Glad Tidings

You are the God of miracles and WONDERS! You still demonstrate your AWESOME power. Psalm 77:14

The Living Bible (TLB)

OCTOBER 2019

The Newsletter of

Francis Makemie Presbyterian Church

Established 1708 in Accomac,VA

Naomi Makemie Presbyterian Church

Established in 1883 Onancock, VA

AWE AND WONDER AND "PASSAGES" were the words of the day on Sunday, September 22 at both Francis Makemie and Naomi Makemie Presbyterian Churches. There were lots of tears, hugs, and prayers for safe passage-- and bon voyage was heard in several voices, but none so clearly as by A. J. at the end of the lunch so many of us enjoyed. We gave Monica and Mike a heart-felt send off, in worship, in music, in storytelling.

Monica started her sermon with a shipwreck story from Acts! The point was that God is with us no matter what--I repeat...**NO MATTER WHAT**!

Through the story telling of Sheila Arnold, we all had the opportunity to ponder our personal passages through the "storms" of life and remember how our awesome God was with us in all our individual passages of growing up and learning about life--about gaining wisdom with maturity, and understanding eternal values. And vividly Sheila reminded us that God is a God of humor and laughter!! Thank you, Sheila!

We are anticipating weeks of laughter with all of you, along with blessings too numerous to count. You have already blessed us with your prayers and hospitality, and loving concern for us, for one another, and for our community. We're on a passage of awe and wonder together, yoked by bonds of Christian fellowship and the grace of God.

While we are two land-lubbers, we love the image of all of us in a boat together, like the disciples on the Sea of Galilee in the midst of a storm. Their concerns were great until their jaws dropped open as they watched Jesus come walking to them **ON THE WATER**. He calmed the storm, and calmed their fears. (Mt 14:22-33) We are confident Jesus will lead us in our ministry here on The Shore, as Jesus is leading Monica and Mike on their journey across the waters. Remember, **NO MATTER WHAT!** --In Christ, Pastor Donna and Pastor Steve

I am holding open the Awe And Wonder Devotion Booklet for a few more entries.
If you have not sent me something, please do. I love reading these witnesses to God's awesome presence. You will be inspired! And.... I would dearly love something from our new confirmation members!

CONSIDER DOING A FAMILY STATEMENT OF EXPERIENCING GOD IN YOUR FAMILY ACTIVITIES!
OR.... I FEEL CLOSE TO GOD WHEN.....

THANK YOU IS HARDLY ENOUGH....

To the worship planners, and the worshipers at both churches, to the singers and choir members (of ALL ages!), the music directors, the musicians, the lunch planners, the story teller, the writers of secret notes, the gifts, the cook, the baker, and the candlestick maker -- (oops, sorry, no candlestick makeres...got carried away!), to the table decorators, the room decorators, the ones who helped publicize the event, to those who undergirded the event with prayer...AND ALL WHO ATTENDED THE WORSHIP AND THE MEAL ...

IT WAS A SENDOFF OF AWE AND WONDER PROPORTIONS!! AND IT WAS A LABOR OF LOVE

THANK YOU !!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

OCTOBER	
Charlie Mahler	10-01
George Heinrichs	10-02
Bowdie Arvidson	10-02
Dennis Schirmer	10-04
Joe Boggs	10-04
Kim Penland	10-05
April Thompson Barnes	10-05
Ron May	10-07
Linda Mears	10-19
David Hughes	10-22

OCTOBER is here -- Time to collect CANDY! Last year we stuffed 600 treat bags! Bring candy to church anytime!

HOMEBOUND FRIENDS

Community Senior Living
Elta Green

At Home
Don Broad and Gloria
Kim Penland

At session we discussed encouraging our congregations to support any of our college students with Care Packages and notes of encouragement. At present we have only one! *(But wait a few years and we will have more!!)*
Let's shower Matthew Albertson with Care Pkg. items.
Look for collection boxes at church.

The **CHILI COOK-OFF** was a lot of fun, and yielded $190 for Head Start! A great kick off to our fall programs! There was delicious chili, cornbread, desserts and a good feeling among all diners. The coveted ladle award was won by Pastor Donna with Pepperoni Pizza Chili.

-- Pastor Donna says: "*Thanks, kids* :)"

YOU'RE INVITED!

To a Congregational Retreat

Who? You! ALL who worship with FMC & NMPC --ALL ages!

What? All-expenses paid retreat (meals, lodging) **It's free --YES!**

Where? Kiptopeke State Park

When? Friday, October 25, 2019 (4:00pm check-in)

Saturday, October 26, 2019 (all day)

Sunday, October 27, 2019 (breakfast, 10 am check-out)

Upon check-out depart Kiptopeke and travel to NMPC for a casual-dress/t-shirt Sunday joint worship service with communion at 11:00am to close our retreat experience together. ***There will be no worship service at Francis Makemie this day--all worship and share communion together at NMPC.***

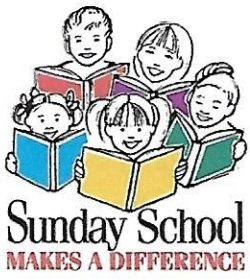
Why? Fellowship and a time to engage as a church community as we explore and celebrate "Passage Making."

Rsvp: By Oct. 11 to confirm attendance/accommodations and your free t-shirt!

Kindly respond to Megan Ames, 757.787.7626 / megan_ames@hotmaiL.com

Please note the number in your party and T-Shirt size(s)

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL



Hey, kids! Remember to bring your Bibles to Sunday school! We will be using them and helping you learn how to find things in them. So far the kids have covered the story of the Creation and as they start learning how to use their Bibles the class will cover Noah, the Ark and the flood.

LUNCH BUNCH

WHERE?

Crossroads Coffee Shop

WHEN?

October 8th @ Noon

SPEAKING OF BIBLES.... When you see one of the kids from Sunday school, ask them about their memory verses!

AND NOW...

Bible Trivia

How did King Saul meet his end?
A. Killed by Philistines
B. Killed by one of his own men
C. Died of old age
D. Committed suicide

Answer: D (See 1 Chronicles 10:4)

When Jesus walked on water, what did the disciples think he was?
A. A tree
B. A demon
C. A ghost
D. A prophet

Answer: C (See Matthew 14:22)

Who was Solomon's mother?
A. Hannah
B. Bathsheba
C. Abigail
D. Elizabeth

Answer: B (See ! Kings 1:11)

What does Jesus' name, Immanuel, mean?
A. God is gracious
B. God with us
C. Strong man
D. Carpenter

Answer: B (See Matthew 1:23)

MISSION MATTERS!

OCTOBER MISSION MATTER

Mission Matter **Neighborhood**
Mission Mega **Operation** Christmas Child (shoe boxes)
Mission Mini **Door** -- The youth will make knob goodie bags for our neighbors during Sunday school on October 20th.
Mission Move to be an intentional good neighbor.

PLEASE CHECK YOUR SUNDAY CHURCH BULLETIN FOR UPDATES

NOVEMBER : **Mission Matter** Supporting -- **Mission Mega** Angel Tree & collection of Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes -- **Mission Mini** set up Angel Tree Nove 17th during Sunday School -- **Mission Move** supporting local business, i.e. ESVA Artisan's Guild Trail & Shop small business local

DECEMBER: **Mission Matter** Giving -- **Mission Mega** Angel Tree & (reverse) Advent Calendar collecting for the food bank -- **Mission Mini** Angel Tree Assembly & Decorating -- **Mission Move** Spend Discretionary Funds

TIME --TALENT--TREASURE

The Bible teaches us to be good stewards of the earth, of our possessions, of our talents, time, and skills...

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." (1 Peter 4:10)

October is our annual Stewardship Campaign kickoff month. This year's theme is Time, Talent, Treasure. Each one of us is a puzzle piece for God's work. What piece of yourself can you use to serve God? How much time can you give to our church? What talent can you share? Be on the lookout each week in the bulletin for stewardship information. And keep your ears open for our Minute for Mission each Sunday in October.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Presbyterian Women will start their fall study on October 7. We will be studying the book of John. **Our study guide is Max Lucado's book *Life Lessons from John.*** For the October meeting, please read the introduction and Lesson 1. After this October meeting I plan to "label the kitchen". If you can stay to help, it would be appreciated!

We meet on the **first Monday of each month at 11:30** in the Makemie Room. Bring a bag lunch; drink and dessert are provided.

November 4 will be our next meeting, and we will study Lesson 2.

We invite all ladies from both churches to join us for our monthly Bible study and fellowship. Or just bring a friend! There is always lively discussion. A brief business meeting follows lunch. I look forward to this study, and invite you all to join us!

Blessings, Pam Nielsen, Moderator
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CHURCH INVESTMENTS COMMITTEE
September 23, 2019

ASSET ALLOCATION
52.88 % EQUITIES --- 39.65% FIXED INCOME ---- 7.47% CASH/MONEY ACCOUNTS

VALUE OF ACCOUNTS (08/31/19)	
NAOMI BUILDING OPERATIONS	**$110,694.54**
NAOMI MISSIONS	**213,654.23**
NAOMI ONE (CASH/MONEY)	**24,383.62**
TOTAL	**$348,732.39**

The next quarterly meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, December 10, 2019, at 10 a.m. The meeting will be held at the church.
Should you wish to make contributions to any of the existing funds or create your own fund in support of church ministries please do not hesitate to call upon me or other members of the committee. Those members are Rick Turner, George Heinrichs and Harry Rush.
Respectfully submitted, Ronald May, Chair

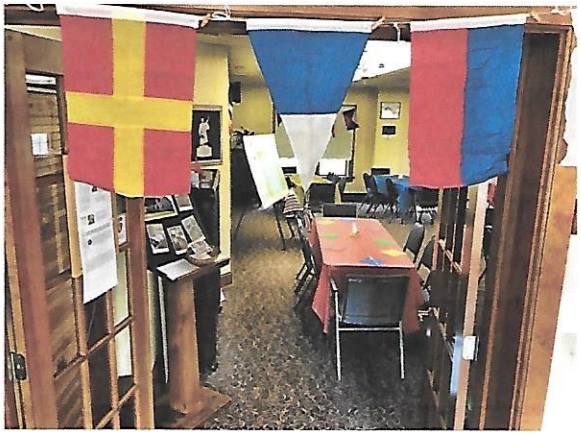
10 AM ON FRIDAYS MEANS CONTEMPLATIVE MOVEMENT @ NMPC

Hello everyone.... Here we are again into the Fall season and our Contemplative Movement program. This year our focus will be on soft and flowing movement, slowly moving into a mind/body state of peace and tranquility. As we practice mindfulness, we will become more peaceful and stress-free. We will be doing some "Yo-Chi" --a blend of Yoga and Chi-Gong --geared for seniors. A gentle and flexible form of stretching. Wear light exercise clothes and be there or be square! Hope to see you there! --Rhudy

SEPTEMBER IN PICTURES

THE SEND OFF

Mike and Monica shared about their upcoming sailing adventure! Awesome!



Fair Winds

Prayer of Basil of Caesarea (c. 329-379

Steer the ship of my life, good Lord, to your quiet harbor, where I can be safe from the storms of sin and conflict. Show me the course I should take. Renew in me the gift of discernment, so that I can always see the right direction in which I should go. And give me the strength and the courage to choose the right course, even when the sea is rough and the waves are high, knowing that through enduring hardship and danger in your name we shall find comfort and peace. Amen

October 2019	October 2019	October 2019	October 2019	October 2019	October 2019	October 2019
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	Wednesday	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Worship SCHEDULE						
		1 National Homemade Cookies Day	2	3 Prayer meeting 8:30 Choir Practice 5:30-7	4 Contemplative Movement 10am NMPC	5
6 Worship 9:15 FMPC 11:00 NMPC Adult SS 9:30	7 PW 11:30	8 Lunch Bunch @ Crossroads Noon	9 National Moldy Cheese Day	10	11 Contemplative Movement 10am NMPC	12 National I Love Yarn Day
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20 Worship 9:15 FMPC 11:00 NMPC Adult SS 9:30	21	22 National Make a Dog's Day Day	23	24 Choir Practice 5:30-7	25 Faith Meets Life Men's Group 9 am Contemplative Movement 10am NMPC Retreat begins at Kiptopeake SP, 4pm	26 Retreat continues...
27 Retreat concludes 10am -- T-shirt Sunday -- @ NMPC 11am --joint worship with communion	28 National Chocolate Day	29 National Cat Day	30	31 HALLOWEEN Pass out treat bags in front of church. Choir Practice 5:30-7	November 1 All Saints Day Contemplative Movement 10am NMPC	2
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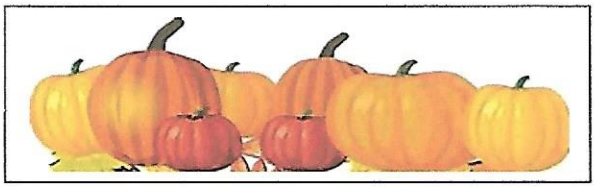

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