

The Newsletter of
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GLAD TIDINGS

Happy New Year Psalm 13:6 *I will sing unto the Lord, because he hath **dealt** bountifully with me (us).*

We begin this New Year as we do so many, filled with hopes and dreams. Having the opportunity to begin again is what we receive with our faith in Jesus Christ. Each breath we take and each morning we wake, Grace is poured out upon us. In Christ we dare to dream dreams of the impossible and unimaginable. We can do this because we receive the confidence through the promises he has made to us. What things are we willing to dare to dream in 2024 for the church and for our own lives?

I dare to dream big because I am a witness to answered prayer in our congregations. God has dealt bountifully with us. We have a number of possibilities in 2024 that are right at our fingertips.

Francis Makemie took a chance and built a book swap and placed it in front of the church. It has been an active ministry. FMPC Also dared to continue the ministry of the Moore's with assistance to food insecure seniors. It has been a wonderful year.

Both congregations received new members. NMPC's music program took so many risks that it surprised the choir and musicians alike at their gifts. We can't wait to see what God has for us in 2024. Let us remember to thank God in all things as we dare to dream dreams.

Happy New Year

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A Thank you note

Dear Church Family,

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude for all your expressions of love over Christmas. The large gift from each church means so much to Mike and me and we truly appreciate your generosity.

We also thank you for the kind notes, cards, gifts, emails, texts, and all the well wishes. Your thoughtfulness warms our hearts.

I feel so honored to serve God in this call among you. You are so special and amazing.

You are unique among congregations in this world. Hold on to the blessing of who you are to this community, to each other and as a witness to Jesus for the truth of your love.

Thank you and much love,
Monica



HAPPY
Birthday
FROM YOUR
CHURCH FAMILY

JANUARY

Charlie Hughes	01-03
Michele Van Hove	01-04
Nina Close	01-09
Sarah Chen	01-09
Harper Grey Herbert	01-16
Jean Freeman	01-21
Addison Stapleton	01-22
Andrew May	01-24
Nancy Drew	01-28
Mary Helen Gardner	01-30
Tom Nielsen	01-30

If we missed your birthday please let us know so we can include you in the monthly birthday list.

Preaching Schedule

January 7 Epiphany & Communion
Matthew 2:1-12

January 14 Ordination & Installation
of Officers Mark 4:1-20

January 21 Guitar Sunday at NMPC
Mark 1:21-28

January 28 Mark 5:1-22



Sunday School Resumes

Adult and Youth classes will meet on **Sunday January 14 and January 28 at 9:45 am.**

Children will join Mrs. Kate in the upstairs room and begin another exciting lesson straight from the stories of the Bible. If you've never been to Sunday school, now is a good time to start.



All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for re-proof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. 2 Timothy 3:16

CONFIRMATION 2024

Confirmation is a time when the youth of the church confess the faith they believe before the whole church. At this time they also choose to become full members of the church having all the rights of other members such as voting, serving in various parts of the church and being eligible for ordained office such as deacon or elder. It is a time when the church surrounds the youth on this important journey of faith.

We will be meeting from **January to March on Wednesday afternoons from 4:15 to 5:15.** This is an important time for your middle or high school age child.

It is a time to talk about their baptism and if they have not been baptized it is a chance for them to make their baptismal vows.

As we make plans for this year's youth to participate in confirmation please pray for them on their journey.

Please let Monica if you want your child enrolled in confirmation classes.



MISSIONS *Report*

Love is the spark that kindles the fire of compassion.

Compassion is the fire that flames the candle of service. Service is the candle that ignites the torch of hope.

Hope is the torch that lights the beacon of faith. Faith is the beacon that reflects the power of God.

God is the power that creates the miracle of love.

—William Arthur Ward



The **Naomi Makemie Mission** Committee is pleased to announce our annual distribution of mission funds **in 2023** to the following organizations:

- AICC (Interfaith Council for assistance with rent etc)- \$3,200
- o ESPM Eastern Shore (School Supply program)- \$1,500
- o ESCADV (Coalition against domestic violence)- \$1,000
- o Food Bank - \$1,000
- o Light House Ministries - \$250
- o Eastern Shore Library - \$200
- o Habitat for Humanity- \$200
- o Parks and Rec - \$200
- o Salvation Army - \$200
- o No limits Brain Injury- \$300
- o Barrier Island Center - \$100
- o Literacy Council - \$100
- o Makemie Society - \$150
- o Onancock Fire Company - \$150
- o Onancock Police Department - \$150
- o Tasley Fire Company - \$100
- o Head Start - \$200

These were funds designated from our annual mission budget. This does not include all the giving from the congregation for the other missions of the church such as the spaghetti dinner, the angel tree, the school supplies, and so much more.

Thank you so much for your generosity to support our community.

The **Francis Makemie Mission giving in 2023** was another year of great generosity. Our congregation is small with an annual budget of \$31,000. **Fifteen percent** of the budget went to local mission giving this year. We are so grateful to be able to serve the community in such a mighty way.

- AICC (Interfaith Council for assistance with rent etc)- \$400
- Lighthouse ministries \$100
- Tasley Fire Dept \$50
- Onancock Fire Dept \$50
- Parksley Fire Dept \$50
- ESPM Eastern Shore (School Supply program)- \$1305
- Christmas Food Mission (food gift cards for seniors in poverty)-\$2400
- Food Bank-\$100
- Francis Makemie Society \$200

Thank you FMPC for always caring about the community and their needs.

THIS YEAR'S BUDGET

Naomi Makemie Presbyterian Church

	2024 Budget 2024
<u>Income</u>	
Envelope & Plate	\$100,000
From FMPC*	\$15,400
Fundraisers & Misc	\$2,000
From Trusts	\$13,000
<u>Total Income</u>	130,800
<u>Expenses</u>	
Clergy	50,100
Board of Pensions	\$20,300
Office	\$7,000
Committees	\$4,100
Other payroll	\$16,300
Church building & Manse	\$23,780
Mission	\$12,000
Misc	\$3,820
<u>Total Expense</u>	137,400

*We share expenses for manse and minister with FMPC

Francis Makemie Presbyterian Church

	2024 Budget
<u>Income</u>	
Plate contributions	\$22,600
extra contributions	4000
Total	26,400
<u>Expenses</u>	
Building	8,100
minister, manse compensation	15,510
mission	2,200
Other expenses	3,200
Misc	2,000
Total	31,010

Pastor's compensation package 2024

Cash salary \$50,010

Continuing education
\$1,000

*Health & Pension \$20,300

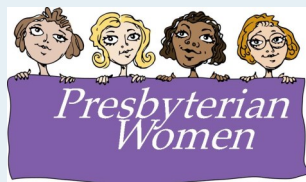
**Value of Manse used for
taxation \$12,675

Total effective package
\$83,985

*Health & Pensions is paid
by the church which in-
cludes medical, preset pen-
sion, and dues as part of
the prescribed pastor pack-
age set by the PCUSA
Board of Pensions (BOP).

**The manse value is a cal-
culated number done by
the Board of Pensions and
added to the pastor's
Package as income.





Presbyterian Women
will on Monday January
8 at 11:30 am. The
group meets in the
Makemie Room at
NMPC.

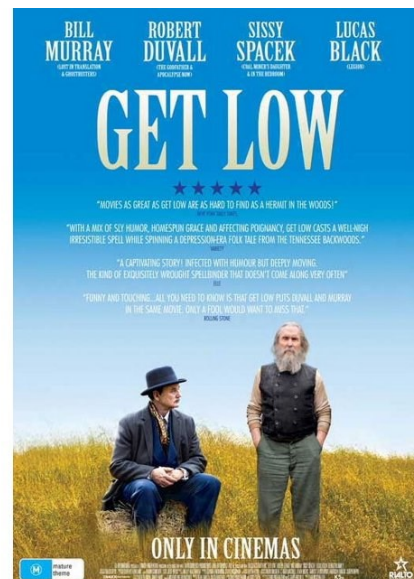
The study of Life Lessons in the Gospel of John continue. Bring a bag lunch. A short business meeting follows the lesson and lunch.



Rick Turner leads this lively group on the last Friday of every month. There are donuts and coffee. A Scripture verse leads the discussion at each meeting. The men will **meet Friday at 9 am at NMPC on January 26.** Bring in the New Year by becoming part of this wonderful group of faithful men.



Another great evening of food and film and faith. Join this wonderful group on **Wednesday evening January 17 at 5:30 for potluck and 6 pm for the movie.** "Get Low" Discussion before and after the film. *What if you could attend your own funeral?* " No need for reservations. Come as you are with a dish to share or with just yourself. See you soon.



Sunday JANUARY 21 CCYF Cooking class at NMPC

3-5 pm Be on time so we can dine together when we're done cooking.

Make your own **pizza dough** from scratch. Learn how to make the best homemade pizza so you don't have order out.








And how to make **dirt dessert.**

Our groups purpose is to become ***servant leaders for Christ.*** Come join us this year!!

Next Meeting Sunday February 18 3-5 service project-providing game day for the seniors at the Commonwealth Senior Living in Onancock. I'm excited about this fun way to earn volunteer hours. We'll laugh and have a great time.

For more information about the group contact Monica.



January 2024	January 2024	January 2024	January 2024	January 2024	January 2024	January 2024
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	Wednesday	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 OBCA 5:30	3	4 Choir 5-6:30	5	6 
7 COMMUNION 9:15 FMPC- 11:00 NMPC	8 PW 11:30	9	10	11 Prayer mtg 8 Choir 5-6:30	12	13
14 Ordination, Installation 9:15 FMPC Sunday school 9:45 11:00 NMPC	15 	16 	17 Wednesday Night Potluck & movie at NMPC 5:30 "Get Low"	18 Choir 5-6:30 Book Club 1pm 	19	20 NMPC Session retreat 9:30-3
21 9:15 FMPC- 11:00 NMPC Guitar CCYF 3p-5p cooking	22	23	24 Confirmation class 4:15 pm 	25 Prayer mtg 8 Choir 5-6:30	26 Men's Group 9	27
28 9:15 FMPC 9:45 Sunday school 11:00 NMPC	29	30	31 Confirmation class 4:15 pm 			

Pray for our elders for 2024. We have a new class of elders being ordained and installed at both congregations.

Each year the sessions, with the guidance and prayers of the congregation, make decisions about the work of the church within the walls and in the community.

Francis Makemie and Naomi Makemie will ordain and install the new class of elders on Sunday January 14 during the worship service.

Naomi Makemie elders will return to their annual retreat format meeting on Saturday January 20 from 9:30-3 at the Hampton Inn conference room in Chincoteague.

Francis Makemie will meet in January at a date to be set soon.

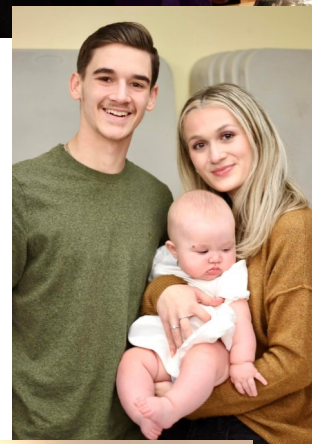
Support the leaders of your church through daily prayer and communicate your support to them. *Blest be the tie that binds our hearts is in Christian love.*





Raelynn May Nock was baptized on December 3, 2023.

She is the daughter of Gabe Nock and Skylar Stapleton. She is the granddaughter of Jennifer and Brandon Stapleton. Welcome Raelynn!!



DECEMBER 2023 IN PICTURES



We had wonderful Christmas Caroling at the Commonwealth Senior Living!

It is one of our favorite activities of the season.

We shared cookies and candy canes with them too.





So much joy sharing the story of the LITTLEST STAR with the NMPC family. As always, the youth were wonderful. So many adorable faces.



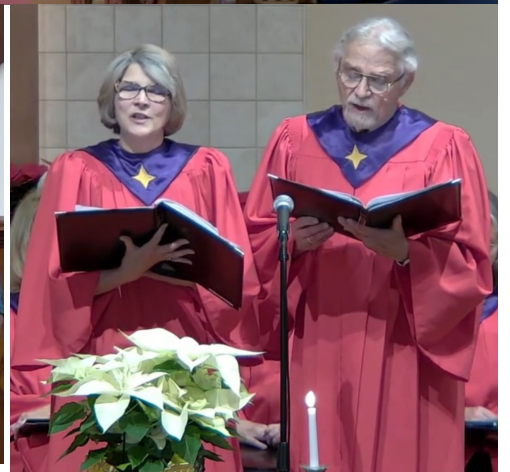
Always a delight to see the youth bring a story to life at FMPC. That GLORIOUS SONG brought the joy of the Savior to the world. Bright faces and lot of energy.





We had a GREAT time at our CCYF family dinner. It really was fun to hang out, listen to each other and play some silly games. Come join our group in 2024!

NMPC's choral program brought tears to people's eyes. It was masterfully brought together through music selections by Debbie Ryon, script by Mark Morning, instruments, conducting, voices, solos, duets, and solid readers. We want to thank everyone for their hard work to make this possible.



Christmas Eve in both congregations was full of Spirit presence. May the love of the season follow you all through the year.

