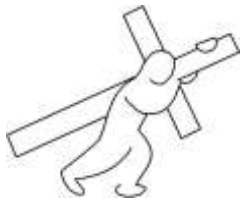


Dear Gregory Memorial, Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



“As they led [Jesus] away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus.”

~Luke 23:36

As you may guess, I experienced many wonderful things while I was in Israel. Right now I'd like to share one in particular. While in Jerusalem, I walked the Stations of the Cross along the Via Dolorosa, held to be the route Jesus walked on the way from his condemnation to his crucifixion. Along the way are fourteen stops, or Stations, at which the pilgrim is encouraged to read a verse, remember and imagine what Jesus was experiencing, and ask of yourself, “How have I done this in my life, and how can my life more closely reflect the life of Christ?” As I walked the streets, I carried in my pocket an olivewood cross, using that to not only remind myself of the ways in which I need forgiveness, but also to remember all of you in your times of need (this cross is now hanging in the vestibule of the Sanctuary, my gift of thanks to all of you).

The practice of the Stations of the Cross, whether in Jerusalem or Prince George, is not one that many Protestants undertake. But being there, in that place, I could not help but to do so. To walk along those streets, by homes and market shops, restaurants and businesses, imagining that two thousand-some years ago Jesus was walking those streets a condemned man, encountering people who loved him and walked with him, coming face to face with people who jeered at him and slandered him...it is a powerful experience which made the reality of the crucifixion all the more tangible, and impressed upon me the true depth of sacrifice on behalf of the world, which happens to include you, me, and us.

It also had a somewhat unexpected result: Experiencing a new depth of the reality of sorrow, loss, and death, it also made the promise of the resurrection more real, more exhilarating, and more joyous! We are an Easter people, a resurrection people, but it is also a reality that without death the new life would not be possible, nor as meaningful.

In the coming days of Holy Week, you are invited to make a similar journey, to walk the Stations of the Cross in your own way. If you would like to do something fairly formal, The Church of the Sacred Heart has both indoor and outdoor Stations you can follow. You can also join us, in our own services throughout Holy Week, and make the promise of the empty tomb more meaningful by embracing the reality of the cross and the sacrifice (Services are listed below). I would also suggest the devotional practice of reading an entire gospel, start to finish, in one sitting. I recommend either Mark or Matthew.

Regardless, I encourage you to embrace this season, both the joy of Easter morning and the despair of the crucifixion, so that you may not only be mindful of the weight of your own cross, but so that you may also draw closer to Christ, who will replace your burden with his light yoke. May you be blessed, indeed, in these days, and be a blessing to others.

Sunday, March 29 – Palm Sunday, worship at 11:00 am.

Thursday, April 2 – Maundy Thursday, worship with communion at 7:00 pm.

Friday, April 3 – Good Friday (sanctuary will be open for private prayer during the following times: 7:00 am-8:00am, 12:00 pm-1:00 pm, 5:30pm-7:30pm).

Sunday, April 5 – Easter, sunrise service at 7:00 am (with breakfast following), regular worship at 11:00 am.

With you on the journey,
Pastor Jason



WORSHIP INFORMATION FOR APRIL 2015

Sunday, 5 April 2015

Resurrection of the Lord/Easter - Liturgical Color: **White**
 First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9
 Second Reading: Mark 16:1-8
 Sermon: "Just the Beginning"

Sunday, 12 April 2015

2nd Sunday of Easter - Liturgical Color: **White**
 First Reading: Acts 4:32-35
 Second Reading: John 20:19-31
 Sermon: "Power & Grace"

Sunday, 19 April 2015

3rd Sunday of Easter - Liturgical Color: **White**
 First Reading: Acts 3:12-19
 Second Reading: Luke 24:36b-48
 Sermon: "Witnesses"

Sunday, 26 April 2015

4th Sunday of Easter - Liturgical Color: **White**
 First Reading: Acts 4:5-12
 Second Reading: John 10:11-18
 Sermon: "Deeds of a Shepherd"



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.

Those who have been sick
 Our military and their families
 Our college students & the 2014/15 K-12 School Year
 Lucille Link, Patsy Johnson's mother
 Helen Cibula
 Mark Smiley
 Bucky Allen
 Beverly Childress
 Ruby Hasky
 Wayne Hedgepeth, Ruth Figg's nephew (health issue)
 Bill McAllister
 Frank Solesbee
 Donna Allen
 Aida Faries
 Don Vtipil
 Marian McDonald
 James Hartsell, Robert Hartsell's brother
 Amy Townson, Josh Ingram's sister
 Doris Karnowski, Josh Ingram's grandmother
 Mike & Brenda Harrington, Valerie Harsh's friends
 Maryland Blanchard, Grace and Helen Cibula's friend
 Ben Nicely, the Spain family's friend
 Mila Campen, Ann Hartsell's mother
 Bob Hogsett, father-in-law to the Rechers' daughter

Mary Chadwick, Dink Armstrong's sister
 David Childress, Beverly Childress' brother
 Inez Paul, Mary Holc's mother
 Tracy Taliaferro
 Brittany Mason, Kenny Overstreet's niece (surgery)
 Peyton Audrey, Audrey Turner's great-granddaughter
 Mark Chariton (new health issue)
 Martin Bauer, Evelyn Lichvar's brother (health issue)
 Becky Smith (recovery from procedure)
 David Johnson
 Joanne Overstreet
 Jimmy Clark
 Audrey Turner (health issues)
 Jerry Bond
 Beth Thompson, Susan Walker's co-worker (health issues)
 Larry Katz, Keith Spain's co-worker
 Chuck Barnes, the Ingrams' friend
 Peggy Allen, recovering from procedure
 Sterling Riggs, Glenda Mayhew's friend (health issue)
 Dawn Kriigel, Morgan Ingram's friend
 Connie Tomlinson, Aida Faries' friend
 Dianne Overstreet & Jaylon
 Dr. Shannon Bowman (health issue)

QUICK CALENDAR:

- 4/2 - Maundy Thursday, worship & communion, 7 pm
(intinction)
- 4/3 - Good Friday (Sanctuary open for private prayer:
7-8:00 am; 12-1:00 pm; 5:30-7:30 pm)
- 4/5- Easter Sunrise service, 7:00 am. & Breakfast after;
Easter Egg Hunt, 9:45 am; open to all children
Easter worship service, Communion, 11 am
- 4/9 - Relay for Life meeting, 6 pm
- 4/12- 90th Birthday Celebration: Grace & Helen Cibula
after worship, Fellowship Hall - *Congregation is
invited!*
- 4/21- Session meeting, 7 pm
- 4/27 - PG Triad, PG Library, 1 pm

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CLERK'S CORNER

By: Donald R. Hunter

The Session of Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church met on February 28, 2015 and approved the following:

- ***New 2015 Meeting Schedule:*** Session has streamlined its 2015 meeting schedule: Session meets in even numbered months; committees (except Congregational Care with reports due as before) will meet in odd-numbered months. Called committee or Session meetings will be held as needed to consider any urgent item or business as warranted (Committee reports/ Minutes submitted end of meeting month; Session Minutes, submitted same as before).
 - A small quantity (50) of the 2015 GMPC Congregation Pocket Directory will be made available in the Narthex. Additional copies will be produced as needed.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOU ARE INVITED!!! The Congregation is invited to the celebration of Grace and Helen Cibula's 90th birthday on April 12 following morning church services in the Fellowship Hall. [*Grace & Helen request: "No gifts, please!"*]

EASTER EGG HUNT - Gregory is having an Easter Egg Hunt between services, at 9:45 a.m., on April 5...All children are invited!

Congregational Care "**WOW**"--***We made it!*** Approximately 4 years ago we started discussing and planning for an Auto-messaging system to replace the Shepherds List. Thanks to Shepherds who spent hours contacting Sheep; to Congregational Care for starting the project (relentless efforts and not giving up); to Ruby Spain and Kevin Foster for research of best plan for us and taking it to Session; to Session for approval (not once, but twice); to Rev. Jason and Nancy Adams for final touches to make this long work in progress a reality. And lastly, thanks to our congregation for your patience! The now in-place messaging system has been and can be used for many church concerns. Thanks to all!
[from Glenda Mayhew, Chair]

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From the Pastor's Desk....



Don't forget these dates in April:

Thursday, April 2 – Maundy Thursday, worship with communion, 7 pm.

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7:00am-8:00am, 12:00pm-1:00pm, 5:30pm-7:30pm).

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Easter Egg Hunt for children will be held between services at 9:45 a.m.

* Also, Outreach is again planning a group outing to attend a future Flying Squirrels game. More on this special group event as plans develop!



FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY

APRIL , 2015

April 5	Easter Lilies
April 12	Mary Kay Schroeter
April 19	Gregg Webber
April 26	Rose Scott

Please 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).

GATEKEEPER SCHEDULE



APRIL - Bobby Allen

MAY - Doug Holc

SUNDAY SERVANTS – April 2015

GATEKEEPER: Bobby Allen	APR. 5 "Easter"	APR. 12	APR. 19	APR. 26
Ushers	Sheila Fields Janet Swinton Marguerite Bishop Valerie Harsh	Robert Hartsell Dianne Overstreet Melissa Johnes Chris Johnes	Keith Spain Ruby Spain Morgan Ingram Josh Ingram	Bobby Allen Donna Allen Velma Allen Jerry Bond
Acolytes	COMMUNION	Chayse Hartsell Justin Ellis-Bowman	Kiley Johnes Ella Johnes	Jaime Meurer Kaitlyn Hartsell
Announcements	Dianne Overstreet	Jerry Bond	Mary Kay Schroeter	Rose Scott
Junior Sermon	Patsy Johnson	Minister	Pat Hunter	Megan Cashing
Junior Church	Valerie Harsh Kaitlyn Hartsell	Morgan Ingram Josh Ingram	Lisa Brown Austin Smyth	Megan Cashing Jared Smyth
Nursery	Ruby Spain	Rose Scott	Susan Walker	Glends Mayhew
Counting	David Johnson Glenda Mayhew	Donald Hunter Ron Recher	Sandy Hunter Mary Kay Schroeter	Morgan Ingram Rose Scott

CAMP HANOVER IS COMING TO GREGORY!

The week of July 6-10, 2015, the staff of Camp Hanover will be at Gregoroy for a 5-day camping experience. This program is designed for children who are currently in kindergarten through 5th grade. We must have a minimum of 15 children. The maximum is 32. They will be engaged in bible study, arts and crafts, and active play from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. each day. The cost is \$75 per child. The church will be responsible for the rest of the fee. We do not want cost to keep a child from having this wonderful experience, so contact me if assistance is needed. Those who attended in previous years have had only wonderful remarks about their experience. We are happy to be able to offer it again this year.



Mark your calendars now. Available spots will be given on a first come, first serve basis. If your child knows already that they want to come, please let me know now so I can put their name on the list. Registration forms will be available April 1st.

Contact person:

Sandy Hunter

Co-Chair, Christian Ed. Committee

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baskethunters@comcast.net

HOLY HUMOR

Sandy Hunter

ALL SYSTEMS ... *GO!*

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If it turns green, call your physician.

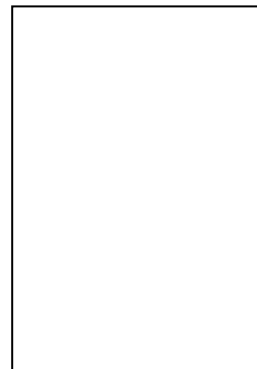
If it turns brown, see your dentist.

If it turns purple, consult your psychiatrist.

If it turns red, see your banker.

If it turns black, call your lawyer and make a will.

If it remains the same color, your in good health and there is no reason on earth why you should not be in church next Sunday morning!



APRIL, 2015

GATEKEEPER: Bobby Allen

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
			7:00 pm Choir	2-8:00 pm Cleaning 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service & Communion (intinction)	GOOD FRIDAY Sanctuary is open today for private prayer these hours: 7:00-8:00 am 12:00-1:00 pm 5:30-7:30 pm	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
EASTER 7:00 am Sunrise service, followed by breakfast in Fellowship Hall 9:45 am Sunday School & Easter Egg Hunt for children 11:00 am Worship & Communion (pews)		12:30 pm Circle 6:00 pm Congregational Care 7:00 pm Stewardship & Finance	7:00 pm Choir	2:00 pm Session Agenda out 2-8:00 pm Cleaning 6:00 pm Relay for Life meeting		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship <i>Cibula Birthday Celebration after worship, Fellowship Hall (Congregation is invited!)</i>			7:00 pm Choir	9:00 am News articles in 2-8:00 pm Cleaning		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship		7:00 pm Session meeting	7:00 pm Choir	2:00 pm News Letter out 2-8:00 pm Cleaning		
26	27	28	29	30		
	1:00 pm TRIAD @ PG Library		7:00 pm Choir	2-8:00 pm Cleaning		

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Worship 11:00 A.M.

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