

# THE HERALD

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Dear Gregory Memorial, Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



*"For surely I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord.. "Plans for your welfare and not for your harm, to give you a future with hope. Then, when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me," says the Lord, "and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places I had sent you..." ~Jeremiah 29:11-14a*

I should let y'all know that one of the aspects of GMPC that attracted me the most when I was researching and interviewing was twofold: It was the emphasis of GMPC to be a mission-enacting people combined with the potential and possibility that lay before us, open like a book, waiting for the stories to be written and lived out. The desire to faithfully live out the mission we are called to, and the renewed point of defining and focusing that mission means that we are in a very exciting time! And trust me, that excitement is not lost on me, nor is it being ignored! I have several thoughts and ideas, and I look forward to putting many of them into practice.

I imagine that the people of Israel, upon hearing these words of the Lord from the prophet Jeremiah, were similarly excited. "New plans? A future!? Well-being and hope and a return of fortune?!? YES, PLEASE!" The people of Israel were a nation that knew exile, that knew oppression and loss of identity and foreign rule. How could they not be excited to hear these prophetic promises?

In a way, the excitement is much the same for us. And, perhaps in one key way, I want us all – myself included – to remember this cornerstone: It was not the people of Israel who were called upon to create their own future, as they saw fit. It was their call, as it is for

us today, to look for the ways in which God is creating their (our) future, and then join God in that work. It requires us to look with critical eyes for what God is doing, and to trust that what God is doing and where God is leading, is truly in our best interest as Christ's church in this world.

I have plans, yes, and ideas – new member classes, refresher member classes, baptism and confirmation groups, fellowship gatherings, mission endeavors, and more! Furthermore, I am taking my ideas and holding them faithfully against what I hear from all of you – desires and hopes and vision. But the foundation of all of this is and will always remain: What is God doing, and how do these ideas/plans tie in with that?

I believe that God has vision and plans for the Church, Gregory Memorial included. I believe that the Spirit is not far off, but is constantly at work in the world and in our lives, our community. I believe that the love of Christ, known in his teachings and examples, holds deep meaning still for us today. I intend to seek out the ways in which we are a part of this, not simply for our own fortune, but for the greater proclamation of God's Kingdom.

I very much look forward to doing this all with you.

Peace,  
Pastor Jason

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## Worship Information for July 2013

Sunday, 07 July 2013

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

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

Liturgical Color: **Green**

Old Testament: 2 Kings 5:1-14 & New Testament: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Sermon: "Off to See the Wizard"

Sunday, 14 July 2013

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

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

Liturgical Color: **Green**

Old Testament: Amos 7:7-17 & New Testament: Luke 10:25-37

Sermon: "Square and True"

Sunday, 21 July 2013

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

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

Liturgical Color: **Green**

PCUSA Emphasis: Smaller Membership Church

Old Testament: Amos 8:1-12 & New Testament: Luke 10:38-42

Sermon: "Unbalanced Scales"

Sunday, 28 July 2013

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

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

Liturgical Color: **Green**

PCUSA Emphasis: Metropolitan/Urban Ministry

Old Testament: 1 Hosea 1:2-10 & New Testament: Luke 8:26-39

Sermon: "The Gift of a Name"

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

Katherine Tompkins	Persons/families injured/killed in Midwest storms & tornados
Marian McDonald	All who have lost loved ones to senseless & random violence
Gladys Wiseman	Aubrey Kerley (brother-in-law of Grace & Helen Cibula)
Frank Solesbee	Maryland Blanchard (friend of Grace & Helen Cibula)
Audrey Turner	Aaron Hoover (grandson of Ron & Judy Recher)
Kenneth Figg	Virginia Mika (sister of Grace & Helen Cibula)
Ruth Figg	Russell Houston (brother of Sheila Fields)
Helen Cibula	Frankie Meade (mother of Glenda Mayhew)
Grace Cibula	Debra Gilliam (friend of Ruby Spain)
Henry Parker	Mary Chadwick (sister of Dink Armstrong)
June Hawks	Alicia Scudder (friend of the Spains)
Aida Faries	Ed Smiley (friend of Doug Holc)
Clara Smith	Rachel Manning & family
Tara Foster	Theresa Faries & family
Pat Hunter	<b>Our Joy:</b> Tommy Forehand (friend of the Bishops) - improving
Don Vtipil	<b>Our Joy:</b> Oakley Andrew Hogsett (the Rechers' new grandson)

**QUICK CALENDAR EVENTS:**

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

*Office open - July 2, 3 & 5, 9am-2 pm*

*Office closed - July 4 Holiday*

*Session Reports due - July 8, 9 am*

*Called Session Meeting- July 14 after Worship( no July 16 Stated Meeting)*

*News Article Deadline - July 18, 9 am*

*Work Camp Week - July 21-27*

*PG TRIAD - July 22 @ PG Library, 1 pm*

*"Family Fun Night"-July 28, 4-7 pm*

**THE CLERK'S CORNER**

By David E. Johnson

The Session of Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 18, 2013 and approved the following actions:

- Approved moving the date of "Family Fun Night" from July 14 to July 28.
- Approved two (2) new members of the Congregational Care Committee.
- Approved request for Relay for Life fundraiser to use parking lot and fellowship hall on June 28 and June 29.
- Approved a request from the Preschool Board for reduced tuition for a needy family.
- Approved Missions Committee request to support the "Back to School Supplies" effort through Social Services.

**NEWS FLASH!!!** Breeana and Owen Hunter are saving **Box Tops for Education** for Walton Elementary School. Their goal is for each to save 100 over the summer for the school contest. Thank you in advance for helping them!!!

**HOLY HUMOR**

**LIFE FROM THE TRACTOR'S SEAT....**An old farmer's Words of Wisdom we could all live by:

Your fences need to be horse-high, pig-tight and bull-strong. Keep skunks and bankers at a distance. Life is simpler when you plow around the stump. *A bumble bee is considerably faster than a John Deere tractor.* Words that soak into your ears are whispered--not yelled. Meanness don't just happen overnight. *Forgive your enemies; it messes up their heads.* Do not corner something that you know is meaner than you. It don't take a very big person to carry a grudge. You cannot unsay a cruel word. Every path has a few puddles. *When you wallow with pigs, expect to get dirty.*

*The best sermons are lived, not preached.* Most of the stuff people

worry about, ain't never gonna happen anyway. Don't judge folks by their relatives. Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer. *Live a good and honorable life, then when you get older and think back, you'll enjoy it a second time.* Don't interfere with somethin' that ain't bothering you none. Timin' has a lot to do with the outcome of a rain dance.

If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop diggin'. Sometimes you get, and sometimes you get got. The biggest troublemaker you'll probably ever have to deal with, watches you from the mirror every mornin'. *Always drink upstream from the herd.*

Good judgment comes from experience, and a lotta that comes from bad judgment. *Lettin' the cat*

*outta the bag is a whole lot easier than puttin' it back in.* If you get to thinkin' you're a person of some influence, try orderin' somebody else's dog around.

***Live simply, love generously, care deeply, speak kindly, and leave the rest to God.***

Email your short funnies to Sandy Hunter: [baskethunters@comcast.net](mailto:baskethunters@comcast.net)



## FAMILY FUN NIGHT--- Sunday, July 28, 2013

By Christian Education Committee

On Sunday afternoon, July 28, beginning at 4:00 PM, we will gather at the church for "Family Fun Night." In lieu of a VBS program for this year, we will put all our **ENERGY** into one evening of **FUN!** We plan to Play, Pray,

and Partake of games, contests, food, and **"make your own 'Sunday sundaes.'"** There will be games for all ages---some will challenge your brain, but most will challenge "the child in you." You may wish to wear a bathing suit

under your play clothes just in case there is **WATER** involved!

Enough hints!! You need to be there – bring a friend or relative. **We guarantee you will have as much fun and fellowship as you seek!**


## FLOWERS FOR SANCTUARY

### Flowers for July 2013

July 7	-
July 14	Rose Scott
July 21	Bobby Allen
July 28	-

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 – July, 2013

	July 7	July 14	July 21	July 28
<b>GATEKEEPER:</b>  Doug Holc				
<b>Ushers &amp; Acolytes (A)</b>	Robert Hartsell Dianne Overstreet Wayne Powers Les Mayhew Breeana Hunter (A) Jamie Maurer(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)	Rose Scott Wayne Powers Glenda Mayhew Les Mayhew Jared Smyth (A) Austin Smyth (A)
<b>Announcements</b>	Pat Hunter	Mary Kay Schroeter	Rose Scott	Jerry Bond
<b>Junior Sermon</b>	Valerie Harsh	Rev. Cashing	Patsy Johnson	Pat Hunter
<b>Junior Church</b>	Susan Walker Jamie Meurer	Jessica Mauger Kevin Foster	Rose Scott Madison Foster	Josh Ingram Morgan Ingram
<b>Nursery</b>	Ann Hartsell	Jennifer Smyth	Ruby Spain	Virginia Maloney
<b>Counting</b>	Morgan Ingram Donald Hunter	David Johnson Ron Recher	Donald Hunter Glenda Mayhew	Sheila Fields 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 Janet Lammey, Preschool Director, at 704-0584, 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 and a copy of child's immunization record is requested at registration and 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.



## GMPC YOUTH GROUP WORK CAMP NEWS

By Keith Spain

### BBQ FUND-RAISER A ROARING SUCCESS !!

I just want to let everyone know how well the fund raising dinner went for our youth to attend Work Camp this year, July 21-27.

This year we changed up our menu from doing a spaghetti dinner and decided to do a BBQ dinner instead.



From the reactions and comments we received, I believe everyone was very satisfied and enjoyed the change.

We cooked 20 pork butts and had homemade baked beans. Every bit of it sold out, thanks to our supportive congregation! That comes as no big surprise, though, as Gregory has always supported it's youth very well for many years

After expenses, we ended up clearing over \$1,350 in sales and donations! A huge THANK-YOU to all who supported the Gregory Youth Group!

Gregory Youth Group



### LOOKING FORWARD TO 2013 WORK CAMP!

July has rolled around again already and it is workcamp season. Our youth and the participating adults are excited about the coming week of hot, hard work and all the fun and fellowship involved with it.

Tri-Cities Workcamp celebrated its 25th anniversary this year and Gregory Memorial has been a part of 18 of them. We don't have to go far for our week of mission work as it is right here in Petersburg.

We will join over 200 others from all over the country and a few from the other side of the world to do what God calls us

to do.....to serve one another, love one another and do His work (John 12:26).

As always we appreciate all of the support that you have to offer us like the cards, goodie bags, crew meals and visits to our work sites.

This year we have 3 high school seniors going for what will be their last time (as youth anyway). They are Gregory members Jacob Spain, Pamela Harsh and Bradley Cooper. Gregory member Kevin Foster will be attending for the first time.

Others going with us from Youth Group are Kennedy Walker, Josh Elpers, and Solomon Baskfield. We have 3 out-of-staters---Kayla Parsons,

Ellie Schumacher and Braxton Bundy---who are relatives of Keith Spain and Josh Ingram.

The other adults attending are Valerie Harsh (first time adult camper) and staff Bobby Allen, Herb Schroeter, Morgan Ingram, Josh Ingram, Keith Spain and old-timer Dennis Allen.

We will be based at Colonial Heights Middle School during the week of July 21-27. Cards and letters are welcomed and appreciated! Send Mail to:

Participant's Name  
c/o Workcamp 2013  
P.O. Box 1761  
Petersburg, VA 23805

# JULY, 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	<b>9:30 am</b> Line Dancing  <b>6:30 pm</b> Outreach  6:30 pm Stewardship & Finance	<b>OFFICE OPEN</b>  <del>12:30 pm Day Circle</del>  <del>6:00 pm Congr. Care</del>  <b>7:00 pm</b> Facilities  <del>7:00 pm Worship</del>	<b>OFFICE OPEN</b>  <b>6:00 pm</b> Missions	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>  <b>INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY</b>  <b>2-8:00 pm</b> Cleaning	<b>OFFICE OPEN</b>	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<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  6:00 pm Cong. Care		<b>2-8:00 pm</b> Cleaning		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
<b>9:45 am</b> Sunday School  <b>11:00 am</b> Worship  Called Session Meeting (Re: Aug. calendar)	<b>9:30 am</b> Line Dancing			<b>9:00 am</b> News articles due  <b>2-8:00 pm</b> Cleaning		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
<b>9:45 am</b> Sunday School  <b>11:00 am</b> Worship  <i>Minute for Missions</i>  <i>WORK CAMP July 21-27</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>2:00 pm</b> Newsletter out  <b>2-8:00 pm</b> Cleaning		
28	29	30	31			
<b>9:45 am</b> Sunday School  <b>11:00 am</b> Worship  <i>5 Cents A Meal Offrg</i>  <b>4-7 pm</b> "Family Fun Night"	<b>9:30 am</b> Line Dancing					



COME JOIN US!!  
Sunday School 9:15 A.M.  
Worship 10:00 A.M.

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