



Makemie Presbyterian Church
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Onancock, Virginia
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Members of Presbyterian Church USA

January 2015

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

January 2015 moment for grace notes

Isaiah 43:19 *I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.*

These words spring forth from the prophet Isaiah. The people are still living in exile in Babylon. They are anxious for a new life, they are eager to start over, they are hungry for their return to their homeland. Isaiah points out to them that God is already at work within them doing a 'new thing'. And then he asks the question, 'do you not perceive it?'

I think the question is what always strikes us. Do we not perceive it? What are we supposed to see; what are we supposed to know; what are we supposed to be doing?

I think we can all agree about the joy that God is in the business of doing new things among us. And we have been witnesses in these past few months about how God has filled us with the goodness of new things in life, in ministry and in mission. There is much joy and energy and we pray that we continue with this wonder of celebration as we enter into the New Year. May God richly bless us as we seek to do new things for the glory of God and for Christ's Church.

The magi saw a new thing happening when they followed the star. They knew that God was in the business of a new beginning. It was up to all those around them to perceive this new thing and to choose to follow. Howard Thurman speaks of a new thing when he shares his poem about the work of Christmas.

*When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:*

*To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among brothers,
To make music in the heart.*

Let us make music in the heart and be about this new thing God is calling us to do and be. I'm excited. I hope you are too.

Peace, Monica

SESSION DIGEST FROM CLERK OF SESSION NMPC...CLERK OF SESSION

Moderator Rev. Monica Gould opened the Joint Session Meetings with prayer.

The Installation of Officers will be during worship on January 4 and the Session will hold a retreat on January 10.

The Session approved the Audit Report, the November 18 Session Minutes and the Annual Church and Corporation Minutes from December 7.

The average attendance in November was 36 and our membership is 47.

This 7 minute meeting was adjourned with prayer and a blessing of the food for the Joint Session Christmas Dinner.

MPC NEWS AND UPDATES

The next Session meeting will be held on January 21st at 5pm. The focus of this meeting will be the budget for 2015

Thank you to everyone who gave so much for the family at the Lighthouse Ministries - it was a joy to share in mission together. We are looking forward to our next mission opportunity.

Starting January 4th, the Sunday Morning worship time will be 9:15 a.m.

DECEMBER 21ST SERVICE AT MPC



A REVIEW OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON IN PHOTOS AT NMPC...



December 7th was a big day at NMPC. First we decorated the three trees in the church and put up other Christmas decorations. The children had their first rehearsal for the Christmas pageant. Thanks Laura, Megan and Addy for decorating the Angel Tree.



December 17th was our big day at GF Horne serving our 5th Annual Christmas dinner - all they could eat and more...The day started with completion of the gift bags by Laura Lucas and John Callander from MPC.

By 11:00 am the cooking crew was ready to go into full swing. Peeling potatoes, mashing them, stuffing, carving hams and turkeys, and more...



...there was even time for the ladies to take a break after they sorted over 30 dozen cookie...

..at 4:00 pm, the serving crews started to arrive and get ready to move everything to G F Horne for the big dinner...serving crews stand by ready to serve over 60 people their big Christmas dinner.



SUNDAY MORNING DECEMBER 21ST AT NMPC...



JANUARY UPDATES AND HAPPENINGS AT NMPC...

The Church Calendar of Events At NMPC in January *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 January 4th and 18th
- ◆ Choir Practice is 5:30 pm - every Thursday
- ◆ PW is January 5th at 11:30 am
- ◆ NMPC Session Retreat January 10th at 10:00 am
- ◆ Prayer Group at 10:00 am on 1st and 3rd Thursdays January 2nd and 15th
- ◆ Joe's Gang (ladies welcome) 9:00 am on the 2nd Tuesday of each month - January 13th
- ◆ Next meeting of PEVA will be at Lynnhaven PC January 24th

Sunday Moments

January 4th Communion and installation of officers

January 11th... Welcome to our new Organist

January 18th... Prayer for Christian Unity worldwide

January 25th. Mission Recap

Naomi Makemie's Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women will meet on Monday, January 5 at 11:30 am in the Makemie Room. Our next 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 the first two chapters for January. Books are still available from either Pam Nielsen or Carol Rush. Cost of the book is \$5.00.

Please get your book on any Sunday so that you can read the **first two Chapters**. Our supply of items for First Night kits for ESCADV needs hair **brushes** and **socks**. You can bring items to the church on Sunday or bring them to next month's PW meeting. Thanks in advance for your support.

Please join us for our book discussion, followed by a brown bag lunch (drinks & dessert provided) and our business meeting. See you there!

Presbyterian Women will meet on Monday, February 2 at 11:30 am in the Makemie Room. They will continue their study ***of Prayer: Finding the Heart's True Home***.

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

Michele Van Hove	01-04
Nina Close	01-09
Jean Freeman	01-21
Addison Stapleton	01-22
Juliann Green	01-23
Nancy Drew Picard	01-28
Mary Helen Gardner	01-30
Tom Nielsen	01-30



Did we miss anyone? Let us know!