

GLAD TIDINGS

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

MAY 2017

PCUSA

Psalm 116:12-13 *What shall I return to the LORD
for all his goodness to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD.*

I first heard the words of this psalm as a song, it went like this: “*What shall I give unto the Lord for all he’s done for me...I’ll take the gift of salvation...and call, and call upon the name of the Lord.*”

The melody and the chant style of the song stuck with me. It is the song that comes back to me through the years when I feel especially close to God. But, it also comes to me when I feel alone and unsure of what to do to how to respond to situations.

The psalmist exclaims that our greatest gift from God is *to ‘keep it going!’*

In other words, God’s greatest gift is relationship! We are offered relationship with God and our greatest gift from God and to God is to keep up the relationship.

Isn’t that our greatest joy with our family and friends? To keep the relationship going-returning the goodness to each other over and over!

I must say in our churches; this goodness and kindness seems to keep going and going. The roof on our FMPC is complete, interior painting done and the wheelchair ramp moved from the front to the back and is now a secure entrance to the church! We are truly grateful to all those who have donated as well as to our presbytery PEVA for the loan that has allowed for the finishing touches.

The work has finally begun at NMPC with hopes to return to our sanctuary in better shape than it was before. So many have been giving extra time each week to help make worship possible and to keep the doors open.

Thank you for the blessing of your relationships with one another, with God, and with the community. Keep it going!

Peace,
Monica

Rev. Monica Gould
Pastor

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SESSION DIGEST from our clerk at Naomi Makemie-Jody Humphreys

Rev. Gould opened the meeting with devotions and prayer.

Tracey Arvidson reported on the Presbytery meeting on April 25 at First Presbyterian Church in Hampton. Monica's Call to Worship was complimented by the Presbytery Moderator, all had fun packing over 10,000 meals in less than an hour for "Rise Against Hunger," and the Peacemaking Committee gave us a welcome sign which the Session accepted and posted in front of our church. The sign reads "No matter where you are from, we're glad you're our neighbor" in six languages.

Nuts and Bolts:

- Jack Humphreys reported that contracts have been signed with Thornton Air Conditioning and Paul Davis Restoration. They will both begin work on May 1. The air conditioning in the Sunday School and Choir rooms has been cleaned and is now operational. The hope is that all will be completed by the end of May. The estimated cost is \$150,000+.

- **Joe's Boys will have a workday on Saturday, May 13.**

Mission:

- George Heinrichs will call Vernon Bell re the school supply mission.
- Tracey Arvidson is working with the youth to select a "One Great Hour of Sharing" project to support that will not exceed \$500.
- **Vacation Bible School will be July 31- August 4.**
- G.F. Horne is being closed and clients are being relocated.
- Mission funds of \$100 were sent to Broadwater Academy to meet a need, to expand our community outreach and support our youth.

Presence:

- The youth liturgists are a big hit and we will encourage them to use their playground voices.
- A July youth led worship service was approved.
- One goal of Christian Education is to get young people to verbally express their faith.

Community:

- Pricing and organizing the yard sale materials will occur on May 4. **Set up staff are needed at 7 AM on May 6 and sales staff is needed from 8 AM – 1 PM. Call Linda or Rick for help with your items before Thursday.**
- The picnic for both churches will follow worship on June 4 at the manse. Chicken will be provided so please bring sides. In case of rain, the picnic will move to the Makemie Room.
- The Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser will be June 16 and will benefit the FMPC roof restoration. We are hoping for a large turnout from the Tour de Shore bikers.
- The Facebook group is doing a great job posting pictures, announcements and prayer needs.

Moderator:

- Monica commended us on our faithfulness during this building disruption. Kudos were expressed for all those who efficiently set up and tear down the chairs and tables for each activity including worship.
- We covered joys like the Lenten Lunch series, the Spell Right competition and Ed Satterfield's new job. We also raised concerns for those homebound and caring for others.
- *Prayers continue to find new Treasurers. Can you count cash, make out a deposit slip, pay bills or balance a checkbook? See Monica. (Our deadline for new treasurer is JUNE.)*
- Rev. Howard Picard will preach on May 14 while Monica is away. Monica will be gone from May 10-20.

Old Business:

- The church books have been audited.
- A motion was approved to let all members have voice but not vote at Session meetings.

NMPC, Inc.:

- Excess Belote mission funds will be reinvested and we will keep \$12,000 in cash to cover the budgeted mission goals.

The next Stated Meeting of Session will be Wednesday, May 24 at 4:30 PM in the Makemie Room.

SESSION SUMMARY from our clerk at Francis Makemie-Cynthia Hall

A **stated session meeting** of Francis Makemie Presbyterian Church of Accomac, Virginia, was held at church **5:45 pm April 19, 2017**. The following members, constituting a quorum, were present: Joe Valentine, Rick Hall, Charlie Mahler, Cynthia Hall, Clerk, and Rev. Monica Gould, Moderator. Excused: Paul Hughes

Rev. Gould opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes: Minutes of the February 23, 2017, meeting were approved as corrected.

Pastor's Report: Rev. Gould reported the following:

Easter Sunday service attendance was 42.

Rev. Gould asked for articles and ideas for the newsletter.

At next week's Presbytery meeting, an hour will be dedicated to pack food for the Rise Against Hunger

A wedding will be held at FMPC June 2, 2017. Belle Fear's grandson and Barbara Haynes' son Matthew will marry Meredith Brebner.

Participation in the July 4 parade in Accomac was discussed.

The group of brass players would like to return to FMPC to play.

Ed Satterfield held a hymn sing at FMPC March 17.

Treasurer's Report: see attached report

Rick reported that \$6255 has been received to date for the Raise the Roof campaign.

Gary Ewell plans to move the sanctuary from Daughtery PC in late spring.

The fence work is complete for a total of \$19,099. 00. The contractor added 2 more sections than originally quoted.

Rick is preparing application for a fall deadline to Synod for a \$5000 grant to help with the roof expenses.

He will contact Presbytery for the \$5000 loan previously offered, with the expectation of the grant from Synod being approved and we can repay the loan. (note: a \$10,000 loan check from PEVA was received just days after this meeting.)

New Business:

Joe reported that the organ "check up" cost 99.00 and the technician suggested \$600 more repairs. The consensus was to repair the tweeter and pedals at this time.

Moving the ramp from the front to the back of the church was discussed.

A sign up will be prepared for garden tour day docents, communion prep, and Sunday service refreshments and flowers.

A book study/film study about race relations is planned for late spring .

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Cynthia D. Hall
Clerk of Session

"Faith is like wi-fi: It's invisible, but it has the power to connect you to what you need."

—Unknown



Scaffolding in place and ready for the new roof

NUTS & BOLTS REPORT-NEWS FROM THE NMPC BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

From chair Jack Humphreys

After almost four months of working to get insurance company approval for clean-up and repairs of the smoke damage to the church we have signed contracts with Thornton services for all the air conditioning work and with Paul Davis Restoration for all the clean-up. Rick Turner and I have met with representatives of four companies while estimates of costs have gone from \$19,000, to \$65,000, to \$150,000 plus. Work is scheduled to begin May 1st, and hopefully will be completed before the end of May. We anticipate only minor additional disruption to church activities.

MAY EVENTS details

Special dates

- National Day of Prayer, May 4, 2017
- Mother's Day, May 14, 2017
- Armed Forces Day, May 20, 2017
- Ascension, May 25, 2017
- Memorial Day, May 29, 2017

Naomi Makemie's Presbyterian Women

meeting is **Monday, May 1st at 11:30 am. AT THE MANSE 1 HOLLY ST**

Reading for Preparation: Matthew 6 The subject is prayer. 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 25&26 of our book Only Angels Can Wing It.

We have a new book 'Boundaries' for our study starting Sept. 2017. Linda will be presenting our Birthday Offering ceremony. Bring a bag lunch; dessert & drinks are provided.



Saturday May 6, Yard Sale 8-12

Thank you for the wonderful items donated to the yard sale.

Help is needed the day of the sale. Please arrive at 7 am to help set up the tables and items.

Pricing of items will take place on
Thursday May 4 beginning at 5:30
pm

SPECIAL SATURDAY @ NMCP WORKDAY

**INVITATION FOR ALL TO COME MAY 13 and join
Joe's Boys and the fun of serving the church.**

You're invited to
Lunch Bunch!



Join the LUNCH
BUNCH on
Tuesday May 9
at the Blarney
Stone at 12:15,
Remember to call
someone and
offer them a ride.

MUSIC SINGING MAY
12 @ 7PM with Ed
Satterfield
Come join together for
another fun night of
singing and ice cream
sundae building

"Do not be afraid of tomorrow, for God is already there."
—Unknown

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A taste of God's love

In *Lost in Wonder, Love and Praise* (Abingdon Press), John Killinger describes a mother's love — and how it offers a tiny foretaste of God's love:

"It is stronger than steel, softer than down and more resilient than a green sapling on the hillside. It closes wounds, melts disappointments and enables the weakest child to stand tall and straight in the fields of adversity. I believe that this love, even at its best, is only a shadow of the love of God, a dark reflection of all that we can expect of him, both in this life and the next."



Restoring the balance

In *Springs in the Valley* (Zondervan), pioneer missionary Lettie Cowman tells of a traveler making a trek through an African jungle. Native tribesmen who helped carry loads walked rapidly on day one, covering a great distance. Yet the next morning they refused to move. When the frustrated traveler asked the tribesmen why they were just sitting, they said they'd gone too fast on the first day and **"were now waiting for their souls to catch up to their bodies."**

Cowman writes, "This whirling rushing life which so many of us live does for us what that march did for those tribesmen. The difference: They knew they needed to restore life's balance; too often we do not."

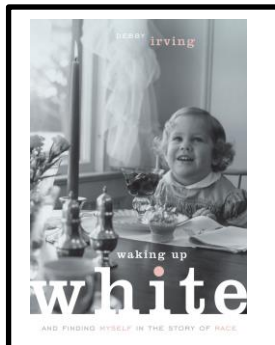
God promises rest for our soul *and* body, so don't overlook the importance of physical restoration. Only by taking time to recharge can you be an effective laborer in God's kingdom.



"Mom — you deserve a
raise for raising me."

LOOKING AHEAD VBS
MISSION MADNESS
DATES JULY 31 -
AUGUST 4

PROGRAM for 4yo to 7th grade



FRANCIS MAKEMIE PC
HOSTS ANOTHER RACISM CONVERSATION
WEDNESDAY MAY 24 AT 12noon

'WAKING UP WHITE' is the book for discussion.

It can be ordered from Amazon paperback \$14.56 or Kindle \$8.69

We will use curriculum written by the co-moderators of the PCUSA <http://www.pcusa.org/resource/waking-white-and-finding-myself-story-race-study-g/>

Please plan to attend. Contact Monica G for any questions or further details. We are excited about another opportunity for the community to gather.

Ever-evolving, ever-loved hymn

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save," often known simply as "The Navy Hymn," dates back to 1860, when William Whiting wrote it for a student of his about to travel by ship from England to America.

Original verses testified to the protection of God the Father, Christ, the Holy Spirit and the Trinity. In 1940, the U.S. Episcopal Church rewrote the hymn to include travel on land and in the air. Many verses have been written since: for Navy SEALs, submariners, astronauts, military families, ship dedications and more.

The following verse, intended for Memorial Day, may be used with the credit line below:

We thank you, God, for loved ones dear
 Who clung to faith beyond their fear,
 Who served and paid the highest price
 For freedom bought with sacrifice.
 May they remind us of your Son
 Whose death our final freedom won.
 —Heidi L. Mann, 2012



**MEMORIAL
DAY MAY 29**

Stella Crockett Scott Bosworth
October 2, 1922 - March 9, 2017

Stella Crockett Scott Bosworth, widow of Elam Withrow "Tom" Bosworth, MD, departed this life on March 9, 2017 at age 94 years. She was born to the late David Ewell Scott and Miriam Belote Scott on October 2, 1922, in the Eastern Shore of Virginia. She grew up on that peninsula in the town of Onancock and was May Queen in her year of graduation at Onancock High School.

More about Mrs. Bosworth can be found on dignitymemorial.com

Stella and her family were most faithful members during their years at Naomi Makemie. They gave so much of their time and service for God. We are grateful to those who have contributed to the church in her memory.



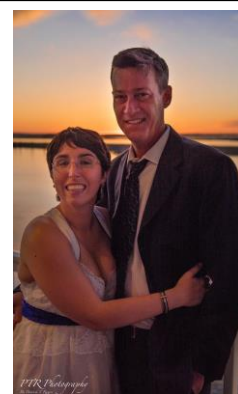


Gloria Santecrose-Broad 96th birthday in March

Gloria Miller turned 93 in April and enjoyed the cards she received



Ruth Speers 94th Birthday in April

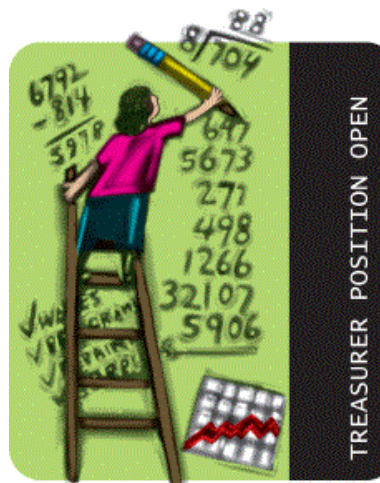


Congratulations Sarah & Randy on your wedding blessing day April 8! We are so glad to have you as part of our church as you share your gifts with us. Love the trumpet too.



The events of APRIL were many! Most pictures of the events can be found on Facebook pages of our members and on the Francis Makemie PC website, AND on the new Naomi Makemie PC Facebook group-search the group in your FB groups and request to join-you'll be able to keep up with 'real time' pictures of things at NMPC.

Church Treasurer for NMPC needed this month. The deadline for a new treasurer is June. You do not need to be a member to apply for this volunteer position. If you are interested in this job and the details surrounding it. Contact Monica G



Danielle Colona	05-05
Yvonne Isdell	05-07
Rick Arvidson	05-08
Julia Schuyler	05-09
Skylar Stapleton	05-13
Paul Hughes	05-12
Andy Mason	05-17
Katie Klawitter	05-19
June Soud	05-21
AJ Nielsen	05-21
Pat Stevens	05-30

APRIL HAPPENINGS IN PICTURES



This fine ecumenical group of pastors hosted and preached together throughout the season of Lent. Good Friday service was at Gaskins AME where 7 pastors preached the 7 last words of Christ.

Rev Berkley Ford, Rev. Monica Gould, Rev Brandon McAfee, Rev. Herbert Gibbs, Rev. Bill Greer, and Rev. Willie Justis.



Palm Sunday at NMPC



Carter, Chris, and Quinn Ames



Annual Easter Egg Hunt at FMPC on EASTER SUNDAY



Bethany on Easter Sunday w/ all the family at FMPC

Everyone enjoys the
flowered cross at Easter at
NMPC



Charlie and David take up the
offering



Earth Day Blessing of the animals at
FMPC



And the Gecko came for his
blessing too. He was really cool!



Earth Day at NMPC the Youth have been active
in liturgy. Thank you to Laura for all the
animals (rabbits & chicks) and to Jack & Jody
Humphreys for the fantastic Earth Day skit!



Elder Commissioner Tracey Arvidson Clerk Jody
Humphreys at PEVA assembly meeting preparing to
pack 10,000 meals for Rise Against Hunger



Make this craft to display a bit of springtime year-round!

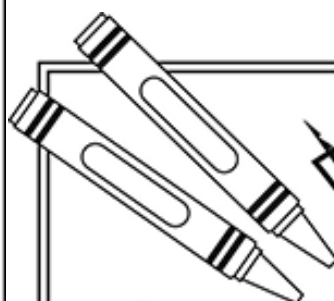
What you need:

- An old shirt
- Tempura paint (brown, dark pink, light pink and white)
- Paintbrush
- Light blue or white construction paper
- A paper plate
- Q-tips
- Paper towels



What you do:

1. Roll up one sleeve and paint your arm and the palm of your hand brown. (This is the tree trunk and branches.)
2. Lengthwise on the paper, carefully place your painted arm and hand, with fingers spread apart. (This is the tree trunk and branches.)
3. Place the other paint colors on the plate.
4. Using Q-tips, place dots of paint (blossoms!) all over the branches.
5. When dry, display your tree — or give it as a Mother's Day gift.



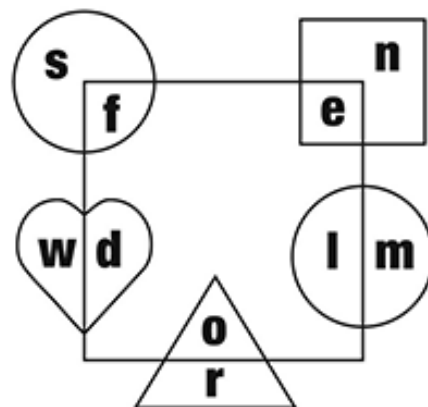
PUZZLE

GOD CARES FOR YOU!

Jesus tells his followers not to worry about their daily needs. What example does he give of God's care for his creation?

Directions:

To complete Luke 12:27 (NIV), match the shapes under each blank with the letter shapes shown to the right.



"Consider how the wild

grow. They do not labor or spin.

Yet I tell you, not even

in all his splendor was

like one of these." Luke 12:27, NIV

MAY CALENDAR

Here is a **quick glance calendar**.
events marked. Print and post

Please pay attention to the
this page on your fridge.

MAY 2017						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	Wednesday	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Presbyterian Women 11:30 am	2	3	4 National Day of Prayer Prayer meeting 9 am Choir 5:30pm	5 exercise 10am NMPC will be held at the Pagoda in Onancock	6 YARD SALE 8-12
7 Worship @ FMPC 9:15 NMPC Adult Sunday school 9:30; Worship 11w/ communion; Youth SS 11:15	8	9 Lunch Bunch 12:15 Blarney Stone Pub	10	11 Choir 5:30 pm	12 exercise 10am NMPC	13 NMPC Work Day
14 Mother's Day Worship @ FMPC 9:15 NMPC Adult Sunday school 9:30; Worship 11; Youth SS 11:15 Rev. H. Picard preaching	15	16	17	18 Prayer meeting 9 Choir 5:30 pm	19 exercise 10am NMPC	20 Armed Forces Day 
21 Worship @ FMPC 9:15 NMPC Adult Sunday school 9:30; Worship 11; Youth SS 11:15	22	23	24 FMPC host 12Noon 'Waking Up White' conversation NMPC session 4:30	25 Ascension Choir 5:30 pm	26 Faith Meets Life Men's Group 9 am exercise 10am NMPC	27
28 Worship @ FMPC 9:15 NMPC Adult Sunday school 9:30; Worship 11; Youth SS 11:15	29 Memorial  Day	30	31	June 1 Choir 5:30 pm	2 exercise 10am NMPC	3

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