

GOD PROVIDES

2017 BIRTHDAY
OFFERING
of Presbyterian Women



Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church



May 14, 2017 – 11:00 a.m.
“Mother’s Day”

We welcome you to worship with us this morning, as we gather in community to draw closer to God, made known in Christ. We pray you will know the presence of the Lord, through our worship, and through the work of the Spirit. We invite you to take these moments before worship to calm your hearts and minds and open yourself to the quiet stillness of the presence of God!

GOD GATHERS THE PEOPLE

Prelude

Sandra Perkins & Gail Rollings

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

Dianne Overstreet

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Jason N. Cashing

Sharing of Joys/Concerns

Call to Worship

One: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

All: The One who made heaven and earth.

One: Cry out to the Lord, all the earth!

All: Worship the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing!

One: This is the day that the Lord has made;

All: We will rejoice and be glad in it!

***Opening Hymn #248 – “Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”**

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Almighty God, your Word offers freedom from sin, but we confess we have not obeyed your Word. We have harbored malice toward our enemies; we have been deceitful in our relationships; we have been insincere in our commitments; through gossip we have slandered our neighbors. Forgive our sins and lead us to genuine repentance. By your Spirit, help your children grow into the joy of salvation through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

(A Moment of Silent Confession)

Promise of God's Forgiveness

One: Hear the good news of the gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, healed, and made whole. One: Know that we have been forgiven, and be at peace!

All: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. Amen!

*Congregational Response (Hymn #581)

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

Congregational Response (Hymn #606)

***Prayer of Dedication**

WE ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD

Time for Children – Junior Sermon

Children ages 3 – 1st Grade are invited to Junior Church after the Anthem; ‘Worship Boards’ are on the front pew for older youth.

Rev. Jason N. Cashing

Choral Anthem

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Gracious Lord, open our ears that we might hear your Word to us this day, and follow where it leads us. Open our eyes, that we might witness you in the world and proclaim your presence with joy. For the glory of your Kingdom, we pray. Amen.

Scripture	1 st Reading: Luke 2:29-32	p833
	2 nd Reading: Acts 15:1-18	p899
Sermon	“Inviting”	Rev. Jason N. Cashing

***Reflective Hymn** #366 –“Love, Divine, All Loves Excelling”

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Affirmation of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. Amen.

[from The PC(USA) Brief Statement of Faith]

Prayers of the People & Lord’s Prayer

One: Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayers.

***Departing Hymn** #761 – “Called as Partner’s in Christ’s Service”

*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 go out into the world as the body of Christ, bearing the good news of the gospel.
We are blessed, indeed. Amen!**

*Pastoral Benediction

*Choral Benediction & Postlude

OUR PRAYERS & CONCERNS

James Hartsell, Robert Hartsell's brother
Amy Townson, Josh Ingram's sister
Doris Karnowski, Josh Ingram's grandmother
Maryland Blanchard, Grace and Helen Cibula's friend
Mary Chadwick, Dink Armstrong's sister
Evelyn Lichvar, her son, Rick, and her brother, Martin (health issues)
Becky Smith
Russell Heiser, Ingrid Phoenix's grandson (health issues)
Helen & Grace Cibula
Elizabeth Scott
Kenneth & Sue Andrews, Childress family's friends
Jimmy Clark
Terry Robertson, Billy Robertson's son
Elisha Beverly, Valerie Harsh's daughter (health issue recurrence)
Peggy Allen
Eleanor Jones
Vivian Johnes (improved, at-home rehab)
Butch Meade, Glenda Mayhew's brother
Teresa Knott, PG County employee (health issue)
Billy Robertson (home, feeling better)
Eileen Mozucha (continued recov., home)
Michelle Coleman (health issues & recov.)
Ralph Summerson
George Poulson
Courtney Stewart, friend of the Hunters (Duke Hospital)
Adrienne Wallace, member of Hopewell News staff
Irma Honeycutt, Dave & Patsy Johnson's friend (health issue)
Harvey Spain, (recov., heart surgery)
Ed Armstrong (home, going through dialysis)
T. J. Webb
Jane & Ralph Arehart, Glenda Mayhew's friends (health issues)
Gene Vasek (health issue)
Barbara Taliaferro (recov., knee surgery)
Kay Slade, Rose Scott's friend (health issue)
Ron Woody (health issues)
Carrie King (health issues)
Tull Family (Joe's re-assignment in June)
Mila Campen (hospice care)
Gladys Wiseman (home)
Janet Shockley, Susan Walker's mom (recov. after surgery)
Mike & Brenda Franklin (Mike is home; out-patient treatment- leukemia)
Sandy Eickmeyer (recov., home)
Matt Metschke, Mattie-Lynn's dad (lap-band surgery, recov., home)
Perry Lewis
Roger Overstreet (continued health concerns)
Family/friends of Aida Faries (d. 5/8)

THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

S	<p>"Mother's Day" 9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship 11a Presby. Women's Birthday offering ("Celebrating Birthday of Presby. Women") 11a "Project Baby Bottle" collection</p>	14	<p>9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship 5p Conversations at Woodlawn Presby. Church, Hopewell (open to all)</p>	21
M		15	<p>12:30p BS Crater Dist. meeting set-up, Fellowship Hall 6p BS dinner</p>	22
T	5:30p GS 5000	16	6p GS 553	23
W	7p Choir practice	17	7p Choir practice	24
T	<p>2p News articles due 2-8p Church cleaning 6:30p Preschool graduation, Sanctuary; reception in Fellowship Hall 7p Stewardship & Finance</p>	18	<p>2p Newsletter out 2-8p Church cleaning</p>	25
F		19		26
S	<p>8:30a Bull Hill Rd. trash pick up 10a-12p GS 5000 ceremony, Fellowship Hall</p>	20		27

SUNDAY SERVANTS



GATEKEEPER: Doug Holc

	May 14, 2017 "Mother's Day"	May 21, 2017
USHERS	Sheila Fields Janet Swinton Marguerite Bishop Valerie Harsh	Robert Hartsell Dianne Overstreet Rose Scott Wayne Powers
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Dianne Overstreet	Valerie Harsh
JUNIOR SERMON	Minister	Patsy Johnson
JUNIOR CHURCH	Mary Holc	Marguerite Bishop
COUNTING	Donald Hunter Glenda Mayhew	David Johnson Ron Recher

Facts & Figures		YTD	Thru 3/31/17	Offrg.	Rec'd.
Pledged/proj. incr.	\$137,530	Inc.	\$35,508.53	5/7	\$1,210.00
Ann. budget exp.	\$145,537	Exp.	\$33,615.43	5/14	\$
Mo. budget needs	\$ 12,128	Diff.	\$ 1,893.10	5/21	\$
Wk. budget needs	\$ 2,799			528	\$

ATTENDANCE: May 7, 2017

Worship 45	Sunday School 11	
	Spiritual Enrich. 8	Children
	Fellowship 3	Youth

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Presbyterian Women's "Birthday" offering will be received during this morning's worship. Please use the enclosed offering envelope.

Honoring the Tull family - The choir invites everyone to join in honoring the Tull family for their continued service to our country on Sunday, June 4th immediately after church. Joe, Karen and Alex will be leaving us on June 16th as Joe travels to South Korea and Karen and Alex will go to Georgia to be close to Karen's family. A baked potato bar, salad and dessert will be served. Help us give this amazing family a wonderful send off!

Squirrels Game Sign-up - The sign-up sheet is now in the Narthex for the Squirrels game on June 24th. Tickets can be purchased for \$15 for adults and \$10 for youth up to 18 years of age. The party deck has been reserved so make sure you reserve your space for this family fun activity. Space is limited!

Any who are interested are invited to join a conversation with other Presbyterians in our area concerning stewardship, and how we as disciples live our faith through the gifts we offer to God. We'll meet at Woodlawn Presbyterian Church in Hopewell, on Sunday, May 21, at 5:00 p.m., for light refreshments and engaging conversation!

GMPC Information

www.gregorymemorial.org www.facebook.com/gmpeva
804.732.1081 Office Hours: Tuesday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Jason Cashing (Jason@gregorymemorial.org)
Secretary: Nancy Adams (office@gregorymemorial.org)
Organist: Sandra Perkins Accompanist: Gail Rollings
Treasurer: Kevin Foster Financial Sec.: Sandy Hunter

Session Members

Mary Holc (2017); Susan Walker (2017); Robert Hartsell (2017)
Blake Bishop (2018); Valerie Harsh (2018); Marquita Simpson (2018)
Sandy Hunter (2019), Patsy Johnson (2019); (2019) Charles Smyth (2019)
Donald Hunter (Clerk of Session)

Trustees

Gregg Webber (2017); Mary Kay Schroeter (2018); Morgan Ingram (2019)

2017 Birthday Offering Recipients

Navajo Water Project

NEW MEXICO

This Birthday Offering grant will provide a running water system for 40 families who do not have access to running water in their homes. Families currently store their water in pots, pans and 55-gallon drums. The grant will provide each household with a cistern, pump, sink, shower and all pipes for the installation of their water system. The Navajo Water project will eventually provide water systems to 205 families at the Smith Lake Navajo Reservation in New Mexico.

The Family Justice Center

SOUTH CAROLINA

The Family Justice Center (FJC) Safe Haven for Victims of Domestic Violence currently operates an emergency shelter for victims of domestic violence in Georgetown and Horry Counties in South Carolina. With room for only 11 people, the shelter is frequently at capacity. The Presbyterian Women Birthday Offering grant will assist FJC in achieving its goal of constructing a new domestic violence shelter with greater capacity for victims of abuse living in these two counties.

First Hand Aid

CUBA

First Hand Aid Rural Clinic Development Initiative exists to diminish the suffering of the most marginalized Cuban citizens by providing them hope, dignity and the basic necessities of life and health. The Rural Clinic Development Initiative is designed to establish six medical clinics in partnership with, and located at, Presbyterian Churches in rural Cuba that will provide medicine and care not available, or difficult to get, from Cuban sources in those communities. In rural Cuba, where people often do not have a means to get to, or the opportunity to benefit from, the resources located in large urban centers like Havana, people turn to the church for their basic needs—including certain medical needs.

The actual grant amounts for these worthwhile programs will depend on monies received in 2017. We ask that you give as you have been blessed, generously and as led by the Holy Spirit. You may make your gifts through your PW group or online at www.presbyterianwomen.org.

To learn more about the Birthday Offering, contact Kathy Reeves, 844/797-2872, ext. 5402, or katharine.reeves@pcusa.org, or visit www.presbyterianwomen.org.