



Makemie Presbyterian Church
Accomac, Virginia
Naomi Makemie Presbyterian Church
Onancock, Virginia
Rev. Monica Gould
Members of Presbyterian Church USA

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MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. ⁸ He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. 1 John 4:7-8

I write these words of Scripture in the old fashioned King James Version of the Bible. I write them because they were taught to me this way and this is how I remember the words. They are poetic, they have rhythm, and they still come easily to me. Someone taught them to me through singing with a guitar or a piano, it doesn't really matter, but they stick in my head as a reminder that God is ever present and always loving. Much of Scripture can be put to song and held close to our hearts to remind us of the fullness of God's love.

Another way for us to experience the fullness of God's love is to gather together as often as possible, because we are the body of Christ. And in our sharing as the body of Christ, we fellowship one with another and grow together in the love of God. "The more you do, the more you are, the better you become."

One of my favorite love quotes is this one written by William Purkey:

*"You've gotta dance like there's nobody watching,
Love like you'll never be hurt,
Sing like there's nobody listening,
And live like it's heaven on earth."*

I like the idea of living like it's heaven on earth, because it *is* with Christ! And so we can dance and sing and love and take all kinds of risks together.

One of those risks we can possibly take is to come to church and invite a friend. One survey wrote that 40% of visitors make up their mind about church before they ever meet the pastor. Within two minutes of the beginning of worship visitors have formed their opinion about whether a congregation is friendly. It reminds us that welcoming begins at the curb. It reminds us to think about our first time that we felt welcome. It helps us remember that hospitality is not a job, but a spiritual practice and a way of life.

The joy of the Lord is present with God's people as they gather; and we in Accomac and Onancock are dancing as if there's nobody watching.

Come worship, come home to worship if you've been gone awhile, come as guests invited because God is our host.

See you soon and again.

Let us love one another for love is of God...

SESSION DIGEST FROM CLERK OF SESSION NMPC...

On January 10th, the Session attended a wonderful retreat led by Rev. Gould. We started with worship, moved to Presbyterian Jeopardy, had case studies on the *Book of Order* and enjoyed a delicious lunch catered by Janet's. In the afternoon we talked about our successes, our areas of improvement and our dreams and goals for the church. We moved on to the nuts and bolts of our organization.

By common consent we:

Elected George Heinrichs Treasurer for 2015, Jody Humphreys as Clerk of Session for 2015, and Rick Turner as Chair the Nominations Committee for 2015.

Approved the Minutes from December 16th Joint Session Meeting.

Approved continuing to hold Communion on the first Sunday of the month. In addition, any day marked for Communion in the Presbyterian Planning Calendar is also permissible.

Allowed any special Session meetings to be done electronically at the discretion of the Moderator providing that all Session members are copied on all responses and that the Clerk keep a written record of the proceedings.

In other action, Jody Humphreys agreed to serve as the Commissioner to Presbytery from February thru December 2015. George Heinrichs' Treasurer's Reports for November and December 2014 were approved. Dick Freeman has completed contracts for our Janitor and Music Director. Everyone was happy to welcome our new organist, Katie Rosenwinkel!

Laura Chuquin-Naylor asked us to invite La Familia to use our facilities one day a week for 16 weeks starting in February. Approximately 50 children will arrive by bus and receive homework assistance from volunteers from 3:30-5:30 PM. This community outreach initiative was approved.

The average attendance in December was 42 and our membership is 47.

Session will now meet the fourth Tuesday of every month except for July.

NMPC Corporation Meeting

The Quarterly and Annual Financial Reports for 2014 were approved and the following were elected as officers for 2015:

President – Rick Turner

Pastor – Rev. Monica Gould

Trustees – Linda Arvidson, Laura Chuquin-Naylor, Dick Freeman, George Heinrichs, Jack Humphreys, Jody Humphreys, Tom Nielsen, Jennifer Stapleton, and Rick Turner

Secretary – Jody Humphreys

Treasurer – George Heinrichs

Financial Management Committee – Tom Nielsen and Harry Rush

Rev Gould on Study Leave: There are occasions when your pastor takes retreat and vacation and will be away from the church. This is a time to 'recharge the batteries' and prepare for the coming church season. I will be gone from February 2nd to February 9th. Please support Rev Don Broad, our guest pastor, on February 8th as he brings God's Word and worship to you.

MPC NEWS AND UPDATES

The directory for the friends and members of the Makemie PC is almost complete. If you would like to be included in the directory or receive one please send an email to mongould@gmail.com and include the following information: Along with your name:

Physical address:

Mailing address:

Home phone:

Mobile phone:

Work phone (optional)

email:

Family member names:

**birthdays: month/day

Please consider volunteering on one or more areas of the work of the church. There are sign-up sheets on the front pew of the church: Communion servers and preparers for one of the four communion services this year (February 1st, April 4th and others); weekly flower arrangements.

There will be a congregational meeting February 22nd followed by a *breakfast*. This meeting includes sharing the new approved budget for 2015 and also the calendar of event for the year. Please plan to attend and learn all about the happenings at the Makemie church and enjoy some delicious food.

Editor's Note: Members of MPC are welcome to join NMPC for any of the special events described in the newsletter.

JOE'S GANG

Joe's Gang has done an inventory of interior-exterior and small-large potential projects for the group in 2015. The tasks range from chair repair to painting to window cleaning. We meet as needed, but usually meet at 9:00 A.M. on the second Tuesday of each month. We meet at the Church, enjoy coffee and donuts, then get to work on projects. All who are able and available are welcome. We also are planning an annual general clean-up on a Saturday in the Spring; more on that at a later time. We have a good time while saving money for the Church.

WHAT EVERY CHRISTIAN NEEDS TO KNOW ABOUT PASSOVE

The Adult Sunday School Class is tackling this new book by Rabbi Evan Moffic during this Lenten season. Our first session will be on February 15 and you are invited to join us at 9:30 AM. We hope to find out what Passover means and why it matters.

4,000 years ago, a momentous meal took place—the Passover observance. “This meal is the oldest religious ritual in Western history and holds the power to renew one’s life and faith. Rabbi Moffic brings the history of the biblical Exodus alive, exploring the significance of the Last Supper. Weaving together scholarship, personal experience, and wisdom on every page, he invites Christians of all denominations to explore the Jewish roots of our faith and experience an authentic Passover Seder.

Hopefully, reading this book will change the way you celebrate communion and Easter. It will give you a taste of an ancient ceremony Jesus faithfully celebrated. And it will help you discover what message this sacred story holds for you. You will understand the radical claim that one meal—one momentous meal—can, in fact, change your life.”

WELCOME OUR NEW ORGANIST AT NMPC



Katie Rosenwinkel hails from Corning, NY and is the oldest of 3. Her parents, sister (Amy) and brother (Travis) still live there. Katie attended Keuka College and graduated with a degree in childhood & special education then, attended Walden University and received her masters in reading.

She has lived on the shore since the summer of 2011 and taught special education her first year and has been teaching 2nd grade for the last three years

Katie started playing the organ and accompanying church congregations when she was 13. She played for Faith Lutheran Church for Sunday service in Corning for 15 years and in addition also played for St. Vincent's Church for Saturday mass from 2007 till she moved to the shore.

Katie is a wonderful addition to our church family. If you have not said welcome please do at the next opportunity.

KNITTING MINISTRY UPDATE...

The Prayer Shawl ministry was started in 1998 by 2 women at the Hartford Seminary in Hartford, CT. Marge Carpenter brought it here to Naomi Makemie in March of 2003. To date we have given out 463 shawls. We do not sell shawls. We do accept donations from recipients and interested persons in our ministry

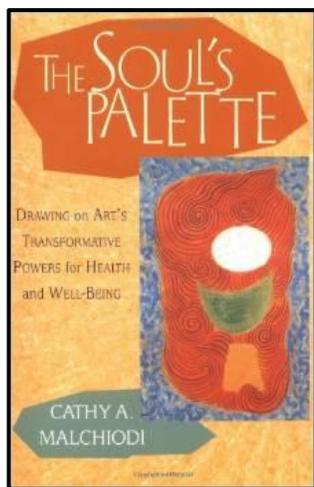
In 2014 we gave out 33 shawls. They went as far away as Florida, Maryland, Delaware and other states, but most went here on the Eastern Shore.

In 2012 at the request of Katherine Moore we added crocheting baby hats for all newborns on the Eastern Shore to our ministry. We produce over 350 hats a year that are then delivered to the hospital for the babies. With this addition, we voted at our PW meeting in November of 2014 to change the name of our ministry to "The Knitting Ministry", to better describe our expanded outreach.

In addition to our own women who knit or crochet, we also have several members of the community who knit for us. We are always looking for additional people who knit or crochet- a very simple pattern is supplied, as is the yarn. If you are interested in helping, please see Pam Nielsen.

A notebook of thank you notes is on the table in the old Sunday School room. Take a moment to read some of the notes-- they are heartwarming. If you know of someone who needs a prayer shawl, please contact Pam. nielsenpm@verizon.net

THE SPIRITUALITY AND CREATIVITY BOOK GROUP IS STUDYING "*SOUL'S PALETTE: DRAWING ON ART'S TRANSFORMATIVE POWERS*" BY CATHY MALCHIODI.



Making art, according to Cathy Malchiodi, may be as important to your physical and spiritual health as balanced nutrition, regular exercise, or meditation. Expressing yourself creatively—through drawing, painting, sculpture, photography—allows you to tap into a source of inner wisdom that provides guidance, soothes emotional pain, and revitalizes your being.

The Soul's Palette reveals art's transformative powers. Exercises include working with materials for drawing, painting, sculpting, and collage; simple drawing and journal projects; self-guided meditations and affirmations; ideas for cultivating intuition, inspiration, and spontaneity; exploring personal symbols; and making art a spiritual practice.

We meet the first Tuesday of most months at 5:30 pm for light snacks and 6:00 for book discussion and art project. The next meeting will be Tuesday March 3rd.

Contact Debbie Ryon if you're interested - dryon@esvsa.net or (757) 787-3321

THE LENTEN AND EASTER PROGRAM

LENT for children and adults



How do we walk the journey of Lent and arrive at Easter without scaring ourselves or our children? Coming and being present throughout the season is one way of understanding the journey of Jesus and of our own faith development. This is the traditional season in the church for faith formation. Centuries ago people young in the faith participated in learning about God and Jesus and were prepared for baptism on Easter Sunday. When we attend worship and activities and all that the season offers, we discover that we are on a life journey *together*. We discover that *all* of us have been born in flesh and grow and experience death. We *all* experience

loss and even though this is hard (giving up a pacifier, or losing a dear friend) we learn that in loss we are *not alone*. Because of Jesus we discover that death is not the end. This is our hope and this is our joy. Throughout the season there are points and symbols along the way to help us in sharing God's wonderful hope and love for us. Join us in all that season has to offer you and your family. God is still in the business of changing lives.

Ash Wednesday

On Wednesday February 18th we will have our service for Ash Wednesday at 6:30 pm. It is a short service that sets the stage for the beginning of Lent. Lent reminds us of our humanity and our need for transformation. It embarks us on a journey through understanding of ourselves and of God. We begin with ashes placed on our forehead and the statement "remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return." This is the reality of our mortality, yet it is not the end of who we are in Christ. On this journey that starts with ashes we discover how God formed us from dust and gave us the breath of life. We learn that we were formed into a life that matters, a life that is precious in God's sight. We will walk together through the season and learn about the life of Jesus and how his life transforms ours. Come let us walk together from Ash Wednesday through Lent, Holy Week, Maundy Thursday, & Good Friday all the way to Easter morning.

Lenten Soup & Study

This year the Lenten Soup & Study begins each Wednesday starting on February 25th at 6pm and ends at 7:30 pm. We will be studying the feasts of the Old Testament and how they relate to the Jesus presented in the gospel of John. It is a fun study as well as interactive. Our first study is about the Sabbath day. Please sign up for this each week and invite a friend. We want share a cup of soup and grow together.

Ecumenical Lent worship and bag lunch

Beginning February 25th the community churches of Onancock will gather on Wednesdays from 11:30 to 12:30 and will rotate to the different churches throughout the season. We will begin with worship followed by sharing together over a brown bag lunch. Each church that hosts will provide dessert and beverages. Consider this opportunity to share in our faith walk as brothers and sisters in Christ. Specific dates and locations are:

February 25th - at NMPC Rev Don Broad preaching

March 4th - Holy Trinity, Rev Andy Cobb preaching

March 11th - Market Street Methodist, Rev Monica Gould preaching

March 18th - Onancock Baptist Church, Rev Bart Weakly preaching

March 25th- Makemie Presbyterian Church, Berkley Ford Priest preaching

UPCOMING EVENTS...MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

Presbyterian Women..

Mark your calendars!

April 25th is the PEVA PW Spring Gathering at Bayside Presbyterian Church in Virginia Beach. Time is from 8:15 to 12:45. We would like to have a group from the Shore attend. Contact Pam or Monica to arrange carpooling. This is a really fun event



This year at NMPC, we are starting a new tradition. You are invited to purchase a potted Lilly to be displayed in the Church on Easter Morning. You can purchase them in honor or memory of someone. Details and the cost will be provided in plenty of time to make your decision. You are then invited to take the plant home following the service. We will still be "Flowering the Cross" - another great tradition at NMPC

You're
Invited...



There is a Red Cross Blood Drive on February 19 from 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm. If you are willing and able to give please see Gloria Miller.

Easter April 5th...



Joe's Gang will be serving breakfast at the church prior to the Easter Sunday Service. As always we will be serving "Mike's Eggs", pancakes, French toast, and fruit. Donations will be used to help maintain the Church Building.

March 1st ...Church wide Bowling

Whether you can roll a bowling ball down the lane for a strike or you are the 'gutter master', join us for this fun church wide outing Sunday March 1st at the Pocomoke lanes starting at 2pm. This activity is focused to be appealing to the whole church - families, singles, guests etc. The costs are \$10 for shoes and two games. If we have a large enough group the prices go down. The facility is clean and very family friendly. We can bowl with or without bumpers to achieve a fine score. Please sign up no later than February 22nd so we can reserve the lanes. Remember no one is too old or too young to take part. We look forward to our time together. :)

Have Lunch on Feb. 11th- the "Winter Blues Bash" We had our first impromptu lunch gathering in January and had a great time! Are you looking for an opportunity to gather for lunch and fellowship with some fine folks? Join us on Wednesday February 11th at noon. Restaurant TBA. Contact Pastor Monica for the destination and/or if you need a ride. We look forward to being together.

FEBRUARY UPDATES AND HAPPENINGS AT NMPC...

The Church Calendar of Events At NMPC in February Please mark your calendar

- ◆ Adult Church School starts at 9:30 am – every Sunday
- ◆ NMPC Church Service starts at 11:00 am – every Sunday
- ◆ YOGA every Friday at 10:00 am
- ◆ Children's Church School at 11:15 am - alternating Sundays Feb. 1st and Feb 15th
- ◆ Choir Practice is 5:30 pm - every Thursday
- ◆ PW is February 2nd at 11:30 am
- ◆ NMPC Session Tuesday February 24th
- ◆ Prayer Group at 10:00 am on 1st and 3rd Thursdays February 5th and 19th
- ◆ Joe's Gang (ladies welcome) 9:00 am on the 2nd Tuesday of each month - February 10
- ◆ PEVA Called Meeting February 24th on Makemie Woods
- ◆ Ash Wednesday Service February 18th at 6:30 pm
- ◆ First Ecumenical Lent Worship February 25th at 11:30 am
- ◆ First Soup & Study February 25th at 6:00 pm

Sunday Moments

February 1st Communion

February 8th Welcome to our Guest Pastor

February 15th Hearts and Hands of Faith

February 22nd 1st Sunday in Lent - Peter

Presby 101- Have you ever wondered where Presbyterians get their name? Why do they baptize babies, how do they make decisions for the church, what's up with the symbols they use and/or how to use the worship bulletin? These and any questions you may have will be part of the Presby 101 class. Join us on Tuesday February 10 from 2-4 or 6-8 pm in the Makemie Room at Naomi Makemie PC. Don't forget to sign up on the bulletin board at NMPC or send an email to Pastor Monica at mongould@gmail.com.

Naomi Makemie's Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women will meet on Monday, February 2 at 11:30 am in the Makemie Room. . Our book , *Prayer: Finding the Heart's True Home* by Richard J. Foster will be our study from January to June, 2015. Katherine Moore has asked us to read chapters 2 and 3 for tomorrow, February 2. Watch the bulletin for March's reading assignment.

Following the meeting on February 2, we will be sorting and organizing supplies for CADV First Night Kits. Please plan to stay and help if you can. Thanks in advance for your support.

Please join us for our book discussion, followed by a brown bag lunch (beverages & dessert provided) and our business meeting. We will be looking for a book to start in September, so please bring your ideas! See you there! **(February 2 and March 2.)**

The newsletter is published monthly on the first Sunday of the month. Email copies are sent the Saturday before the first Sunday. Input to the newsletter should be sent to: cadagrove@att.net by the prior Monday.

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

To:

NMPC Birthdays

Rick Turner	02-07
Janet Booth-Scott	02-09
Jennifer Stapleton	02-10
Herman Floyd	02-17
Logan Stapleton	02-21
Stanley Lin	02-21
Meg Adams	02-22
Spencer Schuyler	02-23



Did we miss anyone? Let us know!