

Dear Saints and Friends of Gregory Memorial,



Looking at the mountains of
The Golan Heights, on the
Shores of the Sea of Galilee

But the angel said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you."
~Mark 16:6-7 (also Matthew 28:5-6, 10)

We didn't want to leave Galilee, along the shore of the Sea of Galilee (also known as the Lake of Tiberius). Galilee, with its softly rolling hills and beautiful shorelines, is a gorgeous region, and it's not hard to imagine why Jesus, along with the disciples, chose to make it a home base for the majority of his ministry. Walking along the hillsides, standing on the cliffs overlooking the water, the feeling of walking where Jesus walked is tangible, and the stories of our faith are alive. When it was time to leave Galilee, we did not want to go.

After the resurrection, the angel proclaims that Jesus is alive, and will meet the disciples and the women in Galilee, as he told them. When this is combined with the account of the appearance of Jesus to the disciples in the boat (John 21:4-19), the image is one not simply of gladness, but of joyous reunion, the kind of reunion that can only come from intimately close family and friends after a too-long absence. For instance, as soon as Peter realizes who it is, he jumps out of the boat and makes his way to shore – he can't wait any longer! And not only is the reunion joyous, it is in the home area, the place where all the good memories and formative experiences took place.

In short, all is once again right with the world, and in that moment, nothing can be wrong or bad.

This day, this Easter season, this time of reunion is indeed joyous, and life-giving. It is beyond words, this experience that I am blessed to share with each of you, gathered on this day to proclaim the fullness of our faith.

But while we proclaim this joy on this day, and in the weeks of the Easter season to come, the truth is much more profound.

We are not limited or confined to this joyous reunion only in Easter, but in reality, each and every time we gather – Sunday mornings, luncheons and dinners, in times of celebration and yes, even in times of sorrow. Every time we gather as the community of faith, the family of Christ, we step again into this joyous reunion. Sometimes we come with hearts light and free, other times we are heavy and weighed down, but what is important is that we come. When we enter into this reunion celebration, when we show up, then everything else in our lives is not dismissed, but it is put into perspective, and we are reminded of how rich our lives truly are.

May you indeed be blessed in this Easter season, and in every season. May you know the joyous reunion with Christ every time you enter into worship and fellowship. May your life be defined by the resurrected Life. How can we keep from singing, when such a joy is ours to live into? Thank you for these blessings and more; now let us invite the whole world to know such joy!

With you on the journey,
Pastor Jason



WORSHIP INFORMATION FOR APRIL, 2016

Sunday, 3 April, 2016

2nd Sunday of Easter - Liturgical Color: White
 First Reading: Acts 5:27-32
 Second Reading: John 20:19-31
 Sermon: "No Other Choice"

Sunday, 10 April, 2016


3rd Sunday of Easter - Liturgical Color: White
 First Reading: Acts 9:1-20
 Second Reading: John 21:1-19
 Sermon: "New Beginnings"

Sunday, 17 April, 2016

4th Sunday of Easter - Liturgical Color: White
 First Reading: Acts 9:36-43
 Second Reading: John 10:22-30
 Sermon: "Hearing & Believing"

Sunday, 24 April, 2016

5th Sunday of Easter - Liturgical Color: White
 First Reading: Acts 11:1-18
 Second Reading: John 13:31-35
 Sermon: "Core of the Message"

 **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.

Marion McDonald
 James Hartsell, Robert Hartsell's brother
 Amy Townson, Josh Ingram's sister
 Doris Karnowski, Josh Ingram's grandmother
 Maryland Blanchard, Grace and Helen Cibula's friend
 Ben Nicely
 Mary Chadwick, Dink Armstrong's sister
 David Childress, Beverly Childress' brother
 Evelyn Lichvar (health issues)
 Martin Bauer, Evelyn Lichvar's brother (health issue)
 Rick Lichvar, Evelyn Lichvar's son (chronic illness)
 Becky Smith
 Chuck Barnes, the Ingrams' friend
 Russell Heiser, Ingrid Phoenix's grandson (health issues)
 Aida Faries
 Helen Cibula
 Grace Cibula

Elizabeth Scott
 Brandon Quinton Lambert, son of Morgan Ingram's co-worker
 Kenneth & Sue Andrews, Childress family's friends
 Jimmy Clark
 Philip Harris, co-worker of Morgan Ingram
 Jean Waymack
 Terry Robertson, Billy Robertson's son
 Elisha Beverly, Valerie Harsh's daughter (health issue recurrence)
 Peggy Allen (home)
 Anita Arth, Ruby Hasky's sister (health issue)
 Berthel & Izzy Garza, Mary Kay Schroeter's friends (health issue)
 Tiffany Portser, Melissa Johnes's cousin (health issue)
 Mary Mistr (fire damage to home)
 Paul Cerny, Jr. (recov., surgery)
 Ruth Figg (knee replacement surgery)
 Family/friends of Mark Firment (d. 3/18)

ANNOUNCEMENTS



GATEKEEPER:
Josh Ingram

- ❖ **The Gregory Scouts fund-raiser yard sale** for their summer camp will be held from 7:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 16 in the GMPC parking lot.
- ❖ **Gregory Memorial's Richmond Flying Squirrels group outing** is planned for Saturday, June 18! We will be sitting in one of the Diamond's party decks, so the price is expected to be from \$15-\$20 each. More details to follow, so stay tuned!
- ❖ **Tri-Cities Workcamp** – A Workcamp planning meeting will be held on Sunday, April 3 at 4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

for youths interested in participating in **Gregory's 2016 Workcamp week: July 17-23.**

- ❖ **Community Yard Sale/Bake Sale** (Homecoming fund-raiser) at GMPC parking lot will be held from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 9. Fee for vendor tables is \$20. Address any questions to Valerie Harsh.
- ❖ **Gregory's Youth Workcamp team is hosting a Spaghetti Dinner (fund-raiser)** from 5:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 16 in the Fellowship Hall. Tickets for the meal that includes spaghetti plate, salad, dessert and beverage may be purchased in advance. Cost per person is \$8 (adults) & \$6 (children of age 6-12 yrs.) and may also be obtained at the door on night of event.

Contact Madison or Kevin II Foster for details.

- ❖ **Preschool Parents Workday** – The Gregory Preschool parents have volunteered for a Preschool Workday from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 23 to refurbish the Preschool's playground area which is now showing signs of wear and tear. The children have raised \$700 of the \$900 required for the materials/equipment through their fund-raising projects, but fell short by about \$200. Any monetary donations are welcomed! The repairs/replacements include: new swing seats, repairs to the wooden glider and the train set, and removal of the old plastic play sets. For more info on the project, please contact Preschool Director Janet Lammey at 704-0584.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT



Dear Church Family & Friends at Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church,

We wish for all who are interested to please join us for our wedding ceremony in our Sanctuary at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, April 22, 2016.

Thank you all for all of your well wishes.

In Christ's Peace,
Mary Schrum & Gregg Webber

HOLY HUMOR

By Sandy Hunter

OUCH! DON'T YOU KNOW THAT'S GOTTA HURT.....

An engineer died and reported to the Pearly Gates. Saint Peter checked his dossier and not seeing the engineer's name there, accidentally sent him to Hell.

It didn't take long before the engineer became rather dissatisfied with the level of comfort in Hell.

He soon set to work, designing and building improvements. Shortly thereafter, Hell had air conditioning, flush toilets, and escalators.

Needless to say, the engineer became a pretty popular guy, and the word soon spread.

One day, God called Satan and casually inquired: "So, how are things in Hell?"

Satan replied: "Hey, things are going great. We've got air conditioning, flush toilets, and escalators. And there's no telling what this engineer is going to come up with next."

"What!" God exclaimed. "You've got an engineer down there? Well, clearly ***THAT'S*** a mistake - he should never have been

sent down to Hell. Send him up to me immediately!"

"Not a chance," Satan replied: "I like having an engineer on the staff, and I'm keeping him!"

God insisted: "Send him back or I'll sue."

Satan laughed uproariously and answered: "Yeah, right. And ***WHERE*** are you going to get a lawyer?"




FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY

April, 2016

April 3	Gregg Webber
April 10	
April 17	
April 24	The Webbers

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

THOSE WHO SERVE – April, 2016

 GATEKEEPER: Josh Ingram	APR. 3	APR. 10	APR. 17	APR. 24
Ushers	Rose Scott Wayne Powers Morgan Ingram Josh Ingram	Bobby Allen Donna Allen Velma Allen Larry Johnson	Jerry Hasky Wayne Powers Glenda Mayhew Les Mayhew	Sheila Fields Janet Swinton Marguerite Bishop Valerie Harsh
Announcements	Mary Kay Schroeter	Larry Johnson	Rose Scott	Dianne Overstreet
Junior Sermon	Patsy Johnson	Minister	Pat Hunter	Megan Cashing
Junior Church	Morgan Ingram Josh Ingram	Valerie Harsh Austin Smyth	Lisa Brown Justin Ellis-Bowman	Megan Cashing Jamie Meurer
Counting	Morgan Ingram Donald Hunter	David Johnson Glenda Mayhew	Donald Hunter Ron Recher	Sandy Hunter Mary Kay Schroeter

APRIL, 2016

GATEKEEPER: Josh Ingram

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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					Last day of Preschool Spring Break	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship <i>Holy Communion</i> 4:00 pm Youth TriCities Workcamp meeting,at GMPC		12:30 pm Circle 6:00 pm Cong. Care	7:00 pm Choir	2:00 pm Session agenda out 2-8:00 pm Cleaning		8:00 am-2:00 pm Community Yard/Bake Sale at GMPC parking lot (Homecoming fund-raiser)
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship	12-9:00 pm Scouts Order of Arrow (6 pm dinner), Fellowship Hall		7:00 pm Choir	2-8:00 pm Cleaning 6:30 pm Relay for Life meeting 7:00 pm Stewardship & Finance		7:00 am – 2:00 pm Scouts Yard Sale (summer camp fund-raiser), GMPC parking lot 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm Workcamp Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser, Fellowship Hall
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship		7:00 pm Session	7:00 pm Choir 2-8:00 pm Cleaning	9:00 am News articles in 3-9:00 pm Wedding set-up	5:30 pm Webber- Schrum wedding, GMPC Sanctuary	9:00 am-2:00 pm Preschool parents work day (playground refurbishing) 1-6:00 pm Scouts Eagle Scout Ceremony (Joshua Wallace), Fellowship Hall
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship <i>5 Cents a Meal Offering</i>	1:00 pm PG Triad, PG Library		9:30 am Preschool Pictures Day 7:00 pm Choir	9:30 am-12:00 pm Preschool Field Day, Scott Park 2:00 pm Newsletter Out 2-8:00 pm Cleaning		2:00 pm Committee. Reports due in

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APRIL NEWSLETTER



COME AND JOIN US!
Sunday School 9:45 A.M.
Worship 11:00 A.M.

We're on: [Facebook.com/gmpcva](https://www.facebook.com/gmpcva)