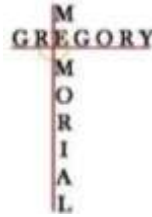


# THE HERALD

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Dear Gregory Memorial, Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



*The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. ~Psalm 19:1-4a*

Some of you have started to hear bits & pieces of this, in meetings and conversations as we've discussed what is offered here at Gregory Memorial. I want all of you to know, though, some of what I see and have in mind as we begin moving forward together. And so, here is my "Three Point Plan," so to speak...

1. ***I want to encourage an atmosphere of storytelling.***  
I am a fan of Doctor Who, and every time this nearly immortal Doctor interacts with humans, they ask, "What's so special about me, a mere human, compared to you?" It's a question that echoes Psalm 8. The answer, always, is that each and every human is unique and special, with a story that no other human can tell. I want us, as members of this congregation and of Christ's church, to learn to tell our stories, the ways in which we have encountered the Divine Love of God. I want to share my story with you; I want to hear your story, in return. So – Consider this your official invitation to invite me to sit down over dinner, over lunch, over coffee, and share your story! I want to hear it, and will be in touch about getting together...
2. ***I want to help each and every one of us journey deeper in committed discipleship.*** I'm working under a bit of assumption here, but I'm assuming that each of you has had some form of encounter with the Divine; without that, there isn't much to keep you coming to church. I want to help you expand on that encounter, and grow deeper. The greatest invitation each disciple received was,

"Come, and See." It is still the invitation to each of us. My role here is to be a resource in your journey as a disciple, a 'travel guide' so to speak, not telling you what your journey should look like, but simply how best to avoid pitfalls and hiccups.

3. ***I want to foster in each of us a greater ability and conviction to go out into the world,*** starting with Prince George County. I recall the words of the Lord to David in 2 Samuel 7, when the Lord insists that he has never desired a temple, but has always dwelt among the people, out in the fields and forests, wherever they might be. Such is our call, not to come to worship only and proclaim to one another the good news we have received – if that's all we ever do, then we're preaching to the proverbial choir! No, our call is to go out to the people of God wherever they may be, whoever they may be, and share with them the good news of salvation, inviting them to claim it, as well.

So, that is my three-fold hope, my vision for who we at Gregory Memorial are to be. My thought is that, in the months to come, we will work together to renew our mission and vision together, and then in all things we do – worship, mission, events & fellowship, education, giving, everything – each and every aspect of Gregory Memorial will be shaped for God's glory in the proclamation of the gospel. I hope you'll join me in this; I think we're in for a wonderful journey!

Peace,  
Pastor Jason

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**Worship Information for June 2013**

Sunday, 02 June 2013

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

9<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgical Color: Green

PCUSA Emphasis: Multicultural Church; Immigration

Old Testament: 1 Kings 18:20-39 & New Testament: Luke 7:1-10

Sermon: "A Foolish Plan" (High School Graduate Recognition)"

Sunday, 09 June 2013

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

10<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgical Color: Green

PCUSA Emphasis: Rural Life

Old Testament: 1 Kings 17:8-16 & New Testament: Luke 7:11-17

Sermon: "Give a Little Bit"

Sunday, 16 June 2013

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgical Color: Green

PCUSA Emphasis: Men of the Church; Father's Day

Old Testament: 1 Kings 21:1-10 & New Testament: Luke 7:36-8:3

Sermon: "Good Credit/Bad Credit"

Sunday, 23 June 2013

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgical Color: Green

PCUSA Emphasis: Disability Inclusion

Old Testament: 1 Kings 19:1-15a & New Testament: Luke 8:26-39

Sermon: "Talking With the Divine" (Scott Park)

Sunday, 30 June 2013

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgical Color: Green

Old Testament: 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 & New Testament: Luke 9:51-62

Sermon: "Costly Grace, Deep Discipleship"

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

Theresa Faries & family	Persons/families of those injured/killed in Midwest tornados/storms
Katherine Tompkins	The family of Elsie Beck (d. May 13), aunt of Sandy Hunter
Marian McDonald	All who have lost loved ones to senseless & random violence
Gladys Wiseman	Harry & Pat Steele (friends of Dianne Overstreet)
Frank Solesbee	Maryland Blanchard (friend of Grace & Helen Cibula)
Audrey Turner	Tommy Forehand (friend of Marguerite & Blake Bishop )
Kenneth Figg	Virginia Mika (sister of Grace & Helen Cibula)
Henry Parker	All persons recovering from natural disasters
June Hawks	Charles Lee Smyth (father of Charles Smyth)
Aida Faries	Frankie Meade (mother of Glenda Mayhew)
Tara Foster	Mary Chadwick (sister of Armstrong's sister)
Pat Hunter	Frankie Meade (Glenda Mayhew's mother)
Don Vtipil	Ed Smiley (friend of Doug Holc)
	Rachel Manning & family

**CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS:**

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

*Holy Communion* - June 2, 11 am

*Boy Scout Troop 900 BBQ Pork Butt/Yard Sale* - June 8, 6am until (?) in GMPC upper parking lot; Pickup for cooked pork butts @ 12 pm

*Session Reports due* - June 10, 9 am

*Fathers Day* - June 16

*PG Churches/Foodbank Qtr. Mtg.* - June 17, 10 am; GMPC Fellowship Hall

*Presbytery of the James Mtg.* - June 18, 9:15 am

*GMPC Session Mtg.* - June 18 @ 7 pm

*News Article Deadline* - June 20, 9 am

*Bull Hill Road Cleanup* - June 22, 8:45 am

*GMPC "Sunday in the Park"* - June 23, 11am @ Scott Park; Worship in pavilion. Bring covered dish & yard games for after! Enjoy food & fellowship!

*PG TRIAD Mtg.* - June 24, 1 pm @ PG Library

**THE CLERK'S CORNER**

By David E. Johnson

The regularly scheduled Session meeting of Gregory Memorial Church was held on May 21, 2013 and the following actions were approved:

- Request from Megan Cashing to have her membership transferred from Franklinville Presbyterian Church to Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church was approved.
- Accepted the resignation of Jennifer Smyth as a ruling elder.
- Approved the following dates as vacation for Rev. Cashing: June 27, 2013, July 2-July 4, 2013, and August 12 – 18, 2013.
- Approved the Christian Education committee's request to hold "Back to Church Sunday" on Sept. 8, 2013.
- Approved the Christian Education committee's request to hold a "Family Fun Night" on July 14, 2013.
- Approved the Facilities Committee request to allow Boy Scout Troop 900 to hold a yard sale and pork butt sale in the church parking lot on June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013.
- Approved the Facilities Committee request for Boy Scout Troop 900 to place a sign at the front of the church lot.
- Approved having communion service during the installation service on Sunday, May 26, 2013.
- Approved the Preschool Board's recommendation to institute a 5% discount on the early enrollment fee for those who have already enrolled and those who enroll by May 31, 2013.

**HOLY HUMOR**

**WHOA THERE!?!** A man was being tailgated by a stressed-out woman on a busy street. Suddenly, the light turned yellow just in front of him.

He did the right thing, stopping at the crosswalk. The tailgating woman "hit the roof", and the horn, screaming in anger as she missed her chance to get through the intersection.

As she was still in mid-rant, she heard a tap on her window and looked up into the face of a police officer. He took her to

the police station where she was placed in a holding cell.

After a couple of hours, the policeman opened the cell door and said, "I'm very sorry for this mistake. You see, I pulled up behind your car while you were blowing your horn, flipping off the guy in front of you, and cussing a blue streak at him.

I noticed the 'What Would Jesus Do?' bumper sticker, the 'Follow Me to Sunday School' bumper sticker, and the chrome-plated Christian fish emblem on the trunk of your car.

**Naturally, I assumed you had stolen the car!"**

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



## FLOWERS FOR SANCTUARY

### *Flowers for June 2013*

June 2	-
June 9	Rose Scott
June 16	-
June 23	-
June 30	-

**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 - June, 2013*

<b>0++ GATEKEEPER:</b> Dennis Allen	June 2	June 9	June 16	June 23	June 30
<b>Ushers &amp; Acolytes (A)</b>	Robert Hartsell Dianne Overstreet Wayne Powers Les Mayhew	Keith Spain Ruby Spain Jacob Spain Herb Schroeter	Bobby Allen Donna Allen Velma Allen Jerry Bond	Marguerite Bishop Wayne Powers Glenda Mayhew Les Mayhew	Sheila Fields Janet Swinton Rose Scott Valerie Harsh
<b>Announcements</b>	Jared Smyth (A) Austin Smyth (A) Pat Hunter	Breeana Hunter (A) Jamie Meurer (A) Rose Scott	Justin Ellis-Bowman (A) Michalie Maloney (A) Rose Scott	Chayse Hartsell (A) Kaitlyn Hartsell (A) Jerry Bond	Jared Smyth (A) Austin Smyth (A) <b>Dianne Overstreet</b>
<b>Junior Sermon</b>	Valerie Harsh	Rev. Cashing	Patsy Johnson	Pat Hunter	Susan Walker
<b>Junior Church</b>	Rose Scott Madison Foster	Josh Ingram Morgan Ingram	Virginia Maloney Jared Smyth	Valerie Harsh Pamela Harsh	Jessica Mauger Kevin Foster
<b>Nursery</b>	Jennifer Smyth	Virginia Maloney	Ruby Spain	Susan Walker	Glenda Mayhew
<b>Counting</b>	Sandy Hunter Kevin Foster	Morgan Ingram Ron Recher	David Johnson Glenda Mayhew	Sheila Fields Rose Scott	Sandy Hunter Kevin Foster

## JUNE 23 - "SUNDAY IN THE PARK"!

By Rev. Jason Cashing

It's that time of year again, when we take our worship of God out into the natural sanctuary of creation!

Join us on Sunday, June 23, at 11:00am as we gather in Scott Park to sing songs, join our voices in prayer, and listen to God's Word proclaimed (shortly), while we witness God's care in the trees and fields around us.

Following, we'll have a cookout lunch, and fun and games for all! Anyone who has yard games (Ladderball, croquet, cornhole, etc.) is invited to bring them. Jason particularly encourages softball gloves, balls & bats, for an impromptu pick-up 'game'! It'll be a blast!



## GREGORY PRESCHOOL WELCOMES NEW DIRECTOR

By Susan McAllister, Outgoing Director

### NEW PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR BEGINS FALL 2013/14 TERM!

Gregory Memorial Preschool welcomes its new incoming Preschool Director, Janet Lammey.



Janet comes to Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Preschool with extensive experience in early childhood and elementary education.

After graduating with honors from VCU, she taught for 14 years in Henrico County Public Schools. Always interested in international travels and the education of disadvantaged children, she accepted a post in the cloud forest

of Monteverde, Costa Rica in 2001.

Following two years of teaching there, she bought a small preschool in Guanacaste, Costa Rica on the Pacific coast. She operated the 25-student program, serving ages 3-6 years as owner/teacher/director for nine years.

After her travels to the Dominican Republic and China for short teaching service, she recently has moved back to her hometown of Petersburg, and is excited about this new opportunity to return to the classroom.

***PRESCHOOL STILL ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 3-YR. OLD CLASS & A WAITING LIST ON 4-YR. OLD CLASS!***

Those interested should inquire by calling 704-0584 or 541-0681, or by emailing [gregorymemorialps@hotmail.com](mailto:gregorymemorialps@hotmail.com) to check availability of openings for enrollment.

*[Registration form on Page 6 of this newsletter.]*

### PRESCHOOL ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON

Just some quick pics taken at Gregory Preschool's recent Mother's Day Lunch, held on Thursday, May 9, in the GMPC Fellowship Hall dining area. The Preschoolers delighted guests with a brief musical program, followed by a delicious three-course lunch of salad, spaghetti, and dessert which was enjoyed by all!

#### The Preschoolers entertaining their...



#### Mothers Day lunch guests!







### 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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**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.

**JUNE, 2013**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<b>9:45 am</b> Sunday School  <b>11:00 am</b> Worship  <i>Holy Communion</i>	<b>9:30 am</b> Line Dancing  <b>6:30 pm</b> Outreach	<b>12:30 pm</b> Day Circle  <b>6:00 pm</b> Congr. Care  <b>7:00 pm</b> Facilities  <b>7:00 pm</b> Worship	<b>6:00 pm</b> Missions  <b>7:00 pm</b> Choir	<b>9:00 am</b> Comm. reports reminder out  <b>2-8:00 pm</b> Cleaning		<b>6:00 am-                      until...</b> Troop 900 Yard Sale & Pork Butt BBQ @ GMPC Parking Lot  <b>12:00 pm -</b> Pork Butts Pickup Time
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
<b>9:45 am</b> Sunday School  <b>11:00 am</b> Worship	<b>9:00 am</b> Comm. reports due  <b>9:30 am</b> Line Dancing	<b>7:30 pm</b> Evening Circle	<b>7:00 pm</b> Choir	<b>2:00 pm</b> Session Agenda out  <b>2-8:00 pm</b> Cleaning  <b>6:30 pm</b> Stewardship & Finance		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
<b>9:45 am</b> Sunday School  <b>11:00 am</b> Worship  <i>Minute for                      Missions</i>  <i>"Fathers Day"</i>	<b>9:00 am - 9:45 am</b> Line Dancing  <b>10:00 am</b> PG Churches/ Food Bank Qtr. meeting	<b>9:15 am</b> POJ Mtg.  <b>7:00 pm</b> Session Meeting	<b>7:00 pm</b> Choir  <b>1-9:00 pm</b> Boy Scouts Honor Court & <b>6:00 pm</b> Scouts Dinner	<b>9:00 am</b> News articles due  <b>2-8:00 pm</b> Cleaning		<b>8:45 am</b> Bull Hill Rd. Cleanup
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
<b>9:45 am</b> Sunday School  <b>11:00 am</b> Worship (@Scott Park pavilion)  <i>"Sunday in the                      Park"</i>  <i>5 Cents A Meal                      Offrg</i>	<b>9:30 am</b> Line Dancing  <b>1:00 pm</b> TRIAD meeting @PG Library  <b>7:00 pm</b> Christian Ed		<b>7:00 pm</b> Choir	<b>2:00 pm</b> Newsletter out  <b>2-8:00 pm</b> Cleaning		
<b>30</b>						
<b>9:45 am</b> Sunday School  <b>11:00 am</b> Worship  <i>Local Emerg. Aid                      Offrg</i>						



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

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