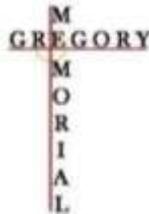


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Dear Gregory Memorial, Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



“Jesus said to them, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way...’”
~Luke 10: 2-3a

Recently, Megan and I went to Colonial Williamsburg, as we enjoy doing, and visited a site that we had not yet been to – “the Brickyard.” There, we discovered that visitors are invited to take off their shoes and socks, and step right into the clay pit to help mix the clay with the water, stomping around to get the raw material into the right consistency for brick-making!

I’ve never considered myself much of an artistically creative person; arts and crafts was never my strongest, or favorite, activity. But even this I would be able to take part in, to be a part of the creation of thousands of bricks that go to new projects, as well as to maintaining and keeping up other projects.

And what better time to engage in this than spring? The season that, despite the agony of pollen, is ripe with new birth, new life, new creation... the reawakening of all that slumbered over the winter, along with the realization of the Easter promise of new life and new possibility?

It is in the light of all this new creation, all the renewal of creation, that I recall that we, too, are tasked by God of being co-creators in this world. While the call is the same, the work and the focus are slightly different:

we are not called to create from scratch what we see in the world around us, but instead we are called to be a part of the creation of the Kingdom of God, here and now, present in every place we are.

The new heaven and the new earth will ultimately be the work of God, at the time of which no one knows, but the effort in shaping the world around us to reflect God’s Kingdom – one where sorrow will no longer hold sway, where death is no longer the defining aspect, where brokenness and sin will no longer be the reality – this is our work. We proclaim it each week in worship; we work for it each day we draw breath.

And spring, the Easter season, is the perfect time to renew our efforts toward such a project. *We are surrounded by new life all around us; we are reminded, powerfully, again of the New Life we are offered through our Lord. Come, let us labor together, and see what cannot be built up in the Spirit!*

With you on the journey,
Pastor Jason

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WORSHIP INFORMATION FOR MAY 2014

Sunday, 04 May 2014

3rd Sunday of Easter - Liturgical Color: **White**
 PCUSA Emphasis: "Older Adult Week/Wills Emphasis"
 First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41 & Second Reading: Luke 24:13-35
 Sermon: "Hiding In Plain Sight"

Sunday, 11 May 2014

4th Sunday of Easter - Liturgical Color: **White**
 PCUSA Emphasis: "Mother's Day"
 First Reading: Acts 2:42-47 & Second Reading: John 10:1-10
 Sermon: "Abundant Life"

Sunday, 18 May 2014

5th Sunday of Easter - Liturgical Color: **White**
 First Reading: Acts 7:54-60 & Second Reading: John 14:1-14
 Sermon: "Untroubled Hearts"

Sunday, 25 May 2014

6th Sunday of Easter - Liturgical Color: **White**
 PCUSA Emphasis: "Presbyterian Heritage"
 First Reading: Acts 17:22-31 & Second Reading: John 14:15-21
 Sermon: "Unknown Worship"

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!

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| <p>Mark Chariton (home) Drew Moncol, recovering (surgery) Nancy Hettrick, health issues Audrey Turner, SRMC Ed Smiley (Doug Holc's friend), recovering from surgery Maryland Blanchard (Grace & Helen Cibula's friend) Vonnie Edwards (David Johnson's aunt) health issues Marcella Chevalier, Sara-Lynn's step-grandmother Bowman family Mary Chadwick (Dink Armstrong's sister) Frank Solesbee, recovering, home Glenn Anderson: health issues, kidney "Traveling Mercies"</p> | <p>All affected by acts of violence & natural disasters Members of the military and their families Robert Hartsell's brothers: James (status unchanged) & 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 Victor Tomko (Doug Holc's cousin), in-home rehab Helen Cibula, returned to Hopewell Convalescent Ctr Lee Hettrick (father of Natalie Griggs, Susan Walker's co-worker), health issues Mike & Brenda Harrington (friends of Valerie Harsh), Brenda has a head injury Sterling Riggs (renowned "50s Community Day" Elvis impersonator) recovering from surgery</p> |
| <p>And: Henry Parker Aida Faries Marian McDonald Don Vtipil June Hawks</p> | <p>JOY: Johnnie Smith has returned home!</p> |

QUICK CALENDAR:

- 05/03 - Cub Scouts' Spaghetti Dinner
Fund-raiser @ Fellowship Hall
5 pm - 7 pm
- 05/11 - Mother's Day;
Presby. Women's "Birthday Offering"
- 05/12 - Committee reports due
- 05/13 - Preschool Board meeting,
Fellowship Hall, 6:30 pm
- 05/15 - News articles due
- 05/17 - Work Camp BBQ Dinner
Fundraiser, Fellowship Hall, 5 pm
- 05/19 - PG TRIAD @ PG Library, 1
pm
- 05/20 - GMPC Session Meeting, 7 pm
- 05/22 - Preschool Commencement
@ GMPC Sanctuary, 6:30 pm
- 05/26 - Memorial Day
- 05/31 - Life Skills Seminar: "Home
Maintenance", Fellowship Hall,
10 am-12 pm; light lunch follows

THE CLERK'S CORNER



By: Donald R. Hunter

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

- Pastor 's request that \$500.00 of his Continuing Education funds be contributed toward participation in Macedonian Ministry Cohort each year for 2014, 2015, and 2016 if he is accepted into the program.
- Christian Education Committee's request to dig a fire pit for Day Camp at location to be determined by Facilities.
- Approval of life Skill Seminar in May on an undetermined date at Church. *(Date set for Saturday, May 31; details Page 4.)*
- Easter Sunday Breakfast and Egg Hunt during Sunday School.
- Communion (by intinction on Maundy Thursday, April 17 with bread provided by pastor.
- Donation of memorial Easter Lilly funds to CHASM and Prince George Food Bank instead of purchasing an actual flower, with one lily for each flower table representing the donations. Names, etc., will be listed in bulletin.

SUNDAY SERVANTS FOR MAY 2014

| GATEKEEPER: Keith Spain | May 04 | May 11 <i>Mother's Day</i> | May 18 | May 25 |
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| Ushers & Acolytes (A) | Jerry Hasky Wayne Powers Glenda Mayhew Les Mayhew Breeana Hunter (A) Jamie Meurer (A) | Sheila Fields Janet Swinton Marguerite Bishop Valerie Harsh Chayse Hartsell (A) Justin Ellis-Bowman (A) | Robert Hartsell Dianne Overstreet Wayne Powers Les Mayhew Breeana Hunter (A) Jamie Meurer (A) | Keith Spain Ruby Spain Morgan Ingram Josh Ingram Chayse Hartsell (A) Kaitlyn Hartsell (A) |
| Announcements | Jerry Bond | Dianne Overstreet | Jerry Bond | Mary Kay Schroeter |
| Junior Sermon | Susan Walker | Minister | Valerie Harsh | Patsy Johnson |
| Junior Church | Lisa Brown Kaitlyn Hartsell | Jennifer Smyth Austin Smyth | Susan Walker Mattie-Lynn Metschke | Rose Scott Madison Foster |
| Nursery | Ann Hartsell | Ruby Spain | Rose Scott | Susan Walker |
| Counting | David Johnson Kevin Foster | Sandy Hunter Pat Hunter | Donald Hunter Glenda Mayhew | David Johnson Rose Scott |

“ROUTINE HOME MAINTENANCE” SEMINAR: MAY 31

By Josh Ingram

GMPC will offer the first of several Life Skill Seminars, “Routine Home Maintenance.” The class will cover minor electrical work, plumbing, and drywall repair and will be held in the Gregory Fellowship Hall on Saturday, May 31, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. A light lunch will be provided.

Whether you are already “handy around the house” and

simply want to “brush-up” (no pun intended) on some skills, or if you aspire to be a “do-it-yourselfer”, or maybe it’s just that you want to learn what your limitations are with certain home projects: in any case, you are welcome to join us at the Seminar on *Saturday, May 31 at 10 a.m.!*



NEWS FLASH!!!

DON'T FORGET TO GET YOUR TICKET to the GMPC Work Camp Fund-raiser BBQ - May 17 beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall!

CAMP HANOVER DAY CAMP: COMING SOON

From Christian Ed Committee

Applications are now available for the Day Camp here at Gregory the week of June 23-27.

Children entering 1st grade through 6th grade in Fall 2014 are eligible to attend the camp. Day Camp is a week filled with nature activities, water day, cook-out lunch, s'mores, Bible

stories, games and lots of fun with new friends and old.

Our own Megan Cashing will be Camp Hanover's director here at Gregory. Counselors from Camp Hanover will spend the week in our community. Cost is \$100, with half of the cost being paid by the church. There is limited

space, so don't wait to register. Soon it will be opened up to the entire community. Applications are available in the Narthex, the Fellowship Hall, or call Sandy Hunter at 731-0082. We are anxious to hear from you. Don't miss out on some really fun times!

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 June Newsletter.

Mary Kay Schroeter

SANCTUARY EASTER LILIES

The beautiful lilies in our sanctuary on Sunday, April 20, 2014, were given to the glory of God by the following:

Bobby & Donna Allen in honor of their grandchildren (Lily Gravina, Briana Gravina & Danny Johnson) and also in memory of their fathers (Stephen Ondisko & Darrell Allen).

Jason & Megan Cashing in honor of their grandparents (Ed & Carol Hornbuckle and Ruth Grieser), and in memory of their grandparents (Jane Jencks & Robert Brown, Chet & Grace Cashing, and Robert Grieser).

Aida Faries in memory of her husband (Warren Faries), and also in memory of her mother -in-law (Bessie Faries).

The Hunter Family in honor of Breeana Hunter and our other new members; and also in memory of Henry & Pearle Livesay, Robert & Wilma Hunter, and Edith & Cliff Mayerhoefer.

Larry & Linda Johnson in honor of their grandchildren (Corinne, Jack, Owen & Natalie) and in memory of their parents (Homer & Mae Elkins and Clarence & Ima Johnson).

Kelly Knupp & Family in memory of Rick Knupp and George A. Elder.

Shirley MacNeill in memory of James MacNeill and Trudy McClenny.

Ron & Judy Recher in memory of their parents (Carl & Alice Aufdermarsh and William & Alcie Recher).

Rose Scott & Wayne Powers in memory of Roland Wiseman, Peg Ward, and Jimmy Wiseman.

Marquita Simpson in memory of Jerry Simpson.

Janet Swinton in memory of Raymond Swinton.

Barbara Taliaferro in memory of Tommie L. Taliaferro.

The Webber Brothers in memory of Harold & Alberta Webber, parents; also in memory of Albert & Helen Burtner, grandparents.

Gladys Wiseman in memory of Roland Wiseman and Jimmy Wiseman.

FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY

MAY 2014

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| May 04 | - |
| May 11 | Sandra Hunter |
| May 18 | Rose Scott |
| May 25 | - |

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).

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: _____

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 to check availability of openings for enrollment. **Registration and Fees:** Tuition is due 1st 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.

MAY 2014

GATEKEEPER: Keith Spain

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | 2-8:00 pm Cleaning | | 5-7:00 pm Cub Scouts' Spaghetti Dinner Fund-raiser @ Fellowship Hall |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship | 9:30 am Line Dance 6:30 pm Missions | 12:30 pm Circle 6:00 pm Cong. Care 7:00 pm Facilities 7:00 pm Worship | 7:00 pm Choir | 2-8:00 pm Cleaning 7:00 pm Stewardship & Finance | | |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| MOTHER'S DAY 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship <i>Presbyterian Women's "Birthday Offering"</i> | 9:00 am Committee reports due 9:30 am Line Dance | 6:30 pm Outreach 6:30 pm Preschool Board meeting | 7:00 pm Choir | 9:00 am News articles due 2:00 pm Session Agenda out 2-8:00 pm Cleaning | | 5:00 pm Work Camp BBQ Dinner Fund-raiser @ Fellowship Hall |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
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| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |
| 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship <i>5 Cents A Meal Offering</i> | MEMORIAL DAY | 7:00 pm Christian Ed | 7:00 pm Choir | 2-8:00 pm Cleaning | | 10:00 am - 12:00 pm "Life Skills Seminar: Home Maintenance @ Fellowship Hall; lunch follows |

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Worship 11:00 A.M.

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