

# THE HERALD

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Dear Gregory Memorial, Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



*"So they took Jesus; and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of The Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them."*

*~John 19:16b-18*

**B**y now, we are a little more than half-way through Lent. We may be tired of singing the slightly minor hymns – where are the joyous “Alleluias”? We may be tired of hearing how this is a journey, a road which we travel as we draw closer to God – enough of the journey, when do we arrive? All around us (hopefully) we are seeing more and more signs of Spring, and thoughts of Easter morning are drawing our eyes to the horizon.

But first, we must go through the dark nights of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.

We often want to skip ahead to Easter morning – the lilies, the pastel colors, the joyous good news of the empty tomb (made all the tastier with the chocolate eggs and bunnies, sure signs of Spring if ever there were any!). After all, is this not the culmination of the time of Lent, the empty tomb and the resurrection? Yes, but there is no resurrection if there is no death, first. There is no empty tomb if there is not a corpse, first.

One of the reasons we so often want to skip ahead is that we are often uncomfortable with death, in general – the unknown aspects of it, the loss of loved ones, the grief and sadness...we would much rather skip over all of that, if we are able. Avoid it all together, if possible.

And yet, Jesus went to the cross, to the execution, to open the door for the in-breaking of God's Kingdom and the salvation of humanity and creation, by first embracing death.

In the final installment of the Harry Potter series, Harry is told the fable of three brothers who sought to

cheat Death and seek immortality. Two of them fail, rather quickly, whereas the third brother is able to live a long life, at the end of which he no longer sees Death as an enemy, but as a companion to be welcomed.

In living a good and full life, death is no longer a punishment, but simply a reality. The goal is no longer to achieve immortality (fear/avoidance of death), but rather to live a rich and meaningful life.

In going to the cross, Jesus accomplished so many things. The one that means the most to me is that death is no longer the final curtain, and as such it is not to be feared. In dying, Christ offered salvation to the world; in his resurrection, death lost the power to separate and cause us to live in fear. We are now free to live amazing and joyous lives because death is no longer the final word. *The good news is that the bad news is no longer the final news!*

What an amazing Easter gift! But we are not quite there, yet. First, on our way to Easter morning, we join Jesus at the foot of the cross, and walk with him. We continue to prepare for this point.

Will you join us on that hill, and witness the sacrifice made, that we might no longer fear death, and instead embrace the love of life? We will gather on Maundy Thursday, April 17, at 7:00 p.m. to begin the culmination of this season.

With you on the journey,  
Pastor Jason

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## WORSHIP INFORMATION FOR APRIL 2014

### Sunday, 06 April 2014

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent: Liturgical Color: **Purple**

PCUSA Emphasis: "Justice Advocacy"

Old Testament: Ezekiel 37:1-7 and New Testament: John 11:1-45

Sermon: "The Living Dead"

### Sunday, 13 April 2014

Passion/Palm Sunday: Liturgical Color: **Purple**

Old Testament: Isaiah 50:4-9a and New Testament: Matthew 21:1-11

Sermon: "Waving in the Wrong Direction"

### Maundy Thursday, 17 April 2014

Old Testament: Exodus 12:1-14 and New Testament: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

### Good Friday, 18 April 2014

Old Testament: Isaiah 52:13-53:12 and New Testament: John 18:1-19:42

### Sunday, 20 April 2014

Resurrection of the LORD/Easter: Liturgical Color: **White**

PCUSA Emphasis: "One Great Hour of Sharing"

Old Testament: Jeremiah 31:1-6 and New Testament: Matthew 28:1-10

Sermon: "Empty Life"

### Sunday, 27 April 2014

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter: Liturgical Color: **White**

PCUSA Emphasis: "Multicultural Church/Immigration"

New Testament: Acts 2:14a, 22-32 and John 20:19-31

Sermon: "Powerless"

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

One of our great joys and responsibilities to each other and to God here at Gregory Memorial is the regular practice of praying for each other and our community. This is one of the reasons we continue to list the prayer concerns and joys in the bulletin each week: To encourage you to continue praying for these people throughout the week. In order to most effectively pray, your Worship Committee and Leadership ask that, as you know of updates to those on our prayer list (joy or concern), PLEASE let us know. And if the time has arrived that it is no longer as imperative to have someone on our list, please let us know that as well! Thank you, and may continued blessings be yours!

<p>Mark Chariton (home)  Drew Moncol, recovering from surgery  Bowman family  Jonathan Bottoms, in a motorcycle accident  Frank Solesbee, MCV, skin graft  Nancy Hettrick, health issues  Johnnie Smith, health issues, Colonial Heights Convalescent Ctr.  Audrey Turner, health issues  Ed Smiley (Doug Holc's friend), recovering from surgery  Russell Houston (Sheila Fields's brother)  Ryan McGill, brother of Dianne Overstreet's co-worker  Richard Harlow (Robbie Foster's brother), Hospice care  Glenn Anderson: health issues, kidney  "Traveling Mercies"</p> <p><b>And:</b>  Henry Parker  Marian McDonald</p>	<p>All affected by acts of violence &amp; natural disasters  Robert Hartsell's brothers: James (status unchanged)  &amp; Lawrence Hartsell (status critical)  Pam Harsh, Bradley Cooper, Jacob Spain, in college  Amy Townson (Josh Ingram's sister), recovering, home  Nita Spain (Keith Spain's stepmother) health issues  Frankie Meade, Glenda Mayhew's mother, on primary  comfort care &amp; Glenda as she visits her mother  Victor Tomko (Doug Holc's cousin), in-home rehab  Grace Cibula, continuing recovery, home after accident  Helen Cibula, improving, Hopewell Convalescent Ctr  Maryland Blanchard (Grace &amp; Helen Cibula's friend)  Mary Chadwick (Dink Armstrong's sister)  Vonnie Edwards (David Johnson's aunt) health issues  Rosa P. Bristow (Gail Rollings' mother)  Marcella Chevalier, Sara-Lynn's step-grandmother</p>
<p>Aida Faries  Don Vtipil  June Hawks</p>	

**QUICK CALENDAR!**

**04/03** - Lenten service & lunch @ Bethlehem Cong. Church, 12 pm

**04/05** - Bull Hill Rd. Cleanup & Breakfast @ GMPC, 8:45 am

**04/06** - Holy Communion

**04/07** - Committee reports due

**04/10** - Lenten service & lunch @ Trinity UMC, 12 pm.

**04/12** - GMPC Spring Work Day & breakfast, 8 am

**04/13** - Palm Sunday

**04/15** - GMPC Session meeting , 7 pm

**04/17** - News articles due; Maundy Thurs. Service, Communion, 7 pm

**04/18** - Good Friday

**04/19** - PG Fire Dept. Bike Rodeo, GMPC parking lot, 8 am-12:30 pm

**04/20** - Easter Sunrise Service & breakfast, 7 am; Sunday School/ Easter Egg Hunt, 9:45 am

**04/26** - CASA 5K Race, 9 am-12 pm

**THE CLERK'S CORNER**

By: Donald Hunter



The Session of Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church met on Tuesday, February 18, 2014 and approved the following:

- Request (Pastor) for 2-3 days off following the week of Easter (April 21-24).
- Request (Facilities Committee) to replace HVAC for upstairs choir/Sunday School room area (\$8,900).
- Request (Missions/Personnel Committee) to pay Preschool Director for month of July in addition to the months of August through May.
- Request (Worship Committee) to have worship service at Scott Park June 22, 2014.

**MESSAGE FROM STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE COMMITTEE ...**

**Please bear with us. Our news article format is still under construction. Hopefully, we will have a report in the May Newsletter.**

*Mary Kay Schroeter*

**HOLY HUMOR**

By Sandy Hunter

**PUT SOME "SPRING" IN YOUR STEP.....**

***Today is the oldest you've ever been, yet the youngest you'll ever be. So, enjoy this day!***

Growing older has its pros and cons:

~Your kids are becoming

you..... *But your grandchildren are perfect!*

~Going out is good... *Coming home is better!*

~You forget names.... but it's OK because *other people forgot they even knew you!*

~You realize you're never going to be really good at anything .... *especially golf.*

~The things you used to care to do, you no longer care to do, but you really *do care* that you don't care to do them anymore.

~You sleep better on a lounge chair with the TV blaring than in bed: It's called "pre-sleep."

~You miss the days when everything worked with just an "ON" and "OFF" switch.

~You tend to use more 4 letter

words ... "what?"..."when?"... ???

~Now that you can afford expensive jewelry, it's not safe to wear it anywhere.

~You notice everything they sell in stores is "sleeveless!"

~What used to be *freckles* are now *liver spots*.

~Everybody whispers.

~You have 3 sizes of clothes in your closet.... 2 of which you will never wear.

~But *OLD* is good in some things: *Old Songs, Old movies, and best of all, OLD FRIENDS!!*

***It's not what you gather, but what you scatter that tells what kind of life you have lived!***



## AND FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK....

### MAUNDY THURSDAY -

**APRIL 17....**Please remember to join us on **Maundy Thursday, April 17**, as we make the final movement into the holiest weekend in the Christian year: The Paschal Triduum (Three Days). It is in the overall scope of these three days that the complete story, with all its ups and downs, comes to us again, drawing us with Jesus through the Passover, the Garden, the Arrest and the Crucifixion...all the way to the Tomb.

Easter morning, I have found, has the most joy and meaning when I am able to fully engage these three days. I invite you to experience the same, and join us for **Maundy Thursday service at 7:00 p.m.**

**CASA SUPERHERO 5K WALK OR RUN - APRIL 26....**What are you doing on the morning of April 26? Are you currently dreaming of being outside and enjoying spring weather? Want to do something to

promote a good cause in our region? **It's not too late to sign up to join Jason and others in participating in the CASA Superhero 5K at St. Joseph's Villa, Richmond!** Walk or run, it will be a good time of fellowship and exercise! See Jason for more details on how to register to participate or support!



## WORK CAMP FUND-RAISER DINNER! MAY 17

By Keith Spain

It's that time of year again for our youth to get ready for Work Camp 2014. We have a much smaller group this year, so the ones going from Gregory will have more on



their shoulders to make this happen successfully. Last year their BBQ fund-raiser dinner was a big success, thanks to you and your support, so it was decided that we would go that route again and crank up the pig cooker. Our

young ticket sales people will soon be circulating among you, so please seeK them out and support their cause.

Date: Saturday, May 17 at 5 p.m.

## GMPC PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT BEGINS!

### 2014/2015 SCHOOL YEAR ENROLLMENT OPENS ...

Enrollment for the 2014/2015 school year at Gregory Memorial Preschool officially opened March 1. (We include a copy of the enrollment form in this newsletter, so that you may share.)

### **PRESCHOOLERS ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT NEW BUILDING BLOCKS!**

As the current year winds down, Ms. Janet Lammey,

Director, reports, "We were delighted to use some of our Fall fund-raising money to purchase an awesome block center!"



The blocks are getting used every day at Gregory Preschool!"  
[Photos shared by Ms. Lammey]

## NEWS FLASH!



### OUTREACH COMMITTEE PLANNING TRIP TO RICHMOND FLYING SQUIRRELS GAME...

We want you to join us! We'll carpool up to The Diamond and sit as a group, cheering on the home team for an evening of fun! And if we get 25, we can reserve a special seating area!! Cost is estimated at \$10-\$15, depending on where we sit. If you're interested, please contact either Josh Ingram or Jason Cashing for more details!

## FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY


Last day to order the memorial/honorary Easter Lilies for the Sanctuary is April 6.  
Order forms will be in the Narthex.

### APRIL, 2014

April 06	The Hunters
April 13	-
April 20	EASTER LILIES
April 27	-

It's not too late to sign up to provide flowers for the Sanctuary. You may write in your name on the Flowers sign up 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).

## SUNDAY SERVANTS FOR APRIL 2014

<b><u>GATEKEEPER:</u></b>  Josh Ingram	April 06	April 13 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	April 20 <i>Easter Sunday</i>	April 27
<b>Ushers &amp; Acolytes (A)</b>	Sheila Fields Janet Swinton Marguerite Bishop Valerie Harsh Breeana Hunter (A) Jamie Meurer (A)	Robert Hartsell Dianne Overstreet Wayne Powers Les Mayhew Chayse Hartsell (A) Justin Ellis-Bowman (A)	Keith Spain Ruby Spain Morgan Ingram Josh Ingram Breeana Hunter (A) Jamie Meurer (A)	Bobby Allen Donna Allen Velma Allen Jerry Bond Chayse Hartsell (A) Kaitlyn Hartsell (A)
<b>Announcements</b>	Dianne Overstreet	Jerry Bond	Mary Kay Schroeter	Rose Scott
<b>Junior Sermon</b>	Patsy Johnson	Minister	Pat Hunter	Megan Cashing
<b>Junior Church</b>	Valerie Harsh Justin Ellis-Bowman	Morgan Ingram Josh Ingram	Patsy Johnson Jamie Meurer	Lisa Brown Madison Foster
<b>Nursery</b>	Ruby Spain	Rose Scott	Susan Walker	Glenda Mayhew
<b>Counting</b>	Ron Recher Glenda Mayhew	Donald Hunter Pat Hunter	Sandy Hunter Rose Scott	Morgan Ingram Ron Recher



## Gregory Memorial Preschool Registration Form

Child's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 2014/15 School Year** begins **March 1, 2014**. 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 - \$130/mo. & 4 yr. old class - \$135/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.

**APRIL 2014**

**GATEKEEPER: Josh Ingram**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
		<b>12:30 pm</b> Circle  <b>6:00 pm</b> Cong. Care  <b>7:00 pm</b> Facilities <b>7:00 pm</b> Worship	<b>7:00 pm</b> Choir	<b>12:00 pm</b> Lenten Service and Lunch @ Bethlehem Cong. Church  <b>2-8:00 pm</b> Cleaning		<b>8:45 am</b> Bull Hill Rd. Cleanup & breakfast (Missions)
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>9:45 am</b> Sunday School  <b>11:00 am</b> Worship  <i>Holy Communion</i>	<b>9:00 am</b> Committee reports due  <b>9:30 am</b> Line Dance  <b>6:30 pm</b> Missions	<b>6:30 pm</b> Outreach  <b>6:30 pm</b> Stewardship and Finance	<b>7:00 pm</b> Choir	<b>12:00 pm</b> Lenten Service and Lunch @ Trinity UMC  <b>2:00 pm</b> Session Agenda out  <b>2-8:00 pm</b> Cleaning		<b>8:00 am</b> GMPC Work Day and breakfast
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>PALM SUNDAY</b>  <b>9:45 am</b> Sunday School  <b>11:00 am</b> Worship	<b>9:30 am</b> Line Dance	<b>7:00 pm</b> Session meeting	<b>7:00 pm</b> Choir  <b>2-8:00 pm</b> Cleaning	<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b>  <b>9:00 am</b> News articles due  <b>7:00 pm</b> Maundy Thursday service & Holy Communion (intinction)	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	<b>8:00 am - 12:30 pm</b> PG Fire Dept. Bike Rodeo @ GMPC parkg. lot
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>  <b>7:00 am</b> Sunrise service & breakfast  <b>9:45 am</b> Sunday School/ Easter Egg Hunt  <b>11:00 am</b> Worship  <i>"One Great Hour of Sharing" Offering</i>	<b>9:30 am</b> Line Dance		<b>7:00 pm</b> Choir	<b>2:00 pm</b> Newsletter out  <b>2-8:00 pm</b> Cleaning		<b>9:00 am-12:00 pm</b> CASA 5K Race @ St. Joseph's Villa, Richmond
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>			
<b>9:45 am</b> Sunday School  <b>11:00 am</b> Worship  <i>5 Cents A Meal Offering</i>	<b>9:30 am</b> Line Dance  <b>1:00 pm</b> TRIAD @ PG Library  <b>7:00 pm</b> Christian Ed		<b>7:00 pm</b> Choir			

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

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