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Makemie Presbyterian Church
Accomac, Virginia
Naomi Makemie Presbyterian Church
Onancock, Virginia

Members of Presbyterian Church USA

August 2014

MPC AND NMPC CALL A NEW MINISTER

During the month of July, both churches unanimously voted to call the Reverend Monica Gould to the pulpit of our two churches. This was a seven month process, following the retirement of Reverend Close.

She and her husband, Mike, will be moving into the manse the last week in August, and she will begin her ministry here on Monday, September 1. She will be leading worship on Sunday, September 7.



Her life story is fascinating. She was born in Australia to Dutch immigrant parents who later moved to Miami, Florida. She and Mike met in Gainesville, Florida while attending colleges in the area. She has two nursing degrees and worked as an RN for twenty years before deciding on seminary and the ordained ministry.

After two years at Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia, Mike's company transferred them to France for five years. She completed her third year at a French reformed seminary and was ordained a Minister in Mission where she learned to give sermons in French. Upon their return to the U.S., she was called to serve a Presbyterian Church in Mt. Vernon, Indiana where she has been for the last seven years.

Mike is a mechanical engineer and works on nuclear power plants. Mike usually works from home, when he is not traveling on business. His company's U.S. headquarters is in Lynchburg, Virginia. Mike and Monica are avid sailors and own a sailboat. They have three grown children and several grandchildren. Both Mike and Monica are singers. Monica is an alto and when work permits, Mike sings tenor.

SESSION DIGEST FROM CLERK OF SESSION

MODERATOR Rev. Broad

Thoughts and prayers were requested for Camilo Chuquin and the families of Grace Moscatel and Muriel Howard. Rick Turner moved the baptism of Christopher Connor Ames and Carter MacDaniel Ames on June 15, 2014.

TREASURER George Heinrichs

George presented the May and June Treasurer's reports. In June, plate offerings were down 28%. The church's workers compensation policy will be changed to the corporate officers' names. Tom checked with our attorney to see if part of the Pastor's compensation could be taken from the mission trust but the answer was "No."

The language in the 6 month financial statement was approved. George had contacted Laura Jones at Merrill Lynch and they decided to wait until fall to transfer any surplus cash left after the pastor's moving expenses are known.

The clerk will contact Susan Grove and Jennifer Stapleton to see if they are willing to do the financial audit this year. A memorial paver will be ordered in memory of Muriel Howard and it will be funded from part of the contribution in her honor.

CLERK Jody Humphreys

The joint meeting of the Sessions of Makemie and Naomi Makemie was held on April 22nd and reaffirmed the split of our finances. The Presbyterian Women's Officers as of September 2015 are Pam Nielsen, Moderator, Linda Arvidson, Vice Moderator, Carol Rush, Treasurer and Michele Van Hove, Secretary and Historian. Debbie Ryon's use of the church for a Contemplative Prayer class was endorsed. E-training for new members and for church officers can be found on theoacademy.com.

Average attendance for the month of May was 35 and for June it was 36. Our active membership is 46.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS Rick Turner

Joe's Gang will replace the upstairs toilet in the manse. Tom indicated the carpet runners in the sanctuary are worn and need to be replaced. George suggested a "buy a yard" fundraiser. Rick will get samples. The riding mower will be sold in the fall because the new Pastor has her own. The existing building use policy was reaffirmed.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION Jennifer Stapleton

September 7 is the proposed date for resuming Sunday School.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE Laura Chuquin-Naylor

The church picnic was great and pictures are on our new Facebook page. Friend us! Laura and Linda will work on a welcome basket for the new Pastor.

MEMBERSHIP, FRIENDSHIP AND SERVICE Linda Arvidson

Linda and Rick will organize an elegant coffee hour on September 7 to honor the Goulds.

MISSION George Heinrichs

Thanks were extended to Cada Grove for organizing the May 28th Blood Drive. We had 29 donors and 7 deferrals. The School Supply fundraiser kick off will start soon.
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SEARCH Jack Humphreys

At the Called Session Meeting on June 29, the Search Committee provided copies of the call and covenant proposed for a new Pastor. Tom Nielsen moved and Laura Chuquin-Naylor provided a second for approving them which was carried. Rick Turner's motion for a called congregational meeting on July 13, 2014 was approved. Jack Humphreys read us the proposed Pastor's "Statement of Faith" which will be provided to the congregation along with the call and covenant. Rick Turner thanked the Search Committee for all their hard work on behalf of the church.

The Called Congregational Meeting of the Naomi Makemie Presbyterian Church was held on July 13, 2014. The Moderator called on the clerk for a determination of a quorum. A quorum is defined as 25% and there were 25 members present of our 46 member congregation or 54%.

The Moderator indicated that the Session moved that the Search Committee be renamed the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC.) Motion carried. The Moderator thanked the Committee. The PNC Chair provided copies of the call and covenant proposed for the new Pastor as well as a copy of her "Statement of Faith." On behalf of the congregation and to expedite the process, the PNC signed the call.

SAD NEWS TO REPORT...

Mrs. Mildred E. Carlson, a former long time member of NMPC, passed away on March 29, 2014. Her husband Walter passed away several years ago. Mildred was living in Livingston, NJ near her family.

BAPTISMS IN JUNE..

Ted and Megan Ames, presented their sons Christopher Connor Ames and Carter McDaniel Ames for baptism at the June 15, 2014 service. The Rev Dr Donald Broad conducted the service. Welcome to NMPC!

NEW PROGRAM ON TUESDAY NIGHTS

"Laura and I are starting an informal discussion group on "A Course in Miracles." In one of his Soul Nuggets, Dr. Robert Close discusses a "non-dual" God, an all-inclusive God. This is the kind of God that is presented in the Course. This is a course of self-study and spiritual growth. One of its avowed purposes is to remove blocks "to the awareness of love's presence, which is your natural inheritance." We meet on Tuesdays at 5:15 P.M. at NMPC. Questions? Call Rhudy at 787-8301."

JOE'S GANG FOR AUGUST

The arrival of our new minister is late August, so Joe's Gang is planning a major work party for August 12th to go through the manse to make sure it is ready. They have something for everyone to do. Bathroom cleaning, general cleaning, yard work, garage cleaning, some light plumbing, and more. If you can help please let Rick Turner know that you plan to come. Of course if Rick is involved there will be donuts from the bakery!

SOME THOUGHTS ABOUT OUR LOSSES THIS SUMMER... FROM CADA GROVE

This summer, NMPC lost two current members and one former member. Sitting in Muriel Howard's service I found myself trying to understand what I could take away from the service - I did not really get an answer that day. Sometime later, I found some notes I took at the memorial service for Susan's Uncle Ted.

I rarely take "notes" at a service but the words impressed me enough to write them down. I think they have great meaning to what we can say about the three who are no longer with us. The message was:

The virtues we have on earth are not needed in heaven. When we depart earth our virtues are available, free to anyone who wants or needs them. You can treat them as gifts left behind and you can make use of them and add them to your own earthly virtues."

These three individual clearly had a large number of virtues that are now available to any of us to take and use. The interesting thing about good virtues is they can be shared - everyone can take them all and use them in our own life. There is no limit, they are a gift - take as many as you want. I am sure Grace, Muriel and Sacheverel would be pleased that their gifts are still being used.

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AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER UPDATES AND HAPPENINGS...

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

Adult Church School starts at 9:30 am – every Sunday
MPC - no services in August - Starts September 7th at 9:00 am
Church Service starts at 11:00 am – every Sunday
YOGA every Friday at 10:00 am re-starts in September
Children's Church School at 11:15 am - alternating Sundays Starts September 7th
Choir Practice is 5:30 pm - every Thursday Look for startup date
PW is September 8th at 11:30 am
Session at 5:15 pm on August 11th
Prayer Group at 10:00 am on August 8th and August 21st
Joe's Gang (ladies welcome) 9:00 am on the 2nd Tuesday of each month

August 3 - Communion - Rev. Dr. Don Broad

August 10 - Rev. Rhudy Naylor

August 17 - Elder Laura Chuquin-Naylor

August 24 - Rev. Stanley Lin

August 31 - Hymn Sing - Labor Day Weekend

Sept. 7 - Rev. Monica Gould - Special coffee hour!

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

NMPC PW Starts in September

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Secretary/ Historian:	Michele Van Hove	lvdsny@aol.com	442-6589

The Presbyterian Women's Group of Naomi Makemie Presbyterian Church will resume their Bible Study and monthly fellowship on Monday, September 8, 2014. We meet on the first Monday of each month (except in September, when we meet on second Monday) at 11:30 in the Makemie Room (our social hall), from September thru June. Our current book is *A Year of Biblical Womanhood*, by Rachel Held Evans. Please join us whether you have read the book or not!

The chapter on "Submission" is the topic for September. We will have a discussion about the book, followed by a brown bag lunch. Beverage & dessert are provided. After lunch we will have a brief business meeting, where we will be choosing a book to start in 2015. We will continue our project of supplying "First Night" bags to CADV.

We are excited to have our new pastor, Reverend Monica Gould, join us. Come spend some time in fellowship and get to know Rev. Gould! We look forward to seeing you on September 8 at 11:30. If you have any questions, please contact one of the officers listed above.

The August 2014 newsletter has been 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:

Birthdays for August

Gene Soud	08-04
Addie Babus	08-12
Wes Stapleton	08-13
Evelyn Gibb	08-22
Reta Isdell	08-22
Elta Green	08-26
Caroline May Parker	08-29
Early September	
Pam Nielsen	09-05
Don Broad	09-06

Did we miss anyone? Let us know!



August is school supply month for the Presbyterian Churches on the Eastern Shore. Please make a donation so we can provide the necessary supplies to all the elementary schools