



March
2018

Glad Tidings

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

**Naomi Makemie
Presbyterian Church**
Onancock, Virginia

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"The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior, who will rejoice over you with gladness, and renew you in his love." Zephaniah 3:17

Sometimes we are in this season of Lent and on our journey through the wilderness and we become distracted. We become caught into the darkness of the world around us, we see only unfairness, or mocking, or the senseless loss of life. We suffer in these moments, especially as we seek to wrap our faith around the world of our life. Our faith is challenged at every turn. And so, we come to worship once a week. We come reminded of the One is in our midst who loves us and renews us.

- World Day of Prayer, *March 2, 2018*
- Third Sunday in Lent, *March 4, 2018*
- Fourth Sunday in Lent, *March 11, 2018*
- Daylight-Saving Time begins, *March 11, 2018*
- Fifth Sunday in Lent, *March 18, 2018*
- First day of spring, *March 20, 2018*
- Palm/Passion Sunday, *March 25, 2018*
- Holy Week, *March 25-31, 2018*
- Maundy Thursday, *March 29, 2018*
- Good Friday, *March 30, 2018*

We are told that each Sunday is a mini-celebration of Easter and that Lent is a time to grow in faith. May we journey together and grow together. And, may your hearts be eager for the full joy of Easter Day! I share this prayer below with you. In 1938, Scottish minister George MacLeod began the Iona Community to connect more working people with the church. Members, now spread worldwide, strive for peace and justice. This prayer is from the Iona Community:

"We have heard about you, God of all power. You made the world out of kindness, creating order out of confusion ... We have heard about you, Jesus Christ ... the poor man who made others rich; the healer who let himself be wounded ... the Savior who died and rose again ... We have heard about

you, Holy Spirit. You broke the bonds of every race and nation, to let God speak in every tongue ... you showed how love made all things new." Amen.

Peace

Monica



A late Happy Birthday to those March birthdays celebrated before the publication of this newsletter. We are truly blessed with all these March birthday friends. If your name is missing please let us know so we can add you to our list.

The Picture Church Directories are done. The mobile version is on the FMPC website but is password protected. If you would like the password and access code please email to mongould@gmail.com

The directory will be made available to the NMPC website soon.

MARCH




Joanne Humphreys	03-01
Jerry Fluharty	03-02
Wanda Hughes	03-05
Kate Jacob	03-05
Erin Fletcher Hall	03-09
Carol Rush	03-09
Gloria Santacrose Broad	03-12
Mike Gould	03-15
Becky Lock	03-16
Harold William Deuter	03-16
Barbara Mears	03-18
Rick Hall	03-21
John Callander	03-21
Fitz Godwin	03-22
Miles Barnes	03-24
Bruce Holland	03-26
Ales Gregor	03-29
Carey Tuttle	03-30
Brandon Stapleton	03-31

Thank you to those helping in worship at **NMPC in March**. There are several areas where all who would like to serve can find a place to serve.

If you would like to be a greeter or usher on Sunday mornings, Carol Rush is happy to plug you into the schedule and routine.

Sunday	Reader	Coffee Hour host	Acolyte	Youth Liturgist	S.S. Adult Assistant
March 4	Jack Humphreys	Penlands	No Acolyte	Kamryn	No SS
March 11	Debbie Ryon	Ryons	Addison Stapleton	Skylar Stapleton	Arvidson
March 18	Megan Ames	Ames	Christopher Ames	Quinn Ames	Carol Rush
Palm S. March 25	Rhudy Naylor		Katie Arnold		



March 2018						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	Wednesday	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Prayer 9 am Choir 5:30 pm	2 Exercise 10 am	3
4 Lent 3 Communion NMPC Worship 9:15 FMPC 11 NMPC Youth Choir Adult SS 9:30	5 Presbyterian Women 11:30 Co-moderator of GA preaching at Carver Memorial 5pm	6	7 Ecumenical Lenten Services 12N @ Onancock Baptist	8 Choir 5:30 pm	9 Exercise 10 am	10 
11 Lent 4 Worship 9:15 FMPC Youth choir 11:00 NMPC Youth SS 11:15 Adult SS 9:30	12	13 LUNCH BUNCH 12N Blarney Stone Youth Choir Practice @NMPC 6-7	14 Ecumenical Lent Service 12N @ Gaskins AME	15 Prayer 9 am Choir 5:30 pm	16 Exercise 10 am	17
18 Lent 5 Worship 9:15 FMPC 11:00 NMPC Youth SS 11:15 Adult SS 9:30	19 Movie Night 6 pm 'I'll Push You'	20	21 Ecumenical Lent Services @ 12N Drummondtown UMC FMPC session 5:45	22 Choir 5:30 pm	23 Exercise 10 am	24
25 Palm Sunday Worship 9:15 FMPC 11:00 NMPC SS 11:15 Adult SS 9:30	26 Movie Night 6 pm 'Pay It Forward' <u>Holy Week</u> Stations of the Cross open all week for quiet meditation	27 Youth Choir Practice @NMPC  6-7	28 Ecumenical Lent Service 12N @ HT Episcopal NMPC session 4:30	29 Prayer 9 am Choir 5:30 pm Maundy Thursday 7pm @ NMPC	30 Men's Group 9 am Exercise 10 am **Good Friday 12N @ FMPC**	31
April 1 Easter & Communion Worship 9:15 FMPC 11 NMPC  EASTER SUNDAY	2 Presbyterian Women 11:30	3	4	5 Choir 5:30 pm	6 Exercise 10 am Creative Contemplative Retreat Begins 7pm	7

Our next **Presbyterian Women's meeting** is scheduled for **March 5 at 11:30** in the Makemie Room. We are continuing with our book, *Boundaries*, by Dr. Henry Cloud & Dr. John Townsend. We will break from the normal sequence so that we can follow the AV lesson plan. This month please read Chapters 12 and 13. We look forward to continuing with this study, and hope to see you there! Please bring a bag lunch; dessert & drink are provided. Our Mission Pledge money is now due- it is \$5.25 each. (Carol will be collecting) See you on the 5th! Blessings, Pam



Lunch Bunch in February had a great gathering at Kendall's Kitchen

NEXT LUNCH BUNCH GATHERING
TUESDAY MARCH 13 @ 12 noon
At the BLARNEY STONE PUB
See you there!



Community Services

Wednesday March 7, 2018
Onancock Baptist Church

1 Crockett Ave, Onancock, VA 23417 [Phone: \(757\) 787-4348](tel:7577874348) Pastor Bill Greer preaching

Wednesday March 14, 2018
Gaskins African Methodist Episcopal Church

Savageville Rd Melfa, VA 23410 Phone: (757) 787-7645 Pastor Fr. Berkley Ford preaching

Wednesday March 21, 2018
Drummondtown UMC

23457 Drummondtown Rd, Accomac, VA 23301 Phone: (757) 787-2772 Pastor Bart Weakly preaching

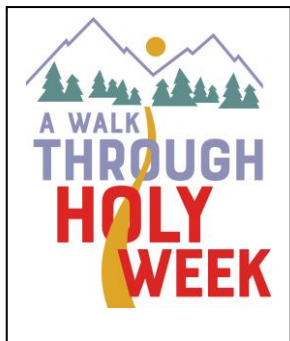
Wednesday March 28, 2018
Holy Trinity Episcopal Church

66 Market St Onancock VA 23417 Phone: (757) 787-4430 Pastor Willie Justis preaching

GOOD FRIDAY FRIDAY March 30 2018
Francis Makemie Presbyterian Church

23355 Back St Accomac VA 23301 All preachers including Rev. Monica Gould will be preaching in this extended service

Lent and Holy Week and Easter schedules



Holy Week Contemplative Opportunity

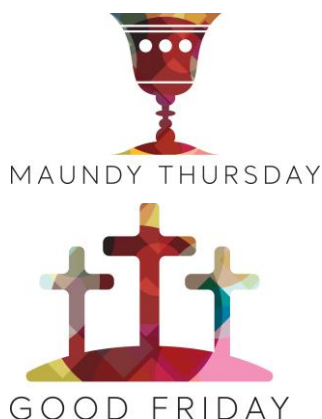
Walking the Stations of the Cross

Beginning Monday, March 26 the NMPC sanctuary will be made available for contemplative time to walk the stations of the cross; to pray, to sit with a variety of devotions for reflection, to reflect with other centering activities available. This is a self-guided time for an intimate time with our Lord.

Worship with us on **Thursday March 29 at 7 pm at NMPC**

The day before Good Friday is called Maundy Thursday. The word “Maundy” comes from the Latin word *mandatum*, which means “commandment.” In the gospel of John, Jesus makes this statement during the Last Supper: “I am with you only a little longer. ... I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another” (John 13:33-35, NRSV).

Annual Egg Hunt after Easter Sunday April 1st worship at FMPC
9:15 worship; 10:15 egg hunt



Lenten Movie Night

Two Monday night at the Movies scheduled

Monday March 19 & Monday March 26 6:00 pm

I'll Push You an Amazon Prime movie

Pay it Forward PG-13 an oldy but goody

Bring a snack and a friend

We will meet in the Makemie Room at NMPC

GOOD FRIDAY COMMUNITY WORSHIP
12 N at FMPC an extended service with all community pastors preaching

At first glance, Good Friday appears to be a misnomer. It seems inconsistent that the day of Christ's crucifixion should in any way be described as “good.” But that seeming inconsistency vanishes when we understand that the ancient meaning of good was “holy.” The word holy is entirely consistent with the suffering and cross that Christ endured for us. Hence, Good Friday is also known as Holy Friday.

Easter Sunday April 1st Flowering of the Cross...at NMPC

“Flowering the Cross” has become a tradition through the years at NMPC as a way to help celebrate Easter. It is a symbol of the resurrection of Jesus Christ and represents our believe in Jesus' message to us in John 11:25-26; “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.”

Everyone is invited to bring some fresh flowers to put on the cross before church services begin. If you don't have any fresh flowers, don't worry. There will be flowers available as you arrive.

MARCH MISSION NEWS

Mission at NMPC is taking on a new approach for 2018 under the direction of our mission chair Tracey Arvidson. Each month has a theme: February was love **March theme is: Sharing**

Mission Mega is the name given to the Congregational wide Effort; which for the month of March is: One Great Hour of Sharing - Special Offerings. www.onegreathourofsharing.org
A Christian effort to empower, provide water, supply food, and give relief from disasters. February 14- April 1. Promotional material and announcements will be made to obtain donations from the congregation. Total sum collected will be sent in April.

Mission Mini each month is the Youth Effort. This mini effort keeps the young people aware and involved in mission as well as the adults of the church. March focus is on the **Coalition Against Domestic Violence**. The youth will be encouraged to Gather toys, games, clothes, etc... to donate to the coalition.

Mission Move is the year round mission effort; the Ongoing Effort for the church. There will be bins located in the fellowship hall to help keep our focus on these 'Mission Move' opportunities for the church. Be on the lookout for the variety of Bins kept for kids toys, clothes, etc... for the coalition and other ongoing missions.



February mission included housing the Habitat for Humanity teens from St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish Community NY for the week of February 18-25th and a dinner with the Habitat folks.

Painting the nails of the Seniors at the Senior Center that meets on Boundary Ave and is led by Katherine Moore.

And the Souper Bowl for Caring soup supper-picture below.

All these efforts were a huge success. Thank you everyone for your presence and your generosity.

Mission: Love



Trusting the Unfolding: Engaging Life's Current Calls Contemplative Retreat, **April 6-8 2018**,
Chincoteague Island on Virginia's Eastern Shore www.creativecontemplatives.com



*"Of great importance is the story
you tell yourself each
morning. Don't listen to the outer
'news' first... Listen to the news of
your heart. Then go forward into
your story of creation."*

Neil Douglas-Klotz

Throughout our lives, and whatever our circumstances, our inner and outer lives are in the process of *unfolding*. Changes may be afoot, chosen or not; new intimations or longings may be beckoning; the people in our lives are amidst their own shifts.

To be a "disciple of our unfolding" means to attend to both the surfaces and the depths of our lives: to take time to listen to the stirrings, and to the patterns and surprises that are emerging. It is to honor the ongoing creation that is *you* and your many gifts and calls in the world.

If you are tired, restless, in transition, wondering about next steps, or just wanting some time to listen to your life in good company, join us for this contemplative retreat.

You will find rest, perspective, community, thought-provoking presentations, inviting art projects, poetry, various easy forms of meditation, and the beauty of spring at the Chincoteague seashore. *You will come away renewed and with a variety of tools and practices to take home*

About the Retreat: Check in Friday afternoon and enjoy a leisurely beach walk or a visit to Chincoteague's nearby downtown.

Following dinner (on your own at a nearby restaurant), we'll meet at 7:00 to settle into our cozy meeting spot and begin our journey together. On Saturday, enjoy presentations, quiet times, and opportunities to share. Choose from included events such as art projects, journaling, dream workshops, guided meditations and a social hour. Sunday morning features stretching with Robert, a wrap-up session and time for one last walk on the beach. We'll close before noon to allow time to explore nearby Assateague and for a gentle return home, renewed and refreshed. Lodging is at the beautiful Island Motor Inn, with waterfront guest rooms, a panoramic-view meeting facility, contemplative garden, gym, indoor pool and hot tub.

Registration and rates:

Full weekend, all programs, art supplies, materials, and refreshments: \$165 (lodging not included.)

Saturday only, all of the above:

\$95

To reserve your spot contact Debbie Ryon (757) 710-4661; or email ccretreats@gmail.com by March 30th, 2018.

Lodging may be arranged for a nightly rate of \$110.00 plus tax (11%) per room, through Island Resort, 4391 Main St, Chincoteague, VA 23336, (757) 336-3141. www.islandmotorinnresort.com Be sure to mention you are with the Creative Contemplatives retreat! Catered lunch and dinner will be offered Saturday for a nominal fee.

CLERGY RENEWAL GRANT from Debbie Ryon, member of Clergy Renewal Grant Writing Team.

In the fall of 2019, about 18 months from now, Rev. Gould will embark on a fifteen-week sabbatical as approved by our sessions.

We have been fortunate to have Monica as our pastor, now in her fourth year. In addition to Monica's highly visible sermon writing and church leadership roles, she has developed and sustained children's choir and programs, provided pastoral counselor for individuals, conducted weddings and funerals, engaged with community organizations and held responsible roles with the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia. She has flooded our lives and engaged our hearts with her genuine caring and compassion.

When Monica joined us, we had no children or youth in our congregation, we were in financial straits because offerings were not close to meeting our annual expenses and attendance was dropping. Four years later, we have a growing number of youth and new families, a renewed vacation bible school brimming with dozens of participants, a new tradition of children's Christmas programs that get better and better and increasing community outreach including multi-denominational Lenten services now with African American churches. Offerings have greatly improved, and we are no longer depleting the church bank accounts to meet monthly bills. These accomplishments took a prodigious amount of effort on Rev Gould's part.

A pastor's job is different than a normal 9 to 5 job in that it's personal, all-encompassing and requires commitment day in and day out. Rev. Gould's compassion and commitment to our community is undisputable. There can be no doubt that the physical, emotional and spiritual effort over weeks and years can have a cumulative effect. At the time of the sabbatical, Rev. Gould will be entering her sixth year with us; ready for renewal. We want to prolong our mutual association with her while supporting her spiritual well-being and wholeness!

Sabbaticals are described on the Presbyterian Church website:

"Sabbatical Leave is a planned time of intensive enhancement for ministry and mission. This "extended time" is qualitatively different from "vacation" or "days off." It is an opportunity for the individual to strategically disengage from regular and normal tasks so that ministry and mission may be viewed from a new perspective because of a planned time of focus. Sabbatical Leave is an extension of the Biblical concept of a Sabbath day and a Sabbath year for renewal. It is both an act of faith that God will sustain us through a period of reflection and changed activity and an occasion for recovery and renewal of vital energies."

In addition to pastoral renewal, a sabbatical can also be a time for congregation renewal. We too have the opportunity to develop new programs and undertakings to foster our spiritual renewal and growth.

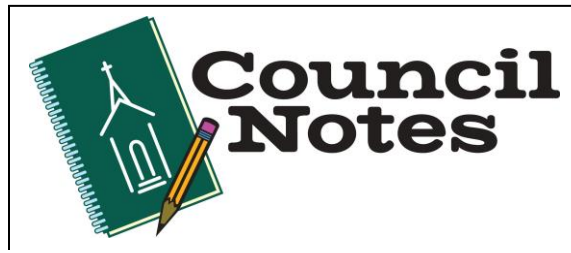
To that end, NMPC is applying for a "Clergy Renewal Program" grant. The Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis, Indiana, offers a National Clergy Renewal Program funded by the Lilly Endowment. It seeks to strengthen congregations by providing opportunities for pastors to step away briefly to engage in a period of renewal and reflection. This program offers funds for both pastor and congregation renewal programs. Funding could cover not only supply pastors and a session moderator, but initiatives such as musical events, cultural outreach programs, children's projects and contemplative opportunities all intended to promote congregational development and growth. These programs may compliment and build on NMPC's already successful programs such as the lunch bunch, men's group and Sunday morning adult Sunday School. The rules of the renewal program only allow one church to apply even though they are in a yoked relationship. They do however, encourage the joint participation of the congregational renewal activities.

The idea is to transform the time Rev. Gould is away into an **exciting time of congregation renewal** enhanced with new and inviting events.

Rev. Gould has already carefully planned her sabbatical and has identified several themes. Our plan is to explore the same themes as a congregation with the desired outcome of shared and complimentary experiences which can continue to nurture the pastor and congregation after the sabbatical comes to a close. The themes are:

- Renewing personal relationships
- Crossing new horizons
- Exploring rhythm and ritual – seeking holiness and wholeness.

The Sabbatical grant committee will be hard at work over the next few weeks preparing the application which **is due April 10, 2018. We appreciate input for potential programs and topics of interest.** We also would appreciate prayerful support of our deliberations and successful grant outcome.



FEBRUARY SESSION DIGEST from Clerk of Session NMPC

Rev. Gould's opening devotion was on "God is Love" from 1 John 4:7-8 and then she reviewed the importance of elders and church power as outlined in the Book of Order F-3.0107.

- Session approved the January minutes, the Leatherbury Treasurer's report, using the Ryser cabinet for mission bins and elected Corporation officers. Tom Nielsen will continue as President and Rick Turner was elected Treasurer.
- Tracey Arvidson reported on seeing the movie "Racial Taboo" at the recent Presbytery meeting. In addition, she showed us a picture of mission bins at Providence PC. We liked the idea and will implement it soon.
- Congregational Life Committee has planned a Spaghetti Dinner on Friday, June 15, a church picnic in early June and participation in the Onancock Yard Sale on May 5. Mark your calendars.
- The Mission Committee has picked themes for the congregation and for the youth for each month. March will focus on sharing, April on Stewardship/Earth Day and May will emphasize prayer.
- Tom Nielsen reported that the trust funds earned 12 per cent last year. The account value as of December 31, 2017 was \$316,423.96.
The next Session meeting will be Wednesday, March 28 at 4:30 PM in the Makemie Room.

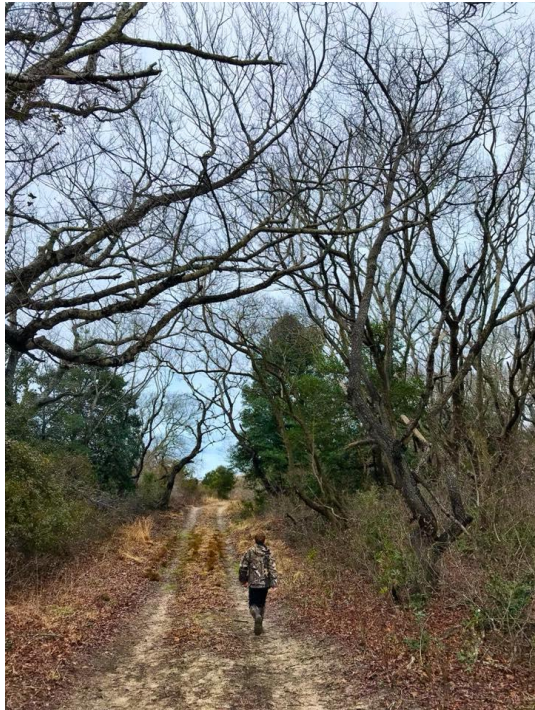
February in PICTURES



The Souper Bowl of Caring luncheon February 4



Ash Wednesday Service February 14 love so amazing, so divine.



Chris Ames under the canopy of Fisherman's Island



Many thanks to Jack and Jody Humphreys for arranging a President's Day tour of Fisherman's Island. Thanks to their two friends as well who guided us through the flora and fauna of this amazing place. Thank you to the 28 who braved the weather too. We had a wonderful time together!



Who are those smiling people in rain gear? Jean & Dick Freeman! And so many others!





View of Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel from Fisherman's Island



Linda A, the Ames, boys, Jim enjoying the view.



A.J. Likes pancakes!



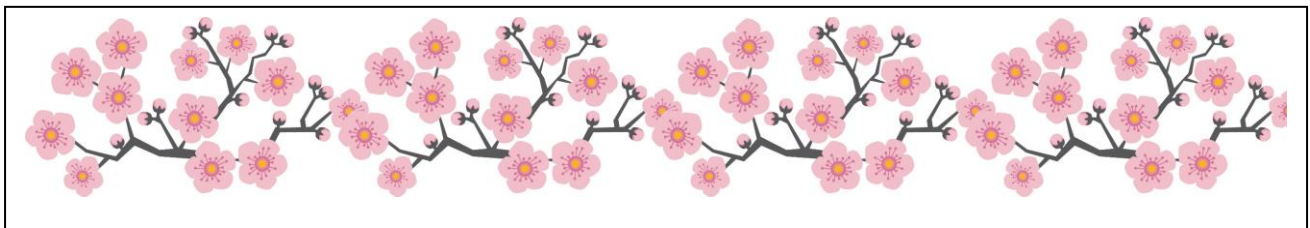
Youth Choir Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner and then practice.

Many thanks to all **the FMPC** folks- also a 28 person turn out- for the fellowship dinner at the manse on February 25th!

Unfortunately, we were having such a good time we forgot to take pictures.

The food and fellowship was a wonderful blessing. Looking forward to more shared time together.

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