

# *GLAD TIDINGS*

The Newsletter of  
***Francis Makemie Presbyterian Church***  
*Accomac, Virginia*  
***Naomi Makemie Presbyterian Church***  
*Onancock, Virginia*

February 2017

PCUSA

**1 John 4:16** *So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.*

Dear friends,

January was a challenging month for the buildings and congregations of Francis & Naomi Makemie Presbyterian Churches.

On Saturday January 7<sup>th</sup>, Eastern Virginia experienced a wallop of a snow storm. It snowed through the night and into Sunday. We cancelled church for January 8<sup>th</sup> due to the 15 inches of snow that fell. Just after I clicked send on the morning email 'snow' devotion, I had a knock on the manse door. Rick Turner had discovered a serious problem at the Naomi church. The heaters had failed and the air in the sanctuary and the rest of the building was filled with a cloud of soot. We shut down the heaters and filled the building with electric heaters due to the forecast of a temperature drop to 10 degrees for Monday. We kept a check on the building through the night. During the week it became clear that the building would not be useable by the next Sunday. The elders of the Francis church were quick to offer the opportunity for a joint service of worship and the elders of Naomi were quick to rejoice in the gift of gathering together in God's name. It was a fabulous service! The Francis church has her own building dilemma with a leaky roof. But, the two churches have resilience, resolve and large hearts.

The Naomi church is deep into the estimates for cleaning, heater repair, organ repair, and other items to bring the building back to full use. Worship will be in the fellowship hall for several weeks. All the programs are back in full swing! We are so grateful to the kindness and love so many have shown during this difficult time.

The Francis church is initiating the capital campaign to 'raise the roof'. This is February, a month where we show our love to our friends and neighbors and loved ones. And we share our love and thanks to you. We thank you for being part of our life as you read this newsletter every month. And we thank you for who you are. Love and blessings to you.

*Monica*

*Rev. Monica Gould*  
*Pastor*

**Naomi Makemie**  
*89 Market St Onancock*

## ***Staff and Elders***

*Music Director-Katie*  
*Klawitter*

*Clerk-Jody Humphreys*

### **Class of 2017**

*Linda Arvidson*

*Jack Humphreys*

*Dick Freeman*

### **Class of 2018**

*Tom Nielsen*

*Anne Barnes*

*George Heinrichs-*  
*Treasurer*

### **Class of 2019**

*Laura Naylor*

*Jennifer Stapleton*

*Tracey Arvidson*

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## **Francis Makemie**

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## ***Staff and Elders***

*Organist and vocalist-Jill*  
*Cathey*

*Cynthia D. Hall-clerk*

*Richard F. Hall III-*  
*treasurer*

*Paul D. Hughes*

*Charles F. Mahler*

*Joseph Valentine*

### **New web address:**

*Francismakemiepc.org*

*Mailing Address-*

*P.O. Box 680*

*Accomac, VA 23301*

## SESSION DIGEST from our clerk at Naomi Makemie

On Saturday, January 14 the Session held its annual training retreat and stated meeting. The opening devotion was based on our call from God as revealed in 1 Corinthians 1:1-9. Tracey Arvidson was granted voice and vote since her ordination was moved to the following day.

### **Elections:**

- Joanne Humphreys will serve as Clerk of Session for 2017.
- George Heinrichs will serve as Treasurer not to exceed 6 months.
- Rick Turner will attend the January 28 meeting of the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia.
- Dick Freeman will serve as Chairman of the Nominations Committee.

### **Nuts and Bolts:**

- Rick Turner reported that new sound engineers will be recruited. Joe's Gang will work on January 17 to clean up after the oil heater malfunction. This will allow activities to resume on January 19 and worship on the 22 nd . It will take the commercial cleaners several weeks to restore the sanctuary.
- The Session is grateful for a gift of a new dishwasher for the manse.
- Joe's Gang is happy to have the participation of anyone needing community service hours.
- Dick Freeman will complete the performance appraisal process on January 19.

### **Mission:**

- Kudos to the Arvidsons for organizing and managing the Christmas Dinner for the G.F. Horne Community.
- The final Helen Bunch Memorial Blood Drive will be February 14.

### **Presence:**

- There was a consensus on using liturgists in place of or in addition to scripture readers in worship.
- Two families will be encouraged to sign up for refreshments on Easter and on the Christmas Program dates.

### **Community:**

- The Shepherd Program welcomes Donna and Steve Doan as the newest Shepherds. New assignments are in draft form.

### **Moderator:**

- Due to the recent snow, communion and the installation and ordination of Ruling Elders was moved to January 15.
- New member reception and the Presby 101 class dates are pending.
- Andy Mason from Francis Makemie PC has volunteered to help with the monthly newsletter production.

### **Clerk:**

- Average attendance for the month of December -- 55.
- Average attendance for the year (43) was up one from the previous year.
- Our active membership is 49.
- The Session will meet 10 times a year.

### **Treasurer:**

- Recruitment for a new financial team will begin immediately.

### **New Business:**

- The 2016 financial audit will be done by Jennifer Stapleton and Susan Grove.
  - George suggested we explore a chimney liner with Karson Forsberg Co.
- The next Stated Meeting of Session will be **Wednesday, February 22 at 4:30 PM** in the Makemie Room.

## RAISE THE ROOF CAMPAIGN



Dear friends of Francis Makemie Presbyterian Church,

Francis Makemie Presbyterian Church is a long standing congregation located in the small town of Accomac Virginia on the corner of Cross St and Back St. The congregation was established in 1837. We are part of the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia and the PCUSA. Our little church is the only church in our denomination to bear

the name of the founder of the Presbyterian Church in These United States.

Francis Makemie was born in Northern Ireland of Scottish parents about 1658 and was ordained in 1682 with the express intention of going to colonial America as an evangelist of the Reformed Faith. A preacher and a champion of religious freedom, he applied an organizing genius for integration for the common good. No matter how long the history of a particular congregation, each Presbyterian church was once a new church development-a mission church-brought to life by Presbyterians working together. Francis Makemie settled in Accomack County, Virginia.

On the grounds of our church, one can see the fine monument that commemorates his ministry.

Presbyterian unity for mission in Christ's name is the living legacy of Francis Makemie.

Our church is an historic building which continues in worship and ministry to this day. Unfortunately, our building has suffered the rigors of harsh weather and is now in immediate need of a new roof and some painting indoors. The roof currently is leaking in the building with each rainstorm. Buckets, towels and other methods are being used to try maintain the interior of the building each time it rains.

It is for this reason we are launching a **Raise the Roof Capital Campaign**. The estimated cost of the project will be \$15,000. We want everyone to have the opportunity to participate in our campaign. So we invite you to join in and help us as we go forward for the secure future of our church.

In our **Raise the Roof Capital Campaign** you can be an honorary shingle owner.

Each purchase offer of \$15 will make you the honorary owner of one shingle and you will receive a certificate of thanks for your donation.

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\_\_\_\_\_ *roof shingle/s of the*  
*Francis Makemie Presbyterian Church,*  
*Accomac, Virginia*

Thank you for your support of the Francis Makemie Presbyterian Church.

Make checks out to Francis Makemie Presbyterian Church and write Raise the roof on the memo line and mail to PO Box 680 Accomac, VA 23301



Remember your church by securing its bright future.

Whether a significant portion of your life has been spent as part of the Francis or the Naomi Makemie Presbyterian Church (F&NMPC) faith community, or you have just recently discovered the congregation and its importance in your life, you probably are thankful.

You also may feel thankful for those who were part of Francis and Naomi Makemie before us and provided for its future.

The churches were founded in 1837 and 1883 and have been an important part of the Accomac and Onancock, Virginia communities.

**Add your legacy to the greater legacy of Francis and Naomi Makemie Presbyterian Churches.**

Making a legacy gift to the Francis and/or Naomi Makemie Presbyterian Churches is the perfect way to express your gratefulness. A legacy gift provides support to these churches beyond the lifetime of the donor.

Whether you think of yourself as rich or poor or somewhere in between, your gift to these communities will make a lasting impression in ways that can't be even fully counted. Legacy gifts can be given during the living years in which the donor has the opportunity to witness how those legacy gifts are used.

There are many avenues for making such a gift, which is always a donation outside of regular tithing or giving to the church to help its daily operations.

People have created an estate plan provision benefiting the Churches, or provided immediate gifts. Provisions can be done through a:

- Will
- Trust
- Insurance policy
- Deeded property
- Retirement plan
- Charitable gift annuity
- Charitable remainder trust
- Verbally and written shared desires with family members-Or other instruments and ways.

The F&NMP Churches will be happy to work with you to determine what legacy gift is right for you and your family.

**So, consider your legacy and your legacy gift.**

You can remember your churches by doing something memorable for Francis & Naomi Makemie PC, and be remembered yourself for your kindness to your congregation far into the future.





## FEBRUARY EVENTS

### *Naomi Makemie's Presbyterian Women*

Our next meeting coming up next **Monday, February 6, 2017 at 11:30** in the Makemie Room. Our book reading for this month will be Chapters 16-18 of *Only Angels Can Wing It*.

Monica will be leading us in a discussion of Scripture text: I Corinthians 14:33-36

What was Paul thinking or saying here? As women in the church how do we interpret this today? Let's get together and look at a new understanding of Paul and his writings. The Silence of wives (women) in the Church! An Opportunity for another lively discussion! Bring a bag lunch (drink & Dessert will be provided). A short business meeting will follow lunch.

See you then!

Blessings, Pam

### HELEN BUNCH MEMORIAL BLOOD DRIVE

On **Tuesday, February 14 th (Valentine's Day,)** the NMPC will host the final blood drive for those who give the gift of life. The American Red Cross loves to come to our church because of the smiling, friendly people and the great cookies. Future blood drives will be held at the new hospital.

To register to donate blood, go to **redcrossblood.org**. Appointments are available from 2-7 PM and the Sponsor Code is **NMPC**. Alternatively, you can **call Jody Humphreys at 678-5308**. Feel free to leave a message on the answering machine and we'll get back to you. Many thanks for giving to others!



You're invited to  
Lunch Bunch!



Join the LUNCH BUNCH on **Monday February 13 at the SAGE DINER at 12:15**. Join Addy and Rhudy and a chance to get to know each other better. Remember to call someone and offer them a ride.

**"Faith Meets Life"** men's group will gather together on Friday February 24th at 9 a.m. When you get a chance please take a look at Exodus 24:12-18, Psalm 2, 2Peter 1:16-21, and Matthew 17:1-9. All men of both churches are invited. Grace and Peace, Howard



## FEBRUARY EVENTS cont'



### **The Brass Group**

Debbie, Ed, Sarah and Conrad will continue to provide special music during worship throughout the next several months. Their music has brought a new sound to enrich worship. We thank them for their time and energy to serve. Look for them at NMPC on Feb 26.

### **YOUTH CHOIR set to resume under the esteem direction of Ed Satterfield!**

Using his musical skills with guitar and a lifetime raised singing songs and hymns in the church, Ed is ready to lead the youth and children! He has some great songs to share and is looking for all ages of youth to join him after church.

#### **Practice schedule:**

Feb 26 12:00 at NMPC

March 5 12:00 at NMPC

#### **Singing schedule:**

March 12 at NMPC 11:00



### **FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

Rick Turner	2-7
Janet Booth Scott	2-9
Jennifer Stapleton	2-10
Herman Floyd	2-17
Logan Stapleton	2-21
Meg Adams	2-22
Spencer Schuyler	2-23
Matthew Albertson	2-24

Did we miss anyone?  
Please, Let us know!



## LOOKING AHEAD to MARCH

**Theme for Lent-At the Crossroads.** Many of those involved in the story of the Passion of Christ came to a crossroads and had to decide which way to go. The stories of each of these experiences at various crossroads helps us to know what to do and what not to do when we encounter similar crossroads in our own lives. Isaiah 30:21 "Whether you turn to the right or to the left, you will hear a voice behind you saying, 'This is the Way, walk in it.'"

**Ash Wednesday is Wednesday March 1<sup>st</sup>** A service of worship will be held at 7pm at NMPC Please remember this is a service of worship for both congregations and for the community.



Rev. Dr. Don Broad & Stated Clerk Elder John Tamm presenting certificate recognizing 65 years of ordination. Congratulations Don!



Rev. Dr. Gene Soud recognized for 55 years of ordination!



Rev. Bill Moore recognized for 25 years of ordination!



Master naturalists Jack and Jody Humphreys made news during one of their led Fisherman Island tours. They stumbled across a loggerhead turtle and discovered it was barely alive. Thanks to their quick thinking the people from the Virginia Aquarium came and brought the turtle back to the aquarium for care. Thank you Jack & Jody for your care and concern for the environment!

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### Visitors to Fisherman Island Become Part of Turtle Rescue Effort

By Max Lonsanda  
*Special to the Eastern Shore Post*

Cold and wind threatened to dampen the spirits of 17 visitors on a scheduled Christmas Eve tour to Fisherman Island in the Eastern Shore Wildlife Refuge. As volunteers Bob Tener and Jack and Jody Humphreys led the tour down the trail towards the beach, and within about 80 feet of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel, the experience took an extraordinary turn when visitors stumbled on a large loggerhead sea turtle.

Upon first locating the turtle and dragging it out of the surf, it was thought to be deceased. Tener tapped the turtle's head, and to their surprise, it squinted its eyes and moved its head. It was then that they realized that the turtle was clinging to life. The volunteers quickly alerted on-duty Park Ranger Max Lonsanda. The Virginia Aquarium's Stranding Response team was contacted to coordinate its pick up.

While waiting for the stranding team to arrive, and under the close guidance of the stranding team, the turtle was picked up and placed in a waiting U.S. Fish and Wildlife Vehicle. Upon closer inspection, it was found that the turtle's carapace, or shell, was heavily encrusted with barnacles and sand. Once the turtle realized it was out of the rain and cold surf, it started to move around.

Northampton County is no stranger to stranded sea turtles. In fact, according to the Marine Mammal and Sea Turtle Response Report published in 2013 by the Virginia Aquarium and Marine Science Center, the county accounted for the majority of sea turtle strandings in 2013. According to the report, most strandings occurred in the lower Chesapeake Bay area. Fisherman Island in Northampton County is the southernmost tip of the Delmarva Peninsula, hence where the majority of strandings were located.

Sadly, according to the report, the vast majority of loggerhead Sea Turtles that were located by the stranding team in 2012 were deceased. This is an unfortunate statistic for the loggerhead sea turtle, which is currently listed as an endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973. It remains endangered to this day.

Members of the stranding team arrived within 15 minutes of the call being placed and quickly transferred the loggerhead sea turtle to a crate. Some vital signs were taken, and it was noted that the turtle's temperature had dropped to a critical 47 degrees, its breathing was labored and water could be heard in its lungs. This was not a good sign, and stranding team members quickly transported the turtle off from Fisherman Island to its facility in Virginia Beach where it would be warmed up slowly, rehabilitated and hopefully released back to the Chesapeake Bay. At the conclusion of the rescue, visitors praised the quick response of volunteers, refuge staff and the Virginia Aquarium's Stranding Response Team.

At last report from the Virginia Aquarium, the turtle's shell had been cleaned and was found to be undamaged. It was moved to a larger tank where it was beginning to dine on jelly fish. It will be held there until the water warms and it can be released back into the lower Chesapeake Bay.

Max Lonsanda is the visitor services park ranger at the Eastern Shore of Virginia National Wildlife Refuge, part of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service near Riptopoke.



Submitted Photos

A Christmas Eve tour of Fisherman Island in the Eastern Shore Wildlife Refuge turned into a rescue mission for a loggerhead turtle. The turtle was discovered on the beach (above) and quickly relocated into a van (below) to await the Virginia Beach Aquarium Stranding Response Team. Once the stranding team arrived, the turtle was loaded into a crate (bottom left) and taken to a facility in Virginia Beach for treatment and rehabilitation.



## JANUARY MOMENTS IN PICTURES



The 2017 Snow Storm-a blizzard with 35 mph winds & 15" snow



Choir singing



JOINT WORSHIP  
Francis & Naomi  
Makemie  
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Churches @ FMPC  
January 15, 2017







Installation of elders Jennifer Stapleton, Laura Chuquin-Naylor and ordination of Tracey Arvidson

## The Church Calendar of Events at Naomi Makemie PC in

*February*

*Please mark your calendar*

- *Adult Church School starts at 9:30 every Sunday*
- *NMPC Church Service 11:00 every Sunday*
- *Children's Church School 11:15 2-5<sup>th</sup> Sundays*
- *Children's music Program Feb 26 12:00*
- *Adult choir practice every Thursday 5:30 pm*
- *Senior Exercise Fridays at 10 am*
- *Prayer Group 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 9:00 am*
- *PLB Lunch Bunch Feb 13 @ Sage Diner 12:15*
- *Joe's Gang Tuesday 2/14 at 9 am*
- *Faith Meets Life Men's Group February 24 9:00 am*
- *BLOOD DRIVE Feb 14 2-7 pm*

## Worship Moments

**Sunday Worship Times**

**Francis Makemie PC in**

**Accomac 9:15 am**

**Naomi Makemie PC in**

**Onancock 11:00 am**

### February 5

Scripture: Isaiah 58:1-11;

Matthew 5:13-20

"More Salt, Please!"

Communion @NMPC

### February 12

Scripture: Psalm 119:33-40;

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

"God First, Us Second!"

### February 19

Scripture: Psalm 119:33-40;

1 Corinthians 3:10-11;16-23

"We are God's Building!"

### February 26

Scripture: Psalm 99;

Matthew 17:1-9

"Jesus, Shine in Us"

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PO Box 397  
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Address Correction Requested for  
The 2017 church directory.

TO:

Happy Valentine's Day

I love you for a lifetime  
Not only for a day  
I love you for who you are  
Not what you do or say

