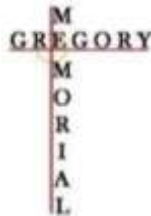


# THE HERALD



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Dear Gregory Memorial, Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



*“O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make joyful noise to him with songs of praise!”*  
- Psalm 95:1-2

I have a vague memory that, when I was child, my mother “strongly encouraged” me to join the children’s choir at our church. I’m pretty sure I didn’t want to, or at least, didn’t feel strongly about it. But I did, and I practiced, and sang, and over the years, the practice stuck. I moved up to regular choir. I sang in choir in high school and select choir after that. I sang in theater productions. And I sing still today, the lone white robe sticking out in the choir loft each week. *And I’m grateful to be able to do so.*

Music is a powerful force in our lives. How many of our memories, good and sorrowful, are connected to a certain song? How often do we have a favorite song running through our minds and hearts as we go about our days? And now, more and more research is showing the positive effects, mental and physical, for those who sing regularly, and who sing with others. “With singing, we can train our lungs to breathe better. Singing has also been shown to boost our immune system, reduce stress levels, and...help patients cope with chronic pain.” (Sarah Rainey, *The Telegraph*, 10 July 2013).

Similarly, Ilene Serlin, Ph.D., reports in *Psychology Today* (March 26, 2014) that “communal singing has, since ancient times, been a source of physical and emotional rejuvenation. It has helped create and sustain communities, helped individuals feel less isolated, and lifted mood and motivation.”

I really don’t think that anyone is necessarily surprised by this, even if we may feel that we are not good singers in the first place. Music is, and has been throughout time, a formative aspect of society and community, and especially in religion. Our Scriptures are filled to overflowing with songs and instances of

songs...our faith heritage is set to music. Is it any wonder that we strive to offer the best musical offerings in our times of worship – not only on Sundays, but also to mark special events such as weddings and funerals? I don’t believe so.

And we at Gregory Memorial are about to continue the journey forward in the music of our congregation. Recently, the PC(USA) released a new, updated and expanded hymnal. And at the request of her family, the funds received in memorial of Katherine Tompkins will be used toward the purchase of them. Some of the benefits of making this switch include: books that are thinner and lighter, yet have more hymn offerings; liturgy and prayers included, meaning we won’t need to print them in the bulletin; more opportunity to infuse our worship with the music that has meant so much to us over the generations.

The goal is already almost met, and in coming months, you’ll hear more about how you can help us reach the overall goal. And at some point in the Fall, we’ll use our time of worship to dedicate these new hymnals, honor Katherine and her family for this gift, and remember the One who creates music through us in the first place. Let us all make a joyful noise, to the glory of God!

With you on the journey,  
Pastor Jason



**WORSHIP INFORMATION FOR JULY 2014**

**Sunday, 06 July 2014**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost - Liturgical Color: Green**

First Reading: Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 & Second Reading: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30  
 Sermon: Guest Minister

**Sunday, 13 July 2014**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost - Liturgical Color: Green**

First Reading: Genesis 25:19-31 & Second Reading: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23  
 Sermon: "Ever At Odds"

**Sunday, 20 July 2014**

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost - Liturgical Color: Green**

PC(USA) Emphasis: "Smaller Membership Church"  
 First Reading: Genesis 28:10-19a & Second Reading: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43  
 Sermon: "Ears to Hear, Eyes to See"

**Sunday, 27 July 2014**

**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost - Liturgical Color: Green**

PC(USA) Emphasis: "Metropolitan/Urban Ministry"  
 First Reading: Genesis 29:15-28 & Second Reading: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52  
 Sermon: "Working for Love"



**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)                  Helen Cibula (home)                  Drew Moncol, recovering (surgery)                  Nancy Hettrick, health issues                  Victor Tomko (Doug Holc's cousin), in-home rehab                  Audrey Turner (Brighter Living), hearing problems                  Mary Chadwick (Dink Armstrong's sister)                  Cookie Wicker (Glenda Mayhew's friend), health issues                  Ed Smiley (Doug Holc's friend), in JRMC                  Frank Solesbee, recovering, home                  Elizabeth Scott, time in SRMC hospital                  Recent graduates (especially ours)                  "Traveling Mercies"                  Jerry Bond, recovering) surgery                  Ben Nicely ( Ruby Spain's friend)                  David Johnson, health issues                  June Hawks, time in JRMC hospital</p> <p><b>And:</b>                  Henry Parker , Aida Faries, Marian McDonald &amp; Don Vtipil</p>	<p>All affected by acts of violence &amp; 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 &amp; Helen Cibula's friend)                  Lucille Link, Patsy Johnson's mother                  Marcella Chevalier, Sara-Lynn Prefontaine's step-grandmother                  Lee Hettrick (father of Natalie Griggs, Susan Walker's co-worker), health issues                  Mike &amp; Brenda Harrington (friends of Valerie Harsh)                  Sterling Riggs (renowned "50s Community Day" Elvis impersonator) recovering (surgery)                  Family &amp; friends of Stephanie Thompson, d. 06/24 (Dianne Overstreet &amp; Justin Ellis-Bowman's family member &amp; friend)                  Emily Togger (Healthsouth) &amp; Bill Togger (VCU), (Ruby Spain's aunt &amp; uncle)                  Mila Campen (Ann Hartsell's mother), recovering (surgery)                  Harold Shockley (Susan Walker's father), recovering (surgery)</p> <p><b>JOY:</b> Beverly Childress is able to rejoin us!</p>
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**QUICK CALENDAR:**

07/04 - Independence Day Holiday

07/07- Committee reports due 9 am

07/10 - News articles due 9 am

07/15- Session meeting, 7:00 pm

07/20-26 GMPC's Tri-Cities Work Camp Week

No July TRIAD meeting.

No Choir practice Jul. 1-Aug. 12

No July committee meeting for: Stewardship & Finance or Worship

**THE CLERK'S CORNER**

By: Donald R. Hunter



The Session of Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church met on Tuesday, May 20, 2014 and approved the following:

- Pastor's request to use vacation July 2-6, 2014 (2 work days, one Sunday); August 21-25 (2 work days, one Sunday); request to serve as Camp Hanover Pastor-in-Residence July 27-August 2. Motion by Josh Ingram, seconded by Valerie Harsh; motion passed.
- Use of the GMPC parking lot with Scout assistance on May 31, 2014 for Bike Rodeo by PGPD & Fire/EMS and also on August 5, 2014 for National Night Out (Rolling Meadows)

**STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE REPORT: MAY, 2014**

Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church Summary of Operating Accounts As of May 31, 2014		General Fund	Capital Improvements
Beginning of the month	5/1/2014	\$ 2,042.88	\$ 12,990.56
Cash receipts		\$ 12,826.10	\$ -
Cash disbursements		\$ (14,261.53)	\$ (8,900.00)
Interest /Dividends Earned		\$ 0.42	\$ 0.44
Transfers(to) from General Fund		\$ -	\$ -
Transfers(to) from Investments Cash Account		\$ -	\$ -
Transfers(to) from DGA		\$ (27.25)	\$ -
End of the month	5/31/2014	\$ 580.62	\$ 4,091.00

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS!!!**

**“BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT”** - Gregory Church is again collecting school supplies for “Back to School Night.” Collection boxes will be placed in the Fellowship Hall to receive your donated school supplies until Sunday, July 27. These donated school supplies will be distributed by Prince George Social Services in August at the “Back to School Night” event. Pick up a copy of the list of needed supplies in the Narthex. (Contact: Dianne Overstreet, Missions)

**“THESE DAYS”** (Jul. - Sep.) daily devotional publication is available (free) in the Narthex.

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## HOLY HUMOR

From Sandy Hunter

### ***In BIG Trouble This Time.....***

Maybe you've heard of them: the two little boys, Tom and Danny, who are known for being excessively mischievous. They are always getting into trouble and their Mom knows if any mischief occurs in their town, the two boys are probably involved.

Well, the boys' mother heard that a preacher in town had been very successful in disciplining children, so she asked if he would speak with her boys. The preacher agreed, but he asked to see them individually.

The mother sent Danny in to see the preacher in the morning, with the older boy to see him in the afternoon.

The preacher, a huge man with a deep booming voice, sat the younger boy down and asked him sternly, "Do you know where God is, son?"

The boy's mouth dropped open, but he made no response, sitting there wide-eyed with his mouth hanging open.

So the preacher repeated the question in an even sterner tone, "***Where is God?***"

Again, the boy made no attempt to answer.

The preacher raised his voice even more and this time, he shook his finger in the boy's face and bellowed, "***WHERE IS GOD?!***"

The boy screamed and bolted from the room, ran directly home

and dove into his closet, slamming the door behind him. When his older brother finally found him in the closet, he asked him, "What happened?"

The panic stricken younger brother, gasping for breath, replied, "***We're in BIG trouble this time! GOD is missing, and they think WE did it!!!***"



## CAMP HANOVER AT GREGORY CHURCH

From Christian Education Committee



### ***CAMP HANOVER COMES TO GMPC!!***

Monday, June 23, was the day: 18 children, 4 staff members from Camp Hanover, and several volunteers gathered here to experience fun, fellowship, and to learn more about Jesus and his ministry.

Special activities included "Water Day" on Tuesday, "Cookout" on Wednesday, and "Parents Night" program with slide show and ice cream sundaes on Thursday evening.

Thank-you to the Camp Hanover Staff, the campers, and all who volunteered to help make this year's VBS program a roaring success!



## FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY JULY 2014

<b>July 06</b>	-
<b>July 13</b>	-
<b>July 20</b>	<b>Rose Scott</b>
<b>July 27</b>	<b>The Hunters</b>

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.  
 For assistance, please call Church office at 732-1081 (9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Tuesday-Thursday).

### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

**DO YOU LIKE TO BAKE?** Is it a joy for you to show hospitality to others? If so, please consider assisting the Outreach Committee with an important task – baking and delivering cookies to new visitors of Gregory Memorial! Every time someone visits and leaves information, someone brings them cookies within 72 hours, welcoming them and showing our hospitality. Outreach is looking to expand the pool of volunteers who provide this service. If you're interested, please sign up in the Narthex, and speak to Judy Recher. Thank you!

### Those Who Serve – July, 2014

<b>GATEKEEPER:</b> <b>Greg Webber</b>	July 06	July 13	July 20	July 27
<b>Ushers &amp; Acolytes (*)</b>	Bobby Allen Donna Allen Velma Allen Jerry Bond Chayse Hartsell* Justin Ellis-Bowman*	Jerry Hasky Wayne Powers Glenda Mayhew Les Mayhew Breeana Hunter* Jamie Meurer*	Sheila Fields Janet Swinton Marguerite Bishop Valerie Harsh Chayse Hartsell* Justin Ellis-Bowman*	Robert Hartsell Dianne Overstreet Wayne Powers Les Mayhew Breeana Hunter* Kaitlyn Hartsell*
<b>Announcements</b>	Rose Scott	Jerry Bond	Dianne Overstreet	Jerry Bond
<b>Junior Sermon</b>	Patsy Johnson	Minister	Pat Hunter	Megan Cashing
<b>Junior Church</b>	Tara Foster Madison Foster	Valerie Harsh Kaitlyn Hartsell	Morgan Ingram Josh Ingram	Lisa Brown Jared Smyth
<b>Nursery</b>	Glenda Mayhew	Ann Hartsell	Ruby Spain	Rose Scott
<b>Counting</b>	Morgan Ingram Rose Scott	David Johnson Ron Recher	Donald Hunter Glenda Mayhew	Sandy Hunter Pat Hunter

### 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](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.

**JULY 2014**

**GATEKEEPER: Greg Webber**

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>2-8:00 pm</b> Cleaning	<b>INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY</b> 	
<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>Guest Minister</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>9:00 am</b> News articles due <b>2-8:00 pm</b> Cleaning <b>2:00 pm</b> Session Agenda out		
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</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>2-8:00 pm</b> Cleaning		
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>9:45 am</b> Sunday School <b>11:00 am</b> Worship  <i>GMPC WEEK @ TRI-CITIES WORK CAMP: JULY 20-26</i>	<b>9:30 am</b> Line Dance  <i>TRI-CITIES WORK CAMP [Lunch: Congreg. Care]</i>	<i>TRI-CITIES WORK CAMP [Lunch: Facilities]</i>	<i>TRI-CITIES WORK CAMP [Lunch: Circle]</i>	<b>2:00 pm</b> Newsletter out <b>2-8:00 pm</b> Cleaning <i>TRI-CITIES WORK CAMP [Lunch: Outreach]</i>	<i>TRI-CITIES WORK CAMP [Lunch: Missions]</i>	<i>GMPC WEEK @ TRI-CITIES WORK CAMP ends</i>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		
<b>9:45 am</b> Sunday School <b>11:00 am</b> Worship <b>5 Cents A Meal Offering</b>	<b>9:30 am</b> Line Dance <b>7:00 pm</b> Christian Ed					

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***JULY 2014 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)*