

Dear Saints and Friends of Gregory Memorial,



*Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple
and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst?*

~1 Corinthians 3:16

We have seasons of life in this world – winter, spring, summer, fall, winter, and on and on. Though I could use a bit more actual spring in my life, or at least the sunshine aspect of spring; I think our flowers and plants have received enough rain for the near future! But this is the balance of the world, and the life that exists in it: we move from one season into another, on a daily basis.

So, too, does life itself has its seasons – birth, infancy, childhood, adulthood, old age, death. It's a natural progression that, despite the best and/or frantic efforts of science, cannot be halted. We move through each season, spending time in each and learning, and then applying the wisdom of one season to our time in the next. The time we spend in each season is both natural and beneficial, with much to be gained.

And so it is that we have seasons in the Church, as well, most often marked by the color of that cloths on the pulpit and the table (*paraments* is the official term for them) – Advent, marked by blue or purple, Christmas marked by white, Lent (purple), Easter (white), Ordinary time (green). Time spent in each season, with specific focus on an aspect of faith, a period in our Lord's life, an understanding of who God is in this created world.

But there's one season we don't have, and I can't for the life of me understand why: a season of Pentecost.

Pentecost, as we recently celebrated (that one day when all the cloths were red), marks the reception of the Holy Spirit as the counselor and advocate, who dwells among us as promised by Jesus after his resurrection. We often call Pentecost the 'birthday' of the Church, for on it we mark when the newly-graduated apostles received the Holy Spirit and proclaimed the good news

to thousands at once. And like a birthday, we relegate the Holy Spirit to one day, once a year, and then go on about our lives.

Personally, I think this is a bit of a travesty. The Holy Spirit is the person of God which was promised to be with us always and everywhere, as we (the Church) sought to live into the life of discipleship to which we had been called. Without the presence, guidance, teaching and support of the Holy Spirit, we would be lost! And yet we relegate it's important to a single day once a year, instead of season? That has never sat well with me.

And so, I have a suggestion to make: *We at Gregory can choose to celebrate a season of Pentecost, rather than a day.* We can choose to actively look for and be aware of the Holy Spirit, moving in and around and through us, not just for a day but for a season of our choosing. And then, after we spend time focusing our awareness on this amazing gift of God, we can return to our 'regularly scheduled programming' of Ordinary Time (green), when we celebrate the daily living of God's creation and life.

Don't be surprised if you see a bit more red around the sanctuary. It may not be official, but I believe we are in the season of Pentecost, and that our lives of faith will be better off for it. What do you think?

With you on the journey,
Pastor Jason



WORSHIP INFORMATION FOR JUNE, 2016

Sunday, 5 June, 2016

3rd Sunday after Pentecost - Liturgical Color: Green
 1st Reading: 1 Kings 17:8-16
 2nd Reading: Luke 7:1-11
 Sermon: "At Death's Door"

Sunday, 12 June, 2016


4th Sunday after Pentecost - Liturgical Color: Green
 1st Reading: 1 Kings 21:1-21a
 2nd Reading: Luke 7:36-8:3
 Sermon: "Do the Right Thing"

Sunday, 19 June, 2016

5th Sunday after Pentecost - Liturgical Color: Green
 1st Reading: 1 Kings 19:1-15a
 2nd Reading: Luke 8:26-39
 Sermon: "Surrounded by Silence"

Sunday, 26 June, 2016

6th Sunday after Pentecost - Liturgical Color: Green
 1st Reading: 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14
 2nd Reading: Luke 9:51-62
 Sermon: "Set Your Face"

 **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
 Terry Robertson, Billy Robertson's son
 Elisha Beverly, Valerie Harsh's daughter (health issue recurrence)
 Peggy Allen
 Tiffany Portser, Melissa Johnes's cousin (health issue)
 Paul Cerny, Jr. (recov., surgery)
 Ruth Figg (recov., knee replacement surgery)
 Ruth Dalton (Don Vtipil's mother), Chippenahm with heart problems
 Mila Campen, Ann Hartsell's mother (rectal cancer diagnosis)
 Eleanor Jones
 Dottie Adkins, Bobby Allen's co-worker (upcoming surgery)
 Chris Johnes, in Jordan for next month
 Vivian Johnes, (Chris Johnes' mother (recov.: heart attack)
 Billy Robertson, health issue
 Kenny Overstreet, awaiting results
 Alan Foster (recov.: eye surgery)
 Butch Meade, Glenda Mayhew's brother
 Russ Tatum, Dianne Overstreet's cousin (recov.: surgery)
 Family/friends of Ben Kanak (d. 5/20)

ANNOUNCEMENTS



GATEKEEPER:
Bobby Allen

CAMP HANOVER IS COMING TO GREGORY the week of July 11-15, 2016.

The staff of Camp Hanover will be at Gregory for a 5-day 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.

Camp Hanover
DAY CAMP
a place apart, at your church

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 any 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 are available in Narthex.

Contact person: Sandy Hunter
Co-Chair, Christian Ed. Committee
804-833-8414 H or 731-0082 C

* It's time to spring clean our adopted road. We will be doing a clean-up on Bull Hill Road on **June 4, 2016. Please meet at the Church at 8:45 a.m.** We will provide a morning snack and water. The more participants the better! Rain date will be June 11, 2016. Please contact Pat Hunter if you have questions.

HOLY HUMOR

AND THEN THERE WAS nine-year-old Joey, who when asked by his mother what he had learned in Sunday school replied, "Well, Mom, today our teacher told us how God sent Moses behind enemy lines on a rescue mission to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. When he got to the Red Sea, he had his engineers build a pontoon bridge, and all the people walked across safely. He used his walkie-talkie to radio headquarters and call in an air strike. They sent in bombers to blow up the bridge and all the Israelites were saved."

"Now, Joey, is that *REALLY* what your teacher taught you?" his mother asked.

"Well, no, Mom, but if I told it the way the teacher did, you'd never believe it!"

*Moses, Jesus, and a very old gentleman were golfing. Moses stepped up to the tee and hit the ball. It went sailing over the fairway and landed in the water trap. Moses parted the water and chipped the ball onto the green.

Jesus stepped up to the tee and hit the ball. It went sailing over the fairway and landed in the water trap. Jesus just walked on the water and chipped the ball onto the green.

The old man stepped up to the tee and hit the ball. It went sailing over the fairway and headed for the water trap. But, just before it fell into the water, a fish jumped up and grabbed the ball in its mouth. As the fish fell back down into the water, an eagle swooped down and grabbed the fish in its claws. The eagle flew over the green where a lightning bolt shot from the sky and barely missed it.

Startled, the eagle dropped the fish. When the fish hit the ground, the ball popped out of its mouth and rolled into the hole for a proper hole-in-one.

Jesus then turned to the very old man and said, "Dad, if you don't stop fooling around, we won't bring you next time."




FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY
JUNE, 2016

JUNE 5	Ron & Judy Recher
JUNE 12	Rose Scott
JUNE 19	
JUNE 26	The Hunters

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 – JUNE, 2016

 GATEKEEPER: Bobby Allen	JUN. 5	JUN. 12	JUN. 19 “Father’s Day”	JUN. 26 “Sunday in the Park”
Ushers	Robert Hartsell Dianne Overstreet Rose Scott Wayne Powers	Rose Scott Wayne Powers Morgan Ingram Josh Ingram	Bobby Allen Donna Allen Velma Allen Larry Johnson	Jerry Hasky Wayne Powers Glenda Mayhew Les Mayhew
Announcements	Valerie Harsh	Mary Kay Schroeter	Larry Johnson	Rose Scott
Junior Sermon	Megan Cashing	Minister	Susan Walker	Valerie Harsh
Junior Church	Marguerite Bishop Jared Smyth	Tara Foster Kevin Foster	Mary Holc Jamie Meurer	Morgan Ingram Josh Ingram
Counting	Donald Hunter Glenda Mayhew	Kevin Foster Rose Scott	David Johnson Mary Kay Schroeter	Sandy Hunter Ron Recher

God writes the Gospel not in the Bible alone, but also on trees, and in the flowers and clouds and stars.
Martin Luther

JUNE, 2016

GATEKEEPER: Bobby Allen

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
			7:00 pm Choir	2-8:00 pm Cleaning		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship <i>Holy Communion</i>		12:30 pm Circle 6:00 pm Cong. Care	7:00 pm Choir	2:00 pm Session agenda out 2-8:00 pm Cleaning 7:00 pm Stewardship & Finance		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship	7:00 pm Session	9:00 am POJ meeting	7:00 pm Choir	9:00 am News articles in 2-8:00 pm Cleaning		6:00 pm Flying Squirrels game
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
<u>Father's Day</u> 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship	Pastor-Ky. 6/20-24		7:00 pm Choir	2:00 pm Newsletter out 2-8:00 pm Cleaning		
26	27	28	29	30		
<u>Sunday in the Park</u> 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship in Scott Park <i>5 Cents a Meal Offering</i>	1:00 pm PG Triad, PG Library		7:00 pm Choir 1-9:00 pm Scouts Court of Honor (6 pm dinner), Fellowship Hall	2-8:00 pm Cleaning 2:00 pm Committee Reports in		

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JUNE 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)