

Dear Gregory Memorial, Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



*"I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert."*

~Isaiah 43:19

Recently, this verse has been on my mind. Perhaps it's because it's spring, and the season makes our hearts look toward new things, to cleaning out the cobwebs and dusting off what is present to make way for new life and refreshed vision. Perhaps it's because our church building has, in many ways, been made new after the broken pipe two months ago, or because I've been rearranging my study. Perhaps it's because this verse is on the bulletin board outside the administrative offices, but recently this verse has been on my mind.

Often, when we hear this proclamation/question/proclamation through the prophet Isaiah, we are called upon to hear with joy, with faith, with an openness to whatever it is that God is doing anew. We may even wonder, silently if not out loud, whether or not we're faithful enough if we're not sure we perceive it. Have we missed something? Is there something more that we should be doing? We strive to do more. We desire to hear and discern, follow and get on board. 'If it is of God,' we say, 'then we will follow along.'

But when we are being the most honest with ourselves, we must also admit that the change, the new things, of God or not, also make us uncomfortable and uncertain. You've heard me say time and again that the first words out of an angel's mouth are "Fear not" because the presence of God can be so overwhelming, and I hold to that. But often when the angel appears it is to bring news of a new thing, a change, a different path than what was originally planned. The angel's "Fear not" then applies to our natural tendency to be afraid of

the change that is coming.

Not all change is good; change simply for the sake of change is not necessarily better. We are indeed called to discern the presence and call of God, but I want to remind us all (myself included) that we trust in a God who is steadfastly faithful to us, who will lead us as a good shepherd, who will bring us into Life Abundant. I believe that we are promised a good and rich life, though not an easy life. And it is God who will bring us there.

It is ok to be uncertain and anxious at times; the people of Israel certainly exhibited those qualities during the time in the wilderness! But we are indeed being led to the place we ought to be. Our call is indeed to follow in faith, not ignoring our uncertainty or anxiety, but despite it. And to help bring this point home, we celebrate the One who has overcome the greatest change with the most uncertainty, death itself, and through his resurrection, Christ offers us all the ability to follow in faith as disciples, and apostles of the Good News. May we do this ever more in this new season!

With you on the journey,
Pastor Jason



WORSHIP INFORMATION FOR MAY 2015

Sunday, 3 May 2015

5th Sunday of Easter - Liturgical Color: **White**
 1st Reading: Acts 8:26-40
 2nd Reading: John 15:1-8
 Sermon: "Watering the Vine"

Sunday, 10 May 2015

6th Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day - Liturgical Color: **White**
 1st Reading: Acts 10:44-48
 2nd Reading: John 15:9-17
 Sermon: "The Bounds of Love"

Sunday, 17 May 2015

7th Sunday of Easter - Liturgical Color: **White**
 1st Reading: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
 2nd Reading: John 17:6-19
 Sermon: "Of the Word"

Sunday, 24 May 2015

Day of Pentecost - Liturgical Color: **Red**
 1st Reading: Acts 2:1-21
 2nd Reading: John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15
 Sermon: "A Mighty Wind"

Sunday, 31 May 2015

Trinity Sunday - Liturgical Color: **White**
 1st Reading: Isaiah 6:108
 2nd Reading: John 3:1-17
 Sermon: "Made Clean"



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.

Our military and their families	Rick Lichvar, Evelyn Lichvar's son (chronic illness)
Our college students & 2014/15 School Year Grades Pre-K through 12	Becky Smith (recovery from procedure)
Lucille Link, Patsy Johnson's mother	David Johnson
Mark Smiley	Joanne Overstreet
Bucky Allen	Jimmy Clark (hospitalized)
Beverly Childress	Audrey Turner (health issues)
Ruby Hasky	Jerry Bond
Wayne Hedgepeth, Ruth Figg's nephew (health issue)	Larry Katz, Keith Spain's co-worker
Bill McAllister	Chuck Barnes, the Ingrams' friend
Frank Solesbee	Sterling Riggs, Glenda Mayhew's friend (health issue)
Donna Allen	Dawn Kriigel, Morgan Ingram's friend
Don Vtipil	Dianne Overstreet & Jaylon
Marian McDonald	Dr. Shannon Bowman (health issue)
James Hartsell, Robert Hartsell's brother	Kelly Scott, Rose's daughter (recovering from a procedure)
Amy Townson, Josh Ingram's sister	Helen Cibula (recovering at home)
Doris Karnowski, Josh Ingram's grandmother	Peggy Allen (recovering at home)
Mike & Brenda Harrington, Valerie Harsh's friends	Rick Lichvar, Evelyn Lichvar's son (chronic illness)
Maryland Blanchard, Grace and Helen Cibula's friend	Bob Hoover and Bob Hogsett, father-in-laws to the Rechers' daughters
Ben Nicely, the Spain family's friend	Russell Heiser, Ingrid Phoenix's grandson (health issues)
Mila Campen, Ann Hartsell's mother	Mark Schroeder, Mike's cousin (health issue)
Mary Chadwick, Dink Armstrong's sister	Aida Faries, recovering (health issue)
David Childress, Beverly Childress' brother	Verne Smith, recovering (surgery)
Inez Paul, Mary Holc's mother Tracy Taliaferro	Family/friends of Tom Whitley, Janet Lammey's brother (d. 4/14)
Brittany Mason, Kenny Overstreet's niece (surgery)	Family/friends of Luther Vick (d. 4/18)
Peyton Audrey, Audrey Turner's great-granddaughter	Family/friends of the Homes family (Melissa Johnes' cousins) loss of their infant son
Mark Chariton (new health issue)	
Evelyn Lichvar (health issues)	
Martin Bauer, Evelyn Lichvar's brother (health issue)	

HOLY HUMOR

Sandy Hunter

Noah's Ark

Everything I need to know, I learned from Noah's Ark.

- ONE:** Don't miss the boat.
TWO: Remember that we are all in the same boat!
THREE: Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark .
FOUR: Stay fit. When you're 60 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.
FIVE: Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.
SIX: Build your future on high ground.
SEVEN: For safety's sake, travel in pairs.
EIGHT: Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.
NINE: When you're stressed, float awhile.
TEN: Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.



ELEVEN: *No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS



OUTREACH COMMITTEE IS ORGANIZING A FIELD TRIP TO THE RICHMOND DIAMOND TO WATCH OUR FAVORITE LOCAL TEAM, THE FLYING SQUIRRELS.. and we want you to join us! If interested, please contact Josh Ingram. More details later. **FLYING SQUIRRELS & NUTZY... YOU ROCK THE DIAMOND!!**

NEW ADDRESS FOR DORIS HARMISON! Effective April 22, 2015 Doris Harmison has moved to 110 Norwood Drive, Colonial Heights, VA 23834. If you want her phone number, either ask Doris, or call the Gregory office at 732-1081.

EFFECTIVE 4/9/15, THE GREGORY MEMORIAL OFFICE'S NEW EMAIL ADDRESS IS:
office@gregorymemorial.org

FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY

MAY, 2015

May 3	Sandra Perkins
May 10	
May 17	Marguerite Bishop & Sandra Perkins
May 24	Rose Scott
May 31	

**Please write in your name beside the Sunday you wish to provide flowers
on the Flowers Chart in the Sanctuary's rear hallway**

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

SUNDAY SERVANTS – May, 2015

GATEKEEPER: Doug Holc	MAY 3	MAY 10 "Mother's Day"	MAY 17	MAY 24	MAY 31
Ushers	Jerry Hasky Wayne Powers Glenda Mayhew Les Mayhew	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	Breeana Hunter Owen Hunter	Chayse Hartsell Justin Ellis-Bowman	Kiley Johnes Ella Johnes	Jaime Meurer Kaitlyn Hartsell	Breeana Hunter Owen Hunter
Announcements	Jerry Bond	Dianne Overstreet	Jerry Bond	Mary Kay Schroeter	Rose Scott
Junior Sermon	Susan Walker	Minister	Valerie Harsh	Patsy Johnson	Pat Hunter
Junior Church	Melissa Johnes Kaitlyn Hartsell	Patsy Johnson Mattie Lynn Metschke	Susan Walker Jamie Meurer	Rose Scott Breeana Hunter	Jennifer Smyth Austin Smyth
Nursery	Ann Hartsell	Ruby Spain	Rose Scott	Susan Walker	Glenda Mayhew
Counting	David Johnson Kevin Foster	Ron Recher Glenda Mayhew	Donald Hunter Mary Kay Schroeter	Morgan Ingram Sandy Hunter	Donald Hunter Glenda Mayhew

CAMP HANOVER IN THE NEWS!!!

Applications are now available for Camp Hanover. They are located in the Fellowship Hall on the Camp Hanover bulletin board and in the Narthex.

Dates: July 6 – 10

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Cost: \$75 per child

Eligibility: Children entering 1st – 6th grade in Fall of 2015

Contact Person: Sandy Hunter Cell: 804-731-0082
baskethunters@comcast.net



Fun, Fellowship, & Sharing a Craft

We know you all take pictures and have memories that you want to hold on to, so get yourself together and come down to the church and join our scrapbooking group. It all began with our desire to get together in fellowship doing something we all love to do.

Ideas and suggestions, improving the outcome of our product, are shared among those present, with lots of laughter mixed in!! What a wonderful way to build community and strengthen friendships.

Our meeting dates are flexible at this time as we try to accommodate everyone's schedule as best we can.

We met on Saturday, March 28th, and on Saturday, April 25th. Our next date is on Saturday, May 16th. Arrival time is 9:00 a.m. or whenever you can get there, and we scrap until we need to leave or 3:00 p.m., whichever comes first! Don't know much about the craft? Come down and see what it's all about.

There are several great "teachers" in the group. And all of us would like to have YOU enjoy the craft of scrapbooking. Bring a friend. We have plenty of tables

and chairs!!! There are no age limitations.

BTW: Bring your own drinks and snacks!



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 2015/16 School Year begins March 1, 2015. 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.

MAY, 2015

GATEKEEPER: Doug Holc

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship <i>Minute for Missions (Grace Cibula)</i>		12:30 pm Circle 6:00 pm Congregational Care 6:00 pm Scouts training meeting, Fellowship Hall 7:00 pm Facilities 7:00 pm Worship	7:00 pm Choir	2-8:00 pm Cleaning		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<u>Mother's Day</u> 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship <i>Presbyterian Womens' Birthday Offerg.</i>		6:30 pm Outreach 7:00 pm Stewardship & Finance	7:00 pm Choir	2-8:00 pm Cleaning 6:00 pm Relay for Life meeting (T-shirt pick up)		9:00 am-3:00 pm Scrap Class @ Fellowship Hall (BYO snacks/drinks/lunch)
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship <i>Third Sunday Lunch</i>		6:30 pm Missions	7:00 pm Choir	9:00 am News articles in 2-8:00 pm Cleaning		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship <i>Pentecost Offering 5 Cents a Meal Offering</i>	<u>Memorial Day</u>	7:00 pm Christian Ed.	7:00 pm Choir	2:00 pm News Letter out 2-8:00 pm Cleaning		
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9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship <i>Local Emergency Aid Offering Committee reports in</i>						

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MAY 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)