

# GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

P.O. Box 182 - 6300 Courthouse Road  
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Christians Who Love and Care.

*“Jesus answered him, ‘Those who love me will keep my word,  
and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and  
make our home with them.’”*

*John 14:23*

May 5, 2013

# 2013 BIRTHDAY OFFERING

*of Presbyterian Women*



Each of us must please our neighbor  
for the good purpose of

**BUILDING UP THE NEIGHBOR...**

so that together  
[we] may with one voice  
glorify the God  
and Father of our  
Lord Jesus Christ.

—Romans 15:2, 6\*



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 5, 2013 - 11:00 am

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Liturgical Color: White

PCUSA Emphasis: "Older Adult Week begins; Wills Emphasis

*"Jesus answered him, 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.'"*  
John 14:23

Let us prepare our hearts in silence to meet God's Spirit in worship!

## GOD GATHERS THE PEOPLE

PRELUDE

Sandra Perkins & Gail Rollings

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary Kay Schroeter

PASSING OF THE PEACE/SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

Rev. Jason Cashing

### Call to Worship

One: Alleluia, Christ is risen.

**ALL: The Lord is risen indeed, alleluia!**

One: Let the peoples praise you, O God.

**ALL: Let all the peoples praise!**

\*Opening Hymn

"I Sing the Almighty Power of God"

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### Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Loving God, we confess that we are an anxious people who deny your blessing and fail to keep your word. Forgive us, we pray, for these and all our sins, that we might live in peace and reflect your love in the world; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

\*Congregation: please stand, if able; **bold type read aloud**

A Moment of Silent Confession

**\*Promise of God's Forgiveness**

One: Who is in a position to condemn?

**All: Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.**

One: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

**All: The old life has gone, a new life has begun.**

One: Know that we have been forgiven and be at peace!

**All: Hallelujah, Amen!**

\*Congregational Response (Hymn #734, Gloria Patri)

Minute for Missions

Grace Cibula

The Giving of Our Tithes, Gifts and Selves to God - Offertory

\*Congregational Response (#34 Doxology)

\*Prayer of Dedication

**WE ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD**

Time for Children - Junior Sermon

Patsy Johnson

Choral Anthem

(Children ages 3 – 1<sup>st</sup> grade are invited to leave for Junior Church; older children may pick up a "Worship Board" in the right front pew for their use during the service.)

Bible Readings:      1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 16:9-15      Pg. 900  
                                 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: John 5:1-9      Pg. 866

Sermon      "What the Heart Wants"      Rev. Jason Cashing

\*Reflective Hymn      "Baptized In Water"      Pg. 679



## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### \*We Affirm Our Faith

We believe that the body of Christ is one, and Baptism is the bond of unity in Christ...Baptism enacts and seals what the Word proclaims: God's redeeming grace offered to all people. Baptism is God's gift of grace and also God's summons to respond to that grace. Baptism calls to repentance, to faithfulness, and to discipleship. Baptism gives the church its identity and commissions the church for ministry to the world. *[from The Book of Order]*

### Prayers of the People (in unison)

*All creation lives to praise you, O God.* As the earth yields its blessing, may we honor and protect the precious gifts of nature. Give your church this day a profound sense of the mission to which you now call us. Give to all leaders and people the gift of wisdom and the spirit of peace, that we may walk by your Light as we serve the common good. Give to all who suffer violence, grief, or pain an enduring trust in Jesus that joy will rise again. Guide us to be servants of your Kingdom, proclaiming Good News and healing wherever we may be. Above all, pray with us, as we pray together the way we have been taught: *"Our Father, Who Art in Heaven..."*

\*Departing Hymn

"Christ, You Call Us All To Service

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### Blessing

One: We have been blessed!

**All: We have met for divine worship, as God's people.**

One: We have been blessed!

**All: Our sins have truly been forgiven.**

One: We have been blessed!

**All: We now go out into the world as the body of Christ, witnessing to the Risen Christ. We have been blessed indeed. Hallelujah, Amen!**

\*Pastoral Benediction

\*Choral Benediction

## **-WELCOME TO GREGORY MEMORIAL! -**

We hope and pray that as you worship with us today you may experience the love of God and be encouraged for the coming week. Visitors, make sure to let us know of your presence by completing one of the registration cards in the pews and placing it in the offering plate. We invite both visitors and “regulars” to use the cards to let us know of your prayer requests or special needs.

**VISITOR INFORMATION** --- We have special informational packets for our visitors, both adults and children. Please ask an usher for assistance.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**---We offer engaging classes each Sunday for all ages beginning at 9:45 am. Children, youth and one adult class meet on the second floor of the Educational Building, and another adult class meets downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for coffee in the kitchen before and after class!

**NURSERY & JUNIOR CHURCH**---During the worship service, we provide loving child care for infants and toddlers. Children ages pre-K through 1<sup>st</sup> grade are invited to join their parents in the service through the Time with Children after which they can follow their leaders to a worship-based activity appropriate for their age. For children who remain in the worship service, there are “worship boards” in a box in the front right pew for their learning and enjoyment during the service.

**Contact information:** Expressions of condolence on the passing of Mr. Jimmy Belsches (brother of Alan Belsches and son of the late Christine Belsches), may be mailed to Mr. Alan Belsches, 603 Farrah Circle, Dothan, AL 32301.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS! INSTALLATION CEREMONY OF REV. JASON CASHING** - May 26 at 3:00 pm, GMPC Sanctuary; details TBA.

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## **2013 STEWARDSHIP TO DATE**

<u>The Facts:</u>		<u>The Figures:</u>	
Annual budget expense	\$142,151	Offering 04/07	\$2,596.90
Pledged & projected income	\$127,785	Offering 04/14	\$3,877.00
Monthly budget needs	\$ 11,846	Offering 04/21	\$ 890.20
Weekly budget needs	\$ 2,733	Offering 04/28	\$2,122.00

## **ATTENDANCE: April 28, 2013**

Worship: 66	Sunday School: 19
	Spiritual Enrichment 6
	Fellowship 7
	Youth 1
	One Room 5

## **THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY: May 5 - 18, 2013**

**NOTE: Date & time of the Missions and Personnel Committees' meetings to be announced.**

	<b>May 5-11</b>	<b>May 12- 18</b>
Today	<b>9:45 am</b> Sunday School 05 <b>11:00 am</b> Worship <i>Older Adult Week begins; Wills Emphasis</i>	<b>9:45 am</b> Sunday School 12 <b>11:00 am</b> Worship <i>Mothers Day</i>
Monday	<b>9:30 am</b> Line Dancing 06 <b>6:30 pm</b> Outreach	<b>9:30 am</b> Line Dancing 13
Tuesday	<b>12:30 pm</b> Day Circle 07 <b>6:00 pm</b> Congregational Care <b>7:00 pm</b> Facilities <b>7:00 pm</b> Worship	<b>9:00 am</b> Session agenda reports due 14 <b>6:30 pm</b> Preschool Bd. Qtr. Meeting <b>7:30 pm</b> Evening Circle
Wednesday	<b>7:00 pm</b> Choir 08	<b>7:00 pm</b> Choir 15
Thursday	<b>2-8:00 pm</b> Cleaning 09 <b>6:30 pm</b> Stewardship/Finance	<b>9:00 am</b> News articles due 16 <b>2:00 pm</b> Session agenda out <b>2-8:00 pm</b> Cleaning
Friday	10	17
Saturday	11	<b>6:00 am-12:00pm</b> Fund-raiser: 18 Cub Scout Pack 910 Yard Sale @ GMPC Parking Lot <b>9:00 am-3:00 pm</b> Stewardship Seminar @ Mechanicsville <b>6:00 pm</b> Fund-raiser: Relay for Life @ PGHS Football & Track Field

**MAY GATEKEEPER:** Doug Holc

## SUNDAY SERVANTS

Sunday Servants	Today, May 5, 2013	May 12, 2013
USHERS & ACOLYTES (A)	Keith Spain Ruby Spain Jacob Spain Herb Schroeter  Jared Smyth (A) Austin Smyth (A)	Bobby Allen Donna Allen Velma Allen Jerry Bond  Breeana Hunter (A) Jamie Meurer (A)
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Mary Kay Schroeter	Rose Scott
JUNIOR SERMON	Patsy Johnson	Rev. Cashing
JUNIOR CHURCH	Ann Hartsell Kevin Foster II	Patsy Johnson Breeana Hunter
NURSERY	Virginia Maloney	Susan Walker
COUNTING	David Johnson Kevin Foster	Ron Recher Sheila Fields

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

Ed Smiley (friend of Doug Holc)	Persons & families of those killed/injured in Boston, China, Texas
Aaron Hoover (grandson of Ron & Judy Recher)	All who have lost loved ones to senseless & random violence
Dzhokhar Tsarnaev & family	Rachel Manning & family (Dad - Troop 900 Scoutmaster )
Theresa Faries & family	The Ellis family on loss of Jerry Ellis (grandfather of Justin Ellis-Bowman)
2012-2013 School Year	Sarah Hummel & family (friend of Valerie Harsh), on loss of son in West, Texas disaster
Katherine Tompkins	Harry & Pat Steele (friends of Dianne Overstreet)
Marian McDonald	Maryland Blanchard (friend of Grace & Helen Cibula)
Gladys Wiseman	Virginia Mika (sister of Grace & Helen Cibula)
Frank Solesbee	All persons recovering from natural disasters
Audrey Turner	The Belsches family on loss of Jimmy Belsches, April 21
Kenneth Figg	Charles Lee Smyth (father of Charles Smyth)
Henry Parker	Frankie Meade (mother of Glenda Mayhew)
June Hawks	Mary Chadwick (sister of Armstrong's sister)
Aida Faries	Tommy Forehand (friend of Marguerite & Blake Bishop)
Tara Foster	<b>Joy,</b> that health of Gladys Meurer (mother-in-law/grandmother of Jennifer & Jamie Meurer) continues to improve
Pat Hunter	
Don Vtipil	



# 2013 BIRTHDAY OFFERING

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## WESTMINSTER NEIGHBORHOOD MINISTRIES

CHILD, FAMILY AND ADULT EDUCATION CONNECTION  
Indianapolis, Indiana

Westminster Neighborhood Ministries was selected as the recipient of the 2013 Birthday Offering of Presbyterian Women. For more than 90 years, the Birthday Offering has enabled a long succession of innovative mission projects throughout the world.

In 1922, to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Woman's Auxiliary (PCUS), it was decided that an offering should be made for a specific need. That year, Hallie Paxson Winsborough, superintendent of women's work, visited Miss Dowd's School of Girls in Kochi, Japan. Seeing its needs, she challenged members of the Woman's Auxiliary to give one penny for each year of their lives (or a dollar, if a woman preferred not to reveal her age) as a birthday gift to the school. The tradition continued, as the Woman's Auxiliary became Women of the Church (UPCUSA) in 1948 and Presbyterian Women (PC(USA)) in 1988.

Westminster Neighborhood Ministries, the project chosen to receive a grant in 2013, was endorsed by the Presbytery of White Water Valley and the Synod of Lincoln Trails. It was reviewed in fall 2012 and selected by PW's Creative Ministries Offering Committee.

The actual grant for Westminster Neighborhood Ministries will depend on monies received in 2013. Recognizing the difficult financial times we are experiencing, we are setting the 2013 Birthday Offering goal at \$500,000. We continue to need broad, consistent support from our Presbyterian women, men and community members in order to continue funding mission projects like the one selected for 2013. We ask that you give as you have been blessed, generously and as led by the Holy Spirit.



## BUILDING UP OUR NEIGHBOR

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Westminster Neighborhood Ministries provides vital resources for families in the Near Eastside of Indianapolis, where close to 34 percent of neighborhood families have incomes below the poverty level. Your gifts to the PW Birthday Offering will allow Westminster to expand its educational services, extending service to preschool-age children, expanding its basic adult education program, and providing financial counseling to families so that they can more-effectively improve and sustain their standard of living. Expanded adult services will include job skills training and résumé building, adult literacy and basic math skills, financial counseling and budget building, cooking and fitness training, post-secondary education preparation, and anger management classes.

Your gifts, in the form of a Birthday Offering grant, will enable families served by Westminster to cope with everyday stresses, broaden their horizons, understand their options, improve the quality of their family lives and transform their community.

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To learn more about the Birthday Offering of Presbyterian Women, contact  
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visit [www.presbyterianwomen.org/birthday](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/birthday).

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## 2013 BIRTHDAY OFFERING RECIPIENT

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# **BUILDING UP OUR NEIGHBOR**



**GMPC SESSION**

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