



Naomi Makemie
Presbyterian Church

Onancock, Virginia

A Member of Presbyterian Church USA

October 2013 *It's Fall Again Edition*

A Message from Robert

***Editor's Note:** Robert recently announced his retirement at the end of the year.
Robert and Nina have been with us going on 8 years.*

Dear and Beloved Friends in the Naomi Makemie Presbyterian Church

I have only three more Letters From The Pastor's Desk to write to you. I want you all to know that Nina and I have loved our time with you. We cannot believe that 7 years + have passed by. Can you? We all have so much to be thankful for.

In the next three months, as a process person, I know that our task together is to celebrate all that has taken place in the last 7 years, and to begin saying "God Be With You Till We Meet Again." I want to prepare a place for your new Pastor. That is the right thing to do.

Susan and Cada told me about this newsletter in plenty of time to give prayerful consideration to what I would be saying. I want to share these words with you all. They are foundational to all that we do in the church of Jesus Christ.

Above all return to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Here is the Gospel message in all its original simplicity, undyingly new: the message that all men and women are really loved by God, that sins are really forgiven, and that the mercy of God, beyond all our comprehension, has come to drive out the bitterness of selfish hearts and fill us instead with the sweetness of His presence forever. - Thomas Merton

Friends, you have a magnificent, compassionate and generous, community of faith. I have loved serving as your Pastor. I feel certain, your new Pastor will love you just as much.

Love to you,

Robert and Nina
A BLESSING

Bless to me O God, the earth beneath my feet. Bless to be me O God, the path on which I go. Bless to me O God, the people whom I meet. O God of Sea and Sky, bless to me my life. As it was, as it is, and as it shall be ever more. Amen

A Note from Nina....

"What Makes a Place a Home?"

Dear and beloved friends...

As someone who works with people in transition, in the sacred comings and goings of life, I have some small sense of how complex and full and unpredictable the emotions are that accompany change.

And now I write as one undergoing this mysterious part of life, as Robert and I prepare to move into the next phase of our lives. Lives, thanks be to God, and to you, that are forever blessed by our years here with you all... blessed in more ways than we can count.

What makes a place a home? Sometimes, you can be in a place for even decades, and it never really feels like home. Other places... well, other places you arrive and you instantly feel welcomed, at home, excited to be there, and blessed by community and fellowship and loving hearts.

That was what it was like for us with you. From the very first days when Mike and Marge sheltered us from the literal storm of a hurricane as we moved in, through each and every day since, we have been showered with your love, support, friendship and so much more. You, as a church family, do so much to make many "homes" better for so many in the community, and we know that work will only increase in years to come.

I am a real believer in the concept of home as mosaic... i.e. home is not just one place, but a patchwork of all the sacred gifts of places I have been... places that are not ever forgotten, because they have been formational, and continue to live in my heart, and in a life forever shaped by time there. And I tend those place and those people in years to come... we both believe in staying in touch, visiting, and yes, leading retreats :)

Know that we love you all, and know that the amazing community that you are will utterly bless the next person lucky enough to call NMPC... home.

With profoundly grateful hearts,
Nina and Robert

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## **Joe's Boys Fall Schedule**

Joe's Boys will be meeting as usual on the second Tuesday of the month at 9:00 A.M. This Fall, there are numerous small projects to be completed around the Church. In addition, we will be performing our annual Fall exterior clean-up at the Church manse. All men (and women if interested) are invited to join us for light work, socializing, and a valuable cost benefit to our Church.



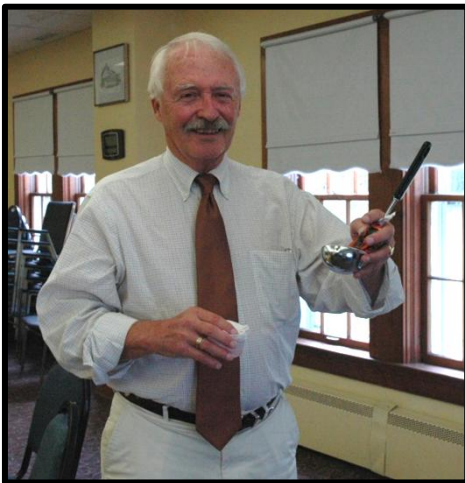
## Front of Church Transformed..

**Memorial Garden**--The new and highly attractive front area of our Church is almost complete; the only addition will be a cross soon to be installed in the central circular section. Already some local residents have been seen enjoying the addition while seated on the new bench. Hopefully this will be an addition to the community as well as to our Church family. This project will solve a drainage issue as well as update and beautify the front area



of the Church. Soon the process of placing a memorial for friends and loved ones will be announced. It will be possible to place an engraved brick paver in the Memorial Garden with the name or names of the person/s to be remembered. For additional information contact Rick Turner.

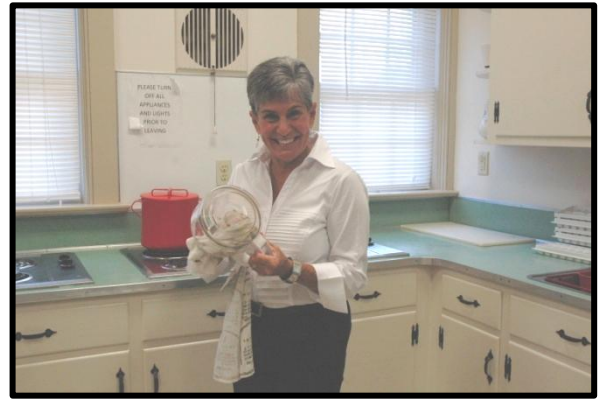
## 7th Annual Chili Cook Off on September 29th



Marshall Ryon won the coveted Presbyterian Ladle with his "wild goose and venison" chili. All the money collected in the voting will go to the Food Bank of the Eastern Shore. Thanks to everyone who prepared chili, corn bread, and came and had a good time of fellowship.



Debbie Ryon wanted to know if Marshall was eating his own chili...he admitted that he tasted all of them, but really did like his the best



We had a great cleanup crew...welcome back Dick and Jean Freeman from their summer at "the lake". Good to have you back with us.

### Upcoming Events to Keep in Mind...

- Pot Luck dinner on December 8th
- NMPC Open House for the Onancock Christmas House Tour December 14th
- Christmas dinner for G F Horne on December 18th

### ***Spaghetti Dinner with the Crew of the Godspeed***

With Special Guest Rev Francis Makemie

October 18th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM

Come and enjoy an evening of fun and good food. NMPC will be hosting the crew of the *Godspeed* that will be visiting Onancock. In addition Anthony Burcher, Author and Professional Story Teller, will be portraying Rev Makemie.

The team will need lots of help with desserts, set up and serving. This event is open to the public and we expect a large turnout. The team has been busy planning for this event. It is one of the scheduled events of the Godspeed Week End. This is a great opportunity to show off NMPC. We need all the help we can get to make this a great success. If you are able to help please contact Linda Arvidson or Rick Turner as soon as possible or they will be checking with you.



## A Summary of Upcoming Events and Announcements for October

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

Church School starts at 9:30 am – every Sunday  
Church Services start at 11:00 pm – every Sunday  
Choir Practice is 5:30 pm - every Thursday  
YOGA is 10:00 am – every Friday  
PW is on the 7th at 11:30 am  
Prayer Group at 10:00 am on the 3rd and 17th  
Session at 2:00 pm on the 21st  
Joe's Boys (ladies welcome) 9:00 am on the 8th

**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](http://WWW.NMPRESCHURCH.ORG)**

### **Upcoming Event in October...**

Please mark your calendar for the Spaghetti Dinner on the  
18th at 5:00 pm

***To reserve any room at the church you only need to post it  
on the calendar in the Makemie Room - please include  
your name and room you wish to reserve. Remember,  
regular church and special church services always take  
priority.***

### **CHURCH SCHOOL UPDATES**

Sunday School has begun again, with four regular teachers (Debbie, Cada, Linda, and Rick) and a meeting every other week at 9:30 am on Sunday. The Sunday School room was completely refurbished this summer and now provides an attractive and functional area for learning and enjoyment. If anyone is interested in becoming involved with the program, please let Robert or one of the teachers know.

The Adult Discussion Group is now meeting in the Stella and Merrill Belote Room on the second floor. The Adult group selects contemporary topics for discussion each week. Watch for the discussion topics and if you have an idea for one please see Rick Turner.

### **NMPC PW Bible Study**

NMPC Presbyterian Women will meet Monday, October 7, 2013 at 11:30 a.m. in the Makemie Room. PW will be starting a new book, A Year of Biblical Womanhood by Rachel Held Evens . Jean Freeman will be discussing the introduction and Chapter 1: October: Gentleness. Please read chapter 1 for discussion on Monday. Books are \$10.00 and payment may be given to Carol Rush. More books will be ordered if needed.

Please bring a brown bag lunch (dessert and beverage will be provided). A short business meeting will follow after the book discussion.

The Newsletter team continues to encourage you to consider receiving your newsletter by email. The newsletter is produced with lots of color and photos. The email version also saves money for the church. For those wishing a hard copy we will continue to distribute them the first Sunday of the month and mail those not picked up the following Monday. To receive by email send a message to [cadagrove@att.net](mailto:cadagrove@att.net).

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| Stella Bosworth   | 10-02 |
| George Heinrichs  | 10-02 |
| Kim Penland       | 10-05 |
| Beverly Tompkins  | 10-15 |
| Jean Haines       | 10-17 |
| Sacheverel Eldrid | 10-24 |
| Rebecca Hensley   | 10-25 |

Happy Birthday to all our  
members and friends born in  
October.

Did we miss someone?  
Please let us know.

Be sure to check out all the activities  
coming up this fall. Mark your calendar  
and remember to bring a friend or two.