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MESSAGE FROM PASTOR GOULD

Life starts all over again when it gets crisp in the fall.
F. Scott Fitzgerald, *The Great Gatsby*

It's hard to believe that October is here and that fall is now upon us. We're just beginning to get into the rhythm of the activities of the new season and there are many opportunities to choose from. Have you seen the list? There is Presbyterian Women, Friday yoga, the prayer shawl project, adult and children's Sunday school. Joe's Gang and the Naomi choir are always looking for new recruits. I know I've left off a few...I'll let all of you fill me in on the rest of the church activities. There are also many community programs that are eager to greet new volunteers.

Romans. 12:11-12 *Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord.* ¹²*Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.* ¹³*Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.*

I find the list of endless opportunities energizes me. One thing a friend reminded me of a long time ago was to look to the heart and discover what makes our hearts sing as we hear about opportunities to serve. It is with this advice in mind that we can approach the long list of needs and choose an area where we will match our gifts and desires.

There is much ahead of us. Many ideas and plans for our future will be coming together and we will be asking you where your heart sings as you hear about opportunities to serve.

May God guide and direct our days as we walk together on this journey.

Monica

EDITOR'S NOTE: Rev Gould will be traveling to South Africa and will not be with us for two weeks. Read about her trip on page 3.

SESSION DIGEST FROM CLERK OF SESSION NMPC

On September 16, Moderator Rev. Monica Gould opened the meeting with devotions. The voice mail on the manse phone is not operational yet. Especially on Sundays, it would be helpful to put written notes on the pastor's desk rather than telling her orally. She has been meeting the local pastors and discussing options with the active ruling elders. Her October trip to South Africa will be highlighted in an upcoming newsletter. (see page 3)

Rev. Gould plans to have office hours at Naomi Makemie on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. She'll be at Makemie on Wednesdays and generally take her days off at the end of the week. The Session will meet on the third Tuesday of the month for the rest of the year. Rev. Gould will host the December joint meeting with the Makemie Session at the manse. Session spouses are also invited to this combination meeting and holiday party.

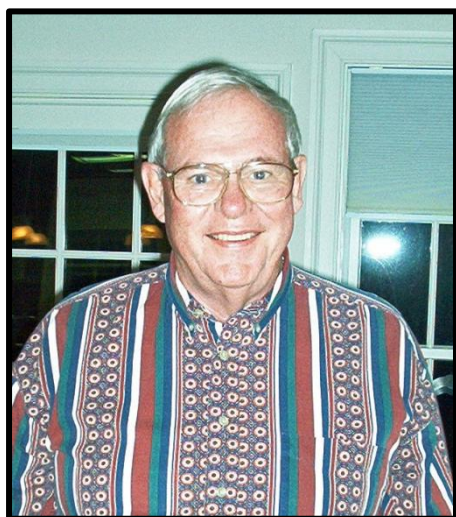
As Treasurer, George Heinrichs moved the revised Social Security offset calculations of \$3,863 for the Pastor's call. In accordance with IRS guidelines, the housing allowance for 2014 is \$1,600 and for 2015 will be \$4,800 based on the value of the manse and utilities of \$11,654. Dick Freeman made this motion; the Session approved both motions.

Susan Grove and Jennifer Stapleton will audit the church books on October 22. The 2015 budget justifications are due for the October Session meeting. The Building and Grounds Committee will contract with Ben's to re-carpet the sanctuary in the same color – red. Rick Turner volunteered to serve on the Nominations Committee with Pam Nielsen and Spencer Schuyler who were previously elected. On September 24, the American Red Cross held a blood drive at the church and 33 pints were donated.

Monica indicated that we will continue to have two Christmas Eve services with times to be determined.

SAD NEWS TO REPORT...

Robert (Bob) Haines passed away on August 8th. Bob and Jean were both long term members of Naomi Makemie. Jean passed away last year. They had moved to Michigan several years ago. Bob will be



remembered as a very active member of the church; choir, Sunday School teacher, Vacation Bible School volunteer, Mission Committee member and a great sign maker using his gift of drawing. We received a note from his daughter Alison and would like to share some of it with you:

Debbie and I remain comforted in our vision of he and Mom reunited, fully in spirit, heart and healthy mind.....along with our youngest sister Stephanie who passed in 1986. I don't really know how those without faith handle 'death' from this life. There is so much promise in what we believe that it's hard to feel complete 'loss'.

LETTER TO SESSIONS AND CONGREGATION OF NAOMI MAKEMIE & MAKEMIE REGARDING THE SOUTH AFRICA TRIP

As I write to you, I'm in a place of anticipation and excitement, preparing for my travels to South Africa in October. From the 4th-16th, I will be traveling with the Wabash Pastoral Leadership Team on a Study Tour, "South Africa: A Pilgrimage of Pain and Hope." Since this was a commitment with my previous congregation and the program many of them have followed my participation in the Wabash Pastoral Leadership program, a two year continuing education program funded by the Lilly Endowment. I invite you, if you so desire to follow along with this final leg of the program.

Over the past two years, I have had the great privilege of gathering every other month for a two day seminar with 16 Indiana pastors. We have spent time learning about leadership strategies and studying issues that impact our ministry, including poverty, education, health care, economics and immigration. The program is designed to help us as pastors to shape our ministry by understanding the local contexts in which we serve, evaluate the needs of our communities, and network with secular and religious organizations to foster well-being in our local and global communities.

We will close out our two years together with a two week study tour to South Africa trip organized through the lens of "a pilgrimage of pain and hope." Every day, we will visit a place of pain in South Africa, and visit a place through which God has brought hope through Christian leaders and churches. We'll spend time becoming acquainted with pastors, learning about their ministry, experience worship in a variety of South African church settings, and identify resources in Christian thought and practice that guide and support Christians in South Africa.

This will be the second trip to South Africa for the Wabash Pastoral Leadership program. Our leaders have traveled to South Africa numerous times and organized the trip after multiple site visits to the locations we will tour. An incredible amount of time has been devoted to ensuring we have the most enriching and safe experience possible.

South Africa was chosen for our study tour as it demonstrates both the challenges facing communities related to poverty, education, and economics, as well as the impact Christian organizations can have when they understand and respond to the needs of God's children. Issues such as reconciliation, justice, and forgiveness will be explored with leaders who help the nation heal following decades of apartheid. We'll answer the question "how can transformation occur when the Church dwells in the pain of those who are hurting and brings the hope of Christ?"

During my time in South Africa, we will travel to Robben Island, where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned for 28 years, visit significant South African historical sites, and meet with those who were involved in the struggle for justice during the years of apartheid.

While I am away, I will be journaling through photography and video. I will take copious notes about the people I have met and the historical sites we have seen; and if possible (internet depending) write a blog. I look forward to sharing my experiences with all of you following my return for any who might be interested. I will do so during a coffee hour presentation, a special evening workshop, a community lecture or just one on one chats.

I'll conclude with the words of Pastor Libby Manning, Assistant Director of the leadership program: "We travel to South Africa, paying attention to the stories of the people and communities we meet. We humbly recognize that we and the congregations we serve are a key part of God's larger story and God's mission to bring healing to the entire world. Rev. Dr. Peter Storey said 'the local parish, together with the local pastor, is God's best plan for the healing of the entire universe.'"

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Thank you all for your prayers and support as I participate in this incredible pilgrimage. I am excited beyond words to experience and see how the Holy Spirit will use this incredible opportunity to guide the congregations of Naomi Makemie & Makemie and me as your pastor.

Peace and all good to you,
Monica

SPENCER IS DEPARTING FOR TEXAS...

Spencer Schuyler, our organist and choir director, has accepted a new position in Dallas, Texas. We will miss him! He has helped the church choir to grow in choral capability and in music contributions to worship services. His last Sunday with us is October 19th. Please plan to come out that day and wish Spencer, Julia, Antonina and Sasha farewell at a special coffee hour following church.

JOE'S GANG FOR OCTOBER

Joe's Gang will be meeting at the church on October 14th at 9:00 am. There are a number of things they would like to get done/started in the church building. A lot of little things to get the church ready for winter. Outside clean up (weather permitting), some painting touch up, some wall repairs from the leaks (now fixed) and possibly some kitchen clean up. Look forward to having lots of help. and of course there will be donuts!

BLOOD DRIVE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 24TH...

They used to say "neither rain nor snow will stop the mail", now they will be saying "neither rain nor wind will stop the blood donors at NMPC"! The Red Cross set a target of 30 pints for our drive (a fairly high target for a church), but with the weather they were not optimistic. Well, we got a great turn out and they received 33 good donors, two of which were doubles for a total of 35 pints! Great going NMPC! Thanks go out to Gloria for scheduling, Harry at the registration desk, Addy and Helen in the kitchen, and Rick for helping to get the church ready. Please tell them how much we appreciate their effort. The Red Cross would like increase our commitment by adding a third blood drive in late February or early March - watch for details.

HALLOWEEN AT NMPC



There will be candy treats passed out to young trick or treaters at the bench (weather permitting) of NMPC on Halloween. I will be dressed in costume (perhaps the great pumpkin) any other suggestions for costumes will be welcomed. Also, pass the word around and invite children to stop by; and if there are those who would like to contribute candy for the occasion that would be wonderful. Monica

INSTALLATION OF REV MONICA GOULD SEPTEMBER 28TH...

A Service of Worship of the Presbytery of Virginia was held on September 28th at the Makemie Presbyterian Church for the installation of Rev Monica Gould as pastor of both MPC and NMPC. The service was lead by Rev Dr Jeffrey Bell, PEVA Moderator. Rev Elizabeth Hendricks, Transitional General Presbyter of PEVA assisted with the service. The PNC members and Vernon Bell, our Committee on Ministry representative, also assisted. Rev Dr Donald Broad delievered the sermon entitled *Unbelievable But True*. A significant number of clergy from other community churches were also in attendance.

Following the service, a dinner was provide at the Naomi Makemie Church.



From left to right:

Rev Bell; Rev Hendricks; Jack Humphreys, PNC chair; Rev Monica Gould; Rick Hall, PNC; Vernon Bell, and Gloria Miller, PNC.

Rev Gould greeting a young member of MPC



Rev Bell installing Rev Gould



NEWS FROM MAKEMIE PRESBYTERIAN (MPC)

MAKEMIE NEWS

A potluck supper was held at the home of Rick and Cissy Hall to welcome Rev. Monica Gould and her husband Mike. It was a wonderful gathering of many friends and members of the Makemie Church. Many thanks to those who came and joined the fellowship and to Rick and Cissy for opening their home.

RECAP FROM THE SEPTEMBER SESSION MEETING:

Fencing around the back of the church and the bell will be repaired with the help of the men of the church.

Christian Education was discussed and we will seek to offer classes once a month on Wednesdays beginning in October or November.

The church website needs to be updated and a plan was made to either restore the site or create a new one.

There are lots of ideas of how to include the people in the community in events at the church.

Next session meeting will be Wednesday October 22nd at 5 pm

Makemie October birthdays:

Charlie Mahler	10/1
David Hughes	10/22
Joan D'Ottavio	10/23

MPC Worship Service Starts at 9:00 am

ELIZABETH BARNES GRADUATED FROM COLLEGE...



Elizabeth with Mom and Dad and brother Edward pictured after her graduation from the University of Mary Washington. We all remember Elizabeth who grew up in the NMPC.

Congratulations for a job well done!

OCTOBER UPDATES AND HAPPENINGS AT NMPC...

The Church Calendar of Events for October ***Please mark your calendar***

Adult Church School starts at 9:30 am – every Sunday
NMPC Church Service starts at 11:00 am – every Sunday

October 4th Rev Rudy Naylor

October 11th Rev Stanley Lin

YOGA every Friday at 10:00 am

Children's Church School at 11:15 am - alternating Sundays October 12th and 26th

Choir Practice is 5:30 pm - every Thursday

PW is October 6th at 11:30 am

NMPC Session at 5:15 pm - October 21st (new date)

Prayer Group at 10:00 am on 1st and 3rd Thursdays
(October 2nd and 16th)

Joe's Gang (ladies welcome) 9:00 am on the 2nd Tuesday of each month
(October 14th)

Halloween@NMPC October 31st at dusk

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

Naomi Makemie's Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women will meet on Monday, October 6, 2014 at 11:30 am in the Makemie Room. We will be continuing our study of the book "A Year of Biblical Womanhood", by Rachel Held Evans. This month's chapter is **Justice**. Please join us for our book discussion, followed by a brown bag lunch (beverages & dessert provided) and our business meeting.

At last month's meeting we chose our next book, *Prayer: Finding the Heart's True Home* by Richard J. Foster. Katherine Moore has graciously offered to lead us in the study. We are looking forward to having Katherine with us. We will start the new book in January.

Currently our supply of items for First Night kits is good.

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

Stella Bosworth	10-02
George Heinrichs	10-02
Kim Penland	10-05
Beverly Tompkins	10-15
Rebecca Hensley	10-25

Did we miss anyone? Let us know!



**Alert to all drivers! School has started -
watch for the children and school buses.
Make sure you slow down and stop when
required!**