



Makemie Presbyterian Church
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Naomi Makemie Presbyterian Church
Onancock, Virginia
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MESSAGE FROM PASTOR GOULD

Genesis 15:1-6

And God said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And Abraham believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Many years ago I attended an event for leaders of the church. We were challenged to be sensitive to the call of God on our lives. Many of the group had lost their luster and joy for ministry because of declining congregations and members losing interest in the church and each other. As we worshiped together we gained a momentum and renewed joy together because of the Word of God put in vision we had not seen before.

We are all familiar with the call of Abraham to leave his home and the promise of becoming the father of many nations. But, Abraham, like many of us, lost his patience with this whole idea of a future full of hope and wonder.

So, God took him outside and showed him the heavens. God reminded him of all the wonder the sky provides.

As Abraham looked to the heavens God called upon him to be aware of the scale of potential that God had for him.

We were then shown this amazing video that the Hubble telescope took of a black hole. A space that had nothing there and nothing to offer—at least that's what the scientists thought at first. By looking into nothing but darkness the scientists discovered more universes than had ever been known before. It helps us ask the question for our own lives and the life of the church—As we stand outside and look to the heavens we can wonder about the *scale of potential that God has for us*. What stars are out there that are not visible? What stars are already visible but beyond our reach? What stars are out there that are not visible, but are waiting for us to discover?

May we look to the heavens in this fall to winter sky and allow God to show us our potential beyond our imagination.

The Hubble Ultra Deep Field in 3D by Deep Astronomy at:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oAVjF_7ensg&list=FLzYXs9fMIRO2ayLKwyk7krw&index=1

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THE ADVENT SEASON...PASTOR MONICA

Everyone loves to celebrate Christmas. It is perhaps the favorite holiday of many. But in the rush to celebrate Christmas, Advent is often overlooked. It's kind of like skipping all of the party preparations before a wedding and just jumping to the ceremony celebration.

Christmas began to be officially celebrated around the 6th century. During this time the preparations for Christmas were done with great care and with great intention. The care was taken in worship preparation and through special prayers and liturgy.

The reason behind all this care was that early Christians didn't observe Christmas as a past event but as a present and future reality.

Christ came to earth in the past through the incarnation. Christ comes to us daily through our prayers and meditation, through the Sacraments, and through our daily human needs. Christ will come again at the end of the age.

Through Advent, the lighting of the candles, and the sacred taking our time, we approach this blessed event *as if for the very first time*, we rediscover the Love incarnate, Love divine.

Let's not skip out on the party preparations. Plan to join in worship all the weeks of Advent as well as Christmas Eve beginning November 30th at 9:00 at Makemie and 11:00 a.m. at Naomi Makemie. We look forward to seeing you.



FOURTH ANNUAL G F HORNE DINNER...

NMPC will again be preparing and serving our special Christmas dinner on December 17th. This dinner is the hit of their Christmas Season - they talk about it for months after. This year the Mission Committee needs help. We have lost several of our members and new ones are needed. If you would like to join the Mission Team, see George or Cada. For this year's dinner we are also in need of some volunteers. First to help plan the dinner, second to help select and purchase the items for their gift bags, volunteers to help prepare the meal on the 17th, and most of all we need at least 12 volunteers to help serve the meal. As always we will need volunteers to roast turkeys and hams, bake pies for dessert and cookies for their gift bags. Members of MPC are more than welcome to join NMPC for this special mission project. Let us know by return email.



This is a special time for NMPC and the residents at G F Horne - lets all turn out.

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

Moderator Rev. Monica Gould said it was good to be home and she is offering Thanksgiving Dinner to anyone who would like to attend.

George Heinrichs is projecting income for the 2015 Budget of \$64,000. The budget will be voted on at Session next month and then presented at the Congregational and Corporate Meeting on December 7. Susan Grove and Jennifer Stapleton were scheduled to audit the church books on October 22.

The mission expenditures for 2014 were approved for disbursement in the amount of \$9,500. We will prepare a holiday meal for G.F. Horne again this year. The children will be involved in this year's Christmas program. More information will be forthcoming.

The Church Officer Nominating Committee recommended the following Ruling Elders for the Class of 2017: Linda Arvidson, Richard Freeman and John Humphreys. These folks were approved by Session and will be on the ballot at the Congregational Meeting. Many thanks to Rick Turner, Spencer Schuyler and Pam Nielsen for serving on the nominating committee.

Dick Freeman will work with Monica on the upcoming Stewardship Campaign. Dick, Rick, Debbie Ryon and Susan Grove (the Personnel Committee) worked hard to find us a new Minister of Music. The Session approved the proposed salary and vacation schedule. Susan will notify the applicant and follow up with a written contract. Rick is working hard on finding temporary musicians until the new person starts in December.

Rick Turner thanked Carol Rush for all her hard work on the Worship Committee and especially for recruiting ushers. Ushers need not be members of the church and there is no age restriction.

Congregational and Corporate Meeting – December 7 right after church

PRESBYTERY OF EASTERN VIRGINIA MEETING NOTES BY JODY HUMPHREYS

PEVA met at the Makemie Woods Camp and Conference Center on Tuesday October 28. Rev. Monica Gould introduced herself to the 100 attendees and was appointed as the Temporary Clerk for the day. October was Clergy Appreciation Month and clerks of session were invited to enter letters of appreciation into a contest. Rev. Dr. Donald Broad won one of the 6 gifts based on the letter Belle Haven PC wrote.

The Transitional General Presbyter told about how Rev. Bill Moore from Powelleton PC worked as a first responder when the tornado hit the Eastern Shore. She remembered how he later preached about God adapting us and our witness for grace under fire and how we never know when our skillset will be needed. Rev. Dr. Liza Hendricks also talked about one of the PEVA churches that elected a 16 year old as Elder for Mission and Vision. The Vision he came up with was "Ordinary People Serving an Extraordinary God." Rev. Hendricks encouraged all of us to use all the resources at our disposal, including our youth.

PEVA approved a 2015 budget of \$1,192,099 based on anticipated church giving of \$700,000. Monica was received from the Ohio Valley Presbytery and her installation was noted. Rev. Frances Makemie (Anthony Burcher) brought greetings to the Presbytery and noted that he was an author of 6



Monica and Rick Hall at PEVA Meeting

books, one on youth. The Makemie Woods Camp report noted the contribution of new lights for the dining room from the Joe's Gang. PEVA voted to have a called meeting on February 24, 2015 to determine the future of the Makemie Woods Camp and Conference Center.

FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE...TALENT, TIME AND TRIBUTE

November is the month when our session's financial committee begins the process of preparing the operating budget for the following year. As we enter into this process of discernment we request your prayers.

Because of your generous giving of financial gifts, as well as your overwhelming gift of time and talent, we have served the Lord, this congregation and the community well in 2014. Your financial gifts have kept the building running with heating and cooling. Your generosity has kept paper in the office in order to provide for bulletins on Sunday morning and paper for Sunday school lessons. Paper is also used for choir music, for session meetings and other committee meetings. Other office expenses cover the cost of the copy machine, the telephone, stamps, and envelopes. Your giving has made it possible to open our building to other organizations and to reach out to the community through a variety of events. Your gifts bring music to our worship experience each Sunday through piano and organ music from experienced and professional musicians.

Your giving covers the ability for parents to feel secure when they leave their children in the nursery with Retta. We are so blessed with her faithfulness to the ministry of our children.

Your giving also provides direct mission involvement in various programs in and surrounding Onancock. We have a long list of programs that receive our financial support as well as our time and talents.

This is just a glimpse into the way your gifts are being used for God in the church. There are things for the finance committee to consider as it moves forward with the budget for 2015. Plans for 2015 are to include Vacation Bible School in the evening for three nights for the children of this congregation and the community. A mission trip for youth and adults is also part of this summer's plan. All these opportunities are things for the future we are excited about. Our goal is to be good stewards of all the blessings God has given us. As we approach this new season of giving please prayerfully consider what God is calling you to give through your gifts and your time. Share your hopes for the budget with us via email, phone or talking to one of our elders. In all things we give God the glory through Jesus Christ our Lord.

MONICA'S PRESENTATION ON SOUTH AFRICA TRIP...

Pastor Monica will be presenting a program on her trip to South Africa as part of a program called "Journey of Pain and Hope". The presentation will take place at the Makemie Presbyterian Church on **November 19th at 6:00 pm**. Everyone is invited and it is also open to the community.

PASTOR MONICA'S WEEKLY SCHEDULE AND CONTACT INFORMATION...

Monica will have afternoon hours Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at Naomi Makemie and Wednesday afternoon at Makemie. Friday is her scheduled day off.

Phone Number Manse: 789-5343

Cell Phone: 812-746-2578 Monica likes text messages!

Email Address: mongould@gmail.com

NEWS FROM MAKEMIE PRESBYTERIAN (MPC)

Dear Makemie Congregation,

The Session met Wednesday and we discussed and planned some festive and celebratory church events. We want all of you to know what is planned and to ask for some feedback about a couple of dates.

Wednesday November 19 Monica will share information and show slides from her recent study tour in South Africa. Come and join us for an interesting hour beginning at 6 PM with hot cider. We will invite NMPC and the community to join us.

We hope to have a **hanging of the greens/ work day on Sat. Dec. 6**, similar to the day we shared a couple of years back. We will decorate the church for the holidays, tackle a few chores, and share a lunch to celebrate our accomplishments. Please let us know by return email if you can participate as we want a day when most can come.

Rev. Gould is excited to plan a special **Christmas Pageant Sunday December 21**. Charlie and David will be our stars but all of us will be asked to join in to tell the story.

The Christmas Eve communion service will be at 11:00 pm. The Makemie bell will ring in Christmas Day at the end of the candlelight service. Communion will also be served Sunday November 2.

Monica will have **office hours on Wednesdays at Makemie Church**. She invites each of you to stop by between the hours of 2-5 pm and to call her at H- 789-5354 or C-(812) 746-2578 if you would like to set a certain time to meet. Of course, as a pastor, she may occasionally be called away for pastoral duties or emergencies, but she happily plans to be at Makemie Church most every Wednesday afternoon.

Please in return email, let us know if you have questions and if the Dec. 6 date works for you.

Thanks! Makemie Session

MPC Worship Service Starts at 9:00 am

HALLOWEEN CELEBRATED AT NMPC...

Monica along with Pam Nielsen, Linda Arvidson, and Joe VanHove (their guardian angel for the evening) greeted over 300 kids from our community. Each trick or treater received a treat and a warm welcome from our wonderful team. What a **treat for NMPC!**



UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS...

Pastor Monica is extending an invitation to everyone to have Thanksgiving Dinner at the Manse. This is a special time to spend with family and friends and of course have a big turkey dinner. If you don't have plans and would like to attend, please let Monica know as soon as possible. Join your friends and help celebrate this special holiday.



CHRISTMAS SERVICES AND PROGRAMS ARE SCHEDULED:

Christmas Eve Candle Light and Communion Service will be held at 7:00 pm at NMPC and 11:00 pm at MPC

A very special Christmas Program will be presented December 21st at both churches. The program at NMPC will include the choir and the youth of our church. This is a service you do not want to miss.



ESPM GETS THANK YOUS FOR THE SCHOOL SUPPLIES...

This year, ESPM delivered a record amount of supplies to all the elementary schools on the Eastern Shore - including Tangier. We received a number of thank you notes and we would love to share them with you.

Accawmacke Elementary...

Dear ESPM TEAM, I cannot begin to thank you enough for all the school supplies that you brought to Accawmacke Elementary School. What a way to start off the school year! We really appreciate your kindness and generosity. I will let the students know that if they need anything, that it will be in the office. Thanks again so much!

Patricia Pace, Guidance Counselor

Kegotank Elementary School...

Thank you very much for your generous donation to us at KES. It is because of your organization and many others that NO student is without due to hardships and economic status. Our parents are very appreciative to see a backpack full of supplies when many can't afford them. Please continue to help us in any way in the upcoming years.

The Staff at Kegotank Elementary

Metompkin Elementary School...

Dear ESPM, On behalf of the Metompkin Elementary School, I would like to thank you for your generous donation of school supplies. Because of you, our students will be prepared for a successful school year!

Sincerely Ann Maria Parks, Assistant Principal

Accawmacke Elementary School...

Dear ESPM, I cannot thank you enough for the generous donation of school supplies that you gave to Accawmacke Elementary School. What a blessing to have organizations willing to help out our students! Thank you again so much! It is greatly appreciated!

Trish Poore

SAD NEWS TO REPORT...

Margaret Hardy Booth, mother of Janet Booth a member of NMPC currently living in Hampton, passed away in late October. Janet has been a long time member of the church. She moved to Hampton two years ago to be the primary care giver to both her father and mother. Janet's address is: 401 Old Point Ave., Hampton, VA 23669

JOE'S BOYS NOW CALLED JOE'S GANG

As most everyone in the Church now knows, Joe's Boys has become Joe's Gang with the wonderful addition of female volunteers. As a reminder, Joe's Gang is named after Joe Robbins, a member of our church who passed away several years ago. Joe was always working on the church and was worried that this tradition would continue - it does in his name.

The Gang regularly meets at the Church on the second Tuesday of the month at 9:00 A.M. They take on tasks such as painting, outside clean-up, and small electrical and plumbing projects that are fun, useful, and cost saving at both the Church and the Manse. Anyone who is interested in great fellowship and helpful stewardship is welcome to join the Gang. There are donuts and coffee provided, and the projects usually end with having lunch together.

NOVEMBER UPDATES AND HAPPENINGS AT NMPC...

The Church Calendar of Events for November

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 November 9th and 23rd
- ◆ Choir Practice is 5:30 pm - every Thursday
- ◆ PW is December 1st at 11:30 am
- ◆ NMPC Session at 5:15 pm November 18th - 2nd Floor meeting room
- ◆ Prayer Group at 10:00 am on 1st and 3rd Thursdays November 6th and 20th
- ◆ Joe's Gang (ladies welcome) 9:00 am on the 2nd Tuesday of each month (November 11th)
- ◆ Thanksgiving Dinner at the Manse on Thanksgiving Day - Please RSVP

Don't forget to check the full church calendar on the web or in the Makemie Room for non church meetings and activities. WWW.NMPRESCHURCH.ORG

Sunday Moments

November 9th... Megan Ames will be joining Naomi Makemie.

November 16th... We will be dedicating the memorial pavers at the front of the Church.

November 23rd... Worship will focus on Thanksgiving

November 30th... First Sunday in Advent.

Naomi Makemie's Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women will meet on Monday, December 1, 2014 at 11:30 am in the Makemie Room. We will be finishing our study of the book "A Year of Biblical Womanhood", by Rachel Held Evans. Please join us for our book discussion, followed by a brown bag lunch (drinks & dessert provided) and our business meeting.

Our next book is *Prayer: Finding the Heart's True Home* by Richard J. Foster. Katherine Moore has graciously offered to lead us in the study. We will start the new book in January. Books are now available from either Pam Nielsen or Carol Rush. Cost of the book is \$5.00.

Our supply of items for First Night kits for ESCADV has dwindled. We need **brushes, combs** 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.

With the August 2014 newsletter we expanded to include the Makemie Church. We invite members of the MPC to provide input to the newsletter so that we can become a closer church family. 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

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| Carolyn Armstrong | 11-08 |
| Antonina Schuyler | 11-11 |
| Jack Humphreys | 11-13 |
| Laura Naylor | 11-21 |
| Mary Ryser | 11-24 |
| Bob Gibb | 11-27 |
| Cassie Parker - Colona | 11-27 |

Did we miss anyone? Let us know!



**Don't forget Thanksgiving at the
Manse with Pastor Monica and Mike -
Please RSVP**