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GLAD TIDINGS

A Holy Lent

Dear Friends

A Holy Lent to you all. The whole month of March is the season of Lent. We walk the intentional path of vulnerability and openness to God. At both churches we have booklets of devotionals for Lent available to assist in the journey of prayer, meditation, and study. We have Lenten suppers at NMPC each Wednesday. In worship in both congregations we are focusing on how God draws us to himself through the senses he gave us in creation. We focus on taste, smell, sight, sound, and touch. Come join us in worship this Lent. A Holy Lent and blessings,

Monica

Come be energized!

After some time away from the church, author Donald E. Miller returned to the fold. He writes: *"One thing that brought me back ... was asking simply: What are the alternatives to the church?"*

Where are the communities that sanction the pursuit of meaning and truth as a legitimate enterprise? That have material and personal resources to assist in this search? That provide regular occasions for confession of failures? That renew and inspire? That provide a setting where children are nurtured? Where family members can be buried? Where births can be celebrated? Where social issues can be debated?"

Miller concludes: "There are a number of institutions that deal with one or several of these questions, *but historically the church has demonstrated its ability to energize all of these activities.*"

Consider stepping back into the community of faith and be surrounded by grace.



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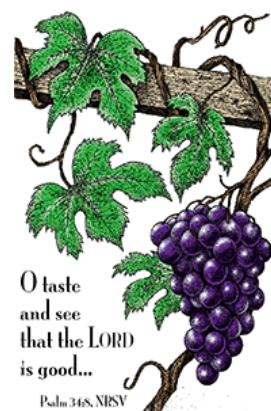


MARCH BIRTHDAYS

MARCH

Joanne Humphreys	03-01
Jerry Fluharty	03-02
Kate Baird	03-03
Wanda Hughes	03-05
Kate Jacob	03-05
Erin Fletcher Hall	03-09
Carol Rush	03-09
Mike Gould	03-15
Becky Lock	03-16
Harold William Deuter	03-16
Barbara Mears	03-18
Rick Hall	03-21
John Callander	03-21
Patty Davis	03-21
Fitz Godwin	03-22
Miles Barnes	03-24
Virginia Dunning	03-26
Bruce Holland	03-26
Carol Doud	03-28

HAPPY
Birthday
FROM YOUR
CHURCH FAMILY



Lenten Sunday Worship Series



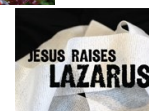
TASTE & SEE

March 5 *Living Bread-*
Psalm 121; John 3:1-17 Communion@NMPC

March 12 *You are the Potter* Jeremiah
18:1-11; Isaiah 64:7-9

March 19 *We See* Psalm 95; John 9:1-41

March 26 *With a Loud Voice!*
Psalm 130; John 11:1-45 Guitar
worship @ NMPC w/ Potluck
lunch



April 2 PALM SUNDAY Communion @ FMPC&NMPC *All Glory, Laud & Honor* Psalm 118; 19-29; Matthew 21: 1-11

April 6 Maundy Thursday @NMPC 7PM with communion

April 9 EASTER Matthew 28:1-10 egg hunt @ FMPC

Presbyterian Women meets Monday March 6 at 11:30 The study Growing Older and Wiser continues with chapter 2; Colossians 2:1-10

SPRINGTIME SNACKS



Whip up a plate of these cute, healthy treats!

What you need:

- Celery sticks
- Cherry tomatoes
- Cucumber circles
- Olives
- Cream cheese spread
- Fresh basil leaves (optional)
- Adult help

What you do:

1. Have an adult help you wash and cut the veggies.
2. Spread cream cheese inside the celery rods.
3. Place a cucumber circle upright in the cream cheese to make a bug body.
4. Add the tomato as a head.
5. Arrange basil leaves on a plate and place the veggie bugs on them.
6. Making different-shaped bugs with your favorite veggies. Enjoy!

Midweek Lenten Suppers Beginning Wednesday March 1 5:30-7pm through March 29 at NMPC

Come, the table is ready.

March 1: Noah-new creation Scripture
Genesis 6 through the end of 10

March 8: Joshua & Caleb-Promised

Land Scripture Numbers 13 and
all of 14

March 15: Elijah-renewed strength Scrip-
ture 1 Kings 19 (for background read 17
& 18)

March 22: Jesus & Desert-equipped

for ministry Scripture Matthew

4:1-12; Mark 1: 12-13; Luke 4:1-14

**March 29: Jesus Resurrection to Ascen-
sion –new church** Scripture Acts 1&2



AT NMPC = We're resurrecting some groups that were discontinued during
the pandemic. Renamed

Nourishing Hands and Nourishing Souls,

we're looking to strengthen the bonds of our church family though help
and care. Please read on for more information.

Nourishing
Hands



Nourishing Hands

Calling All Cooks!!! We're looking for volunteers to prepare
meals as needs arise for those who
have experienced an illness, hospitalization, new baby, etc. We
will rotate through the list of
volunteers, so the more people volunteering their culinary tal-
ents the better!!

Nourishing Souls

We're also looking for volunteers who can
spend some time visiting or helping those
of our congregational family who may
need some assistance doing small tasks
such as grocery shopping, running errands,
driving to doctor appointments, etc., or
simply in need of a visit from a friendly
and caring face. We will rotate through the
list of volunteers here as well.

Sign-up sheets for both groups are on the bulletin board in
the Grove Room. Please see or contact Patty Davis (757-787-
4735 or plldavis@gmail.com) with any questions. Those in
need, please also contact Patty to make arrangements.



**Join Rhudy and the
Exercise Group each
Friday morning at
NMPC at 10 am.**

This program is de-
signed primarily for sen-
iors but all ages can par-
ticipate. This class is a
mix of Tai Chi and Yoga.
Rhudy has designed it
so it can be applicable to
helping retain a quality
of life and a lifestyle to
enjoy. Come join the ten
or so who gather on Fri-
days at 10 at NMPC.

*Made With
Love* 

Celebrate the **one**
year anniversary of
Made with Love
knitting & craft
group. The group
meets weekly on
Tuesdays at 5:30 at
NMPC

Consider

Consider the lilies of the field whose bloom is brief:
We are as they; like them we fade away,
as doth a leaf.

Consider the sparrows of the air of small account:
Our God doth view whether they fall or mount,
he guards us too.

Consider the lilies that do neither spin nor toil,
Yet are most fair:
What profits all this care and all this coil?

Consider the birds that have no barn nor harvest-weeks;
God gives them food:
Much more our Father seeks to do us good.

—Christina Rossetti

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday school meets at NMPC March 12&26 @9:45 AM.

From Childrens' Sunday School Mrs. Kate--Since Christmas we have been following Jesus as he was baptized and began his ministry. We have been talking about what it means **to believe** - to know in your heart what is true about God and faith. We have met people who believed in Jesus like his 12 disciples, John the Baptizer and all those who came to listen to him. We have also been 'wondering' about the miracles that Jesus was able to perform, such as walking on the water and healing many sick people. Soon we will join in the journey to Jerusalem and the events of Holy Week. The gift of Bibles presented to Amelia, Carter and AJ on Feb 26th was a special joy. May they always find peace, comfort, strength and encouragement in God's Words.

From Adult Sunday School -- The Adult Sunday School Class continues its study of the Gospel of Mark. We have pondered how, if Mark's gospel were the only gospel we had, our celebration of Christmas might be different if indeed we celebrated it at all, as Mark does not address the birth of our Lord.

We have talked about the possibility that John the Baptist may have been a Nazirite, and about Jesus teaching and healing people. In our last class, we talked about some of Jesus's parables, and how they are simultaneously simple and complex, and lead us to think deeply. In coming weeks we will continue our study of Mark, as Jesus continues His ministry and eventually faces His arrest, trial, crucifixion, and resurrection.

March Mission-One Great Hour of Sharing

Millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways

to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. Pick up your fish at church and fill it with all your small change. Then read the inserts and send in a check to support One Great Hour of Sharing. Collection of Fish banks will be Palm Sunday April 2, 2023.

Providing **RELIEF** from natural disasters,
FOOD for the hungry, and **SUPPORT**
for the poor and oppressed.



 **MATTHEW 25**  **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT **02.22.23-04.02.23**

March 4 Saturday **tree planting** at Historic Onancock School 2 pm
We'll put trees in already dug holes, water, & cover with dirt. volunteer hours included

March 14 & 28 Tuesday 4-5 regular meeting at church. College assistance, games, get to know each other, devotion.

March 18 Saturday-Participate in St Patrick Day parade Onancock. Join the group to walk at 2:30 in the lineup. Text Monica to say YES to walking in the parade. Volunteer hours included.

April-plans in process

May 19-21 Friday 5pm-Sunday 1pm- Camp Kiptopeake;



**Becoming Servant Leaders
for Christ**

Grades 6-12

Come be part of this growing group

Email
mongould@gmail.com



Kiptopeake
Lodge

with a *Sunday morning horse riding experience with Pfeiffer Christian Equine Outreach in Franktown* **requires reservation**

Please contact Monica Gould mongould@gmail.com or text 757-709-2846

June 3/4 Graduating seniors celebration!

CCYF Scholarship for seniors accepted to college is now in effect. \$500-\$2000 award to those seniors qualifying. This is a renewable scholarship for the years in college.


Contact Monica for an application



Bowling with the youth group CCYF and training given to group by Wanda and Paul Hughes.



March

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <i>Lent Supper</i> 5:30	2 <i>Choir 5pm</i>	3 <i>Exercise 10 am</i>	4 CCYF Tree planting @HOS 2pm
5 Church <i>FMPC 9:15 am 11:00 am NMPC</i>	6 <i>Presbyterian Women 11:30 Madrigals 6pm</i>	7 OBCA 5:30- 6:30 Makemie Room Made w/ Love Grove room 5:30-6:30	8 <i>Lent Supper</i> 5:30	9 <i>Prayer mtg 8 Choir 4:30</i>	10 <i>Exercise 10 am</i>	11  <i>Spring Forward</i>
12 Sunday <i>school NMPC 9:45 Church FMPC 9:15 am 11:00 am NMPC Confirmation 12</i>	13 <i>Madrigals 6pm</i>	14 CCYF 4-5 <i>Made w/Love 5:30-6:30</i>	15 <i>Lent Supper</i> 5:30	16 <i>Book club 1pm Choir 5pm</i>	17 <i>Exercise 10 am</i>	18 <i>St Patrick Day Parade 3pm</i>
19 Church <i>FMPC 9:15 am 11:00 am NMPC guitar service, pot- luck lunch</i>	20 <i>session mtg 5:30 pm Madrigals 7:15pm</i>	21 <i>Made w/Love 5:30-6:30</i>	22 <i>Lent Supper</i> 5:30	23 <i>Prayer mtg 8 Choir 5pm</i>	24 <i>Exercise 10 am</i>	25
26 Sunday <i>school NMPC 9:45 Church FMPC 9:15 am 11:00 am NMPC Confirmation 12</i>	27 <i>Madrigals 6pm</i>	28 CCYF 4-5 <i>Made w/Love 5:30-6:30 OBCA board 5pm</i>	29 <i>Lent Supper</i> 5:30	30 <i>Choir 5pm</i>	31 <i>Men's group 9 am Exercise 10 am</i>	



February pictures
 Pastor Steve Doan w/
 Carter. A service of Love.
 Amelia & Carter mission
 Valentine.
 Mardi Gras Sunday worship
 & pancake brunch. Resi-
 dents from Commonwealth
 Senior Living joined us.
 Prayer shawl ministry recog-
 nition Sunday. **20 years cel-
 ebration!!** Thanks Pam Niel-
 sen for keeping the ministry
 going.





Pray for our youth during confirmation. Our Sunday school age children received Bibles that they can use at home and at church.

