

Dear Saints and Friends of Gregory Memorial,



Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.

Hebrews 12:1-2a

I've been training again. On a regular schedule, I've been going out to run and prepare for another race, coming up this month.

As I've been doing so – the third time I've been in training over the past years – I've been thinking about aspects of training that are necessary to be successful.

I've had to be dedicated to this schedule; whether I feel truly enthused and energetic or not, if I am to reach my goal I need to go out and take my run, regardless. I've also been reminded how necessary it is to breathe; without breathing, my efforts don't really accomplish anything, and it's embarrassing to be passed out on the side of the street! And finally, a surprise aspect of training I've realized is thankfulness; the more I focus on an attitude of gratitude, the easier it is to finish my run.

I've been training, again, and the truth is, so have you. Because these same aspects of training for a race also apply to our lives as Christians, an endeavor for which we are always in training. No matter our age, no matter how long we've been seeking the Christian life, we are daily in training to live as disciples of Christ, and these aspects can help us in this realm, as well.

We must be dedicated. As much as we in society tend to value the ability of the individual to accomplish tasks in life, the truth is that we are created for community, and being in community both gives us life and makes us better Christians. Life gets in the way from time to time, but the more we are able to come together in worship, fellowship, and service, the better off we are. (Hebrews 10:24-25)

We must breathe. At the end of John's gospel, as Jesus prepares to leave the disciples after the

resurrection, he breathes on them and imbues them with the Holy Spirit. Though they had been taught and trained, if their witness was to be effective, it would be by the presence of the Spirit. The same is still true for us; we must breathe in the Spirit if we are to be effective witnesses to the good news of the gospel. (John 20:22)

Our training is more effective when we are thankful. The things of this world seek to lead us into a mindset that we do not have enough, we do not do enough, we are not enough and our lives are lacking. This could not be further from the truth! We are created for Life Abundant, which is offered to us through Christ, and bearing this both in our minds and in our hearts will not only enable us to live a life of witness, but will make us more joyful as well. (John 10:10)

I am grateful for all of you – the gifts you bring to our community, the presence of the Spirit in your lives, and the ways in which you make this ministry of ours possible. We support one another in this endeavor to live as Christians, and it is my joy to be in this training with you. (And if you'd like to support the good cause for which I'm training, Camp Hanover, please visit www.crowdrise.com/irunforcamp).

With you on the journey,
Pastor Jason



WORSHIP INFORMATION FOR NOVEMBER, 2016

Sunday, 6 November, 2016

25th Sunday after Pentecost - Liturgical Color: Green
 1st Reading: Jonah 1:1-17; 3:1-10
 2nd Reading: Luke 18:3
 Sermon: "Justice and Mercy"

Sunday, 13 November, 2016

26st Sunday Sunday after Pentecost - Liturgical Color: Green
 1st Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8
 2nd Reading: Luke 5:8-10
 Sermon: "Lord of All"

Sunday, 20 November, 2016

Christ the King/reign of Christ - Liturgical Color: White
 1st Reading: Jeremiah 36:1-8, 21-23, 27-28; 31:31-34
 2nd Reading: Luke 22:19-20
 Sermon: "Upon Their Hearts"

Sunday, 27 November, 2016

1st Sunday of Advent - Liturgical Color: Blue/Purple
 1st Reading: Daniel 6:6-27
 2nd Reading: Luke 23:1-5
 Sermon: "Facing the King"



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.

Communities affected by Hurricane Matthew
 Communities affected by recent acts of violence
 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
 Mary Chadwick, Dink Armstrong's sister
 David Childress, Beverly Childress' brother
 Evelyn Lichvar, her son, Martin, and her brother, Rick Lichvar (health issues)
 Becky Smith
 Russell Heiser, Ingrid Phoenix's grandson (health issues)
 Helen & Grace Cibula
 Elizabeth Scott
 Kenneth & Sue Andrews, Childress family's friends
 Jimmy Clark
 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)
 Mila Campen, Ann Hartsell's mother (rectal cancer diagnosis)
 Eleanor Jones
 Vivian Johnes (improved, at-home rehab)
 Butch Meade, Glenda Mayhew's brother
 Teresa Knott, PG County employee (health issue)
 Billy Robertson (home, feeling better)
 Emily Hudson, Rose Scott's niece (continued recov., home)
 Eileen Mozucha (continued recov., home)
 Michelle Coleman (health issues & recov.)
 Mae Grammer, Dianne Overstreet's friend
 Ralph Summerson
 George Poulson
 Aida Faries (unable to receive transplant)
 Mary Tate, Grace & Helen Cibula's great-niece (health issue)
 Inez Paul, Mary Holc's mother (moved into Brighter Living)
 Courtney Stewart, friend of the Hunters (Duke Hospital)
 Family/friends of Bill Gill

ANNOUNCEMENTS



GATEKEEPER:
Dennis Allen

Daylight Saving Time ends 2:00 a.m.
Sun., Nov. 6 (Clocks “Fall back” 1 hour.)

The Gregory Choir will meet at 2:00 p.m. on Sundays & also at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays from Nov 1-Dec. 14 to prepare for the Dec. 18 Christmas Cantata.

Paint Class: Homecoming Committee has planned an exciting fund-raiser for Tuesday, November 22 from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Class will be guided through the process of painting their own interpretations of

an artist’s Christmas-themed painting. Cost: \$45 per person, all supplies included. Register at asouthernbrush.com, or contact Valerie Harsh. If paying by check, make check payable to: Kerry Rosier.

Ecumenical Thanksgiving service and dinner will be held by Church of the Sacred Heart on Sunday, Nov. 20 at 6:30 p.m. The Church and Knights of Columbus will host a buffet dinner immediately after the service.

Advent Kick-off will be held Thursday, Dec. 8 from 5-7:00 pm. More details later.

Angel Tree gift deadline: Sun., Dec. 18

Gregory Memorial is now on YouTube! Jason’s sermons are being recorded and posted on YouTube each week. Check Gregory’s Facebook page for the links, or search YouTube.com for Sunday’s sermon!

Holiday Office Hrs. – 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Nov.: Mon., Tues., Wed. (11/21-23)
Dec.: Mon., Tues., Wed. (12/19-21) & Mon., Tues., Wed., (12/26-28)




FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY

NOVEMBER 6	
NOVEMBER 13	
NOVEMBER 20	
NOVEMBER 27	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

GATEKEEPER:  Dennis Allen	NOV. 6 2 a.m. End Daylight Saving Time	NOV. 13	NOV. 20	NOV. 27 1 st Sunday in Advent
Ushers	Bobby Allen Donna Allen Velma Allen Larry Johnson	Jerry Hasky Wayne Powers Glenda Mayhew Les Mayhew	Sheila Fields Janet Swinton Marguerite Bishop Valerie Harsh	Robert Hartsell Dianne Overstreet Rose Scott Wayne Powers
Announcements	Larry Johnson	Rose Scott	Dianne Overstreet	Valerie Harsh
Junior Sermon	Valerie Harsh	Minister	Valerie Harsh	Patsy Johnson
Junior Church	Pat Hunter Kaitlyn Hartsell	Rose Scott Austin Smyth	Marguerite Bishop Jamie Meurer	Mary Holc Jared Smyth
Counting	David Johnson Kevin Foster	Ron Recher Glenda Mayhew	Donald Hunter Mary Kay Schroeter	David Johnson Rose Scott

WHAT’S JASON READING



For church: On Job: God-Talk and the Suffering of the Innocent (Gutierrez, Gustavo).

For school: Report from Engine Company 82 (Smith, Dennis). **For fun:** Moses, Man of the Mountain (Hurston, Zora Neale).

A THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Oh, Heavenly Father, We thank thee for food and remember the hungry.

We thank thee for health and remember the sick.

We thank thee for freedom and remember the enslaved.

May these remembrances stir us to service

That thy gifts to us may be used for others. Amen.

Have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

- Pauline Phillips



✓ CCHASM's Thanksgiving Meal Gift Package Program

Donation of a \$15.00 Food Store Gift Card, A Bag of Thanksgiving Food, or Your Cash Donation toward a gift card or gift package for a family in need with a Thanksgiving Meal (and lots of leftovers). In 2014 CCHASM was able to provide Thanksgiving Meal Gift a \$15.00 Gift Card to 2,221 families (over 8,500 adults and children). Our program goal this year is to reach 3000 families.

Your donation will be greatly welcomed to help area residents and may be sent to CCHASM at PO Box 1741, Chesterfield, VA 23832. Or, you can make a secure donation through our website www.cchasm.org, or bring your grocery items to the Chesterfield County Fairground Exhibition Center Monday Nov. 14th from 10 AM – 5 PM, and Tuesday Nov. 15th from Noon - 7 PM.

Each Thanksgiving Meal Gift Package will include the following food items plus a \$15 Gift Card to purchase a turkey:

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| 1 – 40 ounce can of yams or sweet potatoes | 2 – boxes or packages stuffing mix |
| 1 – 13 ounce box of instant mashed potatoes | 2 – cans or packages of gravy |
| 1 – 14 ounce can of cranberry sauce | 1 – box of hot chocolate |
| 2 – 15 ounce cans of corn | 1 – box tea bags |
| 2 – 15 ounce cans of green vegetables | 1 – box or bag of cookies |

CCHASM is a 501 (c) (3) whose mission is: *To provide food, financial assistance, and career clothing to area residents who have experienced or are in an emergency situation which threatens their survival needs.* CCHASM has been serving area residents for over 27 years through its 25 Alliance Food Pantries, Clothes Closet for Women, and with utility, rent, and other financial assistance as funds are available. Its largest program of the year is the Thanksgiving Meal Gift Package Program.

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NOVEMBER, 2016

GATEKEEPER: Dennis Allen

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
		12:30 pm Circle 5:30-8:30 pm GS Troop 5000, Fellowship Hall 6:00 pm Cong. Care 7:00 pm Facilities 7:00 pm Worship	7:00 pm Choir	2-8:00 pm Cleaning		9:30 am Presbyterian Women's. Fall Gathering, 1 st Presbyterian Church, Hopewell, Va.
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<u>2:00 am Daylight</u> <u>Saving Time ends</u> 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 2:00 pm Choir		<u>Election Day</u> 6:30 pm Outreach 6:30 pm Missions	7:00 pm Choir	2-8:00 pm Cleaning	<u>Veterans Day</u>	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 2:00 pm Choir	6-7:00 pm GS Troop 553, Fellowship Hall	5:30-8:30 pm GS Troop 5000, Fellowship Hall	7:00 pm Choir	9:00 am News articles in 2-8:00 pm Cleaning 7:00 pm Stewardship & Finance		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 2:00 pm Choir 6:30 pm Ecumen. Thanksgiving service & dinner, Church of the Sacred Heart	OFFICE OPEN	OFFICE OPEN 7:00 pm Paint Class fund- raiser (sign-up required)	OFFICE OPEN 2:00 pm Newsletter out 2-8:00 pm Cleaning 7:00 pm Choir	OFFICE CLOSED <u>Thanksgiving</u>		
27	28	29	30			
<u>Advent begins</u> 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship <i>5 Cents a Meal</i> <i>Offering</i> 2:00 pm Choir <i>Last day to reserve</i> <i>Poinsettias</i>	6-7:00 pm GS Troop 553, Fellowship Hall 7:00 pm Christian Ed	5:30-8:30 pm GS Troop 5000, Fellowship Hall	7:00 pm Choir 2:00 pm Committee. Reports in <i>Poinsettias</i> <i>ordered</i>			

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NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER



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

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[Sermons on Youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)
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