

COMMUNITY

Catherine Moore Project benefits local senior citizens

On Friday, Jan. 23, Francis Makemie Presbyterian Church donated 30 Food Lion gift cards valued at \$100 each to the Hallwood Head Start/Eastern Shore Area Agency on Aging as part of the church's Catherine Moore Project.

Catherine Moore, a former center volunteer at Onancock Senior Village, began a personal mission to raise funds to give fruit baskets to seniors.

In 2020, the pandemic required her to shift to giving gift cards instead of the fruit with the money she raised in grants through the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia, which has supported her project every year as the need has grown.

In November of 2022, Catherine Moore and her husband, the Rev. William "Bill" Moore of Powelton Presbyterian Church in Wachapreague



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Hallwood Head Start/Eastern Shore Area on Aging Center Director, Denise Godwin, receives 30 Food Lion Gift Cards valued at \$100 each from Clerk of Session, Paul Hughes of Francis Makemie Presbyterian Church in Accomac.

announced they would be moving to retire near family.

Catherine looked for a volunteer to carry on her work because she knew it

was making a difference to this senior group.

In the final week before they were set to move, Powelton Presbyterian

met at Francis Makemie Presbyterian Church to share in worship. Catherine asked member Paul Hughes to take over her project.

He agreed and went with Catherine to give out her gift cards for the last time before she left the Shore.

Hughes then asked the congregation at Francis Makemie to take on the program to continue Catherine's work for the seniors.

The Catherine Moore Project was named and the members at Francis Makemie Presbyterian Church took on the project as a church mission.

The Presbytery of Eastern Virginia continues to support the project more every year.

The cards have grown from \$45 each to this year's \$100. A total of 37 seniors were served, 30 from the center.

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