

Dear Saints and Friends of Gregory Memorial,



*"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."*

*-Matthew 5:14-16*

I was recently listening to an interview with Dave Jaegler, who supplies the radio play-by-play for the Washington Nationals (along with Charlie Slows). He was commenting that play-by-play is one of his favorite things to do, announcing with excitement the plays on the field and especially the "first of their kind" plays...listing off the highlights of the game, the things that get the fans excited and bring a great, positive energy to the game and the atmosphere.

He also mentioned, humorously, that he never intentionally set out to get into radio announcing. "I actually started doing it not for our high school radio, but when I was player out in left field. There just wasn't a whole lot going on, and to pass the time I would mentally call a play-by-play of what everyone else was doing!"

It got me wondering, though, what would be the highlights here at Gregory Memorial? I would imagine that the daily play-by-play would be a bit slow ('Jason is seated at the desk, his usual posture, as he reads commentary on Sunday's Scripture...still reading...He takes a sip of coffee, aaand...back to the commentary.'). but the highlights? The exciting plays? Those are always worth announcing.

And so I thought I might bring some of those back to our attention. Here are some highlights that can be attributed to Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church:

- We host two Girl Scouts troops;
- We host a Boy Scouts troop, with a history of more than 40 years;
- We host both a Cub Scouts pack and a Venture Crew;
- We host support groups through The James House;
- We support and make possible a preschool that goes back more than 30 years;
- We support the Food Bank & Clothes Closet, which we helped to begin 35 years ago, and remain committed to its work;
- We hosted National Night Out, for at least 5 years;
- We support our area Fire & EMS, directly and indirectly, and several of the founding members of the first company 60 years ago were/are members of Gregory Memorial;

- We have sent youth and adults alike to Tri-Cities WorkCamp, and have done so for nearly 20 years (as well as fed those campers);
- We are actively engaged in mission, designating a full 10% of our income to mission efforts around the region, country, and world;
- We host the community for cookies & hot cocoa after the annual Christmas Parade;
- We have been part of mission & rebuilding trips, both in our area and in other parts of our country;
- We have supported the soldiers and families of Fort Lee;
- We are committed to making our community the best it can be for its residents;
- We are small, but mighty: Each and every member, in ways seen & unseen, cares for each other and reaches out to support, love, and lift up one another.

These are some of our highlights, and I'm sure I've accidentally left something off the list. It is worth remembering, and celebrating all that has been done and continues to be done, for it has not been us at work, but the Spirit of the Lord through us.

Something else came to mind as I listened to Dave Jaegler's interview: he began calling play-by-play not as a passive observer, but as one who was actively participating in the game. And this is true for us: We are at our best when participating. I know that, especially in this day and age, life often does not have enough hours in the day for all our commitments. But we cannot do what we do without your active and present participation. Thank you for all you do, but bless you for being a part of this congregation. And if you haven't been able to make it for a while, know that we miss you, and eagerly await your return. Great things are on the horizon.

With you on the journey,  
Pastor Jason



## WORSHIP INFORMATION FOR OCTOBER, 2017

### Sunday, 1 October 2017 –“World Communion Sunday”

#### **Peace & Global Witness Offering**

17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost - Liturgical Color: Green

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Exodus 2:23-25; 3:1-15; 4:10-17 \* 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: John 1:50-51

Sermon: “An Historical Name”

### Sunday, 8 October 2017

18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost - Liturgical Color: Green

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Exodus 16:1-18 \* 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: John 6:51

Sermon: Pulpit Supply

### Sunday, 15 October 2017

19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost - Liturgical Color: Green

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1-21 \* 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: John 20:21-23

Sermon: “Voices in the Night”

### Sunday, 22 October 2017

20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost - Liturgical Color: Green

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1-13 \* 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: John 7:24

Sermon: “True Sight”

### Sunday, 29 October 2017

21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost - Liturgical Color: Green

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 1 Kings 5:1-5; 8:1-13 \* Reading: John 2:19-21

Sermon: “Moving Day”



**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.

Those affected by recent hurricanes & the emergency responders  
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 & H. F. Scott, Jr.  
Kenneth & Sue Andrews, Childress family's friends  
Jimmy Clark  
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  
T. J. Webb  
Jane & Ralph Arehart, Glenda Mayhew's friends (health issues)  
Gene Vasek (health issue)  
Ron Woody (health issues)  
Gladys Wiseman (home)  
Roger Overstreet (continued health concerns)  
Eddie Frankenstein, ret. PGPD Chief (health issues)  
Steve “Dee” Shortt, Kim Helmer Shortt's husband (health issue)  
Charles Story  
Shirley MacNeil (health issues)  
Marguerite Bishop (broken foot)  
Perry Lewis (pneumonia)  
Bill Langston, friend of David Johnson (recov., bypass surgery)  
Debbie Hudson, friend of Susan Walker (upcoming surgery)  
Kathy Sulc, Susan Walker's friend (loss of husband)  
Teens involved in ATV accident  
Brendan Scott, Rose Scott's grandson (eye issues)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GATEKEEPER:**

Doug Holc

**Oct. 1:** “World Communion Sunday”; Holy Communion; Peace & Global Witness Offering

**Oct. 3:** Circle, Fellowship Hall, 12:30 p.m.; Congregational Care, 6 p.m.; GS Troop 5000, 6-8 p.m.

**Oct. 10:** GS Troop 553, 6-8 p.m.; Preschool Bd. Dir. meeting, 6 p.m.; Mission-Outreach committees, 7 p.m.

**Oct. 11:** GM Preschoolers’ “Picture Day” (school photos); 9:30 a.m.

**Oct. 14:** Church Fall Workday/ general cleanup (w/breakfast for volunteers in Fellowship Hall), 8:00 a.m.

**Oct. 17:** GS Troop 5000, 6-8 p.m.

**Oct. 18:** GM Preschoolers’, parents & staff field trip to Boulevard Flowers’ Pumpkin Patch on Ruffin Mill Road.

**Oct. 19:** News articles due in church office, 2 p.m.; Stewardship & Finance 7 p.m.

**Oct. 26:** GM Preschoolers’ Hallowe’en Costume Party, Fellowship Hall, 11 a.m.; Newsletter out, 2 p.m.

**Oct 28:** (These uses are concurrent:) Eagle Honor Court (Nall), Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall; Order of Arrow Hallowe’en Party; Fellowship Hall, 1-9 p.m.

**Oct. 29:** 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Potluck Lunch (Fellowship Hall), 12:15 p.m.

**Oct. 31:** Committee reports due in office, 2 p.m.; GS Troop 5000 Hallowe’en Party, Fellowship Hall, 6 p.m.



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

## FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY

OCTOBER	1	
OCTOBER	8	Hunters
OCTOBER	15	Rose Scott
OCTOBER	22	
OCTOBER	29	Haskeys

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 – OCTOBER, 2017

<b><u>GATEKEEPER:</u></b> 🔑 Doug Holc	<b>OCT. 1</b>	<b>OCT. 8</b>	<b>OCT. 15</b>	<b>OCT. 22</b>	<b>OCT. 29</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	Sheila Fields Janet Swinton Marguerite Bishop Valerie Harsh	Robert Hartsell Dianne Overstreet Rose Scott Wayne Powers	Charles Smyth Jared Smyth Morgan Ingram Josh Ingram	Bobby Allen Donna Allen Velma Allen Larry Johnson	Jerry Hasky Brenda Bond Glenda Mayhew Les Mayhew
<b>Announcements</b>	Dianne Overstreet	Valerie Harsh	Mary Kay Schroeter	Larry Johnson	Rose Scott
<b>Junior Sermon</b>	Patsy Johnson	Minister	Pat Hunter	Megan Cashing	Susan Walker
<b>Junior Church</b>	Megan Cashing	Jennifer Smyth	Patsy Johnson	Susan Walker	Pat Hunter
<b>Counting</b>	Donald Hunter Mary Kay Schroeter	David Johnson Blake Bishop	Sandy Hunter Megan Cashing	Morgan Ingram Rose Scott	Donald Hunter Megan Cashing

“Faith enables persons to be persons because it lets God be God.” Carter Lindberg

## WHAT'S JASON READING?



### STILL READING....

**For School:** Various journal articles on resilience and traumatic stress

**For Church:** "Acedia & Me"  
(Kathleen Norris)

**For Fun:** "The Hobbit" (J.R.R. Tolkien)



### Third Sunday Luncheons are returning, but they're taking on a new day and becoming Fifth Sunday Luncheons!

Whenever we have a month with a Fifth Sunday, we'll have a potluck luncheon followed by discussion on a topic, led by Jason. The topic for October 29 will be centered around an update on Jason's degree work, the project he's designing, and how you can help (and he needs your help!). Plan to stick around after worship for good food & fellowship, followed by good discussion!

**Scholarship Committee is accepting applications through November 1** for eligible applicants for the spring semester. Remember that awards are a once/year award, so the applicant cannot have received a scholarship award from us in the past year.

### Do you struggle to pay for your prescriptions? Uninsured? We can help. Call Susie's Fund for Medication

**Assistance (804) 541-7464** Susie's Fund for Medication Assistance is a new, local program connecting uninsured people who can't pay for their prescription medication with free drug programs and the CrossOver Community Pharmacy. If you qualify, the prescriptions you need will be made available to you at no cost. You must have no prescription insurance, and your household income must be less than a certain amount depending on the number of people in your family. To apply, just give us a call at (804) 541-7464.

Made possible by the Ursula M. Gibbs Medication Endowment at John Randolph Foundation. Services provided by CrossOver Healthcare Ministry in partnership with John Randolph Medical Center.

## HOLY HUMOR

**CATS.** It seems... a newly discovered chapter in the Book of Genesis has provided the answer to the question, "Where do pets come from?"

Adam said, "Lord, when I was in the garden, you walked with me every day. Now I don't see you anymore. I'm lonesome here."

And God said, "No problem! I will create a companion who will be a reflection of my love for you. Regardless of how selfish or unlovable you may be, this new companion will accept you as you are and will love you as I do, in spite of yourself."

And God created a new animal to be Adam's companion. And it was a good animal. And God was pleased. The new animal was pleased to be with Adam and wagged his tail. And Adam said,

"Lord, I cannot think of a name for this new animal." And God said, "No problem, because I have created this new animal to be a reflection of my love for you. His name will be a reflection of my own name. You will call him 'Dog.'"

And Dog lived with Adam and was a companion to him and loved him. And Adam was comforted. And God was pleased. And Dog was content and wagged his tail.

After a while, it came to pass that Adam's guardian angel came to the Lord and said, "Lord, Adam has become filled with pride. He struts and preens like a peacock and believes he is worthy of adoration. Dog has indeed taught him that he is loved, perhaps too well."

And the Lord said, "No problem! I will create for him a companion who

will be with him forever and who will see him as he is. The companion will remind him of his limitations, so he will know that he is not always worthy of adoration."

And God created CAT to be a companion to Adam. And Cat would not obey Adam. And when Adam gazed into Cat's eyes, he was reminded that he was not the supreme being. And Adam learned humility.

And God was pleased. And Adam was pleased. And Dog was pleased.

*And.... Cat didn't care one way or the other.*



## ~ OCTOBER 2017 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1 “World Communion Sunday”</b> <b>9:45a</b> Sunday School <b>11a</b> Worship Service & Holy Communion <b>11a</b> Peace & Global Witness Offering	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>12:30p</b> Circle <b>6-8p</b> GS Tr 5000 <b>6p</b> Congre. Care	<b>4</b> <b>7p</b> Choir Practice	<b>5</b> <b>2p</b> Clean church <b>2p</b> Session agenda out	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> <b>9:45a</b> Sunday School <b>11a</b> Worship Service  Flowers: Hunters	<b>9</b> Columbus Day	<b>10</b> <b>6-8p</b> GS Tr 553 <b>6p</b> Preschool Bd. Directors Triannual Meeting <b>7p</b> Mission-Outreach combined committees	<b>11</b> <b>9:30a</b> Preschool Pictures <b>7p</b> Choir Practice	<b>12</b> <b>2p</b> Church Cleaning	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 8a Church Workday/general cleaning w//breakfast for volunteers in, Fellowship Hall
<b>15</b> <b>9:45a</b> Sunday School <b>11a</b> Worship Service  Flowers: R. Scott	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <b>6-8p</b> GS Tr 5000	<b>18</b> Preschool Pumpkin Patch Field Trip <b>7p</b> Choir Practice	<b>19</b> <b>2p</b> Church Cleaning <b>2p</b> News articles due <b>7p</b> Stewardship & Finance	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <b>8:30a</b> POJ meeting
<b>22</b> <b>9:45a</b> Sunday School <b>11a</b> Worship Service <b>11a</b> 5 Cents-a-Meal Offering	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <b>7p</b> Choir Practice	<b>26</b> <b>11:30a</b> Preschool Hallowe'en party <b>2p</b> Church Cleaning <b>2p</b> Newsletter out	<b>27</b>	<b>28 (Concurrent:)</b> <b>1-9p</b> Eagle Honor Court (Nall), Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall <b>1-9p</b> OA Hallowe'en Party; Fellowship Hall
<b>29</b> <b>9:45a</b> Sunday School <b>11a</b> Worship Service 11a Local Emergency Aid Offering <b>12:15p</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Potluck Lunch (Fellowship Hall)  Flowers: R. Hasky	<b>30</b>	<b>31 “Hallowe'en”</b> <b>2p</b> Committee Reports due <b>6-8p</b> GS Tr 5000 Hallowe'en party				

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