



Dear Gregory Memorial, Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Language of Love

By Reverend Beverly Bullock



“And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three, but the greatest of these is love” (I Corinthians 13:13)

Valentines (hearts), candies (chocolates), flowers (roses), cards, presents, songs and jewelry....the language of love is everywhere: present in words, actions, and “the sound of silence.” In human hands and hearts, it can be equally creative or destructive. But through the mercy and grace of God, its perfect meaning is not beyond our grasp.

Our human love is far from perfect – it often has strings attached. It can be unbelievably kind or cruel. But God’s love is perfect, and whether we realize it or not, it is something that we desperately seek and depend upon.

Appearing in scripture are three Greek words that translate into English as “Love.” They are *Eros*, *Philia* and *Agape*. *Eros* is the “I can’t live without you love.” It is romantic, sensual, sexual, and passionate. *Philia* is the love that one has for friends, family and community. *Agape* is a love that does not depend on perceptions, persons, or circumstances. It is an unconditional, self-sacrificing love that is capable of action even in the midst of the most hostile environments. Its grace is given to everyone, including our enemies. It is the perfect love that Jesus asked his disciples to live and the perfect love that God has for all of humankind.

On Wednesday, 13 February, the season of **Lent** begins with the observance of Ash Wednesday. We, who declare ourselves followers of Christ, will walk individual and collective journeys through the last days of our Lord and Savior. Jesus’ perfect love will manifest itself in his death, burial, resurrection, ascension, and the promise of his coming again!

Seeking to one day fully understand such a

love as this, let us revisit God’s holy word as it is recorded in the Epistle of I Corinthians 13: 1-13 (NRSV) – “the love passage:”

“If I speak in the tongues of mortals and angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but have not love, I gain nothing. ⁴Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part, then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known, ¹³And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.”

Grace, Peace and Love
Rev. Bev

Worship Information for February 2013 Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church

Sunday, 03 February 2013

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Liturgical Color: Green

PCUSA Emphasis: Souper Bowl of Caring

Old Testament: Jeremiah 1:4-10

New Testament: Luke 4:21-30

Sermon: "What They Need To Hear"

Sunday, 10 February 2013

Transfiguration of the Lord

"Boy Scouts Sunday"

Liturgical Color: White

PCUSA Emphasis: Camp and Conference Ministries

Old Testament: Exodus 34:29-35

New Testament: Luke 9:28-36

Sermon: "Face to Face"

Sunday, 17 February 2013

1st Sunday in Lent

Liturgical Color: Purple or Blue

PCUSA Emphasis: Health Awareness and Prayer for Healing

Old Testament: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

New Testament: Luke: 4:1-13

Sermon: "Temptations"

Sunday, 24 February 2013

2nd Sunday in Lent

Liturgical Color: Purple or Blue

Old Testament: Genesis 12:1-12, 17-18

New Testament: Luke: 13:31-35

Sermon: "What Becomes of A Promise?"

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OUR PRAYER IN TIMES OF JOY AND CONCERN.....

Ruby Hasky	All who have lost loved ones to senseless & random violence
Katherine Tompkins	Family & friends of Marion B. Williams (passed away Jan. 15)
Christine Belsches	Family of Darrell G. Allen (passed away Jan. 18)
Marian McDonald	Virginia Mika (Sister of Grace & Helen Cibula)
Gladys Wiseman	All persons recovering from natural disasters
Frank Solesbee	Jimmy Belsches (Christine Belsches' son)
Audrey Turner	Mary Chadwick (Dink Armstrong's sister)
Kenneth Figg	Sam DuVall (Sheila Fields's son-in-law)
Clara Smith	Laura Lambert (Peggy Allen's mother)
June Hawks	Jim Judkins (David Johnson's cousin)
Aida Faries	Ed Smiley (Friend of Doug Holc)
Don Vtipil	2012-2013 School Year
PNC	Pat Hunter

QUICK CALENDAR EVENTS:**Holy Communion - Feb. 3****"SCOUTS SUNDAY" - Feb. 10
Join Troop 900 for refreshments
after Worship****News Article Deadline - Feb. 14****Stated Congregational Meeting -
Feb. 17 after Worship****Lenten Prayer Service & Luncheon -
12 noon (Service) & 12:30 pm
(Luncheon) @ Sycamore UMC****THE CLERK'S CORNER**

By David E. Johnson

The January Session meeting of Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church was held on January 15, 2013 and the following actions were taken:

1. A designated gifts account will be created to accept contributions for moving expenses for the new pastor.
2. The Lenten lunch has been scheduled for March 21, 2013.
3. Approved request from the Woman's Club of PG to use the fellowship hall on February 18, 2013 for an arts and craft contest.
4. Approved requests from Boy Scout Troop 900 for various dates for use of the kitchen and meeting room as follows: 3/27, 6/29, 9/25, 12/18 and 5/20.
5. Approved changing the elder term for the Pre-School representative from May – June to January- January.
6. Approved March 17, 2013 as Pre-School Sunday.
7. Approved May 23, 2013 for Pre-School Graduation in the Sanctuary.
8. Approved change in Pre-School bylaw 11A to require an Associate's Degree for teachers.
9. Approved change in Pre-School bylaw 11B to state preference for director to have teaching certificate.
10. Approved the date of February 17, 2013 as the annual congregation meeting.

PNC UPDATE

By Sandy Hunter, On Behalf of PNC

The committee would like everyone to know that we have offered a call to a minister, and he has accepted! If all goes as planned, we will welcome him into Gregory in early April. There are many steps to this process. He will be examined by Presbytery and then must agree to our terms of

call. We will then have a congregational meeting to vote on the call. Installation will follow and we will be off on yet another journey of worshipping and witnessing the Living God we love and trust.

We thank all of you for your prayers and your patience as the

committee has ridden this roller-coaster that I spoke of in an earlier article. It has proved to us over and over that God had a plan for Gregory, and he didn't make it easy. But he never said it would be! God is good!

SPECIAL OFFERING FOR MOVING EXPENSES FOR NEW MINISTER

By Sandy Hunter

Session has approved a special offering to be designated for the purpose of moving expenses for our new minister.

Beginning the first of February, there will be special envelopes available in the pews for

the opportunity of all of Gregory to help get the “the new preacher” to town. There was some money left in the budget for this purpose, however it is not enough to get the job done.

Please consider helping. Put “moving expenses” in the memo line on your check. Donations may also be mailed to the church- PO Box 182 Prince George, VA 23875. **Your contribution is tax deductible!!**

JOIN THE SCOUTS FOR BREAKFAST & WORSHIP SUNDAY FEB. 10!!!

By Kevin Foster

The 12th Point of the Scout Law is “A Scout is Reverent.” Gregory Memorial has enjoyed a 30+ year relationship with the Boy Scouts of America by chartering Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, and Venturing. During these years, it is estimated that approximately 1,000 young boys and teenage boys have participated in Scouting due to the generosity of GMPC serving as the chartering organization.

On Sunday, February 10th, beginning at 8:30 a.m., Boy Scout Troop 900 will be hosting a pancake breakfast for the GMPC congregation in the Fellowship Hall. Come have breakfast and enjoy some fellowship before Sunday School starts.

Then, during worship, the Scouts will be leading us in worship and in service as we join Scout troops worldwide in celebrating Scout Sunday.

This is an important time in the life of the Church as we accept charters from the Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venturing Crew and renew our commitment to this important mission of our Church.

Immediately after worship, the Scouts and their families will host a reception in the Temple Building to again honor the congregation and thank them for their commitment. This will be a great opportunity for you to see the completed window project that the Scouts and their leaders spearheaded.

I have challenged the Scouts and their families to fill the pews on Sunday, February 10th. What a joy it will be to have a “packed house” on this day!!! You may be thinking to yourselves, “We don’t get many church members out of the Scouting program.” The truth is, many of the active Scouts and their families attend

worship at Methodist, Episcopal, Catholic, Baptist, and churches of other denominations within Prince George and the surrounding communities. Yet, there are still some boys who probably only hear God’s Word when church services are held on camping outings. As such, be assured that our commitment to Scouting honors and reinforces faith in God. Additionally, these boys are taught and trained to have good morals, ethics, and life skills that allow them to be productive citizens in our communities.

Please take time to attend the Breakfast and the reception!! **It’s for YOU!! It’s to say “THANK YOU!”** See you on the 10th.

Kevin Foster, Chartered Organization Representative
Cub Pack 910
Boy Scout Troop 900
Venture Crew 900

AREA CHURCHES TO HOST LENTEN PRAYER SERVICES & LUNCHEONS

By Staff Writer

Several area churches are hosting Lenten prayer services and luncheons, beginning February 21.

Prayer service at each church will begin at 12:00 noon and will be followed at 12:30 p.m. by a Lenten luncheon for attendees.

Host churches are:

February 21 - Sycamore UMC at 9700 Old Stage Road, Prince George, Va. (Tel. 541-1181)

Feb. 28 - TBA

March 7 - Bethlehem Congregational Church at 10501 Pole Run Road, Disputanta, Va. (Tel. 861-0834)

March 14 - Church of the Sacred Heart at 9300 Community Lane, Petersburg, Va. (Tel. 732-6385)

March 21 - Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church at 6300 Courthouse Road, Prince George, Va. (Tel. 732-1081)

Join with us in celebration of the 2013 Lenten Season!



Those Who Serve – February, 2013

0++ GATEKEEPER: H. F. Scott, Jr.	February 3	February 10	February 17	February 24
Ushers & Acolytes (A)	Sheila Fields Janet Swinton Rose Scott Valerie Harsh Jared Smyth (A) Austin Smyth (A)	Boy Scout Troop 900 Breanna Hunter (A) Jamie Meurer (A)	Keith Spain Ruby Spain Jacob Spain Herb Schroeter Justin Ellis-Bowman (A) Michalis Maloney (A)	Bobby Allen Donna Allen Velma Allen Jerry Bond Chayse Hartsell(A) Kaitlyn Hartsell (A)
Announcements	Dianne Overstreet	Pat Hunter	Mary Kay Schroeter	Rose Scott
Junior Sermon	Susan Walker	SCOUT SUNDAY	Valerie Harsh	Patsy Johnson
Junior Church	Jennifer Smyth Jared Smyth	SCOUT SUNDAY	Ann Hartsell Kevin Foster II	Susan Walker Jamie Meurer
Nursery	Virginia Maloney	Susan Walker	Glenda Mayhew	Ann Hartsell
Counting	Donald Hunter Rose Scottdt	Sandy Hunter Sheila Fields	Morgan Ingram Ron Recher	David Johnson Kevin Foster

FLOWERS FOR SANCTUARY

Flowers for February 2013

February 3	-
February 10	-
February 17	-
February 24	Rose Scott

It's not too late to sign up to provide flowers for the Sanctuary. You may write in your name fo the Sunday you wish to provide flowers, or call the Church office at 732-1081 (9a.m.-2:00 p.m., Tuesday-Thursday).

Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church Flag Memorial Eagle Project INDIVIDUAL BRICK/PAVER

"THEIR NAME WILL GO DOWN IN HISTORY"

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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Fill out this form and return it with full payment by check or money order to: "Boy Scout Troop 900"

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

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 Address: _____ Phone No. _____

Jason Hundley of Boy Scout Troop 900 needs your support!

FEBRUARY, 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship <i>Holy Communion</i>	2:00pm Line Dancing 6:30pm Missions Comm.	12:30pm Day Circle 6:00pm Congreg. Care* Comm. 7:00pm Facilities Comm. 7:00pm Worship Comm.	7:00pm Choir	2-8:00pm Cleaning		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship <i>"Scout Sunday"</i>	2:00pm Line Dancing	Session Committee Reports Due 7:30pm Evening Circle	7:00pm Choir	Newsletter Articles due Session Agenda out 2-8:00pm Cleaning		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship <i>Stated Congre. Meeting after Worship</i> <i>Minute for Missions</i>	2:00pm Line Dancing	7:00 pm Session Meeting	7:00pm Choir	12:00pm Lenten Service @ Sycamore UMC & Luncheon 2-8:00pm Cleaning Newsletter out		
24	25	26	27	28		
9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship <i>5 Cents A Meal Offering</i>	2:00pm Line Dancing		7:00pm Choir	2:00-8:00pm Cleaning		



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

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[Addressee]