

Dear Saints and Friends of Gregory Memorial,



So that you also may know how I am and what I am doing, Tychius will tell you everything. He is a dear brother and a faithful minister in the Lord. I am sending him to you for this very purpose, to let you know how we are, and to encourage your hearts. Peace be to the whole community, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all who have an undying love for our Lord Jesus Christ.
~Ephesians 6:21-24

While Paul's letters are primarily written to address certain and specific issues in a community, they also hold a deeper purpose – a way to keep in touch and keep people updated on what's going on. That's been one of the primary purposes of letters in society, though letters now are largely replaced by emails and texts.

And as there has been much going on this summer, I thought I would use this space to give all of you some brief updates.

At the end of June, the Presbyterian Church (USA) held its 222nd General Assembly, in Portland, Oregon. During this assembly, the following of note took place:

-For the first time in history, a pair of Co-Moderators was elected (as opposed to Moderator and Vice-Moderator). Revs. Jan Edmiston and Denise Anderson will represent the PC(USA) for the next two years.

-Stated Clerk Gradye Parsons retired; he was replaced by the election of Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson.

-The Assembly took the following actions, among others: ratified the inclusion of "The Confession of Belhar" in our *Book of Confessions*; proposed an updated and revised *Book of Common Worship*; expressed hope for a two-state solution in Israel and Palestine; decided against divestment from fossil fuel companies; determined that ministers shall again carry the title of 'Minister of Word and Sacrament'.

For more information, visit www.pcusa.org and click on the link for "News from 222nd GA" or visit www.presbyteryofthejames.com and click on the link for "General Assembly".

I completed the second seminar for my Doctor of Ministry program, held again in Louisville, Kentucky. We focused our discussion primarily on the Book of Philemon, and its impact on the Church of today. As was the case in July, I left exhausted but exhilarated and uplifted, and again convinced of my project idea.

Megan and I took some time for vacation, visiting with family in New York, and then joining with some close friends out in Bozeman, Montana, near Yellowstone National Park and the town of West Yellowstone (where I served for a year as a Young Adult Volunteer). It was beyond joy to share that part of our country with these friends. Megan commented it was a miracle I ever actually left! She's right, of course, but there is nowhere I would rather be than here, with you, in this time.

These are all wonderful and joyful opportunities you afford me, and I am deeply grateful for them. My joy at being in community with you is beyond description, and as nice as it is to go visiting, it is better to return home.

With you on the journey,
Pastor Jason



WORSHIP INFORMATION FOR AUGUST, 2016

Sunday, 7 August, 2016

12th Sunday after Pentecost - Liturgical Color: Green
 1st Reading: Isaiah 1:1, 10-20
 2nd Reading: Luke 12:32-40
 Sermon: "God's Concerns"

Sunday, 14 August, 2016


13th Sunday after Pentecost - Liturgical Color: Green
 1st Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7
 2nd Reading: Luke 12:49-56
 Sermon: "A Tame Vineyard"

Sunday, 21 August, 2016

14th Sunday after Pentecost - Liturgical Color: Green
 1st Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-10
 2nd Reading: Luke 13:10-17
 Sermon: "A Time to Speak"

Sunday, 28 August, 2016

15th Sunday after Pentecost - Liturgical Color: Green
 1st Reading: Jeremiah 2:4-13
 2nd Reading: Luke 14:1, 7-14
 Sermon: "Knowing Our Place"

 **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)
 Helen & 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
 Ruth Dalton
 Mila Campen, Ann Hartsell's mother (rectal cancer diagnosis)
 Eleanor Jones
 Dottie Adkins, Bobby Allen's co-worker (recov., home)
 Vivian Johnes (improved, at-home rehab)
 Butch Meade, Glenda Mayhew's brother
 Katherine Lee, mother of Martha King (recov., home)
 Frank Solesbee (home)
 Charlie Perkins (recov., heart issue)
 Communities impacted by recent shooting tragedies
 Mary Coleman, (health issue: leukemia)
 Ben Wilbourne, Webber family member, (continued recov.)
 Teresa Knott, PG County employee (health issue)
 Laura Baghetti, Susan Walker's (ready to give birth)
 Billy Robertson (home, feeling better)
 Emily Hudson, Rose Scott's niece (continued recov., home)
 Aida Faries (kidney transplant match)
 Susan Walker (health & stress issues)
 Otto Eickmeyer, Sandy Eickmeyer's father (left hosp., in rehab.)
 Cameron Mitchell, Harley Rosier's brother (car accident)
 Family/friends of Nellie Bailey, Mary Webber's mother (d. 7/20)
 Family/friends of Betty Harrison, Pam Elder's mother (d. 7/21)

ANNOUNCEMENTS



GATEKEEPER:
Donald Hunter

- **National Night Out** for the Rolling Meadows Community is scheduled for Tuesday, August 2 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. (set-up is 4-6:00 p.m.) in the GMPC parking lot and Fellowship Hall.
- **Presbyterian Women** meet on Tuesday, August 2 at 12:30 p.m. in the home of Helen and Grace Cibula.
- **Painting Class:** **Homecoming Committee has planned an exciting fund-raiser for Wednesday, August 10 from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. Using provided acrylic paints, class participants will be guided through the process of painting their own renditions of an artist's painting. Class cost is \$45 per person, and all supplies are

provided. As a Homecoming fund-raiser, \$20 of each registration paid will be returned to the church to be used for the Homecoming in November.

For registration, visit the website at asouthernbrush.com, or contact Valerie Harsh. If paying by check, make check payable to Kerry Rosier.

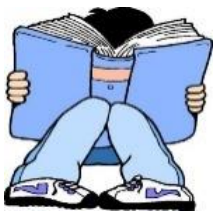
Class participants are asked to bring a tray of finger-foods for sharing during the class.

- **Homecoming Committee is collecting info** to make sure all family and friends, present and past, are invited to our Homecoming celebration in November, and to that end we would greatly appreciate your help! If you have current addresses for any previous church members not currently in our directory, please pass that info onto a member of the Homecoming Committee. Thank you!

- **Fresh Start Sunday** is fast approaching! Join us on Sunday, September 11, at 9:00 a.m. as we step into the new year of seeking God's voice, that we might trust and obey as Christ's disciples. We'll have breakfast and fellowship, a special program, and we'll hear about some new opportunities for fellowship and discipleship! [*from Christian Ed. Committee*]



WHAT'S JASON READING?



Jason's still reading the following:

For degree: "Bulletproof Spirit: The First Responder's Essential Resource for Protecting and Healing Mind and Heart" (Willis, Dan).

For the church: "Brushed by the Sacred" (Beckes, Lee)

For fun/vacation: "Finders Keepers" (King, Stephen)



HOLY HUMOR

- A pastor was speaking to a group of second-graders about the resurrection of Jesus when one student asked, "What did Jesus say right after He came out of the grave?"

The pastor explained that the Gospels do not tell us what He said. The hand of one little girl shot up. "I know what He said: He said, '*Tah-dah!*'"

- A young single minister preached a sermon he entitled, "Rules for Raising Children." Soon after, he got married. In due time, he had children, and the sermon's title was changed to "Suggestions for Raising Children." As time progressed and his children became teenagers, his congregation noted that he had stopped preaching on the subject altogether.

- One day after the Lord had finished naming all of the animals, he had a conversation with Adam, who by then had noticed that all of the animals had a mate except for him. Adam asked God if he could make him a mate also.

God told Adam, "I will make for you a creature that will be the most beautiful thing to look at. She will always be submissive and in agreement with you, she will bring coffee to you every morning, prepare all your meals, and will bless you in many other ways."

Being a little skeptical, Adam asked the Lord, "How much will this cost me?"

God replied, "An arm and a leg."

Then Adam asked, "So...what can I get for a rib?"

- Three women were sitting at a kitchen table drinking coffee and

began bragging about their children. The first one said, "My son is a priest. When people see him they say 'Good morning, Father!'"

The second woman said, "My son is a cardinal. When people see him they say, 'Good morning, Your Eminence.'"

The third mother said, "My son is seven feet tall and weighs over 800 pounds. *When people see him they say, 'OH MY GOD!'*"

- A man was having difficulties trying to train a dog he had just bought. One day he was talking about this to his next door neighbor who happened to be an evangelist. The man complained, "This dog of mine is so disobedient that I can't train him!"

The evangelist replied, "Why don't you let me have your dog for a few days? I have a couple dogs myself and they pay full attention to me."

"Okay, take my dog for a week and let's see what you can do."

A week later the man went back to his evangelist neighbor and asked, "How's it going with my dog?"

The evangelist said, "Great! Here he is! Talk to him."

The man said, "Sit" and his dog sat. Then the man said, "Roll over" and his dog rolled over.

Excited to finally have a fully trained dog, the man said "Heel!"

The dog raised up, put its paws on the owner's head and barked, "Woof, woof, woof, woof!"

How many Christians does it take to change a light bulb?

Charismatic: Only one. Hands already in the air.

Pentecostal: Ten. One to change the bulb and nine to pray against the

spirit of darkness.

Presbyterians: None. Lights will go on and off at predestined times.

Roman Catholic: None. Candles only.

Baptists: At least 15. One to change the light bulb and three committees to approve the change plus decide who brings the potato salad and fried chicken.

Episcopalians: Three. One to call the electrician, one to mix the drinks and one to talk about how much better the old one was.

Mormons: Five. One man to change the bulb and four wives to tell him how to do it.

Unitarians: We choose not to make a statement either in favor of or against the need for a light bulb.

However, if in your own journey you have found that light bulbs work for you, that is fine. You are invited to write a poem or compose a modern dance about your light bulb for the next Sunday service, in which we will explore a number of light bulb traditions, including incandescent, fluorescent, three-way, long-life and tinted, all of which are equally valid paths to luminescence.

Methodists: Undetermined.

Whether your light is bright, dull, or completely out, you are loved. You can be a light bulb, turnip bulb, or tulip bulb. Church-wide lighting service is planned for Sunday. Bring bulb of your choice and a covered dish.

Nazarene: Six. One woman to replace the bulb while five men review church lighting policy.

Lutherans: None. Lutherans don't believe in change.

Amish: *What's a light bulb?*




FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY

AUGUST, 2016

AUGUST 7	The Hunters
AUGUST 14	The Webbers
AUGUST 21	
AUGUST 28	

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 – AUGUST, 2016

GATEKEEPER:  Donald Hunter	AUG. 7 <i>Holy Communion</i>	AUG. 14	AUG. 21	AUG. 28
Ushers	Sheila Fields Janet Swinton Marguerite Bishop Valerie Harsh	Robert Hartsell Dianne Overstreet Rose Scott Wayne Powers	Rose Scott Wayne Powers Morgan Ingram Josh Ingram	Bobby Allen Donna Allen Velma Allen Larry Johnson
Announcements	Dianne Overstreet	Valerie Harsh	Mary Kay Schroeter	Larry Johnson
Junior Sermon	Valerie Harsh	Minister	Patsy Johnson	Pat Hunter
Junior Church	Susan Walker Jamie Meurer	Pat Hunter Jared Smyth	Rose Scott Madison Foster	Mary Holc Justin Ellis-Bowman
Counting	Sandy Hunter Mary Kay Schroeter	Donald Hunter Rose Scott	Morgan Ingram Glenda Mayhew	David Johnson Ron Recher

Peace on the outside comes from knowing God within.

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 2016/17 School Year begins **March 1, 2016**. 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.

AUGUST, 2016

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	6-7:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 553, Fellowship Hall	12:30 pm Presbyterian Women meeting (Cibula home) 6:00-8:00 pm Nat'l. Night Out, Rolling Meadows Community, GMPC parking lot & Fellowship Hall (set-up 4-6:00 pm)		2:00 pm Session agenda out 2-8:00 pm Cleaning		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship <i>Holy Communion</i>			6-9:00 pm Paint Night (Homecoming Fund-raiser), Fellowship Hall	2-8:00 pm Cleaning 7:00 pm Stewardship & Finance		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship	6-7:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 553, Fellowship Hall	7:00 pm Session	5-7:00 pm James House Bd. Dir., Fellowship Hall 7:00 pm Choir	9:00 am News articles in 2-8:00 pm Cleaning		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship			7:00 pm Choir	2:00 pm Newsletter out 2-8:00 pm Cleaning		
28	29	30	31			
9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship <i>5 Cents a Meal Offering</i>			2:00 pm Committee. Reports in 6:00-9:00 pm Boy Scouts Camporee planning meeting, Fellowship Hall & kitchen (set-up is 4-6:00 pm) 7:00 pm Choir			

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AUGUST 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)