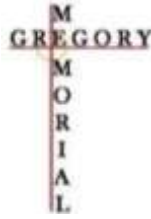


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Dear Gregory Memorial, Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



*“For the cloud of the LORD was on the tabernacle by day,
and fire was in the cloud by night, before the eyes of all
the house of Israel at each stage of their journey.”*

~Exodus 40:38

Earlier in the year, I was accepted into a ministerial-cohort here in the Presbytery. The overall aim of this group is to strengthen the cohort members as ministers, so that we in turn could work to strengthen our churches, the presbytery, and our witness to the Kingdom of God. Included in the ‘curriculum’ of this cohort is a two-week pilgrimage to Israel, something on the ‘Bucket/Life list’ of almost any minister. I am pleased to share that, for our cohort, this pilgrimage will take place this coming January!

As I process the reality of this (it still seems somewhat surreal), one question has been running through my mind: *How does one prepare for a pilgrimage to a holy place?*

I know how to prepare for a trip – making arrangements, packing, etc.

I am able to do so for both brief weekends and extended international trips. However, it is not the physical preparations that prompt this question, but rather, the spiritual and mental preparations. How does one prepare oneself spiritually and mentally for a pilgrimage, to enter into a region that holds such spiritual meaning and formation?

It is a question that has not been undertaken lightly. I do not yet have an answer, but it does make me wonder – on a smaller scale, *how do we each prepare for worship?*

The sanctuary is a holy place... a place where we encounter that which is greater than ourselves – the community, the family, the prayers and praise, the Word proclaimed – all of this connects us to and puts us in the presence with that which is holy. Regularly. On a weekly basis. How do we prepare for this divine

encounter?

I admit, in asking myself this question, I have begun to see in myself a level of preparation that is not where I would like it to be. Certainly, on Sunday mornings, I awake, and pray, and go over the sermon, and make coffee (though that usually comes sooner rather than later). However, after so many years of this practice, it itself has become somewhat routine. Taken for granted. Not given much thought.

I aim to change this.

I do not want my encounters with the Divine, or my worship and fellowship with each of you, to ever become routine or taken for granted. I desire to be deliberate and intentional, and to come to worship on Sunday mornings (or any day/time for that matter), with all the present awareness of doing so as if for the first time. My relationship with God, through Christ, in the Holy Spirit...my relationship with each of you, is never something that I want to become routine.

So, I will be striving to be more mindful and aware of the joy and gravity of what we are doing, each and every Sunday, and I encourage you in the same. Perhaps somewhere over the coming weeks, we will find that we are also preparing each other for pilgrimage, and are better off for it.

With you on the journey,
Pastor Jason



WORSHIP INFORMATION FOR AUGUST 2014

Sunday, 03 August 2014 - Holy Communion

8th Sunday After Pentecost - Liturgical Color: **Green**
 PC (USA) Emphasis: "Homelessness/Affordable Housing"
 First Reading: Genesis 32:22-31 & Second Reading: Matthew 14:13-21
 Sermon: "Faithful Wrestling"

Sunday, 10 August 2014

9th Sunday After Pentecost - Liturgical Color: **Green**
 PC (USA) Emphasis: "Higher Education/Collegiate Ministries"
 First Reading: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 & Second Reading: Matthew 14:22-33
 Sermon: "Faithful Walking"

Sunday, 17 August 2014

10th Sunday After Pentecost - Liturgical Color: **Green**
 PC (USA) Emphasis: "Youth in the Church"
 First Reading: Genesis 45:1-15 & Second Reading: Matthew 15:10-28
 Sermon: "Faithful Confession"

Sunday, 24 August 2014

11th Sunday After Pentecost - Liturgical Color: **Green**
 PC (USA) Emphasis: "Public Education"
 First Reading: Exodus 1:8-2:10 & Second Reading: Matthew 16:13-20
 Sermon: Guest Preacher

Sunday, 31 August 2014

12th Sunday After Pentecost - Liturgical Color: **Green**
 PC (USA) Emphasis: "Christian Vocation"
 First Reading: Exodus 3:1-15 & Second Reading: Matthew 16:21-18
 Sermon: "Holy Ground"



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. In order to most effectively pray, your Worship Committee and Leadership ask that, as you know of updates, PLEASE let us know. And if the time has arrived that it is no longer as imperative to have someone on our list, please let us know that as well! Thank you, and may continued blessings be yours!

Lucille Link, Patsy Johnson's mother
 Mike & Brenda Harrington (friends of Valerie Harsh)
 Mark Chariton (home)
 Helen Cibula (home)
 Nancy Hettrick, health issues
 Audrey Turner (Brighter Living), hearing problem
 Mary Chadwick (Dink Armstrong's sister)
 Cookie Wicker (Glenda Mayhew's friend), health issue
 "Traveling Mercies"
 Pam Harsh, Bradley Cooper & Jacob Spain (college students)
 Ruby Hasky (another surgery is pending)
 Tracy Taliaferro, recovering (surgery)
 Jerry Bond, recovering (surgery)
 Bucky Allin, recovering (surgery)
 David Johnson, health issue
 Henry Parker
 Evelyn Foster

And:
 Aida Faries June Hawks
 Marian McDonald Don Vtipil

All affected by acts of violence & natural disasters
 Families/friends of Malaysia Air Flight 17's victims
 Members of our military and their families
 Robert Hartsell's brother, James (status unchanged)
 Amy Townson (Josh Ingram's sister), recovering, home
 Nita Spain (Keith Spain's stepmother), health issues
 Maryland Blanchard (Grace & Helen Cibula's friend)
 Lee Hettrick (father of Natalie Griggs, Susan Walker's co-worker), health issues
 Harold Shockley (Susan Walker's father), continued health issues
 Emily Togger at Healthsouth & Bill Togger at VCU (Ruby Spain's aunt & uncle)
 Ben Nicely (Spain's friend), entering Hospice care
 Mila Campen (Ann Hartsell's mother), recovering (surgery)
 Gary Coates (Rechers' friend) recovering (surgery)
 Becky Smith (Elizabeth & H. F. Scott's daughter), continued health issues
 Ed Smiley (Doug Holc's friend) & son, Mark Smiley

JOY:
 Beverly Childress is able to rejoin us!

QUICK CALENDAR:

08/03 - Holy Communion (pews)

08/05 - "Nat'l. Night Out (Rolling Meadows) @ GMPC parking lot

08/11- Committee reports due 9 am

08/14 - News articles due 9 am

08/19- Session meeting, 7:00 pm

08/28- GMPC Preschool "Back to School Night" parents' orientation, 6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

THE CLERK'S CORNER

By: Donald R. Hunter



The Session of Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church met on Tuesday, June 17, 2014 and approved the following:

- Pastor's request to amend dates for trip to Israel from January 5-17, 2015 to January 5-19, 2015.
- Treasurer's request to transfer to Scholarship Fund – "Christine Belsches Memorial")
- "Back to School Sunday" - September 7
- Eagle Scout project (Chris Reynolds) proposal to improve Flag Pole Site by adding pathway and bench
- Facilities Committee request to repair upstairs HVAC unit (\$1,080) ; authorize bidding process on Temple Building Roof Repair; and formation of a "Sign Committee"
- Missions Committee request to collect student school supplies from congregation for "Back to School Fair" through Social services.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE REPORT: JUNE, 2014

Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church Summary of Operating Accounts As of June 30, 2014		General Fund	Capital Improvements
Beginning of the month	6/1/2014	\$ 580.62	\$ 4,091.00
Cash receipts		\$ 14,727.91	\$ -
Cash disbursements		\$ (14,048.22)	\$ (1,080.00)
Interest /Dividends Earned		\$ 0.34	\$ 0.14
Transfers(to) from General Fund		\$ -	\$ -
Transfers(to) from Investments Cash Account		\$ -	\$ -
Transfers(to) from DGA		\$ (27.37)	\$ -
End of the month	6/30/2014	\$ 1,233.28	\$ 3,011.14

MEETING DATE CHANGE!

CONGREGATIONAL CARE COMMITTEE August meeting is changed from August 5 and re-scheduled to Tuesday, August 12 at 12:30 p.m. @ Golden Corral (Southpark Mall, Colonial Heights).

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HOLY HUMOR

FOUR WORMS IN CHURCH
(Or, Four worms and a lesson to be learned!) ... A minister decided that a visual demonstration would add emphasis to his Sunday sermon. Four worms were placed into four separate jars: The first worm in a container of alcohol; second worm in a container of



cigarette smoke; third worm in a container of chocolate syrup; and fourth worm in a container of fresh, rich soil.
 At the conclusion of the sermon, the minister reported the following results: The first worm (alcohol): **DEAD!** Second worm (cigarette smoke): **DEAD!** Third worm (chocolate syrup): **DEAD!** The fourth worm (good soil):

ALIVE!
 So the minister asked the congregation, "What did you learn from this demonstration?" Maxine, who was sitting in the back, quickly raised her hand and said, "As long as you drink, smoke, and eat chocolate, you won't have worms!!"
That pretty much ended the service!!!

PHOTO OPS - 2014 CAMP HANOVER + DAY CAMP

WET N' WILD AT GMPC...



Day Camper Justin Ellis-Bowman enjoys a wild ride the slip-n'-slide on Water Day!

CAMPFIRE COOKING...



GMPC Day Campers develop outdoor living skills as they learn to safely build a fire and cook lunch over an open flame.

SHOVELS READY!



Camp Hanover Ministries Board members and Presbytery of the James reps break ground on the Sam Newell Cabin. (Can you spot a familiar presence among the workers?)

2014 CAMP HANOVER GMPC DAY CAMPERS



2014 CAMP HANOVER DAY CAMP STAFF



LAST MINUTE PREP FOR DAY CAMP... "Mop Ninja" strikes again! Pastor Jason readies the Fellowship Hall for Day Campers.



FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY AUGUST 2014

August 03	-
August 10	-
August 17	-
August 24	-
August 31	-

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.
 For assistance, please call Church office at 732-1081 (9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Tuesday-Thursday).

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAMILY CAREGIVER EDUCATION DAY is August 14 from 4-7 p.m. @ HealthSouth Rehab Hospital, 95 Medical Park Blvd., Petersburg. For registration, please email judy.yoder@healthsouth.com or call 804-452-3349. (Free for family caregivers.)

PRINCE GEORGE FOOD BANK URGENTLY NEEDS YOUR GENTLY-USED PLASTIC GROCERY SACKS! Please bring your unneeded plastic grocery sacks to the collection box in the Fellowship Hall. The Food Bank really can put them to good use when it distributes food to those in need!

SUNDAY SERVANTS (“Those Who Serve”) – August, 2014

GATEKEEPER: Doug Holc	August 03	August 10	August 17	August 24	August 31
Ushers & Acolytes*	Keith Spain Ruby Spain Morgan Ingram Josh Ingram Breeana Hunter* Jamie Meurer *	Bobby Allen Donna Allen Velma Allen Jerry Bond Chayse Hartsell* Justin Ellis-Bowman*	Jerry Hasky Wayne Powers Glenda Mayhew Les Mayhew Breeana Hunter* Jamie Meurer*	Sheila Fields Janet Swinton Marguerite Bishop Valerie Harsh Chayse Hartsell* Justin Ellis-Bowman*	Robert Hartsell Dianne Overstreet Wayne Powers Les Mayhew Breeana Hunter * Kaitlyn Hartsell*
Announcements	Mary Kay Schroeter	Rose Scott	Jerry Bond	Dianne Overstreet	Jerry Bond
Junior Sermon	Susan Walker	Minister	Valerie Harsh	Patsy Johnson	Pat Hunter
Junior Church	Megan Cashing Justin Ellis-Bowman	Jennifer Meurer Jamie Meurer	Patsy Johnson Breeane Hunter	Susan Walker Mattie-Lynn Metschke	Rose Scott Kaitlyn Hartsell
Nursery	Susan Walker	Glenda Mayhew	Ann Hartsell	Ruby Spain	Rose Scott
Counting	Sandy Hunter Pat Hunter	Morgan Ingram Rose Scott	Donald Hunter Glenda Mayhew	David Johnson Ron Recher	Sandy Hunter Pat Hunter

Gregory Memorial Preschool Registration Form

Child's Full Name: _____ Birth date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Mother's Full Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Home Address: _____ Cell Phone: _____

(City, State, Zip) _____

Name of Employer: _____ Work Hours: _____

Business Address: _____ Work Phone: _____

(City State, Zip) _____

Email address _____

Father's Full Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Home Address: _____ Cell Phone: _____

(City, State, Zip) _____

Name of Employer: _____ Work Hours: _____

Business Address: _____ Work Phone: _____

Guardian other than Above _____ Home Phone: _____

Home Address: _____ Cell Phone: _____

(City State Zip) _____ Work Phone: _____

Name of Employer: _____ Work Hours: _____

Business Address: _____

Emergency Contacts: (other than parents or guardian)

Primary Emergency Contact _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Relationship to child: _____

Secondary Emergency Contact: (other than parents or guardian)

Secondary Emergency Contact _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Relationship to child: _____

Person(s) authorized to pick up child: (other than those listed above)

Name: _____ Name: _____

Name: _____ Name: _____

Person(s) NOT authorized to pick up child:

Name: _____ Name: _____

Name: _____ Name: _____

Registration for the 2014/15 School Year begins **March 1, 2014**. Please call Janet Lammey, Preschool Director, at 704-0584, or email gregorymemorialps@hotmail.com to check availability of openings for enrollment. **Registration and Fees:** Tuition is due 1st of month as follows: 3 yr. old class - \$130/mo. & 4 yr. old class - \$135/mo. Children must reach the stated age by **September 30** of current school year. A copy of each child's birth certificate from their state of birth & copy of child's immunization record is requested at registration & will be kept on file by Preschool. Return completed registration form with \$50.00 non-refundable registration fee within two weeks to insure a position in our program. Make checks payable to GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESCHOOL. Completed registration forms should be mailed to: Gregory Memorial Preschool, P. O. Box 182, Prince George, VA 23875. Parents will be notified in August with additional information regarding orientation.

PROPOSED: AUGUST 2014

GATEKEEPER: Doug Holc

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship <i>Holy Communion</i> <i>(pews)</i>	9:30 am Line Dance 6:30 pm Missions	12:30 pm Circle 6:00 pm Natl. Night Out (Rolling Meadows) @ GMPC parking lot 7:00 pm Facilities 7:00 pm Worship		2-8:00 pm Cleaning		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship	9:00 am Committee reports due 9:30 am Line Dance	12:30 pm Congregational Care meetg, Golden Corral, Col. Hgts. 6:30 pm Outreach 7:00 pm Stewardship & Finance 6:30 pm Preschool Board meetg.	7:00 pm Choir	9:00 am News articles due 2:00 pm Session Agenda out 2-8:00 pm Cleaning		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship	9:30 am Line Dance	7:00 pm Session meetg.	7:00 pm Choir	2-8:00 pm Cleaning		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship <i>5 Cents A Meal</i> <i>Offering</i> <i>Guest Preacher</i>	9:30 am Line Dance 7:00 pm Christian Ed		7:00 pm Choir	2:00 pm Newsletter out 2-8:00 pm Cleaning 6:30 pm Preschool Parents' "Back to School Night"		
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9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship <i>Local Emergency</i> <i>Aid Offering</i>	LABOR DAY					

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

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