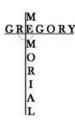
THE HERALD



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Dear Saints and Friends of Gregory Memorial,



"Ask, and it shall be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened."

~Matthew 7:7-8

"I thought it was weird when you picked us to make a documentary. But all in all, I think an ordinary paper company like Dunder Mifflin was a great subject for a documentary. There's a lot of beauty in ordinary things. Isn't that kind of the point?"

hese were the last lines of a television series, one which Megan and I watched regularly. It was a show styled like a documentary, following the everyday, ordinary lives of the employees of a paper company. On the surface level, it might seem like there was nothing exciting or interesting about such a place, or the people that worked there. But as the series came to a close, one particular worker, Pam, looked back on her time there and realized, "There's a lot of beauty in ordinary things. Isn't that kind of the point?"

It's not surprising to me that, even though she's a fictional character on a TV show, Pam was a Presbyterian.

We're entering the long season of Ordinary Time in our church life, a season which will last long enough that the green paraments in our sanctuary might gather dust under other circumstances. We'll be in Ordinary Time, without break, from the middle of June to the end of November – 23 weeks, in all.

And in looking at our calendar, it doesn't seem like a whole lot is going on. There are no major holidays in the church (Christmas and Easter are now a long ways off), and as we head into summer we realize that families and friends will be going off in several different directions, at various times. That's not to say that we won't have

some great events offered (more on that later in the newsletter!), but everything is pretty much...ordinary.

We might be tempted to think that it's just ho-hum, day-to-day business. We might be tempted to think that one day is much like the previous, and will be much like the one to come. We might be lulled into the thought that summer really is just a lazy time to be passed until something happens again.

But if we fall into this temptation, we miss out on so much more! A sign that I drive by regularly here in Prince George often proclaims, "Eyes of faith see God in everything." This, coupled with Pam's thought above, help to remind us that God is, in fact everywhere and in every time, and in this is great beauty. In this understanding, every single thing we do throughout every single day is an opportunity to recognize and embrace God's beauty, in our world, made known to us in Christ's love.

Ordinary time, then, is an amazing invitation to seek out God's presence and beauty, to join in embracing it, and to proclaim it to those around us! How wonderful, then, to be Ordinary!

> With you on the journey, Pastor Jason



WORSHIP INFORMATION FOR JUNE, 2017

Sunday, 4 June 2017 – Holy Communion

"Day of Pentecost" - Liturgical Color: Red 1st Reading: Acts 2:1-4 ~ 2nd Reading: Galatians 4:1-7 Sermon: "What Are We Waiting For?"

Sunday, 11 June 2017

"Trinity Sunday" - Liturgical Color: White 1st Reading: Genesis 1:1-2:4a ~ 2nd Reading: Matthew 28:16-20 Sermon: "Alpha and Omega"

Sunday, 18 June 2017 ("Father's Day")
"2nd Sunday after Pentecost" - Liturgical Color: Green 1st Reading: Genesis 18:1-15 ~ 2nd Reading: Matthew 9:35-10:8 Sermon: Guest Preacher (Leah Epps)

Sunday, 25 June 2017 "3rd Sunday after Pentecost" - Liturgical Color: Green 1^{st} Reading: Genesis 21:8-21 ~ 2^{nd} Reading: Matthew 10:24-39 Sermon: Guest Preacher (Charlie Summers)



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.

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 Evelyn Lichvar, her son, Rick, and her brother, Martin (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

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)

Eileen Mozucha (continued recov., home)

Michelle Coleman (health issues & recov.)

Ralph Summerson George Poulson

Gene Vasek (health issue)

T. J. Webb Jane & Ralph Arehart, Glenda Mayhew's friends (health issues)

Irma Honeycutt, Dave & Patsy Johnson's friend (health issue)

Courtney Stewart, friend of the Hunters (Duke Hospital)

Adrienne Wallace, member of Hopewell News staff

Barbara Taliaferro (recov., knee surgery)

Harvey Spain, (recov., heart surgery)

Kay Slade, Rose Scott's friend (health issue)

Ed Armstrong (home, going through dialysis)

Ron Woody (health issues)

Carrie King (health issues)

Tull Family (Joe's re-assignment)

Mila Campen (hospice care)

Gladys Wiseman (home)

Sandy Eickmeyer (recov., home w/physical therapy)

Matt Metschke, Mattie-Lynn's dad (lap-band surgery, recov., home)

Perry Lewis

Roger Overstreet (continued health concerns)

Emily Henry, Mary Holc's sister (health issue)

Family/friends of Jerry J. Skalsky, long-serving member, PG

Board of Supervisors (d. 5/24)

ANNOUNCEMENTS



GATEKEEPER:

Charles Smyth

What's your favorite hymn? As we move into summer, Jason invites us to sing our favorites, and to help guide him in picking them, he'd like you to tell him your favorite hymn(s) so that they can be incorporated into worship! Look for the submission slips in the Narthex, and hand them to him, leave them in his box, or place them in the collection plate!

June 4: Holy Communion – Day of Pentecost; Pentecost Offering; Luncheon honoring the Tull Family.

June 18: Father's Day: collection of Project Baby Bottle donations.

June Session meeting moved to July 10.

June 24: Flying Squirrels Game! Details TBA.

July 9: "Sunday in the Park!" Details TBA.

July 10: Session meeting, 7:00 p.m.

July 13: Special program for families (Juggler: Jonathan Austin), followed by ice cream. Details TBA.

August 15: Cook-out dinner followed by entertainment (Christian-themed Clown). Details TBA.

August Session meeting moved to Sep. 19.

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Missed the sermon? GMPC's sermons are on YouTube each week. Check Gregory's Facebook page for the links, or search YouTube.com for Sunday's sermon.

FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY

JUNE 4	
JUNE 11	Rose Scott
JUNE 18	
JUNE 25	

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 2017

GATEKEEPER: Charles Smyth	"Day of Pentecost" JUNE 4	"Trinity Sunday" JUNE 11	"Father's Day" JUNE 18	JUNE 25	
Ushers	Bobby Allen	Jerry Hasky	Sheila Fields	Robert Hartsell	
	Donna Allen	Brenda Bond	Janet Swinton	Dianne Overstreet	
	Velma Allen	Glenda Mayhew	Marguerite Bishop	Rose Scott	
	Larry Johnson	Les Mayhew	Valerie Harsh	Wayne Powers	
Announcements	Larry Johnson	Rose Scott	Dianne Overstreet	verstreet Valerie Harsh	
Junior Sermon	Megan Cashing	Minister	Susan Walker	Valerie Harsh	
Junior Church	Tara Foster	Karen Tull	Valerie Harsh	Morgan Ingram Josh Ingram	
Counting	Morgan Ingram Blake Bishop	Donald Hunter Megan Cashing	David Johnson Rose Scotts	Sandy Hunter Glenda Mayhew	



WHAT'S JASON READING?

For School: Perspectives on Ecclesiology and Ethnography (Pete Ward, Editor).

For Church: Nothing, focusing on school readings.

For Fun: Wilderness Essays (John Muir).

SUMMER OF FUN FOR THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY PRESENTED BY THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Christian Ed is celebrating the Christian family with several special events during the upcoming months. Since we are all children of God, the events are being designed so "children of all ages" will be able to participate and enjoy. It is also our hope that everyone will take this opportunity to invite friends and family to join us. A personal invitation from you may be all that is needed to get a new family into our church.

Our first big event will be held on June 24th. A Party Deck has already been reserved at the

Diamond so that we can enjoy a Squirrel's game in style.

The Party Deck will accommodate 24 fans, so this event will be on a first come first serve basis. More information on tickets will be forth coming but you will want to mark your calendar for this fun event.

In July we will be treated to a juggling performance by Jonathan Austin. He is well known in the Richmond area and promises to give a performance that everyone will enjoy and be talking about for days. The date for this is July 13th.

After the show we will enjoy ice cream sundaes.

On August 15th a cook out is in the planning stages with entertainment to follow. A Christian clown is joining us and plans to give us a lot of after dinner laughs. What a wonderful way to spend a summer evening together.

As you can see this summer at Gregory will offer good wholesome family fun. These are events that everyone can enjoy and will provide YOU with the opportunity to ask a friend to church. Mark your calendars!

HOLY HUMOR

GOD HATES B.S. Before beginning the service, the pastor read aloud a note he'd been handed moments earlier. "It says here that I should announce that there will be no B.S. tomorrow morning," he said. He smiled as he tucked the piece of paper into a pocket and added, "I'm hoping they mean 'Bible Study.""

While visiting his grandparents, a small boy opened the big family Bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly, something fell out. He picked it up and found that it was an old, large leaf that had been pressed

flat between the pages. "Mama, look what I found!" he called out.

"What have you got there, dear?" his mother asked.

With astonishment in his voice, the boy answered, "I think it's Adam's underwear!"

Two boys were walking home from church after hearing a strong preaching on the devil. One said to the other, "What do you think about all this Satan stuff?"

The other boy replied, "Well, you know how Santa Claus turned out. It's probably just your dad."



Moses' first and last day as a lifeguard.

GATEKEEPER: Charles Smyth

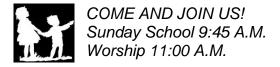
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				2p Church				
				Cleaning				
Day of Pentecost	5	6 7	7	8	9	10		
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1a Worship		Care						
Service								
1a Holy								
Communion								
1aPentecost								
offering								
2:15p Tull Family								
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1 Trinity Sunday	12	13	14	15	16	17		
:45a Sunday			7p Choir Practice					
school				Cleaning				
1a Worship	-			2p News articles in	_			
Service				7p Stewardship &				
1a "Project Baby				Finance				
Bottle" collection	-							
8 Father's Day	19	20	21	22	23	24		
:45a Sunday		5:30p GS 5000	7p Choir Practice			6:00p Flying		
school				Cleaning		Squirrels group		
1a Worship				2p Newsletter out		event		
Service					_			
1a Guest preacher	1				-			
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