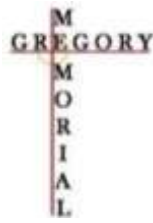


# THE HERALD

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Dear Gregory, Dear Brothers and Sister in Christ

## A Day's Journey



## And a Sabbath's Rest



Autumn has arrived, the harvest is ready and green leaves are changing into vibrant colors. Trees are letting go of their summer foliage and the earth is slowing down in preparation for a long and much needed rest.

*"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven"*  
(Ecclesiastes 3:1 – NRSV)

The journey of the summer is over and we find ourselves settling back into routines that revolve around school, family, community, hobbies, worship, extracurricular activities and sporting events. In this 24/7/365 non-stop world, we appear busier than ever. **Dear Lord, we ask, where is our rest?**

*“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens and I will give you rest.”  
(Matthew 11:28 – NRSV)*

God has instructed the faithful to “Keep Sabbath” - not only in their outer lives but in their inner lives as well. Different faiths observe the Sabbath on different days, and for many those days can be set aside as God instructed. But for many others, the demands of their profession and the struggle to earn a daily living may call them to create their own “Sabbath Time and Space”.

*“Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy.” (Exodus 20:8 – NRSV)*

Sometimes we have to travel a very long distance before we can find a place to pull over and rest. At other times, we simply have to walk a short distance to a quiet place that is calling us to sit for awhile. Either way, God will meet us where we are - inviting us to a “Sabbath’s Rest” for body and soul.

It may prove difficult to accept such an invitation, to intentionally take the time and make the effort - but you and God are so worth it!

*“Return, O my soul, to your rest, for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.” (Psalms 116:7 – NRSV)*

*In Christ’s Love,  
Rev. Bev*

## **CLERK’S CORNER**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church Session was held on Tuesday, September 18, 2012 and the following actions were approved:

- Approved purchase of a voice and text messaging system for member notifications once the Stewardship and Finance committee deems the way clear financially.
- Approved use of the church for an Eagle Scout Court of Honor on October 6, 2012.
- Approved for “Operation Christmas Child”, (shoe boxes for needy children) to be presented to congregation.
- Approved donation of \$200.00 from the Designated Gift account for the Prince George Food Bank.
- Approved project to plant a Christmas tree near Courthouse Road for decorating.
- Approved having an open house at church after the Christmas parade on December 1.

David E. Johnson  
Clerk of Session

Worship Information for October 2012  
Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church

Sunday, 07 October 2012

27th Sunday in Ordinary time

Liturgical Color: Green

**PCUSA Emphasis: World Communion Sunday**

Old Testament: Job 1:1, 2:1-13

New Testament: Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

Sermon: "Sorely Tested"

Sunday, 14 October 2012

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgical Color: Green

**PCUSA Emphasis: Domestic Violence Awareness**

Old Testament: Job 23:1-17

New Testament: Hebrews 4:12-16

Sermon: "In The Midst of It All"

Sunday, 21 October 2012

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgical Color: Green

**PCUSA Emphasis: Children's Sabbath**

Guest Minister

Sunday, 28 October 2012

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgical Color: Green

**PCUSA Emphasis: Reformation Sunday**

Old Testament: Job 42:1-6, 10-17

New Testament: Mark 10:46-52

Sermon: "The Price of Renewal"

***“And Now a Word from our Investments and Our Capital Improvements Fund.....”***

Our church is fortunate to have been left a legacy from a former member, Lewis B. Wilson. At the time of his gift, an investment committee was formed as a sub-committee of the Stewardship and Finance committee. The committees met and solicited investment advisors and ultimately chose to self direct some investments and also work with Wachovia Securities, now Wells Fargo Advisors.

As an institutional investor, the investments that the Church sought after revolved around principal preservation and income production from dividends and interest. As such, the income derived from the investments has been utilized over the years for operating purposes, capital purchases and most recently as seed money for the Pastor Nominating committee.

In years past, we transferred anywhere from \$300 to as much as \$700 monthly from the general fund into a capital improvements fund to set aside monies for emergency building repairs and smaller capital projects. However, for 2012, the Session chose not to continue with funding the capital improvements accounts with a \$300 monthly transfer. We started this year with \$3,430.83 in the capital improvements fund but now it is depleted due to projects we’ve undertaken. We are now considering having a special collection taken up each month to fund this account.

Below is a recap of how we’ve used investment principal, earnings from the investments and the beginning of the year monies:

	<u>Sources</u>	<u>Uses</u>
Beginning of the year	\$3,430.83	
Interest and dividend from investments	\$3,001.18	
Sales of Investments	\$23,905.08	
Transfer from Gen Fund	\$60.95	
Heat Pump Repairs		(\$1,800.00)
New Roof for Sanctuary		(\$12,000.00)
Stairwell Repairs		(\$5,934.30)
Emergency Generator and installation		(\$10,663.74)
	<u>\$30,398.04</u>	<u>(\$30,398.04)</u>

As you can see, we’ve liquidated almost \$24,000 of investments and we will not have the \$3,000 of earnings to be used going forward. Please give prayerful consideration as to how we should proceed with re-funding the Capital Improvements Fund. We still have plenty of physical facilities needs awaiting our attention. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact me or anyone on the Stewardship & Finance or Facilities committee.

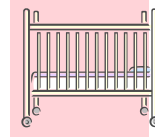
Kevin Foster  
Treasurer

## CALLING ALL ELDERS!

Rev. Beverly reminded us all during her sermon on September 16, "once an Elder, always an Elder." Even though you may not be currently serving on Session, in the eyes of the Church, you remain an Elder and have the right to participate in the serving of communion.

The Worship Committee would like to begin a rotation list for serving communion. If you are an Elder and would be willing to participate, please indicate your interest in serving for any or all of the below days by completing the special form in the Narthex and place it in the Secretary's mailbox, OR call it in to the Church office 732-1081, Tuesday-Thursday, 9 am-2 pm. Also, please advise of dates you will not be available to serve.

Sunday  
Maundy Thursday  
Christmas Eve  
Homebound  
Other Special Services



**Nursery** - Thanks to all who volunteered to keep the Nursery during the Sunday service. If anyone else would like to volunteer, please contact Rose Scott on the Worship Committee. It should be only once a month.

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**Dates for Holy Communion** - The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be observed on the following dates: Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup> ("World Communion Sunday"), Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, and Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> (Christmas Eve).

**Cleaning Volunteers Needed!** Please check out the Cleaning Volunteer sign-up sheet on the clipboard in the narthex. If you have approximately an hour you can give to the cleaning of God's house (flexible schedule), please take a few minutes today before you leave and write in your name for a specific date before they are all taken! If you need access when the Church is closed, feel free to contact Jerry Bond or you may call the Church Office. *P.S.: This saves the Church well over \$1,000 a year! Special thanks to all who have volunteered.*

**Operations Christmas Child** is an ongoing outreach through Samaritan's Purse. Take a shoebox or plastic tub the size of a shoebox and fill it with needs and treats for a child. Missions sponsored this outreach for several years, and wanted to give you the information if you want to participate on your own. The information for suggested items are available in the Narthex along with a supply of tags. There is a required \$7.00 donation to cover mailing costs when you deliver your "shoebox". Delivery dates are November 12-19 and boxes may be taken to First Baptist Church in Hopewell, and Covenant Christian Fellowship in Colonial Heights. Please contact the locations to verify times. For more information visit [www.samaritanspurse.org](http://www.samaritanspurse.org)

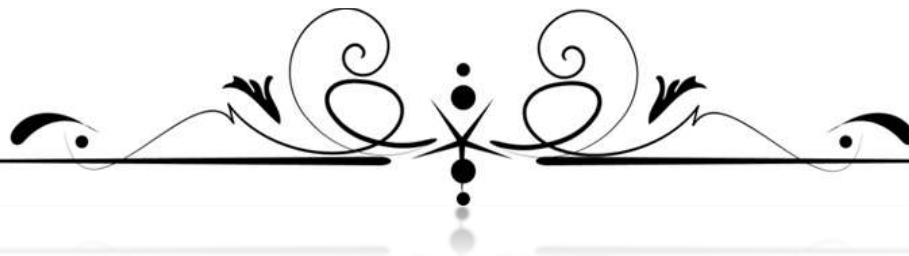


Keep up to date with the workings of our Church, log onto the websites of Gregory Memorial, Presbytery of the James, Synod of the Mid-Atlantic and Presbyterian Church USA.

**Congregational Nominating Committee** is still currently seeking four eligible Presbyterians to serve on the Session for 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, please contact: Vern Smith, Evelyn Foster, Richard Harsh, Jen Smyth, or Donald Hunter.

**HOT OFF THE PRESSES!!!** **"These Days: Daily Devotions for Living by Faith"** is available (free of charge) in the Narthex.

**Bull Hill Road Clean-up:** The Mission Committee and Boy Scout's clean-up of Bull Hill Road will be Saturday, November 3. Those wanting to join in the cleanup (the "many hands make light work" philosophy) are asked to meet at Gregory Church by 8:45 a.m. on November 3. A headcount is needed for providing participants a light snack (usually water, juice, muffin) before heading out to Bull Hill Road, so if you plan to participate in the Clean-up with the Missions Committee and Boy Scouts, please contact Pat Hunter.



*Chase Who Serve – October, 2012*

	October 7	October 14	October 21	October 28
<b>Nursery</b>	Glenda Mayhew	Darrellynn Schroeter	Susan Walker	Ann Hartsell
<b>Junior Church</b>	Josh Ingram Morgan Ingram	Virginia Maloney Jared Smyth	Valerie Harsh Pamela Harsh	Jessica Mauger Kevin Foster
<b>Junior Sermon</b>	Pat Hunter	Rev. Beverly Bullock	Patsy Johnson	Susan Walker
<b>Ushers</b>	Sheila Fields Janet Swinton Rose Scott Wayne Powers	Valerie Harsh Pamela Harsh Jerry Bond Debbie Smith	Wayne Powers Rose Scott Marguerite Bishop Dianne Overstreet	Bobby Allen Donna Allen Velma Allen Brenda Bond
<b>Announcements</b>	Rose Scott	Jerry Bond	Dianne Overstreet	Jerry Bond
<b>Counting</b>	David Johnson Glenda Mayhew	Donald Hunter Ron Recher	Sandy Hunter Sheila Field	Morgan Ingram Rose Scott

*Flowers for October*

October 7<sup>th</sup> - The Hunters  
 October 14<sup>th</sup> - Rose Scott  
 October 21<sup>st</sup> - .  
 October 28<sup>th</sup> - .

*Gatekeeper:*

Bobby Allen



**PRAYER CONCERNS**

Ruby Hasky  
 Christine Belsches  
 Aida Faries  
 June Hawks  
 Marian McDonald  
 Helen Cibula  
 Don Vtipil  
 O. C. Allen III  
 Mary Coleman  
 Gladys Wiseman  
 Audrey Turner  
 PNC  
 Mary Kay Schroeter  
 Pamela Harsh

Ed Smiley (Friend of Doug Holc)  
 Katherine Tompkins  
 Mary Chadwick (Dink Armstrong's sister)  
 Ed Armstrong  
 Jimmy Belsches (Son of Christine Belsches)  
 Jessica Griffin (Niece of Sheila Fields)  
 Harvey Spain (Father of Keith Spain)  
 Maxine Newton and Family (Friend of Rose Scott)  
 2012-2013 School Year  
 Inez Paul (Mother of Mary Holc)  
 The Family of Dr. Robert Ratchford, who passed away Sept. 23  
 Evelyn Foster and Family (Loss of brother, Earl Padgett, Sept. 25)  
 The Family of Joan Mann, who passed away Sept 28



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

The Gregory Memorial Flag/Memorial Project is well underway, but your help is needed.

I have raised about 35% of funds needed to complete the Flag Project, but still need \$2,300 more. On Saturday, October 27, from 5pm until 8 pm, I will host a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser in the Church Fellowship Hall! Tickets are \$8 and include a great Italian meal with dessert. Proceeds go toward the purchase of materials for the Flag Project.

Mark your calendars and ask your friends and family to support this project and enjoy a delicious meal. You can dine in or carry out.

For tickets, contact me at 804-605-4726, or by email at [Jason.troop900@yahoo.com](mailto:Jason.troop900@yahoo.com). Thank you for your support. Together we will succeed!!!



**Jason Hundley**

**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](mailto: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!**



**General Workday for Church Volunteers** has been set for October 6<sup>th</sup> and will commence with a Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 8:00 AM. Contact Bobby Allen for more information.

**NEW HOURS FOR CHURCH OFFICE** - 9:00 am - 2:00 pm, Tuesday-Thursday.

**NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER** - **Please, Please, Please** have any information/articles for the November Newsletter into the office by **9:00am, Tuesday morning October 23<sup>rd</sup>**.

**THANK YOU!** The Facilities Committee thanks everyone for their support. As always, we have a lot more than our group can do, but somehow we manage to get it all done---please, the more hands, the better! Contact Bobby Allen.

# OCTOBER, 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	<b>2:00pm</b> Line Dancing  <b>6:30pm</b> Missions	<b>12:30pm</b> Day Circle  <b>7:00pm</b> Facilities  Worship  Congregat. Care*	<b>7:00pm</b> Choir	<b>2-8:00pm</b> Cleaning		<b>8:00 am</b> Volunteers Breakfast-Church Work Day
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<b>9:45am</b> Sunday School <b>11:00am</b> Worship  <i>World Communion Sunday</i>  <i>Peacemaking Offering</i>	<b>Noon</b> Widow's Group  <b>2:00pm</b> Line Dancing  <b>6:00pm</b> Christian Ed	<b>9:00 am</b> Committee Reports Due  <b>Committee Budget Sheets due</b>  <b>6:30 pm</b> Outreach  <b>7:30pm</b> Evening Circle	<b>7:00pm</b> Choir	<b>2-8:00pm</b> Cleaning  <b>6:00 pm</b> Stewardship/ Finance		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
<b>9:45am</b> Sunday School <b>11:00am</b> Worship <i>[Guest Minister]</i>	<b>2:00pm</b> Line Dancing	<b>7:00pm</b> Session Meeting	<b>7:00pm</b> Choir	<b>2-8:00pm</b> Cleaning		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
<b>9:45am</b> Sunday School <b>11:00am</b> Worship <i>Minute for Missions</i>	<b>2:00pm</b> Line Dancing	<b>9:00 am</b> Newsletter Articles Due	<b>7:00pm</b> Choir	<b>2-8:00pm</b> Cleaning		<b>5:00-8:00pm</b> Spaghetti Dinner – Flag Project
28	29	30	31			
<b>9:45am</b> Sunday School <b>11:00am</b> Worship <i>5 Cents A Meal Offering</i>	<b>2:00pm</b> Line Dancing		<b>7:00pm</b> Choir			



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

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