

THE HERALD

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Dear Gregory Memorial, Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



*"For the Kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit...
Let us, therefore, make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification." –Romans 14:17, 19*

I must confess to you that, recently, my heart has been heavy with grief over the news, over the way in which we choose to respond to the world, to our leadership, even to our neighbors should we perceive them as someone against our interests or desires. Everywhere, it sometimes seems, everywhere I look I see people reacting out of fear, out of pain and hurt, out of a knee-jerk reaction to seek an eye for an eye, to inflict upon others the pain we have felt, and in many cases, to inflict upon others the pain we fear they might have inflicted upon us. No matter what we say, no matter what speeches or edicts are made, the proof, as they say, is in the pudding.

The pudding I see offered is one filled with desires for retribution, filled with desires to solve all conflict through superior show of violent force. And my heart grieves.

Many in our country claim that we are, or are meant to be, or are founded upon the idea of a Christian nation. That's another discussion for another day, but let's draw that thread out. Let's say we are a Christian nation, founded upon the tenets of practicing the Kingdom of God, of seeing enemy as neighbor, of forgiving those who have wounded us, of seeking reconciliation instead of retribution, of loving others as we love self, as we are called to love God. If this is who we are as a nation, do our actions reflect such? Do our conversations and our speeches proclaim such?

My truth is this: It matters less to me whether our nation is a Christian nation or not, and more to me whether or not our churches are proclaiming Christ, and this way of life. It matters more to me that I, that you

and we, are living into this call, even if others around us aren't.

The saying is often attributed to Ghandi, "Be the change you wish to see in the world." The same concept is used in the 2003 movie *Bruce Almighty*: "Be the miracle." Both, to me, hearken back to the gospel message of practicing our faith in such a way that those who are in need are seen to, that peace is the predominant crop sown, that love and forgiveness are shown, even to enemies, just as it has been shown to us. The only person for whom I can speak is myself, when I ask the question: "Am I living out the Kingdom of God for those who are in my region, those whose paths I cross?"

And if I see a reality around me in which people are hurting, people are hungry, people are crying out against injustices done them, then I must begin with myself, my own heart, and start to be the Gospel of Christ to them. The first place I can allow the Kingdom of God to break into the world is through my life, and to encourage such in others. The more we each, as individuals and as the community of the church, are able to do this, the more, I believe, we will see God's Kingdom at work, and the world will become a better place.

It starts with me. It starts with you. Eventually, it will continue with us, and then others. And someday, if we are blessed enough, we may even see it spread to the world.

Lord, let thy Kingdom come.

Peace,
Pastor Jason

Worship Information for October 2013

Sunday, 06, October 2013

20th Sunday after Pentecost

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgical Color: **Green**

PCUSA Emphasis: World Communion; Peacemaking Offering

Old Testament: Lamentations 1:1-6 & New Testament: Luke 17:5-10

Sermon: "Thankless Duty"

→World Communion Sunday, Intinction

Sunday, 13 October 2013

21st Sunday after Pentecost

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgical Color: **Green**

PCUSA Emphasis: Domestic Violence Awareness

Old Testament: Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

& New Testament: Luke 17:11-19

Sermon: [Guest Minister]

Sunday, 20 October 2013

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgical Color: **Green**

PCUSA Emphasis: Children's Sabbath

Old Testament: Jeremiah 31:27-34 & New Testament: Luke 18:1-8

Sermon: "A New Blueprint"

→Third Sunday luncheon following worship (Theme: "Bring a Guest to Church")

Sunday, 27 October 2013

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgical Color: **Green**

PCUSA Emphasis: Reformation Sunday

Old Testament: Joel 2:23-32 & New Testament: Luke 18:9-14

Sermon: "Semper Reformanda"

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

<p>All who have lost loved ones due to acts of violence Persons recovering from natural disasters Ed Smiley (Doug Holc's friend) Theresa Faries & family Katherine Tompkins Marian McDonald Gladys Wiseman Audrey Turner Kenneth Figg Ruth Figg Grace Cibula Henry Parker Pete Lucy, Sr. June Hawks Aida Faries Clara Smith Tara Foster Pat Hunter Don Vtipil 2013/14 School Year</p>	<p>Family & friends of Wallace Edwards (Dave Johnson's uncle, d. 09/21) Maryland Blanchard (Grace & Helen Cibula's friend) Amy Townson (Josh Ingram's sister) hospitalized, also the Townson and Ingram families Miranda Matthews, hospitalized grandmother of Jamie Meurer's friend Virginia Mika (Grace & Helen Cibula's sister) Frankie Meade - nearing completion of treatment, and for daughter, Glenda Mayhew Lawrence & James Hartsell (Robert Hartsell's brothers) Lyn Bond (Jerry & Brenda Bond's grandson) Mary Chadwick (Dink Armstrong's sister) Russell Houston (Sheila Fields's brother) Pam Harsh, Bradley Cooper, Jacob Spain - 1st year in college Our Thanks: Amy Ellis-Bowman - recuperating, home Helen Cibula - continuing knee rehab, home Tommy Forehand (friend of Bishops) - recovering, home Victor Tomko (Doug Holc's cousin) - in-home rehab, therapy Frank Solesbee - recuperating, home Sentral Riggins Gravley (Bishops' friend) - recuperating, home</p>
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QUICK CALENDAR EVENTS:**** Bulletin announcements are due in GMPC Office 9 am on Tuesdays! ****

Raindate for Fall Work Day - Oct. 5, 8 am Work Day
Breakfast @ Fellowship Hall

Bull Hill Rd. Clean-up - Oct. 5, 8:45 am (meet at GMPC)

Communion/"World Communion Sunday" - Oct. 6 (by intinction)

Committee reports due - Oct. 7, 9 am

News Article Deadline - Oct.. 17, 9 am

3rd Sunday Luncheon & Education Series -Oct. 20, after worship; Theme: "Bring a Guest to Church"

Fall Fest & Pig Roast - Oct. 26, 3-6 pm @ Fellowship Hall

Eagle Scout Court of Honor (Jason Hundley) - Oct. 27, 3-7pm @ GMPC

PG TRIAD Mtg. - Oct. 28, 1 pm @PG Library



HOLY HUMOR



[As written by Danny Dutton, 8, of Chula Vista, CA for his 3rd Grade homework assignment and later published. Miracles do happen!]

EXPLANATION OF GOD...

"One of God's main jobs is making people. He makes them to replace the ones that die, so there will be enough people to take care of things on earth. He doesn't make grownups, just babies. I think because they are smaller and easier to make. That way he doesn't have to take up his valuable time teaching them to talk and walk. He can just leave that to mothers and fathers. ... God's second most important job is listening to prayers. An awful lot of this goes on, since some people, like preachers and things, pray at times beside bedtime. God doesn't have time to listen to the radio or TV because of this. Because he hears everything, there must be a terrible lot of noise in his ears, unless he has thought of a way to turn it off. ...God sees everything and hears everything and is everywhere which keeps Him pretty busy. So you shouldn't go wasting his time

by going over your mom and dad's head asking for something they said you couldn't have. ... Atheists are people who don't believe in God. I don't think there are any in Chula Vista. At least there aren't any who come to our church. ...Jesus is God's Son. He used to do all the hard work, like walking on water and performing miracles and trying to teach the people who didn't want to learn about God. They finally got tired of him preaching to them and they crucified him. But he was good and kind, like his father, and he told his father that they didn't know what they were doing and to forgive them and God said 'O.K.' And God did not let Jesus stay in the grave, but raised him from the dead.. ...

His dad (God) appreciated everything that he had done and all his hard work on earth so he told him he didn't have to go out on the road anymore. He could stay in heaven. So he did. And now he helps his dad out by listening to prayers and seeing things which are important for God to take care of and which ones he can take care of himself without having to bother God. Like a secretary, only

more important. ...You can pray anytime you want and they are sure to help you because they got it worked out so one of them is on duty all the time. ... You should always go to church on Sunday because it makes God happy, and if there's anybody you want to make happy, it's God! ... Don't skip church to do something you think will be more fun like going to the beach. This is wrong. And besides the sun doesn't come out at the beach until noon anyway.

If you don't believe in God, besides being an atheist, you will be very lonely, because your parents can't go everywhere with you, like to camp, but God can. It is good to know He's around you when you're scared, in the dark or when you can't swim and you get thrown into real deep water by big kids. ...

But...you shouldn't just always think of what God can do for you. I figure God put me here and he can take me back anytime he pleases.

And...that's why I believe in God."



FLOWERS FOR SANCTUARY

October 2013

October 06	The Hunters
October 13	Rose Scott
October 20	-
October 27	-

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).

FALL FEST & PIG ROAST!

Outreach Committee has decided that we need a fun Fall event for young, old, and everyone in between. It is scheduled for October 26 from 3-6:00 p.m. It will include a pig roast, games, and pot-luck sides to go with the "pig", pumpkin and face painting, and more. More details later.



Prince George TRIAD is again supporting the AARP Community Food Drive from October 8-15. Your support last year was greatly appreciated. From October 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.


WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Worship Committee needs volunteers to serve as ushers or keep the nursery. If you are able to volunteer for these services, please contact Rose Scott.

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!

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Those Who Serve - October, 2013

	October 06	October 13	October 20	October 27
GATEKEEPER:  Keith Spain				
Ushers & Acolytes (A)	Rose Scott Wayne Powers Glenda Mayhew Les Mayhew Justin Ellis-Bowman (A) Breeana Hunter (A)	Sheila Fields Janet Swinton Rose Scott Valerie Harsh Chayse Hartsell (A) Jamie Meurerl (A)	Robert Hartsell Dianne Overstreet Wayne Powers Les Mayhew Breeana Hunter (A) Jamie Meurer (A)	Keith Spain Ruby Spain Josh Ingram Morgan Ingram Chayse Hartsell (A) Kaitlyn Hartsell (A)
Announcements	Jerry Bond	Dianne Overstreet	T B A	Mary Kay Schroeter
Junior Sermon	Jason Cashing	Pat Hunter	Susan Walker	Valerie Harsh
Junior Church	Rose Scott Madison Foster	Josh Ingram Morgan Ingram	Virginia Maloney Jared Smyth	Valerie Harsh Pamela Harsh
Nursery	Glenda Mayhew	Ruby Spain	Rose Scott	Susan Walker
Counting	Donald Hunter Glenda Mayhew	Donald Hunter Ron Recher	Sandy Hunter Sheila Fields	Morgan Ingram Rose Scott

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GATEKEEPER: Keith Spain

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
		12:30 pm Day Circle @ GMPC 6:00 pm Congr. Care 7:00 pm Facilities 7:00 pm Worship	7:00 pm Choir	2-8:00 pm Cleaning		<i>Rain date for Fall Work Day (8:00 am Work Day Breakfast)</i> 8:45 am Bull Hill Rd. Clean-up; volunteers meet at GMPC
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Communion <i>World Communion Sunday</i>	9:00 am Committee reports due 9:30 am Line Dancing 6:30 pm Missions	6:30 pm Outreach 7:30 pm Evening Circle	7:00 pm Choir	2:00 pm Session Agenda out 2-8:00 pm Cleaning 6:30 pm Stewardship & Finance		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship <i>Guest Minister</i>	9:30 am Line Dancing	7:00 pm Session Meeting	7:00 pm Choir	9:00 am News articles due 2-8:00 pm Cleaning		POJ Meeting
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship <i>3rd Sunday Lunch after Worship (Host: Cong. Care Comm Theme: "Bring a Guest to Church.")</i>	9:30 am Line Dancing		7:00 pm Choir	2:00 pm Newsletter out 2-8:00 pm Cleaning		3-6:00 pm Fall Fest & Pig Roast @ GMPC 
27	28	29	30	31		
9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship <i>5 Cents A Meal Offering</i> 3-7:00 pm Troop 900/ Eagle Scout Court of Honor - Jason Hundley	9:30 am Line Dancing 1:00 pm TRIAD meeting @PG Library 7:00 pm Christian Ed		7:00 pm Choir	2-8:00 pm Cleaning  HALLOWE'EN		

NEWSLETTER



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

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