

Glad Tidings

August & September 2018



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

**Naomi Makemie
Presbyterian Church**
Onancock, Virginia

Photo Credit Joe Valentine

Dear God, My boat is so small and the sea is so wide.

Psalm 37:4 Take delight in the LORD, and [he] God will give you the desires of your heart.

As another August begins, Mike and I are off to another sailing adventure and we are so grateful to our congregations for their blessing and for their encouragement. This year we will begin part one of our three-part adventure of bringing our sailboat 'Neverland' across the Atlantic and back to the Chesapeake Bay to her original home. We will leave Greece where she has been for three summers and sail west to land in Alicante, Spain where she will wait for us to return to her in the fall of 2019. We have realized that we are now experiencing the desires of our heart-almost too good to be true-and we remember to thank God for this opportunity. Our sailblog can be accessed here: <https://www.sailblogs.com/member/neverland>

While we are gone we are grateful to our retired ministers who step in to assist. Thanks to Rev. Stanley Lin who will reside over communion August 5, to Rev. Donna and Steve Doan who will preach and be available for emergencies, and to Rev. Rhudy Naylor who will preach and conduct worship August 26.

August 10 at 10 am is the designated date for the Eastern Shore Presbyterian Ministries school supply distribution. We look forward to seeing a great crowd helping again this year.

You will notice that this newsletter is for both August and September. Please take notice of all the dates and plan your upcoming calendars so you can participate in our many opportunities to grow, share, and rejoice.

The Lord be with you,

Monica



August BIRTHDAYS

Pam Nielsen	09-05
Christy Brumbaugh	09-20
Don Broad	09-06
Mary Fluharty	09-12
Carter Ames	09-16
Marshall Ryon	09-21
Edward Barnes	09-28
Jim Tompkins	09-30

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
Retta Isdell	08-22
Elta Green	08-26
Caroline May Parker	08-29



September BIRTHDAYS

WE MOURN
WITH YOU



Joan and Ron May im the loss of Joan's nephew, Jamie Birkenstock who passed away at 43 from complications of his diabetes.

Carol and Harry Rush in the loss of Carol's brother Bill Mays, 81 from a long battle with cancer.

*"Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live."
John 11:25*

Don and Gloria Broad

Elta Green

Virginia 'Pete' Hall

Gloria Miller

Kim Penland



Remember our homebound



AUGUST



School Supply Distribution is AUGUST 10 at 10 am at NMPC.

There are other needs such as pick up and delivery please let Tracey Arvidson know if you plan to come or just meet the group in the fellowship on Friday August 10.

Please send your DONATIONS earmarked ESPM or 'school supplies' and either dropped in the offering plate on Sunday morning or mail to NMPC PO BOX 397 Onancock VA 23417.

Prayer Meeting Thursday August 2nd and 16th



The Lunch Bunch will meet
**Tuesday August 14 at Pizza
Panzotti's at 12 noon**

The September date is the 11th at
12 noon at a place to be
determined

Senior Exercise led by Rhudy
Naylor Resumes Friday August
24 at 10 am

Men's Group-look for the
announcement from Rick Turner
for the August date of the men's
group meeting

Labor Day, *September 3, 2018*
• National Grandparents Day, *September 9, 2018*
• Patriot Day, *September 11, 2018*
• Hispanic Heritage Month, *Sept. 15 - Oct. 15, 2018*
• First day of autumn, *September 22, 2018*



Grateful for Grandparents

September Events



Youth Sunday School resumes
Sunday September 9 at 11:15

Join with the chili cooks on
Sunday September 9 at the
end of NMPC worship to
compete for the funds to go to
the local Food Bank



Adult Choir will sing on September 9
Practice will begin before that date
on Thursdays at 5:30 to 7pm. Be on
the lookout from our music director
Katie Klawitter for the exact date to
come tune our voices.



Youth choir practice resumes Tuesday
September 11 at 5:30 to 7 pm a meal is
served. Practice begins at 6.

We look forward to seeing our singers from
last year and perhaps some new voices
would like to join

Presbyterian Women will meet on Monday, September 10* at 11:30.

Our study books have
been ordered. We will be using Life Lessons from Philippians by Max Lucado. I will send an e-
mail when the books arrive. You will be able to pick your book up any Sunday. Let's try to read
Chapter 1 for our September meeting. Bring a bag lunch; drinks & dessert will be provided.
I'm looking forward to our new PW year! (Sept- June)

Blessings, Pam

* please note this is the second Monday of September, not the first.

JULY SESSION DIGEST from Clerk of Session NMPC

We welcomed Rev. Donna Doan and Rev. Steve Doan at our meeting at the Sage Restaurant. While Monica is on vacation, the Doans will handle emergency requests.

Non-operating funds will be included in the next financial report.

The Mission Committee will let us know when to gather for the school supply project. It will be August 10. This is a great intergenerational event that helps the elementary schools in our area. Contributions are always appreciated for our school supplies mission.

The Worship and Education Committee is continuing to work on substitute musicians during Katie's four week maternity leave. Rev. Donna Doan will teach the Youth Sunday School in September but we need more volunteers.

Rally Day and the Chili Cook-off will be September 9.

Vacation Bible School was super! We used 16 youth leaders and served 34 community youth.

An ecumenical youth group will meet this fall to take a hike with Jack and to have a work day at Camp Occohannock.

Please sign up to read scripture or provide for coffee fellowship.

The next Session meeting will be Wednesday, September 26 at 4:30 PM in the Makemie Room.



May 19, 2019 An invitation to all past ministers and members and friends of Naomi & Francis Makemie Churches. More information to come. Mark your calendars now.

A **stated session meeting of Francis Makemie Presbyterian Church of Accomac, Virginia**, was held in the sanctuary **5:45 PM, 19 July 2018**. The following members, constituting a quorum, were present: Rick Hall, Paul Hughes, Joe Valentine, Cynthia Hall, Clerk, and Rev. Monica Gould, Moderator.

Rev. Gould opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes: Minutes of the 11 May 2018 were approved as circulated.

Correspondence: Rick reported that the church had received a thank you letter from the Food Bank for our spring mission project of collected food goods. 135lbs was collected.

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

*Pastor Evaluation is on the schedule for September. Rick Turner is personnel chair from NMPC will meet with Rick Hall and others from FMPC to determine compensation, goals, etc.

* Monica leaves for her vacation July 31 and returns August 31. She will send contact info for her time away.

*VBS is underway and the ecumenical group of 34 children are assisted by 16 Youth Leaders who underwent training.

* June 23 Monica presided at family memorial service for Josephine (Jo) Dahlke, Cynthia Hall's mother.

*September 1 will be Monica's 4 year anniversary date.

Election of Officers: Actions for Sacraments: Sept only

Treasurer's Report: see attached report

On a motion by Paul and seconded by Joe, the report was approved as presented.

Old Business:

*Poulson plaque-Rick has spoken with contractor about reattaching but there is concern about damage to wall.

*Clark Church- Rev. Bill Moore is liason. Monica will contact John Tamm for written permission for demolition and sale of salvage.

*Mission- Delivery was made to Food Bank of what had been collected this spring. New project was discussed, including Eastern Shore Early Childhood Development Center in Accomac which Paul reported has great need.

New Business:

*We discussed nomination of new elders with the possibility of returning to 3-year terms. Rick and Joe will discuss with potential candidates. Fitz Godwin has agreed to serve.

*Bulletin archive- Would children of church take as a project the chronological filing of paper bulletins? We have digital copies.

*May 19, 2019 has been proposed as Homecoming Sunday for both churches, inviting back former attendees , members, and pastors. It was agreed by general consensus to participate. It was suggested Barbara Haynes would be helpful in remembering some that will be invited.

*Paul reported that there is a plan for all Presbyterian churches on the Shore to gather at Makemie Park for an October picnic and service.

Announcements:

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

Cynthia D. Hall Clerk of Session



Snapshots of our Community Vacation Bible School 2018 above our Youth Leaders and Helpers (3 not pictured) Below the group picture of our VBS Rafterers





Photo credits go to
Jody Humphreys

Here are some
smiling faces
confirming that VBS
2018 was tons of fun



World-renowned cosmologist Stephen Hawking (1942-2018) stated: “Remember to look up at the stars and not down at your feet. Try to make sense of what you see and wonder about what makes the universe exist. Be curious.” His sentiment is especially fitting for August, when many people try to count the falling stars of the Perseid meteor shower.

As a self-proclaimed atheist, Hawking relied on science to answer “what makes the universe exist.” As people of God we can admire and respect and appreciate Stephen Hawking and all he has done in his life for the sake of others. We can also appreciate how science and faith are intricately tied together as we remember the words of Scripture:

Deuteronomy 4:19 (NIV) declares: “And when you look up to the sky and see ... the heavenly array — do not be enticed into bowing down to them and worshiping things the LORD your God has apportioned to all the nations under heaven.” We can be grateful for the work of scientists and the wonders their study reveals, but instead of “bowing down” to nature, we worship its Creator and Ruler — the Lord of heaven and earth.



Harvest time!

With harvest underway or imminent, fields of ripe grain, tall cornstalks and soybeans turning brown recall Jesus’ words to the disciples: “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest” (Matthew 9:37-38, ESV).

Nowadays farmers use fewer laborers and bigger machines than in decades past. But what about harvests of faith? Leading people to know God’s love can’t be done “mechanically.” Studies show that newspaper ads or door-hangers left anonymously are less effective at bringing people to church than a warm personal invite.

Right after urging his disciples to pray for harvest workers — in a classic instance of “You might be God’s answer to your own prayer!” — Jesus sends them out as those very laborers! How will they work the harvest? Not by guilt-tripping people into faith. Not by pronouncing judgment or biblical law. But by being people who share love, compassion, care, mercy, and grace in every action they make.

Ponder and pray about where Jesus is sending you as his laborer to cultivate and reap Christian faith and assurance of God’s love.

Naomi Makemie Presbyterian
Church
PO Box 397
Onancock, VA 23417



Reverend Monica Gould -Pastor

Naomi Makemie 89 Market St Onancock

Mailing Address- P.O. Box 397 Onancock, VA 23417

Staff and Elders

Music Director-Katie Klawitter Clerk-Jody Humphreys

Class of 2018 Tom Nielsen, Anne Barnes, George

Heinrichs Class of 2019 Laura Naylor, Jennifer

Stapleton, Tracey Arvidson Class of 2020 Megan Ames,

Jack Humphreys, Rick Turner

Web-NMPresChurch.org

Francis Makemie 23355 Back St Accomac

Mailing Address- P.O. Box 680 Accomac, VA 23301

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

Web address: Francismakemiepc.org