

Dear Gregory Memorial, Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



*"We give thanks to you, O God;
we give thanks; your name is near.
People tell of your wondrous deeds."
~Psalm 75:1*

I can think of only one or two occasions on which I've reused a previous sermon, and the same holds true for newsletter articles. Our lives are ever-shifting, and the context in which I might speak/write change. But the truths that are represented do not, and there are instances in which it is important to repeat actions.

Case in point: It is once again the time of year when many in our country are encouraged to give thanks, to be mindful for the reasons in one's life for joy, to verbalize appreciation for those people and places that brighten our days and help bring meaning to our lives. And so, once again, I would like to use this space to show a portion of my deep appreciation to many at Gregory Memorial who may often go overlooked and unsung.

Our Ruling Elders have committed to giving of their time and energy, often after long hours at their day jobs, when they could be home relaxing with loved ones, to help make faithful decisions which reflect the overall mission of the Church: To proclaim more fully the Kingdom of God, and the love of God manifest in Christ. I can never say enough how appreciative I am of these ten people who give so willingly of their time, energy, and hearts. We may not always see issues of the church from the same perspective, but I am joyful that I am allowed to share in ministry with them.

The same is true of each and every person who sits the committees of this congregation – your time, energy, insight and passion does not go unnoticed, and our congregation would be greatly diminished without your gifts. Sadly, your names are too many to list in this short space, but trust that you are known and appreciated. Thank you.

Kevin works diligently, and no matter the hour, with little or no complaint, to provide the information necessary for us to be faithful stewards of the gifts

entrusted to our care. Thank you.

Sandra, Gail, and the Choir spend so much time immersed in the music that is offered each Sunday in worship that many of us hear it in our sleep. From the beginning of recollection, music has been an integral portion of worship, a way in which we express our relationship with the Divine, and its influence upon our lives. They deserve every ounce of gratitude we can offer them. Thank you.

Nancy is our front-line of communication, as well as the one that keeps the rest of us on track to make sure the little things are seen to: the weekly bulletin, monthly newsletter, announcements and such. It is often a thankless job, and yet she does it gladly. Thank you.

Larry constantly makes sure that our webpage is up to date and accurate, a welcoming place for any in the cyber-sphere who crosses our virtual doorstep. He also takes great pictures. Thank you.

Finally, I would thank *you*. It is a joy for me, and for many I believe, to be bound together in community and worship, fellowship and praise. We are a group of diverse backgrounds, experiences, and perspectives, which sometimes even seem to be at odds. And yet, if even one of us were to be absent, the absence would be noted. It is my pleasure to be here as your minister, to walk in community and faith with each of you. My hope is to do so for some time to come, as well. I love you each; thank you for being a part of this community.

With you on the journey,
Pastor Jason



WORSHIP INFORMATION FOR NOVEMBER 2014

Sunday, 02 November 2014

21st Sunday after Pentecost - Liturgical Color: **Green**
 PC (USA) Emphasis: "Christian and Citizen; Stewardship Commitment"
 1st Reading: Joshua 3:7-17 & 2nd Reading: Matthew 23:1-12
 Sermon: "Wade in the Water"

Sunday, 09 November 2014

22nd Sunday after Pentecost - Liturgical Color: **Green**
 PC (USA) Emphasis: "Caregiver"
 1st Reading: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 & 2nd Reading: Matthew 25:1-13
 Sermon: "Choose This Day"

Sunday, 16 November 2014

23rd Sunday after Pentecost - Liturgical Color: **Green**
 1st Reading: Judges 4:1-7 & 2nd Reading: Matthew 25:14-30
 Sermon: "Trusting Your Talents"

Sunday, 23 November 2014

Christ The King/Reign of Christ - Liturgical Color: **White**
 1st Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 & 2nd Reading: Matthew 25:31-46
 Sermon: "Righteous Shepherd"

Sunday, 30 November 2014

First Sunday of Advent - Liturgical Color: **Blue (Purple)**
 PC (USA) Emphasis: "Begin Lectionary Year B"
 1st Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9 & 2nd Reading: Mark 13:24-37
 Sermon: "Beginning the Journey"



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 military & their families	All affected by illness, acts of violence & natural disasters
Lucille Link, Patsy Johnson's mother	Those affected by Ebola virus & those developing a cure
Helen Cibula	Robert Hartsell's brother, James (status unchanged)
Ed & Mark Smiley	Josh Ingram's sister (Amy Townson) & their grandmother (Doris Karnowski)
Bucky Allen	Nita Spain (Keith Spain's stepmother), health issues
Beverly Childress	Maryland Blanchard (Grace & Helen Cibula's friend)
Joe Baxter	Ben Nicely (Spains' friend), health issues
Ruby Hasky, contin. health issues	Mila Campen (Ann Hartsell's mother)
Kenneth Figg	Gary Coates (Rechers' friend)
Bill McAllister, health issues	Mary Chadwick (Dink Armstrong's sister)
Charlie Perkins	Cookie Wicker (Glenda Mayhew's friend), health issue
Frank Solesbee	Our college students: Pam Harsh, Bradley Cooper, Travis & Jacob Spain
Henry Parker	David Childress (Beverly Childress' brother)
Evelyn Lichvar	Bonnie Walling (friend of Smyth family), health issues
Carolyn Thacker	Joanne Overstreet (Kenny Overstreet's mother)
Becky Smith	Mike & Brenda Harrington (friends of Valerie Harsh)
Peggy Allen	Family/friends of June Hawks (d.10/12)
Audrey Turner (health problems)	For the family & friends of Roy Smith
Inez Paul (health issues)	David Johnson - continued improvement
Sara-Lynn Prefontaine	Harold Shockley- continued improvement
	Tracey Taliaferro - continued improvement
AND: Aida Faries, Don Vtipil, Marian McDonald	Joy: Alicia Harsh - health issue resolved!

QUICK CALENDAR:

11/02- Daylight Savings Time ends 2am

11/04 - Election Day

11/10- Committee reports due 9 am

11/13 - News articles due 9 am

11/16 - Third Sunday Lunch & Learn
after worship; Host: Stewardship &
Finance Committee

11/11 - Veterans Day

11/18- Session meeting, 7 pm

11/24 - PG TRIAD meets at PG
Recreation Center, Old Stage Rd., 1pm

11/27 - Thanksgiving Day

HOLIDAY OFFICE SCHEDULE:Thanksgiving : Mon., Tues., Wed.
(Nov. 24, 25, 26)Christmas: Mon., Tues., Wed.
(Dec. 22, 23, 24)New Year's: Mon., Tues. Wed.
(Dec. 29, 30, 31)**THE CLERK'S CORNER**

By: Donald R. Hunter



The Session of Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church met (no quorum) on Tuesday, September 16, 2014; no actions taken. At a Called Meeting held September 21, 2014, the following items were approved:

- *On a case-by-case basis* for those months that the 3rd Tuesday falls within the second week, the Session's stated meeting will be held on the 4th Tuesday.
- Pastor's request to use one vacation Sunday on October 26, 2014. Committee Recommendation (previously moved/seconded) to use \$5,646.37 from Mairs & Power Growth Fund to have church parking lot resealed; motion carried.
- Repairs under entrance of parking lot at cost of \$1,150 to correct water damage to that area.

CONVERSATIONS ABOUT AMENDMENTS TO THE BOOK OF ORDER AND BOOK OF CONFESSIONS: These amendments will come up for a vote at the February 2015 Stated Meeting : Conversations will be held November 9 at Covenant Church, Petersburg. December 14 at South Plains Church and January 11 at New Hanover Church; all will be held from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE REPORT: SEPTEMBER, 2014

Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church Summary of Operating Accounts As of September 30, 2014		General Fund	Capital Improvements
Beginning of the month	9/1/2014	\$ 1,841.75	\$ 1,011.33
Cash receipts		\$ 14,022.06	\$ 285.00
Cash disbursements		\$ (13,523.78)	\$ (985.00)
Interest /Dividends Earned		\$ 0.00	\$.04
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		\$ (42.97)	\$ 0.00
Transfers (to) from CI		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
End of the month	9/30/2014	<u>\$ 297.06</u>	<u>\$ 2,311.37</u>
			See note below

Note: \$2,000 paid back to CI borrowed in July, 2014

AND FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



**Remember that
Daylight Savings
Time ends 2:00 a.m.
Sunday, November 2**

– be sure to set your clocks back one hour the evening before! (*Remember the adage: "Fall Back....."?*)

❖ **DEDICATION OF
OUR NEW HYMNALS!**

On Sunday, November 2, we will be having a wonderfully meaningful service in which we dedicate our new hymnals in worship, as well as recall the saints of Gregory Memorial who have gone before us. Please make a special effort to be present to celebrate these gifts, and the heritage we carry with us.

❖ **2015 PLEDGE CARDS ARE HERE!** Pledge cards for 2015 are available. Please prayerfully and faithfully consider how God is calling you to be an

active participant in the mission of the Church, and in what ways you might support it, as you fill out your pledge card. We ask that you either return them to the Stewardship and Finance Committee prior to November 23, or bring them with you on that Sunday, so that we can dedicate the gifts of God for the glory of God in worship!

❖ **THIRD SUNDAY LUNCHEON** for November will be held following worship on Sunday, November 16. Come for worship to feed your spirit; stay for lunch to feed your body, and join in the conversation on why and how we use the gifts God has given us! Host: Stewardship & Finance Committee; (Menu: Soup by S&F, Sandwiches & dessert by congregation)

❖ **ADVENT**
Advent is just around the corner,

and your Worship Committee is preparing to help nurture your faith in this season. One such way is through an Advent Daily Devotional. This year, we are asking members of Gregory Memorial to contribute to a devotional we are putting together for the congregation. All we ask is a short, half-page reflection. If you would like to contribute, or would like to learn more, please talk with Jason; he will happily answer your questions! We anticipate this to be a wonderful gift our congregation gives to one another this season.

❖ **NEW SIGN.....** Those individuals who have agreed to serve on the committee to pick out a new sign for GMPC for Courthouse Road are encouraged to come to the initial meeting, held in the Fellowship Hall, on Wednesday, November 12, at 6:00 p.m.

**Don't
forget:**



HOLIDAY OFFICE HRS. : 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Week of Thanksgiving: Nov. 24, 25, 26

Week of Christmas: Dec. 22, 23, 24

Week of New Year's: Dec. 29, 30, 31

PG TRIAD meets 1 pm, Nov. 24

PG Recreation Ctr., Old Stage Rd.
Speaker: Debbie Lafland on recreation activities with emphasis on twice-weekly workout activity popular among the senior set. All are welcome to attend!

FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY NOVEMBER 2014

November 02	-
November 09	Hawks Family
November 16	-
November 23	-
November 30	Rose Scott

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).

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

By Pauline Phillips

Oh, Heavenly Father:

We thank Thee for food and remember the hungry.

We thank Thee for health and remember the sick.

We thank Thee for freedom and remember the enslaved.

May these remembrances stir us to service, That Thy gifts to us may be used by others.

SUNDAY SERVANTS – November, 2014

<u>GATEKEEPER</u> Dennis Allen	November 02	November 09	November 16	November 23	November 30
Ushers	Sheila Fields Janet Swinton Marguerite Bishop Valerie Harsh	Robert Hartsell Dianne Overstreet Wayne Powers Les Mayhew	Keith Spain Ruby Spain Morgan Ingram Josh Ingram	Bobby Allen Donna Allen Velma Allen Jerry Bond	Jerry Hasky Wayne Powers Glenda Mayhew Les Mayhew
Acolytes	Chayse Hartsell Justin Ellis-Bowman	Breeana Hunter Jamie Meurer	Chayse Hartsell Justin Ellis-Bowman	Breeana Hunter Kaitlyn Hartsell	Breeana Hunter Kaitlyn Hartsell
Announcements	Dianne Overstreet	Jerry Bond	Mary Kay Schroeter	Rose Scott	Jerry Bond
Junior Sermon	Susan Walker	Minister	Valerie Harsh	Patsy Johnson	Pat Hunter
Junior Church	Patsy Johnson Justin Ellis-Bowman	Jennifer Meurer Jamie Meurer	Megan Cashing Breeana Hunter	Susan Walker Mattie-Lynn Metschke	Jennifer Smyth Austin Smyth
Nursery	Ruby Spain	Rose Scott	Susan Walker	Glenda Mayhew	Ann Hartsell
Counting	David Johnson Kevin Foster	Ron Recher Glenda Mayhew	Donald Hunter Pat Hunter	David Johnson Rose Scott	Morgan Ingram Sandy Hunter



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Buy a Turkey – Feed a Family this Thanksgiving!

A Donation of \$15.00 will buy a turkey for an area family in need. CCHASM will once again be holding its **Thanksgiving Meal Gift Package Program** to help area residents who normally would not be able to afford a holiday meal with their family. The CCHASM package includes a \$15.00 gift card to purchase a turkey and a Bag of Thanksgiving food (valued at approximately \$25.00). Your Cash Donation toward a gift card or **gift package (see content list below)** will provide an area family in need with a Thanksgiving Meal (and lot's of leftovers). In 2013, CCHASM was able to provide Thanksgiving Meal Gift Packages and a \$15.00 Gift Card to 2,039 families (over 7,000 adults and children). Our goal this year is to reach 3000 families through our program.

- The distribution will take place at the Chesterfield County Fairgrounds Exhibition Center on Saturday November 22nd and will be for pre-registered area residents living in Chesterfield, Colonial Heights, Dinwiddie, Hopewell, and Prince George.

Residents **MUST Pre-Register** with CCHASM prior to receiving a Thanksgiving Meal Package. Registrations are taken Monday through Thursday from 8:30 AM – 1:30 PM at 804-796-2749 – as long as matching pledges are available.

Your tax deductible donation will be greatly welcomed to help area residents and may be sent to CCHASM at PO Box 1741, Chesterfield, VA 23832. Or, sent in through PayPal or Credit Card on our **secure website at www.cchasm.org**
Contact CCHASM at 796-3715 ext. 1 or 2 for any additional questions.

Each Thanksgiving Meal Gift Package will include the following food items plus a \$15 Gift Card to purchase a turkey:

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1 – 40 ounce can of yams or sweet potatoes	2 – bags of stuffing mix or 2 boxes of Stove Top® stuffing
1 – 13 ounce box of instant mashed potatoes	2 – cans or packages of gravy
1 – 14 ounce can of cranberry sauce	1 – box of hot chocolate
2 – 15 ounce cans of corn	1 – box tea bags
2 – 15 ounce cans of green vegetables	1 – box or bag of cookies

***CCHASM is a 501 (c) (3)** whose mission is: *To provide food, financial assistance, and career clothing to area residents who have experienced or are experiencing an emergency situation which threatens their survival needs.* CCHASM has been serving area residents for over 25 years through its 24 Alliance Food Pantries, Career Clothes Closet for Women, and with utility, rent, and other financial assistance as funds are available. Its largest program of the year is the Thanksgiving Meal Gift Package Program.

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If you would like more information about this topic, or to schedule an interview, please contact Sharon at 804-796-3715 ext. 2 or email sharon@cchasm.org

NOVEMBER, 2014

GATEKEEPER: Dennis Allen

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
2:00 am Daylight Saving Time Ends 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship <i>Dedication of New Hymnals</i>	9:30 am Line Dance 6:30 pm Missions	<u>Election Day</u>  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		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship	9:00 am Committee reports due 9:30 am Line Dance	<u>Veterans Day</u>  1-3:00 pm Memorial Svc. -June Hawks 6-8:00 pm Relay for Life plan mtg 6:30 pm Outreach 7:00 pm Stewardship & Finance	6:00 pm Signage Committee 7:00 pm Choir	9:00 am News articles due 2:00 pm Session Agenda out 2-8:00 pm Cleaning		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship <i>Third Sunday Lunch & Learn (Host: Stewardship & Finance)</i>	9:30 am Line Dance	7:00 pm Session meeting	7:00 pm Choir	2:00 pm Newsletter out 2-8:00 pm Cleaning		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship <i>5 Cents A Meal Offering</i>	OFFICE OPEN 9:30 am Line Dance 1:00 pm TRIAD @ PG Rec. Ctr, Old Stage Rd. 7:00 pm Christian Ed	OFFICE OPEN	OFFICE OPEN 2-8:00 pm Cleaning	OFFICE CLOSED 		
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<u>First Sunday of Advent</u> 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship <i>Local Emergency Aid Offering</i>						

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NOVEMBER 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)