

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?”*

These 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

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 2:1-4 ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Galatians 4:1-7

Sermon: “What Are We Waiting For?”

### Sunday, 11 June 2017

“Trinity Sunday” - Liturgical Color: White

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Genesis 1:1-2:4a ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Matthew 28:16-20

Sermon: “Alpha and Omega”

### Sunday, 18 June 2017 (“Father’s Day”)

“2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost” - Liturgical Color: Green

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Genesis 18:1-15 ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Matthew 9:35-10:8

Sermon: Guest Preacher (Leah Epps)

### Sunday, 25 June 2017

“3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost” - Liturgical Color: Green

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Genesis 21:8-21 ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

Courtney Stewart, friend of the Hunters (Duke Hospital)  
 Adrienne Wallace, member of Hopewell News staff  
 Irma Honeycutt, Dave & Patsy Johnson's friend (health issue)  
 Harvey Spain, (recov., heart surgery)  
 Ed Armstrong (home, going through dialysis)  
 T. J. Webb  
 Jane & Ralph Arehart, Glenda Mayhew's friends (health issues)  
 Gene Vasek (health issue)  
 Barbara Taliaferro (recov., knee surgery)  
 Kay Slade, Rose Scott's friend (health issue)  
 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

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

*"Heaven goes by favor. If it went by merit, you would stay out and your dog would go in." ~ Mark Twain*



## 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 24<sup>th</sup>. 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 forthcoming 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 13<sup>th</sup>.

After the show we will enjoy ice cream sundaes.

On August 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

~ JUNE 2017 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3:
				2p Church Cleaning		
4 Day of Pentecost	5	6	7	8	9	10
9:45a Sunday School		5:30p GS 5000	7p Choir Practice	2p Church Cleaning		
11a Worship Service		6:00 pm Cong. Care				
11a Holy Communion						
11aPentecost offering						
12:15p Tull Family luncheon						
11 Trinity Sunday	12	13	14	15	16	17
9:45a Sunday School			7p Choir Practice	2p Church Cleaning		
11a Worship Service				2p News articles in		
11a "Project Baby Bottle" collection				7p Stewardship & Finance		
18 Father's Day	19	20	21	22	23	24
9:45a Sunday School		5:30p GS 5000	7p Choir Practice	2p Church Cleaning		6:00p Flying Squirrels group event
11a Worship Service				2p Newsletter out		
11a Guest preacher						
25	26	27	28	29	30	
9:45a Sunday School			2p Committee	2p Church Cleaning	2:00 pm Committee reports in	
11a 5 Cents-a-Meal offering			2p Committee Reports due			
11a Worship Service			7p Choir Practice			
11a Guest preacher						

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***JUNE NEWSLETTER***



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

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*Sermons on Youtube.com*  
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