



Naomi Makemie
Presbyterian Church

Onancock, Virginia

A Member of Presbyterian Church USA

September 2013 *Welcome Back Edition*

Dear and Beloved Friends

"Come and see...You shall see greater things than these....." Jesus, John 1:39, 50

Schools are opening, September comes, and there is some rhythm in our bodies that responds. We are ready to start learning again, something that is in our DNA. Back to school time is not just for children. Most of us are lifelong learners and we appreciate learning, growing, always being in the process of becoming, of deepening.

Two things come to my mind that I would like to suggest to you as we enter September. First, I would like to suggest that you read the Gospel of Luke. All of the Gospel lectionary passages up to December are from Luke. And reading the Gospel can be in the words of Marcus Borg, like *"Meeting Jesus again for the first time."*

Secondly, I would like to suggest that you develop your own prayer practice. *"Pray as you can, not as you can't"* as one has put it. Find a way for you to give 5 - 10 minutes a day to prayer, reflection, contemplation. These words from Thomas Merton come to mind: *"Gradually, after deliberately choosing quiet times with God, our hearts begin to sharpen its perception of God's presence. The quiet of God begins to speak and direct us, and our hearts become more finely attuned to the frequency that God uses to speak to us."*

I think reading the Gospel of Luke and a daily prayer practice will deepen our faith, both individually and as a community of faith. My friends, the words of Jesus printed above are for us, here and now, today.

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With you in continuing to grow and deepen on our journey to God,

Robert

Happening Now and this Summer...

What's Happening to the Front of the Church?

If you have been by the church in the past week or two you may have noticed - would be hard to miss - the construction. We have had a serious drainage problem for a number of years. Rain water has been accumulating around the foundation and has required several repairs to be done. The Session approved a plan to correct this and at the same time make a significant improvement to the landscaping. There will be a memorial area, along with new plantings, and better drainage. The objectives of this project are to refresh the look of the Church, honor friends and loved ones, and solve drainage problems. Individuals will be able to honor or memorialize persons by purchasing a brick-like paver and having the honoree's name engraved. The cost will be determined soon. There will be a formal announcement soon of both the cost and instructions. The Session will also be reviewing past member names to be added to the memorial. For more information contact Rick Turner.



Habitat Camp at NMPC

NMPC recently hosted 6 young men from Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Five of them played football for the same High School and had decided they wanted to continue their long friendship by doing Habitat Camps during the summer months. Now, attending various colleges - and one in nursing school, they selected the Eastern Shore for what may be the last summer together. They spent a productive week roofing and doing drywall at the latest Habitat project. Sometimes we cannot help but worry about our country's' future; but when we meet a group like this - I don't think we have to worry. When they departed they left a message for our church.

Dear Cada and the good folk of the Naomi Makemie Presbyterian Church

Thank you for sheltering us during the past week. We enjoyed our stay in Onancock. We will never forget our time spent here.

Sincerely, Drexel Commando Squad

Signed Donald, John, Kelly, Nevin, and Ty

Happening Now and this Summer...continued

Children's Classroom Refurbished

The last class room to be redone on the second floor has been completed. Cleaned, repainted, new curtains, new rugs, new white board, and a lot of new storage for supplies, the room has been transformed into a great environment for learning. If you have not visited the room, please do. Most of the expense was covered by several fund raisers at the church; however the rugs took us over our small budget. If you would like to make a donation, Joe's Boys would be grateful.

In addition new curtains have been added to the other classroom to complete everything planned for the second floor. Most of the work on the second floor renovations was done by the men and ladies of the church.

Presbyterian Women Announce this Year Study.

A Year of Biblical Womanhood by Rachel Held Evans will be the new study book for 2013/2014. The books have arrived and are in the sideboard in the Belote Room upstairs. Books are \$10.00 and payment may be given to Carol rush. More books will be ordered as necessary. The new study will begin in October. PW meet the first Monday of the month at 11:30 in the Makemie room. First PW meeting this fall is September 9 - check details on page 7 of the newsletter.

Joe's Boys Continued to Meet this summer

The Joe's Boys gang recently spent a morning working on the grounds at the manse. They pulled weeds, trimmed trees, raked leaves, mulched, sprayed, and carted refuse all away. Thanks to Jack, some much needed expert pruning was completed. They continued to do minor repairs and outside work at the church. Thank you to Cada, George, Jack, Buddy, Rhudy, and Rick.

Everyone is invited to join them the gang second Tuesday of every month. (They may be called Joe's boys, but ladies are welcome anytime.) If you have any questions or suggestions on something you think needs to be done, let Rick know.

The Membership and Friendship Committee are Planning a Bus Trip.



Have you ever visited the Mariner's Museum in Newport News? It is considered one of the best maritime museums in the country and has a large collection of items from the maritime activities on the Chesapeake Bay. It is also the keeper of the famous Civil War Ship the *Monitor*. The *Monitor* sank off the North Carolina Coast in 1863 and was recently discovered and recovered by the US Navy. It is now on display. The trip is planned for early November and will be on a Saturday. If you are interested please sign up in the Makemie room. Any questions, please see Linda Arvidson

ESPM Celebrates its 10th Year of Operation

Mission Statement: ESPM is a school support group made up of the Presbyterian Churches on the Eastern Shore with support and help from churches throughout PEVA. The mission is to support the elementary schools in both Accomack and Northampton Counties to provide schools supplies to the children who for whatever reason do not have them available. Working with the schools identifies the number of children who will need help. Through the financial support of many, the group then purchases and collect supplies for delivery to the schools to get them through the school year.

When it All Started: ESPM was started in 2003 by the pastors and elders of the 5 Presbyterian Churches on the Eastern Shore. Through members of the church and community the group became aware of the need and the difficulty many teachers had with helping children who came to school without the required supplies. The goal of the effort was to make a significant difference in the education of these children. The lack of school supplies should never be the reason a child cannot be successful in school.



Supplies are mostly purchased at Walmart, who provides good prices and



wonderful logistical support. This year it required three trips with the truck to bring them to the church. They are combined with the supplies collected by other churches and readied for distribution to

the individual schools.



It is hard to measure precisely what good has been provided. We do not directly interface with the children or teachers. Each school administers distribution of supplies in their own way to ensure the help gets to the right child. We do however receive many anecdotal stories of how a child was helped, a breakthrough in learning was made, a child could smile because they too had a backpack and more. We see the smiles - even relief on school personnel's faces - when we arrive with the supplies; that makes it all worthwhile.



***The entire ESPM team thanks everyone who has helped over the past 10 years.
We look forward to year 11!***

Look What is Happening in September and later this Fall at NMPC

The 7th Annual Chili Cook Off
September 29th
immediately following the worship service



Volunteer to make and bring your best chili, or bake some corn bread. All entries will be judged by those attending with your contribution to the Food Bank of the ES to help those in need. Details in future bulletins.

Please bring to church before the Service and we will handle everything else.

YOGA Starts September 8th
10:00 am in the Makemie Room

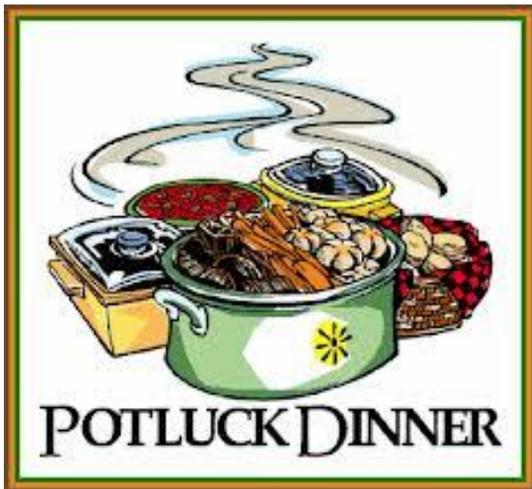


Body & Soul Yoga described in 16 words

Gentle stretching and relaxing with music.
Opening the heart, becoming one with all.

Like body prayer

All are invited



COMING DECEMBER 8TH

Mark your calendar and watch for details in the November Newsletter

G F Horne
Christmas
Dinner

Coming in
Late
December

Watch for
Details

More Happenings this Fall...

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. If you are interested in helping please contact Linda Arvidson or Rick Turner. A lot more details will be coming later in September.

Easing into Autumn

A Creative Contemplative LLC retreat,
October 5, 2013, The Bank Coffee House, Onancock, VA

This retreat day will be a lively, evocative time with other souls on the journey. Together, we will explore fall's invitations to each of us: What, like leaves, are we letting go of...what is falling? *And* ...what are we harvesting? What do we want to "gather in" for the winter ahead?

During this day of presentations, artwork, quiet time, journaling, fellowship, yoga and sharing time together, we will explore various ways to sense, articulate, and respond to who we are becoming.

About the Retreat: This one-day retreat is offered in Onancock's newest venture – a coffee house in a lovingly restored historic bank building. We will gather in the Bank's lovely mezzanine for presentations, quiet time for journaling, walking, an art activity and gentle yoga with Sandy. Coffee House proprietor Toni Nelson (a CCLLC retreat alumna) will arrange coffee, snacks and lunches created by a retired pastry chef.



For more details...

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A Summary of... Upcoming Events and Announcements September and Later

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

Church School starts at 9:30 – every Sunday
Church Services start at 11:00 – every Sunday
Choir Practice is 5:30 pm - every Thursday
YOGA is 10:00 am – every Friday
PW is on the 9th at 11:30 am
(normally first Monday of month)
Prayer Group at 10:00 am on the 5th and 19th
Session at 2:00 pm on the 9th
Joe's Boys (ladies welcome) 9:00 am on the 10th

**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**

Upcoming Event in September...

Please mark your calendar for the Annual Chili Cook Off on
the 29th, Plan to bring family and friends.

***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

Children's and Adult Programs
resume on September 8th.
Check out the newly re-
furnished children's room - now
called the Elizabeth Makemie
Room. The children meet every
other Sunday and the class is led
by a team of excellent teachers.

The Adult Discussion Group will
now be meeting in the Stella
and Merrill Belote Room on the
second floor. The Adult group
will be discussing options for
the class and may try out
several learning situations.
Watch for the discussion topics
and if you have an idea for one
please see Rick Turner.

Both classes will begin at 9:30.

NMPC PW Bible Study

NMPC Presbyterian Women will meet September 9th 11:30 a.m. in the Makemie Room. Don Broad will finish the discussion on his book "Reconciling the Heart and Mind: Essays on Faith". Please read the last two chapters, "*Christianity Among the World's Religions*" and "*Marriage.*" Bring a brown bag lunch (dessert and beverage will be provided)

Please join us for this informative study and bring a friend.

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 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.

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To:



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

Did we miss someone?
Please let us know.

Pam Nielsen	09-05
Don Broad	09-06
Christine Petersen	09-06
Rogers East	09-12
Mary Fluharty	09-12
Marshall Ryon	09-21
Edward Barnes	09-28
Jim Tompkins	09-30

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

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