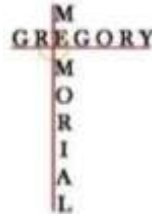


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Dear Gregory Memorial, Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



“ So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us this ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making the appeal through us; we entreat on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God!”
~2 Corinthians 5:17-20

You may have, on occasion, noticed that when I am at the church during the week, or out visiting with people, I have a small, wooden cross that I wear. I never used to do this, until I started here at Gregory Memorial. But when I did, I opted to use this as personal, physical, daily reminder not just of my calling as your minister, but of my calling as a Christian, in general, and what that means.

And simply put, what that means is that everywhere I go, I am striving to live as Paul reminds me (and all Christians) to live: as ambassadors of Christ proclaiming God’s reconciliation. This is true for me. This is true for you. This is true for each and every Christian in this nation and every nation, every time and place. We are ambassadors.

What, would you say, are the best qualities of a successful ambassador? We might initially think of qualities such as diplomacy, communication skills, wisdom and insight. While these are good qualities to have, I believe the best quality of a successful ambassador is that of building relationship – the skill of connecting with another person, of recognizing what is good in that person, of desiring to see the other person uplifted and renewed (particularly through the offer that the ambassador bears).

And how do we do this? How do we build relationships with others that allow them to see the merit and benefit of the gift we bear, the gift of reconciliation and good news? Simply put, by being a neighbor to others, fellow ambassadors or not.

Greeting someone when we see them in the store (even a smile and wave in passing can count!)...asking after someone’s health or family...offering to help someone when we see them struggling...not allowing our personal frustrations to erupt at someone not involved...not gossiping behind others’ backs...these seem like simple and straightforward ways of building relationship, and they are. In fact, they are some of what many of us learned at an early age!

And yet, these simple ways of living can go the furthest distance, especially when it comes to building each other up, and seeking relationships of reconciliation, of acting as ambassadors for God and the Kingdom of God. If we are unable to do these things, is it any wonder that those unfamiliar with the gift we have received are turned away from the church? When they see us acting not as joyful ambassadors, but instead acting as petty and as hateful as the rest of the world?

Our calling is to joy, to peace, to reconciliation, and above all, to live out these very qualities for all to see, our very lives the message to the ends of the earth. What are we waiting for?

With you on the journey,
Pastor Jason



WORSHIP INFORMATION FOR JUNE 2014

Sunday, 01 June 2014

7th Sunday of Easter - Liturgical Color: White
 PCUSA Emphasis: "Rural Life"
 First Reading: Acts 1:6-14 & Second Reading: John 17:1-11
 Sermon: "The Present Kingdom"

Sunday, 08 June 2014

Day of Pentecost - Liturgical Color: Red
 PCUSA Emphasis: "Pentecost Offering"
 First Reading: Acts 2:1-21 & Second Reading: John 7:37-39
 Sermon: "Spirit of Living Waters"

Sunday, 15 June 2014

Trinity Sunday - Liturgical Color: White
 PCUSA Emphasis: "Men of the Church; Father's Day"
 First Reading: Genesis 1:1-2:4a & Second Reading: Matthew 28:16-20
 Sermon: "From Beginning to End"

Sunday, 22 June 2014 - "Worship in the Park"

2nd Sunday After Pentecost - Liturgical Color: Green
 PCUSA Emphasis: "Disability Inclusion"
 First Reading: Genesis 21:8-21 & Second Reading: Matthew 10:24-39
 Sermon: "Brother v. Brother"

Sunday, 29 June 2014

3rd Sunday After Pentecost - Liturgical Color: Green
 First Reading: Genesis 22:1-14 & Second Reading: Matthew 10:40-42
 Sermon: "Deserved Reward"

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 (surgery) Nancy Hettrick, health issues Victor Tomko (Doug Holc's cousin), in-home rehab Audrey Turner, Brighter Living & recovering from surgery Mary Chadwick (Dink Armstrong's sister) Cookie Wicker (Glenda Mayhew's friend), health issues Elizabeth Scott, time in SRMC Ed Smiley (Doug Holc's friend), in JRMC Lucille Link, Patsy Johnson's mother "Traveling Mercies"</p> <p>And: Henry Parker Aida Faries Marian McDonald Don Vtipil June Hawks</p>	<p>All affected by acts of violence & natural disasters Members of the military and their families Robert Hartsell's brother, James (status unchanged) Pam Harsh, Bradley Cooper, Jacob Spain, in college Amy Townson (Josh Ingram's sister), recovering, home Nita Spain (Keith Spain's stepmother) health issues Maryland Blanchard (Grace & Helen Cibula's friend) Marcella Chevalier, Sara-Lynn Prefontaine's step-grandmother Lee Hettrick (father of Natalie Griggs, Susan Walker's co-worker), health issues Mike & Brenda Harrington (friends of Valerie Harsh) Sterling Riggs (renowned "50s Community Day" Elvis impersonator) recovering from surgery Frank Solesbee, recovering, home</p> <p>JOY: Beverly Childress, returned home! Helen Cibula, returned home!</p>
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QUICK CALENDAR:

06/01 - Holy Communion (pews)
 06/08-Fall 2015 Event Planning meeting; 12 pm
 06/12 - News articles due
 06/14 - Group trip to Flying Squirrels game; game starts 6:05 pm
 06/15 - Father's Day
 06/17- Session meeting, 7:30 pm
 06/21-Bull Hill Rd. Cleanup; meet 8:45am @GMPC
 06/23 - PG TRIAD , PG Library, 1 pm
 06/23-27 Camp Hanover Day Camp @ GMPC, 9am-3 pm.; Parents' evening on 6/26, 6-7 pm
 06/28 Scouts' Spaghetti Dinner 5 pm

THE CLERK'S CORNER

By: Donald R. Hunter

The Session of Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church met on Tuesday, April 15, 2014 and approved the following:

- Pastor 's request to use four (4) days for vacation July 7-10, 2014.
- Donation of \$55 of funds collected for the memorial Easter Lilies to be given to the CChasm program.

**HOLY HUMOR**

From Sandy Hunter

DUSTY SHOES...

I showered and shaved. I adjusted my tie. I got there and sat, in a pew just in time. Bowing my head in prayer as I closed my eyes, I saw the shoe of the man next to me. touching my own. I sighed. With plenty of room on either side, I thought, "Why must our soles touch?" It bothered me, his shoe touching mine. But it didn't bother him much.

A prayer began: "Our Father..." I thought, "This man with the shoes has no pride. They're dusty, worn, and scratched. Even worse, there are holes on the side!"

"Thank You for blessings," the prayer went on. The shoe man said a quiet "Amen." I tried to focus on the prayer, but my thoughts were on his shoes again. "Aren't we supposed to look our best when walking through that door? Well, this certainly isn't it," I thought, glancing toward the floor.

Then the prayer was ended and the songs of praise began. The shoe man was certainly loud, sounding proud as he sang. His voice lifted the rafters. His hands

were raised high. The Lord could surely hear the shoe man's voice from the sky. It was time for the offering, and what I threw in was steep. I watched as the shoe man reached into his pockets so deep. I saw what was pulled out...what the shoe man put in...Then I heard a soft "clink" as when silver hits tin.

The sermon really bored me to tears, and that's no lie. It was the same for the shoe man, for tears fell from his eyes. At the end of the service, as is the custom here, we must greet new visitors, and show them all good cheer. But I felt moved somehow and wanted to meet the shoe man, so after the closing prayer I reached over and shook his hand.

He was old and his skin was dark, and his hair was truly a mess. But I thanked him for coming, for being our guest. He said, 'My name's Charlie. I'm glad to meet you, my friend.' There were tears in his eyes, but he had a large, wide grin. "Let me explain," he said, wiping tears from his eyes. "I've been coming here for months, and you're the first to say 'Hi.' I know that my appearance is not like all the rest. But I really do try

to always look my best. I always clean and polish my shoes before my very long walk, but by the time I get here they're dirty and dusty, like chalk."

My heart filled with pain and I swallowed to hide my tears as he continued to apologize for daring to sit so near. He said, "When I get here I know I must look a sight. But I thought if I could touch you, then maybe our souls might unite."

I was silent for a moment, knowing whatever was said would pale in comparison. I spoke from my heart, not my head. "Oh, you've touched me," I said, "And taught me, in part that the best of any man is what is found in his heart." "The rest," I thought, "This shoe man will never know. Like just how thankful I really am that his dirty old shoe touched my soul!"



PRESCHOOL NEWS: “SCHOOL’S OUT FOR SUMMER...”



By Pat Hunter

It seems like we just hired Ms. Janet Lammey as Director and her first batch of 4 year olds are ready for Kindergarten.

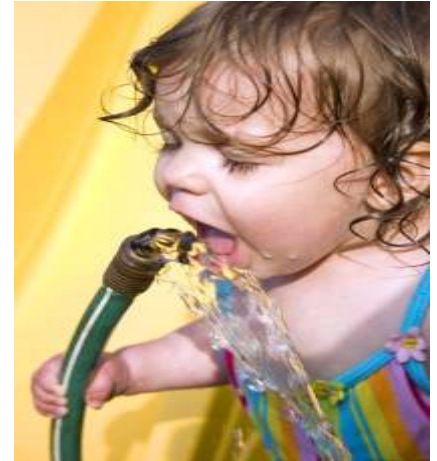
Times flies it seems. This year has been a huge success and our new Director has stepped up to the plate and hit a home run. We are excited to be able to do it all over again next year.

During the summer if you are out and about, Preschool can always use supplies like cotton balls, glitter, pipe cleaners, paper towel rolls and craft sticks for their art projects.

If you are cleaning out the attic and don't know what to do with the children's age -appropriate books, they are always appreciated.

Fortunately, the classes are filling up for this fall, but there are still places available in the 3 and 4 year class. A Teacher's Aide position for this fall is vacant, and Janet will be recruiting during the summer. It's been an exciting and fun year and such a joy to see these young children grow.

Thanks to the congregation for your support.



NEWS FLASH!!!

Bring your favorite side dish and appetites to “SUNDAY IN THE PARK” (June 22). Church will supply crispy fried chicken and tea/lemonade. Feel free to bring outdoor games and softball gloves/bats. Join us for worship 11:00 a.m. at Scott Park and lunch in the fresh air afterwards!

CAMP HANOVER DAY CAMP: IT'S ALMOST HERE!!!!

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.

Applications are available on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board, or call Sandy Hunter at 731-0082. We are anxious to hear from you.

Don't miss out on some really fun times!



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FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY

JUNE 2014

June 01	-
June 08	-
June 15	Rose Scott
June 22	“Worship in the Park”
June 29	

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).

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

For June only, the “5 Cents A Meal Offering” will be collected on June 15 (3rd Sunday) instead of June 22 (4th Sunday).

SUNDAY SERVANTS FOR JUNE 2014

GATEKEEPER:  Bobby Allen	June 01	June 08 “Pentecost”	June 15 “Father’s Day”	June 22 “Sunday in the Park”	June 29
Ushers & Acolytes *	Bobby Allen Donna Allen Velma Allen Jerry Bond Breeana Hunter* Jamie Meurer *	Jerry Hasky Wayne Powers Glenda Mayhew Les Mayhew Chayse Hartsell* Justin Ellis-Bowman *	Sheila Fields Janet Swinton Marguerite Bishop Valerie Harsh Breeana Hunter * Jamie Meurer*	Robert Hartsell Dianne Overstreet Wayne Powers Les Mayhew Chayse Hartsell* Justin Ellis-Bowman*	Keith Spain Ruby Spain Morgan Ingram Josh Ingram Brianna Hunter * Kaitlyn Hartsell *
Announcements	Rose Scott	Jerry Bond	Dianne Overstreet	Jerry Bond	Mary Kay Schroeter
Junior Sermon	Pat Hunter	Minister	Megan Cashing	Susan Walker	Valerie Harsh
Junior Church	Pat Hunter Breeana Hunter	Jennifer Meurer Jamie Meurer	Mary Holc Justin Ellis-Bowman	SCOTT PARK	Marguerite Bishop Mattie Lynn Metschke
Nursery	Glenda Mayhew	Ann Hartsell	Ruby Spain	Rose Scott	Susan Walker
Counting	Sandy Hunter Kevin Foster	Morgan Ingram Ron Recher	David Johnson Glenda Mayhew	Donald Hunter Pat Hunter	Sandy Hunter Kevin Foster

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.

JUNE 2014

GATEKEEPER: Bobby Allen

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship <i>Communion</i> <i>(pews)</i>	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		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 12:00 pm <i>Planning Meeting: Fall Event 2015</i> <i>"Day of Pentecost"</i> <i>Pentecost Offering</i>	9:00 am Committee reports due 9:30 am Line Dance	6:30 pm Outreach 6:30 pm Stewardship & Finance	7:00 pm Choir	9:00 am News articles due 2-8:00 pm Cleaning 2:00 pm Session Agenda out		6:05 pm Start of Richmond Flying Squirrels game <i>US Flag Day</i> 
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship <i>"Father's Day"</i> 5 Cents A Meal Offering	9:30 am Line Dance 10:00 am PG Churches Outreach /Food Bank Qtr. meeting	7:00 pm Session meeting POJ Meeting	7:00 pm Choir	2-8:00 pm Cleaning		8:45 am Adopt a Highway/Bull Hill Rd. Cleanup (Missions) meet @ GMPC
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship in the Park @ Scott Park; lunch	9:00 am-3:00 pm Camp Hanover Day Camp @ GMPC begins 9:30 am Line Dance 1:00 pm TRIAD @ PG Library 7:00 pm Christian Ed	9:00 am-3:00 pm Camp Hanover Day Camp @ GMPC	9:00 am-3:00 pm Camp Hanover Day Camp @ GMPC 6:00 pm Boy Scouts Honor Court; dinner 7:00 pm Choir	9:00 am-3:00 pm Camp Hanover Day Camp @ GMPC ends 2:00 pm Newsletter out 2-8:00 pm Cleaning 6-7:00 pm Camp Hanover Parents' Evening	9:00 am-3:00 pm Camp Hanover Day Camp @ GMPC ends	5:00 pm Scouts' Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser, GMPC Fellowship Hall
29	30					
9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship <i>Local Emerg. Aid Offering</i>	9:30 am Line Dance					

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