 friends, and 5 clergy who attend regularly.

**DATES TO REMEMBER:** VBS July 29-August 2; September 22 Send Off Sunday NEXT Session MEETING DATE & temporary designated clerks: No July meeting; August 19-Linda Arvidson; September 16-Marsh Ryon; October 21-Tracey Arvidson; November 18-Megan Ames; No December meeting





## It's that time again! Eastern Shore Presbyterian Ministries (ESPM)

ESPM was started in 2004 by the five (now only four) Presbyterian Churches on the Eastern Shore. We came to the realization that many students in our elementary schools did not have the required school supplies. In two schools 75% of the families live below the poverty level.

We decided that our goal would be to provide sufficient supplies so that the schools would have them available for any child who was living below the poverty level.

Members of the ESPM team contact each school in June and July to determine what quantities of each item of the school supply list are needed. Then we contact WalMart and they place an order with their warehouse. WalMart guarantees that their price to us is the best we can find in the local area.

We take delivery on a Friday in late August and on the next Monday volunteers from all the ESPM churches gather at NMPC to 'pick' the items needed for each school and deliver them. An average of over \$3,600 each year is raised.

THEREFORE-NOW IS THE TIME for your DONATIONS earmarked ESPM or 'school supplies' and either dropped in the offering plate on Sunday morning or mail to NMPC PO BOX 397 Onancock VA 23417.

As a church we commit a portion of our mission budget to this mission effort, ***but we rely on all the Presbyterian Churches' individual donations as well.***

We look forward to this joint mission effort to be another year of huge success. Thank you for all you do!

## Weighed down

Many people dream of having the "right stuff" to fly to space. Recently, 18,300 people applied for just 12 astronaut spots at NASA! Fanfare over the moon landing's 50th anniversary is sure to spark even more interest.

Leaving behind earthly troubles and floating in zero gravity must be amazing, right? Not, it turns out, for one's body. Weightlessness takes a heavy physical toll in space. Without resistance, muscles waste away and bones weaken. Bodily systems we take for granted are disrupted, causing disorientation. To counteract these effects, astronauts wear resistance suits while exercising. Ironically, after escaping Earth's gravity, they must replace it.

Similarly, we long for trouble-free days and pray for an end to earthly burdens, not recognizing that exertion, whether physical or spiritual, builds strength. "He who knows no hardships will know no hardihood," said Harry Emerson Fosdick. "He who faces no calamity will need no courage. ... The characteristics in human nature which we love best grow in a soil with a strong mixture of troubles."

Every weighty challenge is a reason to "rejoice ... knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope" (Romans 5:3-4, ESV).

—Stephanie Martin

Three years ago we shared the SECURITY PLANS for Naomi Makemie. It's probably a good idea to review these again.



The PCUSA has requested that all churches develop *site specific security plans*. They want them to comply with Federal Emergency Management Administration standards for churches. The diagrams mark the fire extinguisher and AED locations as well as appropriate exits.

**FIRE HAZARDS** Goals: During – Protect all persons and property from injury

Objectives: Immediately **call 911**, fire and EMS; Immediately **evacuate** all persons from the building to the manse (1 Holly St) ; Account for all persons known to be on site

After – Provide necessary medical attention

Objectives: Immediately begin to provide first aid; Safely sweep the building



## **WEAPONS SECURITY**

While recognizing the church as a safe and sacred space, our plan also recognizes that our Commonwealth has a concealed carry permit available. One objective of the NMPC plan is to “ensure all permit holders know the Code of Virginia Section 18.2-283.” *If you have a “good and sufficient reason” for carrying, please confidentially inform Rev. Gould.*

Goals: Before – Prevent a weapon incident from occurring

Objectives: Ensure all persons know their evacuation routes; Ensure all concealed gun permit holders are known by the Pastor; Ensure all permit holders know the Code of VA Section 18.2-283

During – Protect all persons and property from injury

Objectives: Immediately call 911 and EMS; Immediately evacuate all persons from the building to the manse (1 Holly St); Account for all persons known to be on site

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**Code of Virginia, Section 18.2-283:** Places off-limits when carrying: “To a place of worship while a meeting for religious purposes is being held at such place, without good and sufficient reason.”



**WORKDAY SUCCESS**-Thank you to all the volunteers who help keep our churches and manse looking good! We see you and your hard work even if you don't see us, your work makes a big difference!

## **JUNE in PICTURES**

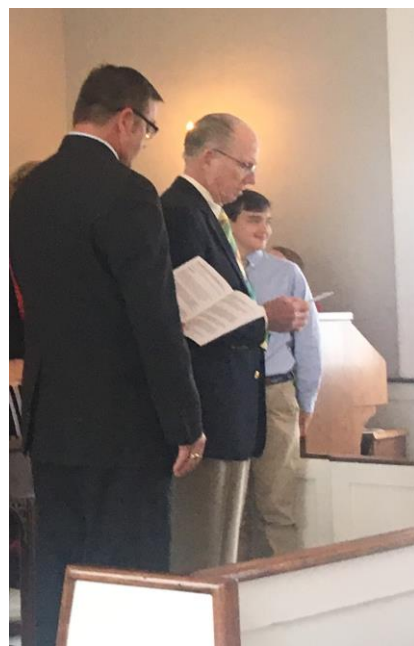


Presentation and blessing of the finished LOVE Quilt project done by the Youth Sunday school with the help of Wilma and Tracey!





Confirmation of Charlie Hughes with Elder Joe Valentine as his sponsor and Elder Paul Hughes introducing him to the congregation. Welcome Charlie as a member of FMPC!



Confirmation at FMPC questions



Charlie & David are active in the life of the church.



Amelia processing with Balloons at NMPC Confirmation day



Victoria & Quinn kneeling for confirmation blessing



Confirmation Day Youth reading liturgy together. Quinn, Matthew, Victoria, Kamryn, Logan, Skylar





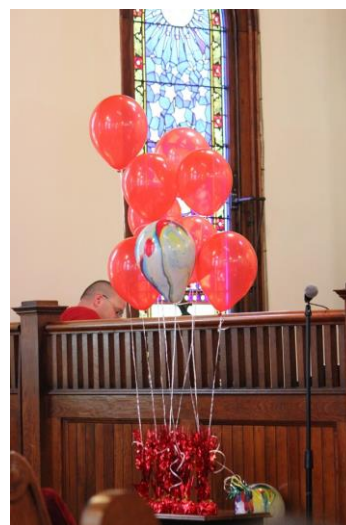
Confirmation Sponsors Elders Rick T, Pam, Linda A, Marshall, & Anne reading part of the liturgy.



Skylar, Logan, Matthew, responding to the questions for confirmation



Kamryn & Victoria with their confirmation gifts and certificates.




Confirmation Theme:

Balloons belong in church



Welcoming

July 2019	July 2019	July 2019	July 2019	July 2019	July 2019	July 2019
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	Wednesday	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3 Ice cream Social 6:30 @ OHS	4 Walking Parade Accomac Happy 4 <sup>th</sup> of July!	5	6
7 Communion NMPC Worship 9:15 FMPC 11 NMPC Adult SS 9:30	8	9	10	11	12 Men's Group meet at NMPC @ 9 am	13
14 Worship 9:15 FMPC 11:00 NMPC Adult SS 9:30	15	16	17	18 Prayer Group 8:30	19	20
21 Worship 9:15 FMPC 11:00 NMPC Adult SS 9:30 Father's Day	22	23 PEVA Assembly	24	25	26	27
28 Worship 9:15 FMPC 11:00 NMPC Adult SS 9:30	29	30	31	August 1	2	3
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### BIBLE QUIZ

At the burning bush, Moses asks God's name. What is God's answer?

- A. The Lord
- B. I AM
- C. The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob
- D. All of the above

Answer: D (See Exodus 3:14-15.)

### BIBLE QUIZ

Which follower of Jesus preached to the crowds after receiving the Holy Spirit on Pentecost?

- A. John
- B. Peter
- C. Mary Magdalene
- D. Paul

Answer: B (See Acts 2:14ff.)

### BIBLE QUIZ

In Luke's account of Jesus calling the first disciples from their work as fishermen to follow him and "fish for people" (NIV), which disciple is not named?

- A. James
- B. John
- C. Simon
- D. Andrew

Answer: D (See Luke 5:1-11.)

**We will be updating our contacts for the fiscal year 2019-2020 all who live near & far, member or friend**

Please **EVERYONE FILL OUT THE FORM** below and email, snail mail, or hand in at church your information

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Class of 2019 Laura Naylor, Jennifer Stapleton, Tracey  
Arvidson Class of 2020 Megan Ames, Rick Turner,  
Marshall Ryon Class of 2021 Anne Barnes, Ron May,  
Linda Arvidson  
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