

THE HERALD

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Dear Gregory Memorial, Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



"Let everything that has breath praise the Lord." –Psalm 150:6

"I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus."

*- 1 Corinthians 1:4 cf. Romans 1; Ephesians 1; Philippians 1;
Colossians 1; 1 and 2 Thessalonians 1; 2 Timothy 1; Philemon 1*

Sometimes, the most profound thing a person can say or offer is sincere thanksgiving for the gifts/work/presence of another.

It's possible someone else has been quoted saying that before, but I didn't research it; I don't think I need to – it's true, regardless. And so, I'd like to spend the majority of this space, this month, giving thanks for everyone that truly makes life at Gregory Memorial possible, without whom we wouldn't be who we are.

I am thankful for those who have agreed to serve as officers, our Ruling Elders and Trustees. They bring with them a desire to see GMPC be the best witness of God's love and Christ's good news in every aspect, and that makes our meetings fun and enjoyable, as well as focused and on-task.

I am thankful for our *Missions Committee*, the members of which bring an excitement for doing new and familiar projects to actively proclaim God's Kingdom; for the *Worship Committee*, which is willing to look at every aspect of worship to make sure that it offers all of us who gather on Sunday mornings a chance to see God's face; for *Christian Ed.*, who desires every person to have the blessing of engaging in thoughtful and uplifting conversation so that we all might be stronger disciples (and the teachers who help that desire become reality); for *Facilities*, who makes sure that our buildings/property are not just maintained, but enable people to gather easily and without distraction; for *Outreach*, which is working with renewed energy to organize opportunities for members, guests and visitors to know true community; for *Stewardship and Finance*,

which takes seriously the call to be good stewards of our collective gifts, not just 'balancers of the budget;' and for *Congregational Care*, which is always willing to be present as a caring example of Divine Love, concern and support. Without the volunteers of these committees, GMPC would be much diminished.

But wait – there's more!! Nancy, our Administrative Assistant, makes sure that minutes are filed and communications sent out in time and paperwork taken care of, as well as being a friendly 'front line' of our offices. I am thankful for her, and her work and passion. Also, Sandra and Gail work tirelessly to provide music for worship and other events, as well as wrangle the choir into a harmonious voice (which is akin to shepherding cats, most of the time). And Kevin spends LONG hours here making sure the lights stay on (among many other things!).

I am thankful for all of you; not just because of who you are, but also because of the gifts you so willingly share for the benefit of this community, this congregation. I'm sure I've missed someone, but it is not intentional. Regardless, you have my thanks and gratitude! You deserve more than a newsletter article, but I hope this can suffice for the time being. And if you have gifts to share (which you do), then I pray you'll consider using them to likewise build up our community. Happy Thanksgiving!

Peace,
Pastor Jason

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WORSHIP INFORMATION FOR NOVEMBER 2013

Sunday, 03, November 2013

24th Sunday after Pentecost

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgical Color: **Green**

Old Testament: Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4 & New Testament: Luke 19:1-10

Sermon: "Reality Bites"

Sunday, 10 November 2013

25th Sunday after Pentecost

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgical Color: **Green**

PCUSA Emphasis: Caregiver

Old Testament: Haggai 1:15b-2:9 & New Testament: Luke 20:27-38

Sermon: "God's Prosperity"

Sunday, 17 November 2013

26th Sunday after Pentecost

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgical Color: **Green**

Old Testament: Isaiah 65:17-25 & New Testament: Luke 21:5-19

Sermon: "Glimpses of the Kingdom"

Third Sunday Luncheon (Theme: "Thanksgiving Feast")

Sunday, 24 November 2013

Christ the King/Reign of Christ

Liturgical Color: **White**

Old Testament: Jeremiah 23:1-6 & New Testament: Luke 23:33-43

Sermon: "A Righteous Branch"

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

Survivors of natural disasters	All who have lost loved ones due to acts of violence
Frank Solesbee - recuperating, home	The Vtipil family, facing many joys & trials in the days to come
Russell Houston (Sheila Fields's brother)	Shirley Barlow (Jean Waymack's sister), recovering from surgery
Theresa Faries & family	Ed Smiley (Doug Holc's friend) - leg problems
Katherine Tompkins	Maryland Blanchard (Grace & Helen Cibula's friend)
Marian McDonald	Miranda Matthews, recently hospitalized grandmother of Jamie Meurer's friend
Gladys Wiseman	Mason Kenzlick (classmate of Jamie Meurer), recovering from a concussion
Audrey Turner	Lyn Bond (Jerry & Brenda Bond's grandson)
Kenneth Figg	Mary Chadwick (Dink Armstrong's sister)
Ruth Figg	Evelyn Lichvar, recovering at home from foot surgery
Grace Cibula	Lawrence & James Hartsell (Robert Hartsell's brothers)
Henry Parker	Pam Harsh, Bradley Cooper, Jacob Spain - 1 st year in college
June Hawks	Our Joy: Amy Townson (Josh Ingram's sister) recovering at home
Aida Faries	Frankie Meade - Glenda Mayhew's mother, received a good report
Clara Smith	Helen Cibula - continuing knee rehab, home
Tara Foster	Tommy Forehand (Bishops' friend) - recovering, home
Don Vtipil	Victor Tomko (Doug Holc's cousin) - therapy, in-home rehab
2013/14 School Year	Sentral Riggins Gravley (Bishops' friend) - recuperating, home

QUICK CALENDAR EVENTS:

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

Daylight saving time ends - Nov. 3, 2 am

Election Day - Nov. 5

Veterans Day - Nov. 11

Committee reports due - Nov. 11, 9 am

Photo sitting for Pictorial Directory (by appointment) - Nov. 12 & 13, 2-9:00 pm

News Article Deadline - Nov. 14, 9 am

3rd Sunday Lunch - Nov. 17, after worship
(Host: Steward & Finance - Theme: "Thanksgiving Feast")

Session meeting - Nov. 19, 7 pm

PG TRIAD Mtg. - Nov. 25, 1 pm @PG Library

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service - Nov. 24, 6:30 pm @ Church of the Sacred Heart

Thanksgiving Day - Nov. 28

HOLIDAY OFFICE HRS. : 9 am-2 pm
Week of Thanksgiving: Nov. 25, 26, 27
Week of Christmas: Dec. 23, 26, 27
Week of New Year's: Dec. 30, 31, Jan. 2

**THE CLERK'S CORNER**

By David E. Johnson

The Session of Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church met:

On Sunday, September 22, 2013, and approved the following:

- The pastor's request for two vacation days on November 26 and November 27, 2013 for Thanksgiving and four vacation days for Christmas on December 26 thru December 31, 2013.
- Congregational Care committee's request to work on a Church Pictorial Directory.
- Congregational Care committee's request to have an "Advent" kickoff on December 5.
- Use of the Fellowship Hall on October 27, 2013 by the Boy Scouts for an Eagle Scout ceremony.
- A bid for the painting of the Church steeple.
- The Mission's committee request to donate \$300.00 to the Boy Scout troop for dining flies.
- The remaining 2012 Benevolence Fund balance to be earmarked for a future Missions trip.
- A request from the Outreach Committee to hold a "Fall Fest and Pig Roast" for members and guests of Gregory Memorial on Saturday, October 26, 2013 from 3 pm to 6 pm.

On Tuesday, October 15, 2013, and approved the following:

- Revised and updated Preschool By-laws.
- Poll the congregation for interest in becoming involved in the Big Brother and Big Sister program
- 2013 Holiday hours for Church office for week of Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day holidays.

HOLY HUMOR**NOT FUNNY, BUT A BRIEF
PAUSE TO GIVE THANKS...****THANKSGIVING PRAYER**

Oh, Heavenly Father:

We thank Thee for food and remember the hungry.

We thank Thee for health and remember the sick.

We thank Thee for freedom and remember the enslaved.

May these remembrances stir us to service,

That Thy gifts to us may be used by others.

Amen.

[by Pauline Phillips, "Dear Abby"]



FLOWERS FOR SANCTUARY

November 2013

November 03	-
November 10	-
November 17	-
November 24	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 (9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Tuesday-Thursday).



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 Week of Thanksgiving: Nov. 25, 26, 27
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NOVEMBER 2013

GATEKEEPER:  Josh Ingram	November 03	November 10	November 17	November 24
Ushers & Acolytes (A)	Bobby Allen Donna Allen Velma Allen Jerry Bond Justin Ellis-Bowman (A) Jamie Meurer (A)	Jerry Hasky Wayne Powers Glenda Mayhew Les Mayhew Chayse Hartsell (A) Breeana Hunter (A)	Sheila Fields Janet Swinton Rose Scott Valerie Harsh Breeana Hunter (A) Jamie Meurer (A)	Robert Hartsell Dianne Overstreet Wayne Powers Les Mayhew Chayse Hartsell (A) Kaitlyn Hartsell (A)
Announcements	Rose Scott	Jerry Bond	Dianne Overstreet	Pat Hunter
Junior Sermon	Susan Walker	Rev. Cashing	Pat Hunter	Susan Walker
Junior Church	Mary Kay Schroeter Kevin Foster	Mary Beth Coleman Madison Foster	Jennifer Smyth Jared Smyth	Ann Hartsell Kevin Foster II
Nursery	Glenda Mayhew	Ann Hartsell	Ruby Spain	Rose Scott
Counting	David Johnson Kevin Foster	Ron Recher Glenda Mayhew	Donald Hunter Sheila Fields	David Johnson Rose Scott

OUTREACH NEWS

By Judy Recher

OUTREACH TO SUPPORT AMERICAN RED CROSS HOLIDAY MAIL FOR HEROES!



Gregory did this a few years ago. There will be a box of Christmas cards in the Narthex for your use to write messages to deserving GI's. Another box will sit beside it to receive your finished cards. If anyone has any extra cards to

donate, please feel free to add them to the box. Deadline for mailing is December 6. Let's show our support for the military that protects our freedom. Your support will be most appreciated!

OPEN HOUSE AFTER PG CHRISTMAS PARADE! The PG Christmas Parade is on December 7. We will again have

our Open House after the Parade with cookies and hot chocolate.

We are hoping to participate in the Parade with a float. It has been very successful in the past.

We will need your support again for this mission by providing cookies. Stay tuned for more info!



NOVEMBER 3



Daylight Saving Time ends at 2:00 am ("Fall Back")

NOVEMBER 5



Election Day

NOVEMBER 11



Veterans Day

NOVEMBER 28



Thanksgiving Day



ANNOUNCEMENTS

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Be sure to sign up as soon as possible to have your picture taken for the Church Directory.

Appointment times and dates are: November 12 and 13 from 2:00 pm until 9:00 pm both days.

Each household/unit will receive a 8" x 10" photo and a Directory free.

Purchase of additional pictures will be available.

(Contact: Glenda Mayhew)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO USHER & KEEP NURSERY!

Please consider volunteering as an usher or to keep the nursery.

If you would like to serve as a volunteer for either of these tasks, please contact Rose Scott.



Contact: Sharon J.
 Ph: 804-796-3715 ext. 2
 Email: sharon@cchasm.org

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Buy a Turkey – Feed a Family this Thanksgiving!

A Donation of \$15.00 will buy a turkey for an area family in need. **CCHASM** will once again be holding its Thanksgiving Meal Gift Package Program to help area residents who normally would not be able to afford a holiday meal with their family. The CCHASM package includes a \$15.00 gift card to purchase a turkey and a Bag of Thanksgiving food (valued at approximately \$25.00). Your Cash Donation toward a gift card or gift package (see content list below) will provide an area family in need with a Thanksgiving Meal (and lot's of leftovers). In 2012 CCHASM was able to provide Thanksgiving Meal Gift Packages and a \$15.00 Gift Card to 2331 families (8474 adults and children). Our goal this year is to reach 2500 families through our two programs.

- The first distribution will be Saturday, Nov. 16th at the Hopewell VFW on Lynchburg St. for residents living in Hopewell and Prince George.
- The second distribution will take place at the Chesterfield County Fairgrounds Exhibition Center on Saturday, November 23rd and will be for area residents living in Chesterfield, Colonial Heights, and Dinwiddie.

Residents MUST Pre-Register with CCHASM prior to receiving a Thanksgiving Meal Package.

Your tax deductible* donation will be greatly welcomed to help area residents and may be sent to CCHASM at PO Box 1741, Chesterfield, VA 23832. Or, sent in through PayPal or Credit Card on our secure website at www.cchasm.org

Contact CCHASM at 796-3715 ext. 1 or 2 for any additional questions.

Each Thanksgiving Meal Gift Package will include the following food items plus a \$15 Gift Card to purchase a turkey:

1 – 40 ounce can of yams or sweet potatoes	2 – bags of stuffing mix or 2 boxes of Stove Top® stuffing
1 – 13 ounce box of instant mashed potatoes	2 – cans or packages of gravy
1 – 14 ounce can of cranberry sauce	1 – box of hot chocolate
2 – 15 ounce cans of corn	1 – box tea bags
2 – 15 ounce cans of green vegetables	1 – box or bag of cookies

***CCHASM is a 501 (c) (3)** whose mission is: *To provide food, financial assistance, and career clothing to area residents who have experienced or are experiencing an emergency situation which threatens their survival needs.* CCHASM has been serving area residents for over 25 years through its 24 Alliance Food Pantries, Career Clothes Closet for Women, and with utility, rent, and other financial assistance as funds are available. Its largest program of the year is the Thanksgiving Meal Gift Package Program.

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If you would like more information about this topic, or to schedule an interview, please contact Sharon at 804-796-3715 ext. 2 or email sharon@cchasm.org

NOVEMBER, 2013
GATEKEEPER: Josh Ingram

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
2:00 am Daylight Saving Time ends 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship	9:30 am Line Dancing 6:30 pm Missions	<u>Election Day</u> 12:30 pm Day Circle 6:00 pm Cong. Care 7:00 pm Facilities 7:00 pm Worship	7:00 pm Choir	2-8:00 pm Cleaning		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship <i>"Children's Thanksgiving Offering"</i> <i>3rd Sunday Luncheon (Host: Steward. & Fin. Theme: "Thanksgiving Feast")</i>	9:30 am Line Dancing	7:00 pm Session Meeting	7:00 pm Choir	2:00 pm Newsletter out 2-8:00 pm Cleaning		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship <i>5 Cents A Meal Offering</i> 6:30 pm Ecumenical Thanksgiving Svc. @ Church of the Sacred Heart , New Bohemia	<u>OFFICE OPEN</u> 9:30 am Line Dancing 1:00 pm TRIAD meeting @ PG Library 7:00 pm Christian Ed	<u>OFFICE OPEN</u>	<u>OFFICE OPEN</u>	<u>OFFICE CLOSED</u> <u>Thanksgiving</u>		

NEWSLETTER



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

We're on: [Facebook.com/gmpcva](https://www.facebook.com/gmpcva)

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