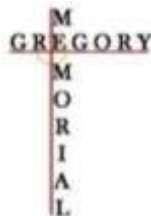


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Dear Gregory Memorial,
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

New Beginnings

By Reverend Beverly Bullock



**A clean slate, a fresh start, a new beginning,
a blank page, a second chance, a sin forgiven,
a heart mended and a soul healed!**

We live in a weary world. So much seems broken; so much seems lost. We seek healing. These desires, these desperate personal and communal needs often come to us in a whispered siren-song. Gift-wrapped in three simple words: "Happy New Year", they may tempt some of us to believe that all of this can be achieved by our sheer will. In time, the illusion fades or crumbles, and we come to the realization that we cannot do it alone – we need the Lord, and we need one another!

As followers of the Christ, we continue to seek God's kingdom in the midst of it all. While the Gregorian calendar ushers in the Year of our Lord 2013, our Liturgical New Year began on The First Sunday In Advent, December 2, 2012. As Valentine's Day merchandise fills the store aisles this January, we will uphold and cherish: The Epiphany of Our Lord (the Wise Men arrive after a *long journey*) and the Baptism

of our Lord (down by the river with Cousin John and blessings from Dad).

Remembering who and whose we are, we will note that January 1st is not the ultimate hope for new beginnings – Jesus is. Because of his sacrifice, we all are assured a fresh start and a second chance with him each and every day!

My prayer for the world in 2013 is to be found in the image above as recorded in the Book of Numbers 6:24-26. Known in the original Biblical Hebrew as "Birkat Kohanim", it is known to most of us as the "Aaronic Benediction." Ancient and poignant, this priestly blessing calls forth God's blessing upon us and instructs us to be a blessing to others in return.

Happy New Year, Hallelujah, and Amen.
Rev. Bev

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Worship Information for January 2013 Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church

Sunday, 06 January 2013

Epiphany of The Lord

Liturgical Color: White

Old Testament: Isaiah 60:1-8

New Testament: Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon: "Wouldn't Take Nothin' For My Journey"

Sunday, 13 January 2013

Baptism of The Lord

Liturgical Color: White

Old Testament: Isaiah 43:1-7

New Testament: Luke 3:1-15, 21-22

Sermon: "Come One, Come All"

Sunday, 20 January 2013

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgical Color: Green

PCUSA Emphasis: Race Relations

Old Testament: Isaiah 62:1-5

New Testament: John 2:1-11

Sermon: "Coloring Inside and Outside the Lines"

Sunday, 27 January 2013

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgical Color: Green

PCUSA Emphasis: Criminal Justice

Guest Minister

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OUR PRAYER IN TIMES OF JOY AND CONCERN.....

Ruby Hasky	All who have lost loved ones to senseless & random violence
Katherine Tompkins	All persons volunteering in Super Storm "Sandy" clean-up
Christine Belsches	The family of Erika Fifer (Morgan Allen's friend)
Marian McDonald	All persons recovering from natural disasters
Gladys Wiseman	Jimmy Belsches (Son of Christine Belsches)
Audrey Turner	Mary Chadwick (Dink Armstrong's sister)
Kenneth Figg	Laura Lambert (Peggy Allen's mother)
Clara Smith	Jim Judkins (David Johnson's cousin)
June Hawks	Ed Smiley (Friend of Doug Holc)
Aida Faries	2012-2013 School Year
Don Vtipil	Frank Solesbee
PNC	Pat Hunter

QUICK CALENDAR EVENTS:

Annual Elder Retreat - Jan. 5,
9:00 am-2:00 pm @ Crater
Criminal Justice Academy

"Relay for Life" Pancake Dinner -
Jan. 8 @ 6:00 pm in GMPC
Fellowship Hall (open to all!)

News Article Deadline - Jan. 17

Holy Communion Dates - 2013

First Sunday in even months:

February 3	August 4
April 7	October 6
June 2	December 1

And Holy Communion on:

March 28 - "Maundy Thursday"
December 24 - "Christmas Eve"

THE CLERK'S CORNER

By David E. Johnson

The following items were approved by Session at their meeting on December 18, 2012:

- Approved the Relay for Life pancake supper to be held at Gregory at 6 p.m. on January 8, 2013.
- Approved the Boy Scout troop to have an Eagle Scout project to build a handicapped ramp at the front of the Temple Building.
- Approved having the annual elder retreat on January 5th, 2013.
- Approved a covenant between Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church and Rev. Beverly Bullock for her to serve as "Temporary Supply Pastor" from January 4, 2013 to May 3, 2013, unless a permanent pastor is called prior to the end of the covenant.

GMPC YOUTH "FISHERS OF MEN" FLOAT LANDS "JUDGES CHOICE"

By Judy Recher

Four years and counting...

December 1, 2012 marked the fourth anniversary of Gregory's participation in the Prince George Christmas Parade and Open House.

And do we have a great track record! Three of those years, our flats have been winners!

Our stats:

2009: Outreach Committee
Winner - "Best Decorated"

2010: Youth Group
Top Winner - "Best In Parade"

2011: Outreach Committee
(Had loads of , but not a winner!)

2012: Youth Group
Winner - "Judges' Choice"
Theme: "Fishers of Men"

The treats....

After each Parade, Gregory has welcomed about 200 people to our Open House, serving them hot chocolate and cookies. This has

been an awesome way to welcome our neighbors and share fellowship with them.

**Well-deserved "Thank-you..."**

The success of this event is largely because of all of the wonderful Gregory bakers who so willingly bake about 70 dozen cookies. The leftovers this year were shared with our church members currently living at Brighter Living and the staff there.

Kudos to all who cheerfully helped with the set-up, serving and the clean-up, too many to name. However, I would like to mention that Brenda Bond was instrumental in getting the ball rolling this year.

And, Keith Spain provided his talents and time to achieve the perfect float, "Fishers of Men", with our young people.

A big "Thanks!" to James River Equipment - Chester

location (Cliff Applewhite, Store Mgr.) for providing the needed horsepower for pulling this year's prize-winning float ----a Model 4520 John Deere Compact Utility Tractor.



2012 GMPC Float "Fishers of Men"

Other photos on website...

Check our website or see the pictures of the float in the Fellowship Hall. It was a wonderful way to kick off the holiday season!

GREGORY MAKES A DIFFERENCE BY HELPING OTHERS IN 2012

By Dianne Overstreet

Thank each of you who supported the Emergency Aid Fund with contributions.



Generous Hearts © and Caring Hands to those in need”

Your contributions go directly to CCHASM to serve the Prince George area residents in need. It is vital that we continue to support CCHASM to help those less fortunate.

For 2012

- ♥ Over 8000 Families Served

through our 23 Alliance Food Pantries at an average surveyed value of \$96.00/visit (family of 4) = \$78,000 in food value.

- ♥ Over \$43,000 in financial assistance to families for rent, utilities, medicine, auto repair, etc.
- ♥ Thanksgiving Meal Gift Package Program – 2331 families served (4898 adults and 3576 children = 8474 individuals), at an approximate value of \$45/pkg. = \$104,895.00
- ♥ Over 200 women assisted with career clothing to help obtain jobs.



Those Who Serve – January, 2013

0++ GATEKEEPER: DOUG HOLC	January 6	January 13	January 20	January 27
Ushers	Wayne Powers Glenda Mayhew Marguerite Bishop Dianne Overstreet	Keith Spain Ruby Spain Jacob Spain Herb Schroeter	Bobby Allen Donna Allen Velma Allen Brenda Bond	Wayne Powers Verne Smith Bobby Allen Rose Scott
Announcements	Jerry Bond	Mary Kay Schroeter	Rose Scott	Jerry Bond
Junior Sermon	Valerie Harsh	Valerie Harsh	Susan Walker	Pat Hunter
Junior Church	Morgan Ingram Josh Ingram	Mary Kay Schroeter Madison Foster	Virginia Maloney Jared Smyth	Mary Beth Coleman Kevin Foster
Nursery	Glenda Mayhew	Ann Hartsell	Jennifer Smyth	Ruby Spain
Counting	Ron Recher Verne Smith	David Johnson Ron Recher	Verne Smith Glenda Mayhew	Sandy Hunter Evelyn Lichvar

Flowers for January 2013

January 6	-
January 13	-
January 20	-
January 27	-

JANUARY, 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
DATES/TIMES FOR ALL COMMITTEES & DUE DATE FOR JANUARY COMMITTEE REPORTS TO BE ANNOUNCED AFTER JAN. 5		New Year's Day	7:00pm Choir Office open	2-8:00pm Cleaning Office open	Office open	9:00am-2:00pm Elder Retreat @ Crater Criminal Justice Academy
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	2:00pm Line Dancing	*Committee Reports Due 6:00pm "Relay for Life" Pancake Dinner (open to all) 7:30pm Evening Circle	7:00pm Choir	2-8:00pm Cleaning		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	2:00pm Line Dancing	7:00 Session Meeting	7:00pm Choir	2-8:00pm Cleaning Newsletter Articles due		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship <i>Minute for Missions</i>	2:00pm Line Dancing		7:00pm Choir	2-8:00pm Cleaning		
27	28	29	30	31		
9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship <i>5 Cents A Meal Offering</i>	2:00pm Line Dancing		7:00pm Choir	2:00-8:00pm Cleaning		



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

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