

# GLAD TIDINGS

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

APRIL 2017

PCUSA

At the beginning of each worship service I have been sharing a 'State of the Sanctuary' message. So, at the beginning of this newsletter I would like to offer good news. The buildings are both progressing towards a resolution of their situations. You can find more detailed information...on page 6&7.

We started our Lenten journey on March 1<sup>st</sup> with Ash Wednesday. In this month, we will complete the journey as we arrive at Easter on April 16. We do hope you will join us during this season. And to those who cannot, we extend to you warm greetings for a Holy Lent and a Joyous Easter.

Look for information about these **special dates** as you read through this month's newsletter:

- Fifth Sunday in Lent, April 2, 2017
- Palm/Passion Sunday, April 9, 2017
- Holy Week, April 9-15, 2017
- Maundy Thursday, April 13, 2017
- Good Friday, April 14, 2017
- Easter Sunday, April 16, 2017

I share with you a reflection from the ecumenical Lent service at Gaskins AME Church: [Lent is a Time to Grow Closer to Jesus](#)

Focus on gratitude~give up complaining

Think kind thoughts~give up judgments

Be hopeful~give up discouragement

Turn to forgiveness~give up bitterness

Return good for evil~give up anger

Control your tongue~give up gossiping

Be optimistic~give up pessimism

Enjoy the beauty that is around you~give up gloom

Pray for trust~give up jealousy

Hang in there~give up giving up

Peace, *Monica*

Rev. Monica Gould  
Pastor

**Naomi Makemie**

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Treasurer

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Tracey Arvidson

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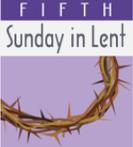
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# APRIL EVENTS

Here is a **quick glance calendar**. Please pay attention to the events marked. Read through the rest of the newsletter for the details. It is a month filled with wonderful opportunities for worship, growth, and service. Print and post this page on your fridge. ☺ Also, check out all the other non-calendar info, such as birthdays and pictures. ☺ ☺ The Sunday morning schedule each week is unless noted otherwise:

**Worship @ FMPC 9:15 and NMPC Sunday Schedule: Adult Sunday school 9:30; Worship 11; Youth SS 11:15**

APRIL 2017	MONDAY	TUESDAY	Wednesday	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
 <p><b>FIFTH</b> Sunday in Lent</p> <p><i>Youth SS 11:15</i> no communion</p>	<p><b>Presbyterian Women</b> 11:30-1</p>		<p>5<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Lent service @ Metropolitan 12N</p>	<p>Prayer mtg 9</p> <p>Choir 5:30-7 NMPC</p>	<p>exercise 10am NMPC</p>	
Holy Week	Holy Monday	Holy Tuesday	Holy Wednesday	Maundy Thursday	Good Friday	Easter Vigil
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
 <p><b>PALM</b> Sunday</p>	<p>Labyrinth Open 9-12 @ NMPC</p> <p>Lunch Bunch 12:15 Kendall Kountry Kitchen</p>	<p>Labyrinth Open 9-12</p> <p>Movie: <u>Babette's Feast</u> 1pm &amp; 7pm sign up requested.</p>	<p>Lent Ecumenical service @ Holy Trinity Baptist Church 12N w/ bag lunch</p>	<p>Labyrinth Open 9-12</p> <p>Maundy Thursday @NMPC <u>Supper 6</u> <u>Worship 7</u></p>	 <p><b>GOOD</b> Friday</p> <p>Ecumenical Good Friday Service 12N at Gaskins AME</p>	
16 EASTER! Communion both churches	17	18	19	20	21	22
 <p><i>Easter</i> No youth SS</p>		<p>Joe's Boys-Building &amp; Grounds NMPC work @ 9am</p>	<p>FMPC session mtg 5:45pm</p>	 <p>Prayer mtg 9</p> <p>1-3pm Choir 5:30-7 NMPC</p>	<p>exercise 10am NMPC</p> <p>Music Song Fest 7pm @NMPC</p>	 <p><b>Earth Day</b></p>
23 Earth Day Celebration in worship	24	25	26	27	28	29
		<p>PEVA Mtg Stop Hunger Now Mission Work. 1pm</p>	<p><i>NMPC Session mtg 4:30 pm</i></p>	<p>Choir 5:30-7 NMPC</p>	<p>Men's Group @ NMPC 9am exercise 10am NMPC</p>	
30 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of month	MAY 1	2				

Non-church related activities include: Madrigal Singers April 2 3pm

Literacy Council Spell Rite Friday April 7 @ Country Club

Earth Day event with Conservation Group April 22 Garden Club Tour April 29 FMPC will be open

## APRIL EVENTS details

### *Naomi Makemie's Presbyterian Women*

Our next Presbyterian Women's meeting is

**Monday, April 3 at 11:30 am.**

Our Study: Resurrection: Jesus rose-do we and if so how?

Reading for Preparation: Matthew 6 The subject is prayer. What constitutes a closet into which we should go to pray? If God knows what we are about to ask before the words appear on our lips, can we then think our prayers? Do we have to use words? What about when we can't find the words because of the crisis we are in? And finally what's this business of forgiving our debtors? If we don't are all our prayers null and void? What is unconditional love?

Our reading for this meeting is Chapters 22-24 of our book Only Angels Can Wing It.

We need to talk about a new book for our study starting Sept. 2017. Please bring ideas!!



## **Ecumenical Lenten Services 2017**

**Worship services are @ 12:00**

**Bring a bag lunch.**

**Host churches will be providing drinks and dessert.**

**Week 5. Metropolitan UMC**

**Preacher Rev. Brandon McAfee**

**Wednesday April 5 2017**

21445 Bayside Rd Onancock VA 23417

Phone: (757) 787-8373

**Week 6. Holy Trinity Baptist Church**

**Preacher Rev. Bill Greer**

**Wednesday April 12 2017**

14191 Trinity Lane, Painter, VA 23420 If using a GPS it will show Pungateauge

**You're invited to  
Lunch Bunch!**



Join the LUNCH BUNCH on  
**Monday April 10 at the  
Kendall's Kountry Kitchen at  
12:15**, in Four Corners Plaza, 25254  
Lankford Hwy, Onley, VA 23418  
Join Addy and Rhudy and a  
chance to get to know each other  
better.

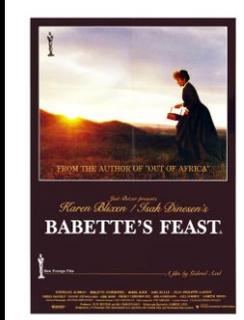
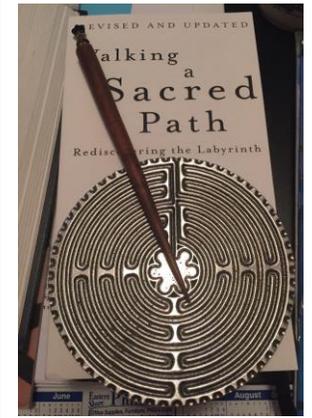
Remember to call someone and  
offer them a ride.

## HOLY WEEK EVENT details



### HOLY WEEK REFLECTION

Monday through Wednesday of Holy Week the Fellowship Hall at NMPC will be open from 9-12 for quiet reflection for anyone who would like to walk the labyrinth (there will be an indoor one). There will also be small labyrinths you can walk with your fingers or a stylus. There will be Mandalas to color, devotionals to read and quiet music playing.



**Babette's Feast is a Danish Film with English subtitles.** In a remote 19th-century Danish village, two sisters lead a rigid life centered around their father, the local minister, and their church. Both had opportunities to leave the village: one could have married a young army officer and the other, a French opera singer. Their father objected in each case, and they spent their lives caring for him. Many years later - their father is now deceased - they take in French refugee, Babette Hersant, who agrees to work as their servant. After winning the lottery, Babette wants to repay the sisters for their kindness and offers to cook a French meal for them and their friends on the 100th anniversary of their father's birth. It proves to be an eye-opening experience for everyone.

**Movie showing at NMPC Tuesday April 11 @1pm &7pm sign up requested.**

**On Maundy Thursday, a Meal will be served before the Maundy Thursday worship service during the meal we will have centers arranged to experience walking through Jesus' last days.**

**This hands-on experience is open to families with children and can prepare them for their first Maundy Thursday worship. Join us for the meal at 6pm and then stay for worship at 7. The evening ends at 8.**



**The LAST SUPPER** Maundy Thursday Worship begins at 7pm@NMPC with Communion Choir will sing

**GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP** at GASKINS AME at 12Noon. 7 pastors will be preaching on the 7 last words of Jesus. Come to this ecumenical time of worship



## When we can't find Easter

Easter is the most joyous Christian holy day ... except when it's not. What do we do when our mood isn't what we think it "should" be? The kids are sugared up, we're juggling family gatherings (and conflicts), everyday challenges remain, and festive hymns — however rousing — fail to lift our spirits. We wonder, "What's wrong with me, that I can't seem to find Easter?"

Jesus' resurrection doesn't scoop us out of our troubles, but the death-defying Christ walks through them beside us, on our own Emmaus road (Luke 24). We aren't alone. When we can't find Easter, Easter somehow finds us — if not on this designated Sunday, perhaps two days from now, or next week or mid-May. Watch for it; keep your heart open. Christ is risen indeed — and you shall be too.

—Heidi Mann

## APRIL EVENTS details continued



Join in worship on Palm Sunday  
FMPC @ 9:15 & NMPC @ 11



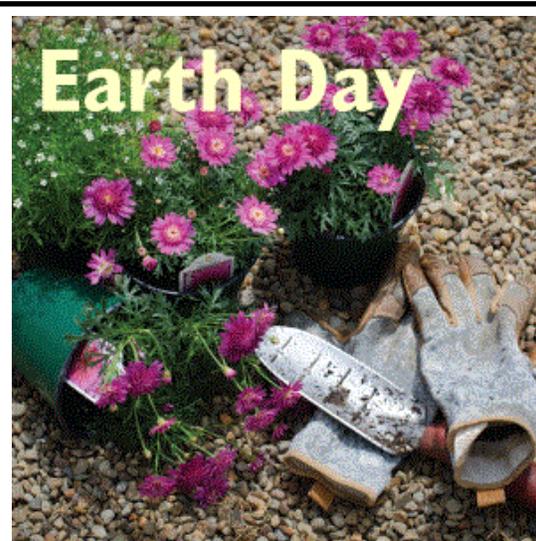
Join in worship on  
EASTER Sunday  
FMPC @ 9:15 &  
NMPC @ 11



Join in Egg Hunt at  
FMPC after worship on  
Easter Sunday



**Ed Satterfield** will again bring music to our ears with another song fest on **Friday April 21 at 7pm this time at NMPC**. We'll also make ice cream sundaes.



We will celebrate Earth Day in church on April 23<sup>rd</sup>

Join the Building and Grounds team called **Joe's Boys/Gang** as they meet once a month to do odd jobs around the church. Call Rick Turner 787-2797 and let him know you'll join him **Tuesday April 18 at 9am**.

## Children's Choir

*Practice: Sundays at end of  
Sunday school at NMPC  
Director: Ed Satterfield*

**"Faith Meets Life"** men's  
group will gather together  
on Friday **April 28 at 9 a.m.**  
Grace and Peace, Howard

**One Great Hour of Sharing** is a Christian effort to empower, provide water, supply food, and give relief from disasters. NMPC participates in this offering each Easter season. Be looking for envelopes in your church bulletins.



**Water Projects:** We currently have projects in over 20 countries.

**Hunger Relief:** See how we are feeding the hungry all over the world.

**Disaster Relief:** Not just immediate responses, but long-term commitment.

**Empowerment:** Helping men and women provide for their families.



**PEVA** Presbytery of Eastern Virginia has provided a grant of \$5000 to the **Francis Makemie Presbyterian Church** in support of our Raise the Roof Campaign. We truly appreciate the presbytery's support. Work will begin on the roof Monday April 3<sup>rd</sup>!!

**Eastern Shore Literacy Council** honored Cynthia D. Hall as Individual Donor of the Year

And they honored Naomi Makemie Presbyterian Church as the Civic & Organizational Sponsor of the year. Kudos for being mentioned in honor and for all you do for the community.



Meet new member @NMPC Ed Satterfield



Spring did come to the Eastern Shore.  
Photo credit George Heinrichs

**Kudos to the B&G gentlemen** for their faithful work. Here is the NMPC progress report

The church furnace is truly repaired after several misfires over the past month. Appraisals for the cleaning of the stained glass windows has been secured as well as for the scaffolding. Also estimates for the replacement of the air conditioning units have also been secured. The location for the new units is being determined. And work will begin in a few weeks. Once begun the work will only last two to three weeks and we will be able to return to the sanctuary for worship.

## LOOKING AHEAD



Bring all your items to the NMPC church now as we prepare for the annual Onancock Town event. Also volunteer to help. 😊

Tracey Arvidson	04-05
Cynthia Hall	04-07
Rhudy Naylor	04-10
Laura Lucas	04-15
Gloria Miller	04-18
Brooklyn Colona	04-28
Carrie Fluharty	04-29
Jo Penland	04-30

A belated Happy Birthday to **Becky Lock** on March 16 and birthday correction for Brandon Stapleton March 31 not 21.



### Lacquered with love

Japanese artisans practice a 500-year-old Japanese art called *kintsugi*, or “golden joinery,” to reassemble broken pieces of pottery using a lacquer mixed with gold, silver or platinum. The premise is that brokenness doesn’t render something useless or ugly. Indeed, another Japanese term, *wabi-sabi*, means “to find beauty in broken or old things.”

We come to Jesus broken, but he doesn’t discard us. He heals us, though our scars do often remain visible – just as the spear and nail prints remained in his own body when God raised him from death. The Holy Spirit coats our wounds and fractures with the lacquer of divine love, and we become uniquely beautiful, appealing to others so they can find support for their own healing. Our scars tell them they aren’t alone, while the brokenness that’s part of another’s faith journey assures us that we, too, have companionship along the way.



"Hope the choir does some hip-hop for Easter!"

## SESSION DIGEST from our clerk at Naomi Makemie-Jody Humphreys

Rev. Gould's opening devotion encouraged us to enter into Lent as a time to meet God anew. What's empty or what's new green and growing?

### Nuts and Bolts:

- Jack Humphreys reported that renovation on the sanctuary will hopefully start in mid-April. Bids are still needed on the scaffolding and stained glass cleaning. Thornton has been called in to continue the boiler work.

### Mission:

- George Heinrichs will call Vernon Bell re the school supply mission for this year.  
- Tracey Arvidson is working on the One Great Hour of Sharing giving opportunity and incorporating the youth and using bulletin inserts.  
- Presbyterian Women are helping the second grade teachers with specific supplies they need for their classrooms.

### Presence:

- Using youth liturgists has been well received.  
- Thanks were given to all teaching assistants for the youth Sunday School.  
- Prayers were offered for Dave Klawitter, Ed Satterfield and our youth.  
- The ecumenical Lenten services continue on Wednesdays and Francis Makemie will host the brown bag luncheon series on March 29.  
- Communion will be held on Maundy Thursday and Easter. An agape meal and messy church will precede the Maundy Thursday communion.

### Community:

- Susan Grove is updating the website and Monica set up a Facebook Group.  
- Monica will do an update sheet for the church directory and Laura Chuquin Naylor will then issue a new Shepherd's List.  
- An ice cream social will be held in late April, the yard sale will be May 6, the church picnic will follow worship on June 4, and the Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser will be June 16.  
- A Birthday Bash for all will be held once the sanctuary is renovated. The Session agreed to also celebrate the birthdays of all those who are 90+.

### Moderator:

- Monica is grateful for the strength and participation of the congregation.  
- The St. Patrick's Day Parade was a fun intergenerational event from Addie through Victoria.  
- **Prayers continue to find new Treasurers. Can you balance a checkbook? See Monica.**  
- A new series on racism will start near the end of April at FMPC. Nationwide Presbyterians are encouraged to read "Waking Up White."  
- A nutrition group will start meeting at the church on the second Wednesdays from 6-8 PM.  
- Rev. Howard Picard will preach on May 14 while Monica is away.

### Treasurer:

- Jennifer Stapleton and Susan Grove will audit the church books this week.  
- George reminded us that an authorization for payment form needs to be completed before he can disburse any funds.  
Tracey Arvidson was elected Commissioner to the Presbytery meeting on **April 25. Consider joining Tracey, Victoria, Jody and Monica at First Presbyterian Church in Hampton to pack over 10,000 meals in one hour for "Rise Against Hunger." This intergenerational mission** will follow the opening communion service.

The next Stated Meeting of Session will be Wednesday, April 26 at 4:30 PM in the Makemie Room.

# MARCH EVENTS photos

## St Patrick Day Parade the Makemie Marchers



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Address Correction Requested for  
The 2017 church directory.

TO:

We often think of serving in terms of Matthew 25: supplying food and clothing; caring for the sick, incarcerated and other “least of these” members of society – serving Jesus in the process. But we also can serve him with our unique talents and by doing things we love.

For example, Ged King, a barber in England, devotes some of his time off to giving homeless people free haircuts. Imagine Jesus saying, “For my hair was long and scraggly, and you cut it” – or “My heart was lonely, and you played music to lift my spirits. I could no longer read small print, and you read to me. I have to work two jobs, and you invited my child to spend afternoons crafting with you. My car broke down, and you repaired it.” Then the King will say, “Come, you who are blessed by my Father ... *whatever* you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me” (Matthew 25:34, 40, NIV; emphasis added).

