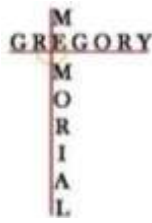


# THE HERALD

September - 2012



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Dear Gregory Memorial,  
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

“Just Build A Bridge and Get Over It”



“I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?”  
(Isaiah 43:19)

We often speak sentimentally about the very young and the very old - infusing their words with a wisdom we have either lost or have yet to obtain. Sometimes our words are sincere and heartfelt - sometimes they are dismissive and condescending. I have learned that regardless of the messenger, the message may be worth our hearing.

When our youngest daughter was a teenager, she had a phrase that she would always say out loud whenever she found me in a state of not letting go - a state of not truly moving on - a state of not trusting God as I should. In her own loving, but no nonsense way, she would look me straight in the eye and say: “*Mom, you need to build a bridge and get over it.*”

Life is precious, time is fleeting and the Messiah may return at any moment (this is what we say we believe). And in this time of transition, Gregory Memorial and her people continue to grow and to minister in Christ. In doing so she finds love, faith, hope, community, vision and service but she also finds anxiety, fear, grief, division, weariness and worry.

In other words, we find the church - any church and every church - in this place and in every place - individual congregations as well as the Church Universal. With Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, we all press on in the hope and salvation that is ours through his love and sacrifice. **No one said it would be easy.**

So let us all continue to build a bridge - strengthening our individual and communal ministries as Gregory "walks" across it - encountering the joys and struggles that come with the journey - safe and secure above the roar of the rushing waters below.

**In God's time**, Gregory will have journeyed the distance - finding herself safely on the other side with a newly installed minister, vision and ministry.

**And to think that all you had to do was "build a bridge and get over it!"**

In Christ's Love,  
Rev Bev

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## **THE CLERK'S CORNER**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church Session was held on Tuesday, August 21, 2012 and the following actions were approved:

- Approved an Eagle Scout project to have a spaghetti dinner at the church on October 27, 2012.
- Approved use of the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall to be used by the Boy Scouts for an Eagle Scout ceremony on September 22, 2012.
- Approved request from the Pre-School board to add Brittany Beasley and Matt McAllister as parent representatives on the Pre-School board.
- Approved request from Pre-School board to use program called "Neighborhood Promotions" as a fundraiser.
- Approved request from Pre-School board for one family to have reduced tuition for 2012-2013.
- Approved request from Outreach Committee for the Prince George Triad to place a box for food donations in church.
- Approved a Temporary Supply Covenant between Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church and Rev. Beverly Bullock to remain in effect until January 3, 2013 unless a permanent installed pastor is called before that date.

David E. Johnson  
Clerk of Session

Worship Information for September 2012  
Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church

Sunday, 02 September 2012

22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Liturgical Color: Green  
PCUSA Emphasis: Christian Vocation  
Old Testament: Song of Solomon 2:1-16a (page 544)  
New Testament: Mark 7:1-8, 14-23 (pages 818-819)  
Sermon: "Faith on a Technicality"

Sunday, 09 September 2012

23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Liturgical Color: Green  
Sacrament of Holy Communion  
PCUSA Emphasis: Christian Education Week Begins  
Old Testament: Psalm 125  
New Testament: James 2:1-13  
Sermon: "No Favorites"

Sunday, 16 September 2012

24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Liturgical Color: Green  
A Service of Wholeness for the Congregation  
PCUSA Emphasis: Theological Education/Seminary  
Old Testament: Psalm 19 (page 433)  
New Testament: James 3:1-12 (pages 981-982)  
Sermon: "Speech Is More Than Words"

Sunday, 23 September 2012

25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Liturgical Color: Green  
PCUSA Emphasis: Native American Day  
Old Testament: Psalm 1 (page 424)  
New Testament: James 3:13-4:3, 7-10 (page 982)  
Sermon: "Wisdom, Intelligence and Common Sense"

Sunday, 30 September 2012

26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Liturgical Color: Green  
PCUSA Emphasis: Evangelism  
Old Testament: Esther 7:1-10, 9:20-22 (pages 390-391)  
New Testament: James 5:13-20 (page 983)  
Sermon: "Faith Filled Action and Prayer"

**We welcome our new Church Secretary**, Nancy Adams, who started work on August 7<sup>th</sup>. Her hours will be Tuesday - Thursday, 9:00 am until 1:00 pm. Nancy previously worked for Prince George County government and schools, and the Virginia Retirement System.

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### **Congregational Nominating Committee**

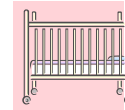
The CNC is currently seeking 4 eligible Presbyterians to serve on the Session for the 2013 term. Service to God's church is one of the many forms of stewardship available to each of us. The decisions affecting the day to day workings of Gregory are made by the Session. If you want more voice into the decision-making process for the church, give prayerful thought to accepting the opportunity to become an active elder in 2013!!

If you are inclined to answer this call to serve you can contact:

Vern Smith	452-3772
Evelyn Foster	733-6499
Richard Harsh	452-2548
Jen Smyth	452-4248
Donald Hunter	894-0433

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### **NURSERY**



Please contact Rose Scott on the Worship Committee if you would be willing to keep the nursery during Sunday service. It should be only once a month.

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### **PRINCE GEORGE TRIAD**



Prince George TRIAD in conjunction with AARP is participating in a state-wide Food Drive. Being a volunteer at the Prince George, Food Bank, I am well aware of the need for help in filling the shelves there. As the number of clients coming increases, so does the need for food donations. Our major supplier, Central Food Bank in Richmond, is facing shortages which impacts the local food banks as well.

There will be a box for donations, in the fellowship hall starting September 4<sup>th</sup> until September 15<sup>th</sup>. Please share one or two non-perishable food items for this worthy cause. Help Prince George TRIAD to be the most productive in the state!

Judy Recher

**WEBSITES.....**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.



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***F.Y.I.....BOY SCOUT TROOP 900 INFO & EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT***

*These dates just in from John Houlberg for Troop 900:*

September 11 -	6:00 PM	PLC
	7:00 PM	Troop Meeting
September 14-16	Camp Out At Eagle Point!	
September 18	7:00 PM	Troop Meeting
September 19	7:00 PM	Committee Meeting
September 22	1:00 PM	Nelson Leary Eagle Scout Court of Honor
September 26	6:30 PM	Troop Court of Honor

***FLAG MEMORIAL EAGLE PROJECT (INDIVIDUAL BRICK PAVER)***

**REMINDER** - 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.*

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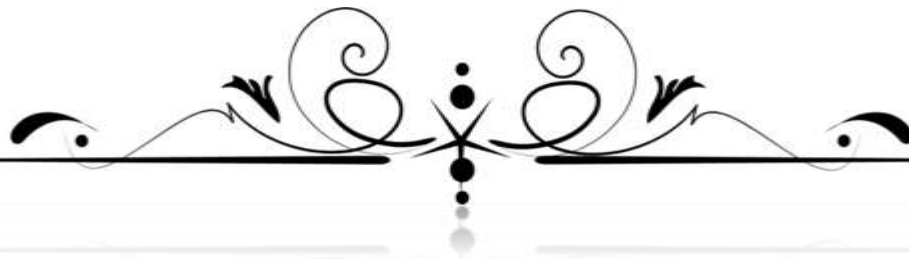
Simply fill out this form and return with full payment by check or money order to: **Boy Scout Troop 900**

Contact Name: .....

Address: .....

Phone: .....

**Jason Hundley of Boy Scout Troop 900** needs your support!



*Those Who Serve – September, 2012*

	September 2	September 9	September 16	September 23	September 30
<b>Nursery</b>	Debra Bailey	Ruby Spain		Glenda Mayhew	Debra Bailey
<b>Junior Church</b>	Kris Holliday Max Holliday	Patsy Johnson Breeana Hunter	Susan Walker Jamie Meurer	Jessica Mauger Kevin Foster	Rose Scott Madison Foster
<b>Junior Sermon</b>	Patsy Johnson	Rev. Beverly Bullock	Lisa Hartsell	Valerie Harsh	Susan Walker
<b>Ushers</b>	Valerie Harsh Pamela Harsh Jerry Bond Debbie Smith	Wayne Powers Glenda Mayhew Marguerite Bishop Dianne Overstreet	Keith Spain Ruby Spain Jacob Spain Herb Schroeter	Bobby Allen Donna Allen Velma Allen Brenda Bond	Verne Smith Bobby Allen Marguerite Bishop Wayne Powers
<b>Announcements</b>	Rose Scott	Jerry Bond	Dianne Overstreet	Pat Hunter	Mary Kay Schroeter
<b>Counting</b>	Sandy Hunter Sheila Fields	Ron Recher, Glenda Mayhew	Donald Hunter Rose Scott	Sandy Hunter Evelyn Lichvar	Morgan Ingram Donald Hunter

*Flowers for September*

September 2 –  
 September 9 –  
 September 16 – The Hunters  
 September 23-  
 September 30 -

*Gatekeeper:*

Doug Holc



**PRAYER CONCERNS**

Ruby Hasky	Ed Smiley ( <i>Friend of Doug Holc</i> )
Christine Belsches	Katherine Tompkins
Aida Faries	Mary Chadwick ( <i>Dink Armstrong's sister</i> )
Marian McDonald	PNC

## SEPTEMBER, 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<b>9:45am</b> Sunday School <b>11:00am</b> Worship	<b>LABOR DAY</b> <b>Office Closed</b>	<b>12:30pm</b> Day Circle  <b>7:00pm</b> Facilities & Worship	<b>7:00pm</b> Choir	<b>2-8:00pm</b> Cleaning		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
<b>9:45am</b> Sunday School <b>11:00am</b> Worship  <i>Communion</i>  <i>Local Emergency Aid Offering</i>	<b>Noon</b> Widows Group  <b>2:00pm</b> Line Dancing  <b>6:00pm</b> Christian Ed <b>6:30pm</b> Missions & Outreach  <b>7:00pm</b> Congreg. Care	<b>Committee Reports Due</b>  <b>7:00</b> Stewardship & Finance  <b>7:30pm</b> Evening Circle	<b>7:00pm</b> Choir	<b>2-8:00pm</b> Cleaning Volunteer		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
<b>9:45am</b> Sunday School <b>11:00am</b> Worship <i>Minute for Missions</i>		<b>7:00pm</b> Session Meeting	<b>7:00pm</b> Choir	<b>2-8:00pm</b> Cleaning		<b>Noon-5:00pm</b> Eagle Scout Ceremony
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
<b>9:45am</b> Sunday School <b>11:00am</b> Worship <i>5 Cents A Meal Offering</i>		<b>Newsletter Articles Due</b>	<b>7:00pm</b> Choir	<b>2:00-8:00pm</b> Cleaning Volunteer		
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<b>9:45am</b> Sunday School <b>11:00am</b> Worship <i>Emerg. Aid Offering</i>						

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**DRIVE CAREFULLY!!! SCHOOL OPENED SEPTEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> !!!**



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

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