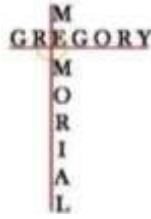


# THE HERALD

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Dear Gregory Memorial, Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



*“For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them with food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.” ~Deuteronomy 10:17-19*

Just about anyone could tell you that transitions are tough. Starting or ending a job, moving from one grade-level to another, getting used to a new routine...these are all difficult and trying times in life. One often experiences feelings of disorientation or loneliness, changes in appetite, and even mood swings which affect those who are closest to the individual. And the larger the transition, the greater the effect upon the individual and those in the area. Relocation from one area to another is one of the greatest stressors on an individual, for precisely these reasons.

In all my work with those in transition (and experiencing it myself), one of the greatest gifts to help alleviate the stress of transition is to be made to feel welcome, and on the other side of that coin, to make a new person feel welcome.

I can tell you with no uncertainty, I (and Megan) have certainly been made to feel welcomed in our new community and church! Thank you for this gift, which is the basis of all the other gifts we have already received from y'all! With all that we have received, and especially the kind words and the ways many of you have reached out to check-in on us, we know that you care, and that has made the beginnings of this transition much easier to bear. Thank you!

Many have commented that this is ‘Southern culture’ at its best. This may very well be true, but I’d like us to consider framing it in a much deeper – and needed in this world – culture, that of Christian discipleship. The

tenets of Christianity, the Great Ends of the Church (PCUSA), the Great Commandment...these all have in common an embracing, welcoming love of the stranger. Even more so, it is a love that enables to see *the other* as someone who is, in actuality, part of *the us*. There is no longer an *us/them*; there is only *we*! When we reach out in the love of Christ we have received, everyone is welcomed into our fellowship. You of Gregory Memorial have shown yourselves very capable of this in the way you have welcomed Megan and me; my challenge to you will be to continue this practice into the entire community of Prince George!

We are called to love God, to make Christ known, to proclaim the Good News of salvation, and in all of this, to reach out to others in Christian love, not as a stranger to be converted, but as a brother or sister to greeted after a long absence (the Parable of the Prodigal Son comes to mind...).

I look forward, in the months to come, to getting to know all of you, to breaking down the lack of relationship that creates boundaries. This is my first and most immediate priority. Then, I look forward to, with all of you, reaching out to the community at large, erasing all lines of “stranger” in this community, for the greater glory of God. It’s going to be a great adventure!

Peace,  
Pastor Jason

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**Worship Information for May 2013**

Sunday, 05 May 2013

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Liturgical Color: White

PCUSA Emphasis: "Older Adult Week Begins; Wills Emphasis"

New Testament: (1<sup>st</sup> Reading) Acts 16:9-15 & (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading) John 5:1-9

Sermon: "What the Heart Wants"

Sunday, 12 May 2013

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

"Mother's Day"

New Testament: Liturgical Color: White

New Testament: (1<sup>st</sup> Reading) Acts 16: 16-34 & (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading) John 17: 20-26

Sermon: "A Prison of the Free"

Sunday, 19 May 2013

Day of Pentecost

Liturgical Color: Red

PCUSA Emphasis: "Pentecost Offering"

New Testament: (1<sup>st</sup> Reading) Acts 2: 1-21 & (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading) John 14: 15-17

Sermon: "Uncertain Appearances"

Sunday, 26 May 2013

Trinity Sunday

Liturgical Color: White

PCUSA: "Presbyterian Heritage"

Old Testament: Proverbs 8: 1-4, 22-31 & New Testament: John 16: 12-15

Sermon: "A Present Gift"

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

Dzhokhar Tsarnaev & family	Persons & families of those killed/injured in Boston, China, Texas
Theresa Faries & family	All who have lost loved ones to senseless & random violence
2012-2013 School Year	Rachel Manning & family (Dad - Troop 900 Scoutmaster )
Katherine Tompkins	The Ellis family on loss of Jerry Ellis (grandfather of Justin Ellis-Bowman)
Marian McDonald	Sarah Hummel & family (friend of Valerie Harsh), on loss of son in West, Texas disaster
Gladys Wiseman	
Frank Solesbee	
Audrey Turner	Harry & Pat Steele (friends of Dianne Overstreet)
Kenneth Figg	Mary Blanchard (friend of Grace & Helen Cibula)
Henry Parker	Virginia Mika (sister of Grace & Helen Cibula)
June Hawks	All persons recovering from natural disasters
Aida Faries	The Belsches family on loss of Jimmy Belsches, April 21
Tara Foster	Charles Lee Smyth (father of Charles Smyth)
Pat Hunter	Frankie Meade (mother of Glenda Mayhew)
Don Vtipil	Mary Chadwick (sister of Armstrong's sister)
	Ed Smiley (friend of Doug Holc)
	Tommy Forehand (friend of Marguerite & Blake Bishop)
	<b>Joy</b> , that health of Gladys Meurer (mother-in-law/grandmother of Jennifer & Jamie Meurer) continues to improve

**QUICK CALENDAR EVENTS:**

**Bulletin announcements are due in GMPC Office 9 am on Tuesdays.**

*Session Reports due* - May 14, 9 am

*Preschool Board Qtr. Mtg.* -May 14, 6:30 pm

*News Article due* - May 16, 9 am

*Cub Scouts Fundraiser Yard Sale*-May 18, GMPC Pkg Lot, 6am-12pm

*Stewardship Seminar*-May 18 (Mechanicsville). 9 am-3 pm

*Relay for Life* -May 18, PGHS Football & Track Field, 6 pm

*Boy Scout Leaders Award Dinner*-May 20, Fellowship Hall, 6 pm

*Session Meeting* - May 21, 7 pm

*Preschool Graduation*-May 23, GMPC Sanctuary, 7pm

*Installation (Rev. Jason Cashing)*-May 26, GMPC Sanctuary, 3 pm

**THE CLERK'S CORNER**

By David E. Johnson

The Session of Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church met on Tuesday, April 16, 2013 and approved the following:

- A request from Cub Scout Pack 910 to hold a yard sale in the church parking lot on May 18, 2013.
- A request to allow National Night Out to use the church parking lot on August 6, 2013.
- Application of \$633.00 of unused moving expense funds to the replacement of the basement heating/air units.
- Posting of the District 19 poster in the church.
- Stewardship & Finance Committee's recommendation for the funds to be used to fund the replacement of the heating/air unit in the basement.

**HOLY HUMOR**

**KIDS IN CHURCH....**Overheard from three-year-old Reese: "Our Father, Who does art in Heaven, Harold is his name. Amen."

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A little boy was overheard praying: "Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it. I'm having a really good time like I am."

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After the christening of his baby brother in church, Mikey sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car. His father asked him three times what was wrong. Finally, the boy replied, "That preacher said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home and I wanted to stay with you guys!"

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One particular four-year-old prayed, "And forgive us our trash baskets as we forgive those who

put trash in our baskets."

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A Sunday school teacher asked her children as they were on the way to church service, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?" One bright little girl replied, "Because people are sleeping."

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A father was at the beach with his children when the four-year-old son ran up to him, grabbed his hand and led him to the shore where a seagull lay dead in the sand. "Daddy, what happened to him?" the boy asked. The father replied, "He died and went to Heaven." After a moment of thought, the boy asked, "Did God throw him back down?"

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A mother was making pancakes for her sons, Ryan 3 and

Mark 5, when the boys began arguing over who would get the first pancake. Seeing opportunity for a moral lesson, the mother said, "If Jesus was sitting here, He would say, "Let my brother have the first pancake. I can wait.' " Mark turned to his younger brother and said, "Ryan, you be Jesus!"

*Email your short funnies for printing in "Holy Humor to Sandy at [baskethunters@comcast.net](mailto:baskethunters@comcast.net).*



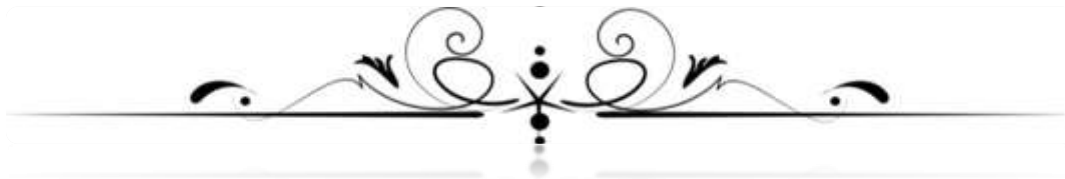


## FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY

### *Flowers - May*

May 5	-
May 12	The Hunters
May 19	Bobby Allen
May 26	Rose Scott

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



### *Those Who Serve - May*

<b>0++ GATEKEEPER:</b> Doug Holc	May 5	May 12	May 19	May 26
<b>Ushers &amp; Acolytes (A)</b>	Keith Spain Ruby Spain Jacob Spain Herb Schroeter	Bobby Allen Donna Allen Velma Allen Jerry Bond	Margurite Bishop Wayne Powers Rose Scott Les Mayhew	Sheila Fields Janet Swinton Rose Scott Valerie Harsh
<b>Announcements</b>	Jared Smyth (A) Austin Smyth (A) Mary Kay Schroeter	Breeana Hunter (A) Jamie Meurer (A) Rose Scott	Justin Ellis-Bowman (A) Michalis Maloney (A) Jerry Bond	Chayse Hartsell (A) Kaitlyn Hartsell (A) Dianne Overstreet
<b>Junior Sermon</b>	Patsy Johnson	Rev. Cashing	Pat Hunter	Susan Walker
<b>Junior Church</b>	Ann Hartsell Kevin Foster	Patsy Johnson Breeana Hunter	Susan Walker Jamie Meurer	Jessica Mauger Kevin Foster
<b>Nursery</b>	Virginia Maloney	Susan Walker	Glenda Mayhew	Ann Hartsell
<b>Counting</b>	David Johnson Kevin Foster	Ron Recher Sheila Fields	Donald Hunter Glenda Mayhew	David Johnson Rose Scott



### Gregory Memorial Preschool Registration Form

Child's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate:- \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (City, State, Zip) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Hours: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (City State, Zip) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (City, State, Zip) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Hours: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian other than Above \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (City State Zip) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Hours: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contacts: (other than parents or guardian)**  
**Primary Emergency Contact** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Relationship to child: \_\_\_\_\_

**Secondary Emergency Contact: (other than parents or guardian)**  
**Secondary Emergency Contact** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Relationship to child: \_\_\_\_\_

**Person(s) authorized to pick up child: (other than those listed above)**  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Person(s) NOT authorized to pick up child:**  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration for the 2013/14 School Year** began March 1, 2013. Please call Mrs. McAllister, Preschool Director, at 704-0584 or 541-0681, or email [gregorymemorialps@hotmail.com](mailto:gregorymemorialps@hotmail.com) to check availability of openings for enrollment. **Registration and Fees:** Tuition is due 1<sup>st</sup> of month as follows: 3 yr. old class - \$135/mo. & 4 yr. old class - \$140/mo. Children must reach the stated age by September 30 of current school year. A copy of each child's birth certificate from their state of birth & copy of child's immunization record is requested at registration & will be kept on file by Preschool. Return completed registration form with \$50.00 non-refundable registration fee within two weeks to insure a position in our program. Make checks payable to GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESCHOOL. Completed registration forms should be mailed to: Gregory Memorial Preschool, P. O. Box 182, Prince George, VA 23875. Parents will be notified in August with additional information regarding orientation.

# 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, number, space or punctuation mark. (28 max)

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Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_  
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Jason Hundley of Boy Scout Troop 900 needs your support!

MAY, 2013

Meeting Dates & Times To Be Announced for: Personnel Committee; Missions Committee

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
			7:00 pm Choir	2-8:00 pm Cleaning		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9:45 am Sunday School  11:00 am Worship	9:30 am Line Dancing  6:30 pm Outreach	12:30 pm Day Circle  6:00 pm Congreg. Care  7:00 pm Facilities  7:00 pm Worship	7:00 pm Choir	2-8:00 pm Cleaning  6:30 pm Stewardship /Finance		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9:45 am Sunday School  11:00 am Worship	9:30 am Line Dancing	9:00 am Reports Due for Session Agenda  6:30 pm Preschool Board meeting  7:30 pm Evening Circle	7:00 pm Choir	9:00 am News Articles due  2-8:00 pm Cleaning  2:00 pm Session Agenda out		6:00 am - 12:00 pm Yard Sale Fund- raiser for Cub Scouts @ GMPC parking lot  9:00 am-3:00 pm Stewardship Seminar @ Mechanicsville  6:00 pm Relay for Life @ PGHS Football &Track Field
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9:45 am Sunday School  11:00 am Worship  <i>Minute for Missions</i>  <i>Pentecost Offrg.</i>	9:30 am Line Dancing  1-9pm Boy Scouts Leaders Award Dinner  7:00 pm Christian Ed.	7:00 pm Session Meeting	7:00 pm Choir	2:00 pm Newsletter out  2-8:00 pm Cleaning  7:00 pm Preschool Graduation @Sanctuary		
26	27	28	29	30	31	
9:45 am Sunday School  11:00 am Worship  3:00 pm Installation (Rev. Jason N. Cashing)  <i>5 Cents A Meal Offrg</i>	MEMORIAL DAY		7:00 pm Choir	2-8:00 pm Cleaning		



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

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