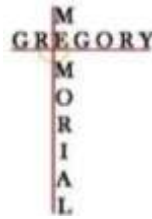


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Dear Gregory Memorial, Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



“And Jesus sent them out to proclaim the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick.” ~ Luke 9:2

It's back to school time, and as students and teachers alike prepare for another year, I thought I would join in the spirit, so...*Pop Quiz!* Pencils ready? OK, complete the following sentences:

“The vision of Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church is (to): \_\_\_\_\_!”

The mission of Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church is (to): \_\_\_\_\_!”

How did you do? Chances are, your completion of the first sentence included something along the lines of: “See the Kingdom of God; Recognize and join the Holy Spirit at work.” Really, the possibilities are numerous. And perhaps you completed the second sentence with something along the lines of: “Feed the hungry; Proclaim the good news; Bind up the brokenhearted; Sow peace in the community.”

It's hard to take a test like this when so many possible answers would be considered correct – I guess we all get “A's”! But as nice as that can be, it also means that it is more difficult for us to move forward in a truly unified manner. We end up doing many good things, but we may not stand out as doing *one really great thing*.

Did you ever notice that the majority of Jesus' teachings and actions centered around one key theme? All the parables he told, all the healings and miracles he performed...so much of his three recorded years of ministry...though they consisted of many little actions and teachings, were centered around recognizing a reality of the Kingdom of God. Whether he was teaching about sin (and the cessation of such), or about money and finances, or about healing and wholeness –

all these were wrapped around the core of proclaiming the nearness of the Kingdom of God, a Kingdom which knew justice instead of oppression, fairness instead of imbalance, right relationship instead of selfishness, wholeness instead of brokenness.

The reality of the Kingdom was Jesus' vision, and it defined his mission, wherever he was and whatever he was doing. *So what is our vision? How do we live that out in our mission?*

Important questions, so we're going to take some time to sit down, as a congregation, and complete these sentences. It's true that the overall vision and mission of Christ's church *do not* change, but the particular ways in which they are lived out *do* change as society changes. My understanding is that it has been several years since Gregory Memorial has stepped back and re-evaluated, so that's just what we'll do.

I'd like you to think and pray on these two sentences, and then I'd like you to do something else: Mark your calendars, and make a point of joining us after worship on **Sunday, September 15**. Lunch will be provided (thanks to the Christian Education committee), and after a brief time of fellowship, we'll engage these sentences together!

And this is an exciting time! Friends, *I CAN'T WAIT* to see how we, as a faithful congregation, discern the use of our gifts, time, and energy for God's Kingdom and Prince George. But for the best effect to be realized, we need each of you, all ages, to be involved. We are only our strongest when we are in this together. And I, for one, am very excited for the road ahead...

Peace,  
Pastor Jason

**Worship Information for September 2013**

**Sunday, 01, September 2013**

15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Liturgical Color: **Green**

PCUSA Emphasis: Christian Vocation  
 Old Testament: Jeremiah 2:4-13 & /New Testament: Luke 14: 1, 7-14  
 Sermon: "Watching for Wrongdoing"

**Sunday, 08 September 2013: "Kick-Off Sunday"**

16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Liturgical Color: **Green**

PCUSA Emphasis: Christian Education Week begins  
 Old Testament: Jeremiah 18: 1-11  
 Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 & New Testament: Luke 14:25-33  
 Sermon: "Cracked Clay"

**Sunday, 15 September 2013**

17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Liturgical Color: **Green**

PCUSA Emphasis: Theological Education/Seminary  
 Old Testament: Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 & New Testament: Luke 15:1-10  
 Sermon: "Standing on the Brink"

**Sunday, 22 September 2013**

18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
 25<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Liturgical Color: **Green**

PCUSA Emphasis: Native American Day  
 Old Testament: Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 & New Testament: Luke 16:1-13  
 Sermon: "Baby Steps"

**Sunday, 29 September 2013**

19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
 26<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Liturgical Color: **Green**

PCUSA Emphasis: Evangelism  
 Old Testament: Jeremiah 32: 1-3a, 6-15 & New Testament: Luke 16:19-31  
 Sermon: "Tilling the Field"

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

|                                |   |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Ed Smiley (Doug Holc's friend) | All who have lost loved ones due to acts of violence                            |
| Theresa Faries & family        | Persons recovering from natural disasters                                       |
| Katherine Tompkins             | Tommy Forehand (friend of the Bishops) - hospitalized                           |
| Marian McDonald                | Victor Tomko (Doug Holc's cousin)- in-home rehab, therapy                       |
| Gladys Wiseman                 | Helen Cibula - knee rehab, Hopewell Health Center                               |
| Audrey Turner                  | Lyn Bond (Jerry/Brenda Bond's grandson) - surgery                               |
| Kenneth Figg                   | Frank Solesbee - recuperating, home   |
| Ruth Figg                      | Family & friends of Alicia Scudder (d. Aug. 18)                                 |
| Grace Cibula                   | Aubrey Kerley (Grace & Helen Cibula's brother-in-law)                           |
| Henry Parker                   | Maryland Blanchard (Grace & Helen Cibula's friend)                              |
| Pete Lucy, Sr.                 | Virginia Mika (Grace & Helen Cibula's sister)                                   |
| June Hawks                     | Frankie Meade (Glenda Mayhew's mother)  |
| Aida Faries                    | Mary Chadwick (Dink Armstrong's sister)   |
| Clara Smith                    | Russell Houston (Sheila Fields's brother)                                       |
| Tara Foster                    | Idell Goronto (Lisa Hartsell's friend)  |
| Pat Hunter                     | 2013/14 School Year   |
| Don Vtipil                     | <b>JOY:</b> Kellan Daniel Schmidt (Susan Walker's employee's child) - improving |

**QUICK CALENDAR EVENTS:**

**\*\* Bulletin announcements are due in GMPC Office 9 am on Tuesdays! \*\***

*Labor Day* - Sep. 2

*School Starts* - Sep. 3

*“Kick-Off Sunday”* - Sep. 08, 9 am for Breakfast before Sunday School

*Committee reports due* - Sep. 09, 9 am

*News Article Deadline* - Sep. 19, 9 am

*3rd Sunday Luncheon & Education Series* - Sep. 15 after worship

**Churches Outreach/PG Foodbank Qtr. Mtg** - Sep. 16, 10 am @ Fellowship Hall

**PG TRIAD Mtg.** - Sep. 23, 1 pm @PG Library

**BS Troop 900 Honor Court & Dinner** - Sep 25, 6-9 pm @Fellowship Hall

## HOLY HUMOR

A preacher had just finished his sermon for the day and proceeded toward the back of the church for his usual greetings and handshaking as the congregation left the church. After shaking a few adult hands he came upon the seven-year-old son of one of the Deacons of the church.

"Good morning, Jonathan," the preacher said, as he reached out to shake Jonathan's hand.

As he was doing so, he felt something in the palm of Jonathan's hand.

"What's this?" the preacher asked.

"Money," said Jonathan with a big smile on his face, "It's for you!"

"Thank you, but I don't want to take your money, Jonathan," the preacher answered.

"I want you to have it," said Jonathan. "My daddy says you're the poorest preacher we ever had and I want to help you."

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**CLERK'S CORNER will return in October.**  
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## CHRISTIAN ED “KICKS OFF” THE NEW YEAR AT GMPC!

By Sandy Hunter



### **KICK-OFF SUNDAY.....**

We will “**Kick Off**” the New Year for Sunday School/Church on **September 8, 2013**. The program will begin at **9:00 AM** in the Fellowship Hall with a “tailgate party” featuring your favorite breakfast dishes. **Please wear your favorite team jersey or T-shirt.**

We want this to be a fun time of fellowship for all. Class offerings, ages, and locations of classes will be announced at this time.

We will also recognize those who have given their time and talents as teachers/moderators of the classes from the previous year.

If you are not currently attending Sunday School, please give some thought to joining those

who are. *What great fellowship and closeness we gain in being with those in the class!*

### **THIRD SUNDAY LUNCHEON & EDUCATION SERIES.....**

We will also “*score a touchdown*” on **Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>** when the church holds a **luncheon and the first of a series of educational discussions.**

Rev. Cashing has asked that we begin thinking along the lines of where we see Gregory as we move into the future. What do we see as the “vision” and the “mission” of our church? How might we accomplish these goals?

Join us immediately after the morning worship service in the Fellowship Hall. Do you have something that you would like to see discussed? Let Rev. Cashing

or someone on the Christian Education committee know.

Just a thought: “Friends are God’s way of smoothing out the bumps on the road of life.”



## FLOWERS FOR SANCTUARY

### September 2013

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| September 01 | - |
| September 08 | - |
| September 15 | - |
| September 22 | - |
| September 29 | - |

**It's not too late to sign up to provide flowers for the Sanctuary.**  
**You may write in your name on the Flowers signup sheet beside the Sunday you wish to provide flowers, or call Church office at 732-1081 (9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Tuesday-Thursday).**

***Habitat for Humanity comes to Prince George!!***

Their goal is to build 5 houses in our county in the coming year. Outreach Committee has decided it will be an excellent opportunity to provide assistance to this worthwhile endeavor while increasing our presence in the community as well. These are ways Gregory can help: Provide funds, workers, and/or lunches for the workers at the home sites. While many shy away from the "working" part, there are many jobs that those with limited mobility can do (phone calling, errands, etc.) If you would like to help Outreach support this program, please contact Donald Hunter or Judy Recher.

***Prince George TRIAD*** is again supporting the AARP Community Food Drive from September 8-15. Your support last year was greatly appreciated. From September 1-15, a donations box will be placed in the Fellowship Hall to receive your food donations. TRIAD is hoping to exceed the 1,100 pound total collected last year.

***HELP!!!***

***Foodbank volunteers*** from Gregory Church are urgently needed. Please contact Judy Recher for information on volunteering.

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***Cleaning volunteers*** are still needed! Sign-up sheet is on Narthex table. Check with H. F. Scott, Jr., for access to clean on your selected cleaning date!

### Those Who Serve - September, 2013

| <b>GATEKEEPER:</b><br>Donald Hunter | September 01  | September 08<br>"Kick-Off Sunday"  | September 15  | September 22  | September 29  |
|-------------------------------------|---|--|---|---|---|
| <b>Ushers &amp; Acolytes (A)</b>    | Rose Scott<br>Wayne Powers<br>Glenda Mayhew<br>Les Mayhew<br>Breeana Hunter (A)<br>Jamie Meurer (A) | Sheila Fields<br>Janet Swinton<br>Rose Scott<br>Valerie Harsh<br>Justin Ellis-Bowman (A)<br>Michalis Maloney (A) | Robert Hartsell<br>Dianne Overstreet<br>Wayne Powers<br>Les Mayhew<br>Chayse Hartsell (A)<br>Kaitlyn Hartsell (A) | Keith Spain<br>Ruby Spain<br>Jacob Spain<br>Herb Schroeter<br>Jared Smyth (A)<br>Austin Smyth (A) | Bobby Allen<br>Donna Allen<br>Velma Allen<br>Jerry Bond<br>Breeana Hunter (A)<br>Jamie Meurer (A) |
| <b>Announcements</b>                | Jerry Bond  | Dianne Overstreet  | Pat Hunter  | Mary Kay Schroeter  | Rose Scott  |
| <b>Junior Sermon</b>                | Pat Hunter  | Rev. Cashing   | Susan Walker  | Valerie Harsh   | Patsy Johnson   |
| <b>Junior Church</b>                | Jennifer Smyth<br>Jared Smyth   | Ann Hartsell<br>Kevin Foster II  | Patsy Johnson<br>Breeana Hunter   | Susan Walker<br>Jamie Meurer  | Jessica Mauger<br>Kevin Foster  |
| <b>Nursery</b>                      | Ruby Spain  | Virginia Maloney   | Susan Walker  | Glenda Mayhew   | Ann Hartsell  |
| <b>Counting</b>                     | Sandy Hunter<br>Sheila Fields   | Kevin Foster<br>Glenda Mayhew  | Donald Hunter<br>Rose Scott   | Sandy Hunter<br>Ron Recher  | Morgan Ingram<br>Donald Hunter  |

SEPTEMBER, 2013

GATEKEEPER: Donald Hunter

| Sun   | Mon   | Tue   | Wed   | Thu   | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|---|---|---|-----|-----|
| 1   | 2   | 3   | 4   | 5   | 6   | 7   |
| <p><b>9:45 am</b><br/>Sunday School</p> <p><b>11:00 am</b><br/>Worship</p>  | <p><b>LABOR DAY HOLIDAY</b></p>   | <p><b>12:30 pm</b> Day Circle</p> <p><b>6:00 pm</b> Congr. Care</p> <p><b>6:30 pm</b> Outreach</p> <p><b>7:00 pm</b> Facilities</p> <p><b>7:00 pm</b> Worship</p> | <p><b>6:00 pm</b> Missions</p> <p><b>7:00 pm</b> Choir</p>  | <p><b>2-8:00 pm</b> Cleaning</p>  |     |     |
| 8   | 9   | 10  | 11  | 12  | 13  | 14  |
| <p><b>9:00 am</b><br/>"Kick-Off"<br/>Breakfast &amp; Sunday School</p> <p><b>11:00 am</b><br/>Worship</p> <p><i>"Kick-Off Sunday"</i></p>                                       | <p><b>9:00 am</b><br/>Committee reports due</p> <p><b>6:30 pm</b><br/>Missions</p> <p><b>9:30 am</b> Line Dancing</p> | <p><b>7:30 pm</b><br/>Evening Circle</p>  | <p><b>7:00 pm</b> Choir</p>   | <p><b>2-8:00 pm</b> Cleaning</p> <p><b>2:00 pm</b> Session Agenda out</p> <p><b>6:30 pm</b> Stewardship &amp; Finance</p> |     |     |
| 15  | 16  | 17  | 18  | 19  | 20  | 21  |
| <p><b>9:45 am</b><br/>Sunday School</p> <p><b>11:00 am</b><br/>Worship</p> <p><i>[Minute for Missions-TBD]</i></p> <p><i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Luncheon . after Worship</i></p> | <p><b>9-9:45 am</b> Line Dancing</p> <p><b>10:00 am</b> Churches Outreach/PG Foodbank Qtr. Mtg.</p>                   | <p><b>7:00 pm</b> Session Meeting</p>   | <p><b>7:00 pm</b> Choir</p>   | <p><b>9:00 am</b> News articles due</p> <p><b>2-8:00 pm</b> Cleaning</p>  |     |     |
| 22  | 23  | 24  | 25  | 26  | 27  | 28  |
| <p><b>9:45 am</b><br/>Sunday School</p> <p><b>11:00 am</b><br/>Worship</p> <p><i>5 Cents A Meal Offrg.</i></p>  | <p><b>9:30 am</b> Line Dancing</p> <p><b>1:00 pm</b> TRIAD meeting @PG Library</p> <p><b>7:00 pm</b> Christian Ed</p> |   | <p><b>6:00 pm</b> Boy Scout Troop 900 Court of Honor &amp; Dinner @ Fellowship Hall</p> <p><b>7:00 pm</b> Choir</p> | <p><b>2:00 pm</b> Newsletter out</p> <p><b>2-8:00 pm</b> Cleaning</p>   |     |     |
| 29  | 30  |   |   |   |     |     |
| <p><b>9:45 am</b><br/>Sunday School</p> <p><b>11:00 am</b><br/>Worship</p> <p><i>Local Emerg. Aid Offrg.</i></p>  | <p><b>9:30 am</b> Line Dancing</p>  |   |   |   |     |     |



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

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