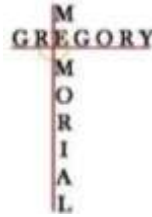


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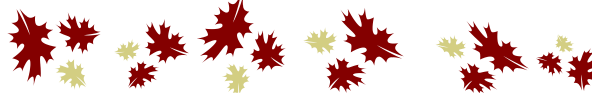
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Dear Gregory Memorial, Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

R. S. U. P.

“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship and to the breaking of bread and the prayers.” ~Acts 2:42

It’s nearing Labor Day, and that can mean several things. For some, it means putting away the wardrobe of white clothing. *For others, it means a long weekend and cookouts.* For many (some with dread), it means the return to school. For us here at Gregory Memorial, it means nothing, and quite a few things. Allow me to elaborate.

On the one hand, it means nothing. We continue to gather in worship, praising and giving thanks to the One who has given us life, and who has offered us the gift of Life. We continue to gather in fellowship, supporting one another and sharing the joy that we have as fellow Christians. We continue to pray and discern together how best to use the gifts and talents we have received to better proclaim the good news of the gospel in our county, our community, and our world. These things have not changed, nor will they change. The arrival of Labor Day, in this case, means nothing more than any other day on the calendar.

However, it also means many things – some familiar activities, as well as some new!

Our “Rally Day” Sunday – when we gather for breakfast and fun and invitation into deeper discipleship in the coming months will be held on September 7. You won’t want to miss the fun, or the great breakfast!

Sunday School offerings will be available for all age groups. Starting this fall, in addition to the usual adult discipleship classes, along with the younger disciple class, we are excited to offer a **new class for youth in grades 6-8**, designed specifically for your age groups

and desires!

Along with that, we will be starting up our **Jr./Middle High youth group** (we’ll be discussing our activities for the year on September 14). Look forward to activities of fellowship and play, of faith and service, and perhaps an end-of-the-year outing!

There are also going to be new ways to serve the church. A scholarship fund has been established for those working toward a post-high school degree, and the awards committee will need at least one congregational member. Similarly, our standing committees will continue their faithful work, and are always open for people to join them. Regardless of what anyone might think regarding “committee work”, our meetings are far from hum-drum. Rather, they are opportunities to deepen one’s faith and commitment to Christ.

Also, our “Third Sunday” discussions/luncheons will start up again; look for our first gathering this fall!

There is indeed much going on in the coming weeks, and much for you to be a part of, at any participation level. But all of it goes toward one never-ending purpose: *To glorify God and work for God’s Kingdom.*

We’re glad you’ve joined us in that purpose; I hope you’ll continue to join us as we move forward in this wonderful work!

With you on the journey,
Pastor Jason





WORSHIP INFORMATION FOR SEPTEMBER 2014

Sunday, 07 September 2014: “Rally Day”

13th Sunday After Pentecost - Liturgical Color: **Green**
 PC (USA) Emphasis: “Beginning of Christian Education Week & Season of Peace”
 1st Reading – Exodus 12:1-14 & 2nd Reading – Matthew 18:15-20
 Sermon: “Visible Witness”

Sunday, 14 September 2014

14th Sunday After Pentecost - Liturgical Color: **Green**
 1st Reading – Exodus 14:19-31 & 2nd Reading – Matthew 18:21-35
 Sermon: “Settling Up”

Sunday, 21 September 2014

15th Sunday After Pentecost - Liturgical Color: **Green**
 PC (USA) Emphasis: “International Day of Peace; Theological Education/Seminary”
 1st Reading – Exodus 16:2-15 & 2nd Reading – Matthew 20:1-16
 Sermon: “Our Daily Bread”

Sunday, 28 September 2014

16th Sunday After Pentecost - Liturgical Color: **Green**
 PC (USA) Emphasis: “Evangelism”
 1st Reading – Exodus 17:1-7 & 2nd Reading – Matthew 21:23-32
 Sermon: “Waterfall”



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. In order to most effectively pray, your Worship Committee and Leadership ask that, as you know of updates, *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!

OUR PRAYERS AND CONCERNS.....

Lucille Link, Patsy Johnson’s mother	All affected by acts of violence & natural disasters
Helen Cibula (home)	Families/friends of Malaysia Air Flight 17 victims
Nancy Hettrick, health issues	Persons affected by Hampton campgrounds tornado
Audrey Turner (Brighter Living)	Members of our military and their families
“Traveling Mercies”	Robert Hartsell’s brother, James (status unchanged)
Tracy Taliaferro, recov. (surgery)	Amy Townson (Josh Ingram’s sister), recov. (home)
Bucky Allen, recov. (surgery)	Nita Spain (Keith Spain’s stepmother), health issues
Beverly Childress	Maryland Blanchard (Grace & Helen Cibula’s friend)
Ruby Hasky, recov. (2 nd surgery)	Lee Hettrick (Susan Walker’s co-worker Natalie Griggs’ father), health issues
Jean Waymack (home)	Harold Shockley (Susan Walker’s father), continued health issues
Kenneth Figg (recent hospital stay)	Ben Nicely (Spains’ friend), health issues
Peggy Allen, recov. (home)	Mila Campen (Ann Hartsell’s mother), recov.(surgery)
Henry Parker	Ed Smiley (Doug Holc’s friend) & son, Mark Smiley
David Johnson	Gary Coates (Rechers’ friend), recov. (surgery)
Becky Smith	Mary Chadwick (Dink Armstrong’s sister)
Jerry Bond	Cookie Wicker (Glenda Mayhew’s friend), health issue
And:	Mike & Brenda Harrington (friends of Valerie Harsh)
Aida Faries	Bill McAllister, recov. (surgery)
June Hawks	Our college students: Pam Harsh, Bradley Cooper, Travis & Jacob Spain
Marian McDonald	Don Vtipil

QUICK CALENDAR:

- 09/01- LABOR DAY
- 09/02 Start of 2014/15 School Year!
- 09/07- "Rally Day" Sunday; Breakfast @ 9:15 am, Fellowship Hall
- 09/08- Committee reports due 9:00 am
- 09/11 - News articles due 9:00 am
- 09/16- Session meeting, 7:00 pm

THE CLERK'S CORNER

NO JULY REPORT:
The Session of Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church did not meet in July.



STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE REPORT: JULY, 2014

Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church Summary of Operating Accounts As of July 31, 2014		General Fund	Capital Improvements
Beginning of the month	7/1/2014	\$ 1,233.28	\$ 3,011.14
Cash receipts		\$ 8,464.23	\$ 0.00
Cash disbursements		\$ (10,728.37)	\$ 0.00
Interest /Dividends Earned		\$ 0.26	\$ 0.13
Transfers(to) from General Fund		\$ 2,000.00	\$ (2,000.00)
Transfers(to) from Investments Cash Account		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Transfers(to) from DGA		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
End of the month	7/31/2014	\$ 969.40	\$ 1,011.27

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRINCE GEORGE FOOD BANK URGENTLY NEEDS YOUR GENTLY-USED PLASTIC GROCERY SACKS! Please bring your unneeded plastic grocery sacks to the collection box in the Fellowship Hall. The Food Bank really can put them to good use when it distributes food to those in need!

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HOLY HUMOR

HUNTING ON THE SABBATH? WUFFF!!!

I had everything planned and had told my wife I would not be going to church with her on Sunday. My wife reminded me that Sunday was the Sabbath Day and hunting a trophy buck should not be part of the Sabbath. *BUT....*

1. I had scouted the area all summer.
2. I had searched out the best location for my tree stand.
3. I set it all up a month ahead of time.
4. I trailed the herd.
5. I picked out a trophy buck.

6. Two days before opening day, I rechecked every aspect of the hunt.
7. Everything was in place.

On Sunday morning, I woke up at 2 a.m., put on my camo gear, loaded my pack and set out for my stand. This was destined to be an epic hunt.

However, as I approached my deer stand.....*there was a LARGE black bear sitting in my seat!!!!*

I called my wife and told her I had decided not to hunt on the Sabbath and would meet her at church. The Sunday sermon was

entitled: *"The Lord Works in Mysterious Ways"!!!!*



FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY SEPTEMBER 2014

September 07	The Hunters
September 14	Rose Scott
September 21	-
September 28	-

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).

SUNDAY SERVANTS – SEPTEMBER, 2014

<u>GATEKEEPER:</u> Keith Spain	September 07 "RALLY DAY"	September 14	September 21	September 28
Ushers	Keith Spain Ruby Spain Morgan Ingram Josh Ingram	Bobby Allen Donna Allen Velma Allen Jerry Bond	Jerry Hasky Wayne Powers Glenda Mayhew Les Mayhew	Sheila Fields Janet Swinton Marguerite Bishop Valerie Harsh
Acolytes	Breeana Hunter Jamie Meurer	Chayse Hartsell Justin Ellis-Bowman	Breeana Hunter Jamie Meurer	Breeana Hunter Kaitlyn Hartsell
Announcements	Mary Kay Schroeter	Rose Scott	Jerry Bond	Dianne Overstreet
Junior Sermon	Megan Cashing	Minister	Susan Walker	Valerie Harsh
Junior Church	Jennifer Smyth Austin Smyth	Pat Hunter Breeana Hunter	Mary Holc Jamie Meurer	Marguerite Bishop Jared Smyth
Nursery	Susan Walker	Glenda Mayhew	Ann Hartsell	Ruby Spain
Counting	Kevin Foster Glenda Mayhew	Donald Hunter Rose Scott	Sandy Hunter Ron Recher	Morgan Ingram Donald Hunter

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GATEKEEPER: KEITH SPAIN

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	LABOR DAY	 12:30 pm Circle 7:00 pm Facilities 7:00 pm Worship	7:00 pm Choir	2-8:00 pm Cleaning		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
“RALLY DAY/BACK TO SUNDAY SCHOOL SUNDAY” 9:45 am Breakfast @ Fellowship Hall 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship	9:00 am Committee reports due 9:30 am Line Dance 6:30 pm Missions	6:30 pm Outreach 7:00 pm Stewardship & Finance	7:00 pm Choir	9:00 am News articles due 2:00 pm Session Agenda out 2-8:00 pm Cleaning		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship	9:00 am Line Dance 10:00 am PG Churches Outreach/Food Bank Qtr. meeting @ GMPC	7:00 pm Session meeting	7:00 pm Choir	2-8:00 pm Cleaning		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship	1:00 pm TRIAD @ PG Library 7:00 pm Christian Ed		7:00 pm Choir 6:00 pm Boy Scouts Honor Court & dinner, Fellowship Hall	2:00 pm News Letter out 2-8:00 pm Cleaning		
28	29	30				
9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship <i>5 Cents A Meal Offering</i>	9:30 am Line Dance					

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Worship 11:00 A.M.

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