

# GLAD TIDINGS

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



PCUSA

Acts 1:8 you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

It was a wonderful experience to spend study leave at the PCUSA Big Tent event. I was pleased with the workshops and the worship. I look forward to sharing in the months to come.

This coming week is our annual ecumenical VBS. We are excited to open our doors to so many young people.

We are blessed to have so many retired ministers from a variety of denominations who worship and minister in our congregation. Revs Donna and Steve Doan will be filling the pulpit while I am away on vacation. Any pastoral care concerns please contact Elder Clerk Jody Humphreys and she will direct the concern appropriately.

Mike and I are grateful for our annual time away. This year we will take the sailboat to Crete. This time is our opportunity to connect again with the sea we love and renew our souls for the coming year's work.

Know you are God's great joy. May you find renewal in your daily living. May you sense the power of God upon you as you attest to God's love in all you do.

Peace,  
*Monica*



Reverend 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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Cathey

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

### Nuts and Bolts:

- Bonnie Parker is our temporary cleaner and the background checks are almost finished.
- A new glass door for the nursery was approved and the crib will be compressed to free up more floor space for the children to play.
- Jack Humphreys reported that a service contract for the heat and AC was negotiated for the 6 units at the church and manse. We appreciate that Mike Gould installed a programmable thermostat on the ground floor of the manse.
- Sound system training occurred July 23rd and we can now make CDs of the service for shut-ins.
- While a new bookkeeper could pay bills and manage salaries, the Finance Committee and the Personnel Committee need to recruit members to handle reports, grants, Board of Pensions liaison, etc. Kudos were given to George Heinrichs for all the time and effort he has devoted to the Treasurer position.

### Mission:

- VBS will be held July 31 thru August 4 from 9AM to 12:30PM. Volunteers of all sorts are needed to help wrangle approximately 24 attendees. Contributions to help offset the costs would be very welcome.
- **School Supplies will be distributed August 29 at 1 PM.** All schools have representatives to transport the supplies. Thanks to George Heinrichs and Tracey Arvidson for their leadership on this program. Cash contributions are always appropriate. *George reminded everyone to use the VA Sales Tax Form for church purchases.* (At Walmart you have to take the form to the service counter to get a card before proceeding to checkout.)
- February 4th, we will help the Youth celebrate the Souper Bowl of Caring by having a soup lunch fundraiser after church.

### Presence:

- Thanks to Dave Klawitter, Monica and Jody for updating our "Safe Church Policy."
- Since January, ***the communion table cloth with the embroidered IHS symbol has been missing.*** So far our search of the church closets has not revealed it. **If you have any clues, please see Anne Barnes.**
- Katie Klawitter and Monica have been working hard on the worship and music calendar. Debbie Ryon and Susan Grove went to a Pepper Choplin sacred music workshop and brought back lots of music for the choir to try. Session discussed future scholarships for other choir members to attend the annual conference at VA Wesleyan University.
- Choir rehearsal will resume Thursday, August 31.

### Community:

- Thank you, *thank you* to **Andy Mason (FMPC)** for making copies of the church newsletter each month! It is always late when the final copy gets to his office and *he graciously stays until the wee hours until the job is done for Sunday services.*
- Thanks also to Susan Grove for maintaining and renewing the NMPC website!
- Linda Arvidson and Rick Turner have found a new couch for the Cada Grove Room and Marshall Ryon has donated six of his amazing paintings. Many, many thanks Marsh!
- The next meeting of the Presbyterian Lunch Bunch will be at noon at the Market Street Grill on Tuesday, August 8. All are welcome.

### Moderator:

- Monica reviewed the joys and concerns within the congregation. Tracey Arvidson expressed her appreciation for all the recent support. She recently won a nationwide competition to illustrate a new book.
- New church bookmarks have been placed in the pews and in the racks at the wharf for visitors.

- Monica enjoyed her study leave at the "Big Tent Event" in St. Louis. She brought back several books that are available for loan in the Pastor's office. Worship for Reformation was one of the themes and in October, Monica will focus in worship on the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

- In the fall, Monica will gather a team of 6 to complete the Lilly Foundation Grant application to help offset the costs of her sabbatical (Clergy Renewal) in 2019.

- The Rev. Doans will be preaching August 13, 20 and 27 while the Goulds are on vacation. If there is a pastoral need, please contact Jody Humphreys at 678-5308. \*\*\*

**PEVA:**

- Jody Humphreys was elected as the permanent alternate Commissioner for all Presbytery meetings. At the July 25th meeting it was announced that Missionary Ruth Brown was transferred to Zimbabwe and PEVA voted to approve the former Camp Makemie Woods Director, Rev. Mike Burcher, as the permanent Associate Pastor at Yorkminster PC.

**NMPC, Inc.** President Tom Nielsen reported that the second quarter finances are in good shape.

Session will not meet in August. Rally Day and the Chili Cook-off will be September 10th . The next Stated Meeting of Session will be Wednesday, September 27 at 4:30 PM in the Makemie Room.

**SESSION Summary from our clerk at Francis Makemie-Cynthia D. Hall**

A **stated session meeting** of Francis Makemie Presbyterian Church of Accomac, Virginia, was held at church **5:30 pm July 18, 2017**.

The following members, constituting a quorum, were present: Joe Valentine, Rick Hall, Paul Hughes, Charlie Mahler, and Rev. Monica Gould, Moderator.

Rev. Gould opened the meeting with prayer.

**Minutes:** April 19 minutes to be approved

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

Rev. Gould reported on her participation at General Assembly in St. Louis.

Tammy has inquired about the baptism of her granddaughter Bethany Shea. Leslie

Mosher wishes to join the church. Reception of membership service for Leslie will be August 6.

On a motion by Paul and seconded by Joe, both services were approved.

Rev. Gould will be on vacation on Sundays of August 13, 20, 27, Sept 24.

**Treasurer's Report:** see attached report

Rick is preparing application for a fall deadline to Synod for a \$5000 grant to help with painting expenses. Presbytery's loan is for \$10000, not \$5000 as previously reported.

Paint contractors have been contacted for estimates.

**New Business:**

On a motion by Paul and seconded by Joe, it was decided not to conduct services August 13, 20, 27. We will have combined services with Naomi Makemie at Naomi Makemie at 11 on these dates.

On a motion by Rick and seconded by Paul, Rev. Gould's proposed sabbatical (Also known as Clergy renewal) for October 1 to December 31 of 2019 was approved.

FMPC will participate in Splash, a program that provides food baskets for the elderly.

Paul will contribute fruit from Sysco.

The Catherine Poulson plaque will be reinstalled on the NE wall.

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

Cynthia D. Hall-Clerk of Session

**Naomi Makemie Presbyterian Church  
Treasurer's 6 Months Report 2017**

Year to Date

	<b>This Year</b>	<b>Plan</b>	<b>Last Year</b>
<b>Income</b>			
Envelope and Plate	51,183	40,998	43,446
Fundraisers & Miscellaneous	2,920	2,100	1,697
Memorials & Special Offerings	1,748	0	2,566
From Trusts	0	10000	0
	55,851	53,098	47,709
<b>Expenses</b>			
Church Building	8,452	7,575	8,177
Clergy, Manse & Pulpit Supply	34,573	35,578	34,536
Less MPC Share	-6,878	-7,150	-6,890
Other Payroll	5,870	6,210	6,304
Mission	1,000	1,000	2,000
Presbyterian Women	600	600	600
Miscellaneous	2,585	6,850	1,737
<b>Total expense</b>	46,202	50,663	46,464
<b>Profit (Loss)</b>	9,649	2,435	1,245

We thank you for your generosity this year, this month, this day, and for the many ways you serve the Lord through your life. Your generosity makes a difference in this place and for this world.

Note: Income and an equal amount of expense received and spent related to the smoke damage is excluded from the above figures. Only part of the insurance claim went thru our accounts. The remainder of the claim was paid directly to the contractors. Also, for budget purposes, we still rely on the Belote trust. We praise God for every small way we can serve and share the good news of the gospel. Mission and Ministry is our priority as a church.

Think of all the amazing things Paul accomplished for the Kingdom.  
He did it all without coffee.



**WE HAVE COFFEE.**  
Just imagine what we're capable of.

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Coffee Fellowship is an important hospitality mission of both congregations.

At Francis Makemie coffee begins at 9 until service starts at 9:15, bring your cup in the pew with you! We continue after worship with coffee and fellowship.

At Naomi Makemie we have coffee fellowship every Sunday after worship. We look forward to knowing you better as we worship and fellowship together. Imagine what God has in store for us.



VBS starts Monday July 31 at 9 am. Registration begins as early as 8:45 at Naomi Makemie Presbyterian Church.

We are really excited and looking forward to seeing many children ready to do mission and ready to sing "Our hands are the hands that God can use to show the world his love." See you Monday!

### Christ's hands

In World War II, bombs destroyed a church in Strasbourg, France. As parishioners cleared the rubble, they discovered a statue of Jesus that was now missing both hands.

A visiting sculptor later offered to make repairs, but church members declined, saying Christ "has no hands to minister to the needy or feed the hungry or enrich the poor – except our hands. He inspires. We perform."

St. Teresa of Avila wrote:

**Christ has no body but yours;  
no hands, no feet on earth but yours.**  
Yours are the eyes with which he looks  
compassion on this world.

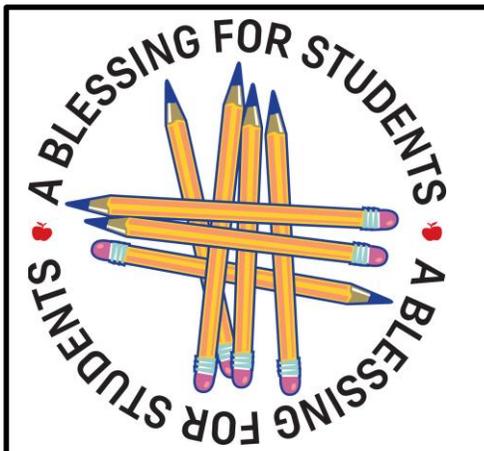
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good.

Yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world.

Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,

yours are the eyes, you are his body.

Christ has no body now but yours.



The Eastern Shore Presbyterian Churches are in the process of the annual School Supply Mission Program.

**CORRECTION** for distribution date-it is **TUESDAY August 29!**

If you are interested in serving on that day please speak to George Heinrich or Tracey Arvidson. Donations to this mission can be made to any of the four Presbyterian Churches (FMPC, NMPC, Powelton, Holmes), make sure 'school supply' is in the memo.

This is our largest mission of the year and we are so glad to be able to offer our financial gifts to this important



We love to eat!!

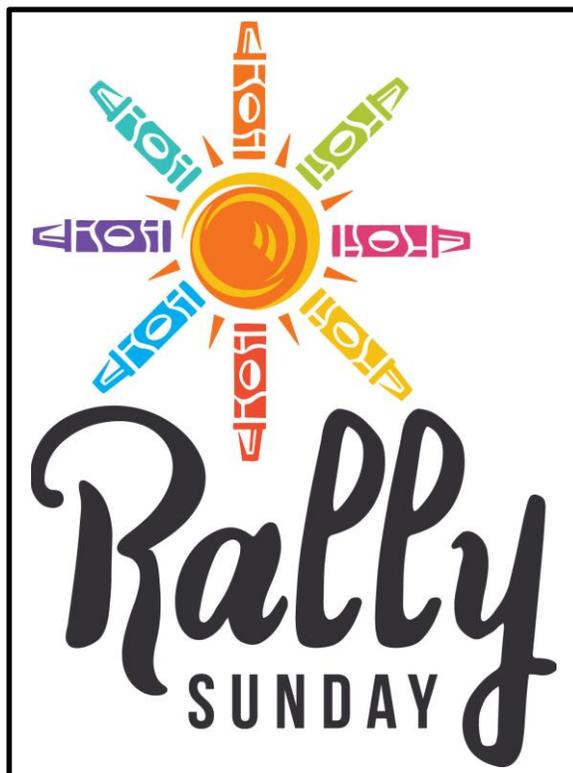
The monthly **lunch bunch** group will gather at Market Street Grill on Tuesday August 8 at 12 noon.

We look forward to our time together.



Choir Rehearsals resumes  
**Thursday August 31<sup>st</sup> 5:30-7:00pm**

We look forward to singing together for another season. Go ahead, join us. You'll be glad you did. :D

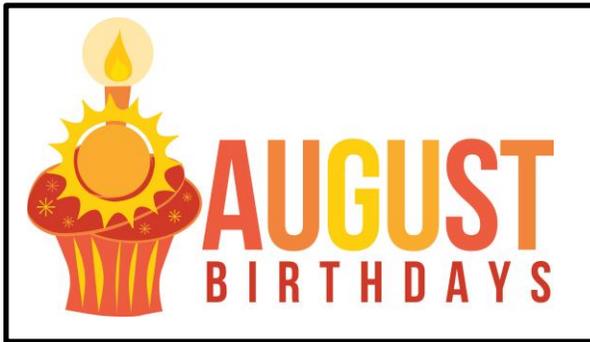


**September 10 is RALLY DAY** at Naomi Makemie. The choir begins singing for the season. The teachers and other ministries are commissioned for the year.

Fellowship time is a mission opportunity with our **CHILI COOKOFF!**

Plan to bring a pot of chili to enter into the competition to win the ladle of best chili.

Funds raised go to the local food pantry.



## AUGUST

Gene Soud	08-04
Addie Babus	08-12
Wes Stapleton	08-13
Steve Doan	08-21
Victoria Arvidson	08-17
Tammy Mason	08-19
Alexander Herbert	08-20
Evelyn Gibb	08-22
Reta Isdell	08-22
Elta Green	08-26
Caroline May Parker	08-29

### Sunday school's origins

Sunday school began in England as early as 1751. Better known is Robert Raikes' work in Gloucester 30 years later. Concerned about poor children who worked in factories six days a week and often turned to crime, he offered classes on the only day kids were free. Soon various organizations offered a loose network of such Sunday schools, which taught basic reading and writing, using the Bible as a text.

Ten years later, Samuel Slater started the first U.S. Sunday school in his Rhode Island textile mills. By the mid-1800s, Sunday school attendance was an almost-universal childhood experience. As society became more secular and public education was mandated by the 1870s, Sunday schools focused on spiritual practices: prayers, hymns, catechism knowledge and Scripture memorization.

Well into the 20th century, Sunday school served as the church's main outreach tool. Many adults fondly remember their teachers and lessons, and Sunday school continues to play a significant part in faith development.



Adult Sunday school class meets all year long at 9:30 at Naomi MPC. Join the group as they explore intriguing topics of faith.

The youth and children Sunday school will resume September 10 at 11:15 with Mr. Dave teaching. Sunday school is an important part of deepening the faith of all Christians. Plan to start a new commitment to Sunday school and church.

Confirmation classes will be available for youth 13 and older beginning in the fall.



July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade



Hughes Family

A small glimpse of pictures of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade, Flat Jesus pictures, sunflowers from Earth day all grown up, Tangier trip. Other pictures can be found on the Naomi Makemie Facebook group and during coffee fellowship



Debbie and Susan



Tangier Group photo.



Kamryn's sunflower



Carter, Chris & Quinn Ames

<b>August &amp; Sept 2017</b>						
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>
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<b>30</b> Worship @ FMPC 9:15 NMPC Adult Sunday school 9:30; Worship 11	<b>31 VBS Starts 9am</b> 	 August 1 VBS	2  VBS	3  VBS	4  VBS	5
<b>6</b> Worship @ FMPC 9:15 <b>Communion</b> NMPC Adult Sunday school 9:30; Worship 11 Communion	6	8  Lunch Bunch @ Market St Grill 12N	9	10	11 Exercise 10	12
<b>13</b> Joint Worship @ NMPC Adult Sunday school 9:30; Worship 11 Revs Doans	14	15	16	17	18 Exercise 10	19
<b>20</b> Joint Worship @ NMPC Adult Sunday school 9:30; Worship 11 Revs Doans	21	22	23	24	25 Men's Group 9 Exercise 10	26
<b>27</b> Joint Worship @ NMPC Adult Sunday school 9:30; Worship 11 Revs Doans	28	29 School Supply distribution	30	31 Choir 5:30	1 Exercise 10	2
<b>3</b> Worship resumes @ FMPC 9:15 NMPC Adult Sunday school 9:30; Worship 11 communion	4 Labor Day	5	6	7 Prayer meeting 9  Choir 5:30	8 Exercise 10	9
<b>10</b> Worship @ FMPC 9:15 NMPC Adult Sunday school 9:30; Worship 11 RALLY DAY	11	12	13	14 Choir 5:30	15 Exercise 10	16

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TO:



Fitz Godwin's Sunflower