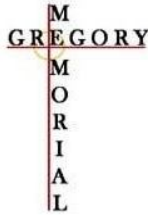


THE HERALD

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Dear Gregory Family, Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

"Listen"

Both of my parents were extraordinary listeners. Mom and Dad possessed the *ability and willingness* to give their full attention to the person or persons who needed to be heard. They understood that the person was not necessarily looking for someone to agree or disagree with them. What they deeply desired above all, was to have their viewpoint and personhood respected as someone lent to them a "listening ear".

Brothers and Sisters, we live in a time where the ability to truly listen to one another is not valued. But as Christians, struggling to live what we say we believe, we have to try! After all we serve an awesome God who takes the time to *intimately listen* to each and everyone of us. Isn't God good?

I am a firm believer in not reinventing the wheel. If someone has already written or said something of substance and grace, I quote them being sure to give due credit. And so, I will close my message with the words of the renowned theologian and teacher – Howard Thurman's "The Listening Ear".

In Christ's Love,

Rev. Bev

WORSHIP IN JULY

Sunday, 01 July 2012

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgical Color: Green

Guest Minister: The Reverend Patrice Bittner
Teaching Elder in the Presbytery of the James

Sunday, 08 July 2012

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgical Color: Green

Holy Communion

Old Testament: II Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 (pp. 243-244)

New Testament: Mark 6:1-13 (p. 817)

Sermon: "Acceptance and Rejection"

Sunday, 15 July 2012

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgical Color: Green

Old Testament: II Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19 (pp. 244-245)

New Testament: Mark 6:14-29 (pp. 817-818)

Sermon: "Every Journey Has Its Story"

Sunday, 22 July 2012

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgical Color: Green

"Kid Friendly and Work Camp Send-off Sunday"

Old Testament: Psalm 23

New Testament: Luke 2:41-52

(Scripture will be printed out in the bulletins)

Message: "A Family Trip"

Sunday, 29 July 2012

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgical Color: Green

Old Testament: II Samuel 11:1-17 (p. 248)

New Testament: John 6:1-21 (p. 867)

Sermon: "What's Done Is Done?"

THE LISTENING EAR

BY DR. HOWARD THURMAN

GIVE ME THE LISTENING EAR. I SEEK THIS DAY THE EAR THAT WILL NOT SHRINK FROM THE WORD THAT CORRECTS AND ADMONISHES; THE WORD THAT HOLDS UP BEFORE ME THE IMAGE OF MYSELF THAT CAUSES ME TO PAUSE AND RECONSIDER; THE WORD THAT CHALLENGES ME TO DEEPER CONSECRATION AND HIGHER RESOLVE; THE WORD THAT LAYS BARE NEEDS THAT MAKE MY OWN DAYS UNEASY, THAT SEIZES UPON EVERY GOOD DECENT IMPULSE OF MY NATURE, CHANNELING IT INTO PATHS OF HEALING IN THE LIVES OF OTHERS.

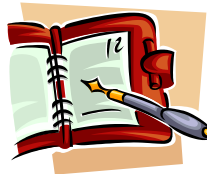
GIVE ME THE LISTENING EAR. I SEEK THIS DAY THE DISCIPLINED MIND, THE DISCIPLINED HEART, THE DISCIPLINED LIFE THAT MAKES MY EAR THE FOCUS OF ATTENTION THROUGH WHICH I MAY BECOME MINDFUL OF EXPRESSIONS OF LIFE FOREIGN TO MY OWN. I SEEK THE STIMULATION THAT LIFTS ME OUT OF OLD RUTS AND ESTABLISHED HABITS, WHICH KEEP ME CONSCIOUS OF MYSELF, MY NEEDS, MY PERSONAL INTERESTS.

GIVE ME THIS DAY THE EYE THAT IS WILLING TO SEE THE MEANING OF THE ORDINARY, THE COMMONPLACE; THE EYE THAT IS WILLING TO SEE MY OWN FAULTS FOR WHAT THEY ARE, THE EYE THAT IS WILLING TO SEE THE LIKABLE QUALITIES IN THOSE I MAY NOT LIKE, THE MISTAKE IN WHAT I THOUGHT WAS CORRECT, THE STRENGTH IN WHAT I HAD LABELED AS WEAKNESS.

GIVE ME THE EYE THAT IS WILLING TO SEE THAT THOU HAST NOT LEFT THYSELF WITHOUT A WITNESS IN EVERY LIVING THING. THUS TO WALK WITH REVERENCE AND SENSITIVENESS THROUGH ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE. **GIVE ME THE LISTENING EAR, THE EYE THAT IS WILLING TO SEE.**

THE AMAZING GRACE RACE

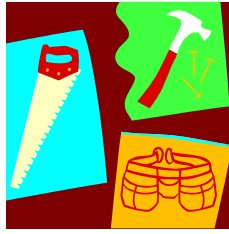
IT IS HERE! The nationally televised TV show, The Amazing Race, is coming to Gregory. At 2:00 pm on Sunday, July 15th we will try to pull this off. The staff will be accepting applicants to participate along with our youth. Due to the stress and rigors of this race only those with the highest level of spiritual health will be accepted. The plan is to have four teams of four people. There are other opportunities to help out at various locations that will be needed. The plan is to have a hot dog social when all teams have returned or been found. Please see or call Keith Spain for details. 731-7770.



SUMMER SUNDAY HOURS

Please note starting Sunday, July 1st our summer hours will be 9:15 am Sunday School and 10:00 am Worship. These hours will conclude on Sunday August 26th.

WORKCAMP 2012 - JULY 8-14 & JULY 22-28



WORKCAMP 2012 MAILING ADDRESS

"Participants Name"

WORKCAMP 2012

P. O. Box 1761

Petersburg, VA 23805

(Just for your information, there is ALWAYS an ongoing competition to see which church gets the most mail!!)

Week of July 8 - 14th - Dennis Allen and Debra Bailey will be on staff.

Week of July 22-28 - Youth attending from Gregory will be Jacob Spain, Herb Schroeter, Nikki Blount, Pamela Harsh, Bradley Cooper, Ellie Schumacher, and Kayla Parsons.

Adults on staff attending will be Dennis Allen, Bobby Allen, Debra Bailey, Josh Ingram, Morgan Ingram, and Keith Spain.

Families, congregation members and clergy feel free to come by anytime. If you would like, someone on the staff will gladly escort you around town to find your workcampers quickly.



CHURCH SECURITY SYSTEM & KEYS

Facilities would like for everybody that has a key and code to the church to contact Bobby Allen, as we are updating our codes on the alarm system. **IF YOU DO NOT CONTACT BOBBY THE CODE WILL BE DELETED.** Thank you for your support. Contact Bobby Allen with your code information, on his cell or home phone.



Keep up to date with the workings of our Church, log onto the websites of Gregory Memorial, Presbytery of the James, Synod of the Mid-Atlantic and Presbyterian Church USA.



"KID FRIENDLY SUNDAY"

"Kid Friendly Sunday" was a God-blessed spiritual happening on Sunday, April 22nd. Look for it to happen again on July 22nd.

AUGUST NEWSLETTER

Please have any information/articles for the August Newsletter into the office by Wednesday morning July 25th.

PRESBYTERY IN REVIEW

The Presbytery of the James held its 81st Stated Meeting on Tuesday, June 19, 2012, at Salisbury Church, Midlothian, VA. The meeting went well and was celebratory in many ways!

Three celebrations:

We celebrated 98 years of ministry of Third Presbyterian Church, Petersburg, hearing of their ministry from a former member Susan Edwards. The Administrative Commission authorized to dissolve the church made their final report.

We celebrated the approval to charter the new Tappahannock Presbyterian Church with a petition from the members to form a new congregation. The Tappahannock Administrative Commission was given additional powers in order to charter the church.

We celebrated 22 years of ministry of Bob Pryor as Director of Camp Hanover. A resolution expressing thanks and gratitude and a gift of \$2,200 to a cause of Bob's choosing were given. A good friend of Bob, Rev. Art Gatewood, Honorably Retired minister from South Carolina, preached during the morning worship.

In addition, we elected Rev. Arch Wallace as the Stated Clerk for October-December, 2012, while the Stated Clerk is on sabbatical. We also elected Rev. Robert Johnson as General Presbyter for the same period while the General Presbyter is on sabbatical. (The Stated Clerk and the General Presbyter are the same person)

We approved the employment of Doug Walters as the new Executive Director for Camp Hanover for a four year contract. Doug will begin his work October 1, 2012.

In addition, the change in ministerial call for Rev. Gordon Mapes to be pastor at Chester Church was recognized.

In addition to all the celebrations, a new experience for the presbytery was to pack 10,000 meals for the Stop Hunger Now program prior to having lunch.

Attendance:

109 of 235 Teaching Elders attended: 46%
130 of 235 Ruling Elders attended: 55%
76 of 111 congregations represented: 68%

In addition, the following actions were taken by the presbytery:

1. Approved the February, 2012, Presbytery minutes.
2. Approved the revised Presbytery Manual.
3. Approved a new balancing of commissioners to Presbytery meetings beginning in 2013.
4. Dismissed with gratitude the Administrative Commission for Third Church, Petersburg; and the Search Committee for the Executive Director for Camp Hanover.

5. Elected Ruling Elder Jennifer Rowe and Teaching Elders Todd McCoy and George Whipple as readers of ordination exams in October, 2012.
6. Honorably retired the following ministers
 - a. Rev. David Garth, 5/1/2012
 - b. Rev. Paul Parker, 1/1/2012
 - c. Rev. Dixie Brachlow, 6/1/2012
 - d. Rev. Russ Riter, 7/1/2012
7. Approved increase in the Minimum Compensation Criteria for Teaching Elders and Certified Christian educators of 2.7%.
8. Approved that four weeks of vacation and two weeks of study leave are for all pastors and educators whether full or part time.
9. Approved establishment of an Administrative Commission for Third Church, Richmond, in line with the Guidelines for Dismissal with the powers of G-3.03, The Presbytery.
10. Elected Ruling Elder Elsa Falls, Region E, Class of 2013, to Committee on Preparation for Ministry.
11. Elected Rev. Steve Starzer, Region B, Class of 2012, to the Committee on Ministry.

Respectfully submitted,

H. Carson Rhyne, Jr.

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Stated Clerk

2012 FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE PRESBYTERY

Saturday, October 20, 2012 Chester Church, Chester

2013 FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE PRESBYTERY

Saturday, February 16, 2013	Union Presbyterian Seminary
Tuesday, June 18, 2013	Invitation needed
Saturday, October 19, 2013	Invitation needed

Honoring Service to God and Country

My name is Jason Hundley and I am a Life Scout in Boy Scout Troop 900. I would like to invite you to an Eagle Project Pancake Breakfast Kick-Off on July 1, 2012. My project will be dedicated to the Members of the Gregory Memorial Church family who have proudly served God and Country in the U.S. Military throughout history. As we get ready to celebrate our Nation's Independence Day, let us remember those who served to keep us free!

My plan is to build a monument complete with a Bronze Plaque and lighted Flagpole surrounded by personalized bricks with the names of church members and the branch of the military that they served.

Bricks may be ordered at the cost of fifty dollars. To order an engraved brick please complete the order form below or the church vestibule. If you are unable to complete or obtain a form please contact me at Jason.troop900@yahoo.com. Donations will also be greatly appreciated. Thank you and God Bless You.

Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church Flag Memorial Eagle Project

THEIR NAME WILL GO DOWN IN HISTORY

INDIVIDUAL BRICK/PAVER

Your donation of **\$50** or more entitles YOU to have your name engraved into a brick/paver as a lasting record of your loved one. This will be permanently installed in the Gregory Memorial Flag Monument in honor of the members of the congregation that served in our military. For more information contact me at Jason.troop900@yahoo.com

A unique and lasting record of your support

A tribute to someone special. A memorial to a loved one.

Engraving details: Please print clearly in block letters. Each square represents one letter, number, space or punctuation mark. (28 max)

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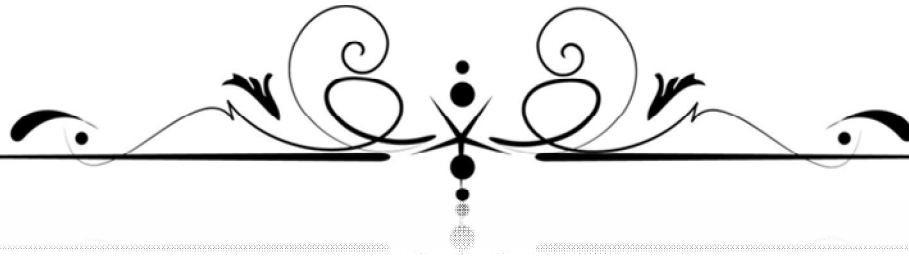
Simply fill out this form and return with full payment by check or money order to: **Boy Scout Troop 900**

Contact Name:

Address:

Phone:

Jason Hundley of Boy Scout Troop 900 needs your support!



Those Who Serve – July, 2012

	JULY 1	JULY 8	JULY 15	JULY 22	JULY 29
Nursery	Glenda Mayhew	Debra Bailey	Ruby Spain	Robbi Foster	Glenda Mayhew
Junior Church	Jessica Mauger Kevin Foster	Valerie Harsh, Pamela Harsh	Rose Scott, Madison Foster	Josh Ingram, Morgan Ingram	Virginia Maloney, Jared Smyth
Junior Sermon	Susan Walker	Rev. Beverly Bullock	Pat Hunter	Patsy Johnson	Lisa Hartsell
Ushers	Bobby Allen, Donna Allen, Velma Allen, Brenda Bond	Wayne Powers, Verne Smith, Bobby Allen, Marguerite Bishop	Sheila Fields, Janet Swinton, Rose Scott, Wayne Powers	Valerie Harsh, Pamela Harsh, Jerry Bond, Debbie Smith	Wayne Powers, Rose Scott, Marguerite Bishop Dianne Overstreet
Announcements	Jerry Bond	Dianne Overstreet	Pat Hunter	Jerry Bond	Rose Scott
Counting	Donald Hunter, Glenda Mayhew	Sandy Hunter, Ron Recher	Verne Smith, Rose Scott	Morgan Ingram, David Johnson	Sandy Hunter, Evelyn Lichvar

Flowers for June



July 1st
 July 8th
 July 15th – Rose Scott
 July 22nd - Bobby Allen
 July 29th – Dianne Overstreet

Gatekeeper:

July

Doug Holc



Ruby Hasky	Ed Smiley (<i>Friend of Doug Holc</i>)
Christine Belsches	Katherine Tompkins
Aida Faries	Mary Chadwick (<i>Dink Armstrong's sister</i>)
June Hawks	Virginia Mika (<i>sister of Grace and Helen Cibula</i>)
Marian McDonald	Matt Mauger
Helen Cibula	Joan Mann
Harry Johns	Gladys Wiseman

Audrey Turner Betty Sue Angle

General Assembly PNC
 Workcamp Camp Hanover Day Camp



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July, 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
9:15am Sunday School 10:00am Worship	9:00am- 3:00pm Vacation Bible Camp 6:30pm Missions & Outreach	9:00am- 3:00pm Vacation Bible Camp 12:30pm Day Circle 7:00pm Facilities & Worship	9:00am- 3:00pm Vacation Bible Camp JULY 4 th Holiday Office Closed	9:00am- 3:00pm Vacation Bible Camp 2-8:00pm Cleaning	9:00am- 3:00pm Vacation Bible Camp 30 Hour Famine	30 Hour Famine
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
9:15am Sunday School 10:00am Worship	Noon Widows Group 6:00PM Christian Ed	7:30pm Evening Circle	Committee Reports Due	2-8:00pm Cleaning		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
9:15am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 2:00pm THE AMAZING GRACE RACE		7:00pm Session Meeting		2-8:00pm Cleaning		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
9:15am Sunday School 10:00am Worship "Kid Friendly and Workcamp Off Sunday 5-Cents-A- Meal			Newsletter Articles Due	2-8:00pm Cleaning		
29	30	31				
9:15am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Emergency Aid Offering						

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COME JOIN US!!
Sunday School 9:45 A.M.
Worship 11:00 A.M.

HAVE A SAFE SUMMER

