

Dear Saints and Friends of Gregory Memorial,



*“Your people shall be righteous; they shall possess the land forever. They are the shoot that I planted, the work of my hands, so that I might be glorified. The least of them shall become a clan, and the smallest one a mighty nation; I am the Lord; in its time I will accomplish it quickly.”*

-Isaiah 60:21-22

For the past few years, I’ve been the coordinator for the Presbytery’s “Small Church Intern” program; each year, as seminary students undergo their church internship, some few of them choose to explore life in the small church. My role is to meet with them regularly, offering feedback, insight, and directing them in the ways to get the most out of their experience.

This past year, there was only one student intern for me to work with. As I asked him at the beginning of the year why he chose to do an internship with a small church (instead of one of the bigger churches in Richmond), he said he was interested in an experience he hadn’t yet had; he grew up in a larger church and wanted to see a smaller one on a short-term basis. He quickly followed that up by saying, “But I feel that, when I graduate and go into ministry, I’ll be an associate minister at a bigger church.”

When I asked him, a few weeks ago at the end of the internship, how he had grown and what he had learned, he surprised me by saying that he now felt he would be a solo pastor at a small church somewhere. When I asked how the internship contributed to that change of perspective, his response was simply, “I don’t know...but there’s something mighty about the small church and its ministry.”

I couldn’t agree more, and I would be hard-pressed to state it as well: There’s something at work in the mighty small church. And that’s what we are: a mighty small church. Now, some could look at “mighty small” and think that I’m emphasizing the degree of smallness (as in: “Wow, you’re not just small, but you’re mighty small!”), but those that would think that way are missing

the true gift being presented before them. We, along with many other churches our size, are MIGHTY small...as in, our truest gift and strength, our *might*, is found in the very fact that we are small, as opposed to larger.

I know it may not always feel like that’s much of a gift or a strength, particularly when we’re looking out over the pews on a low-attendance Sunday morning, or looking at the checking account balance for the end of the month. There are times and aspects when being small certainly doesn’t feel mighty. But that’s only true when we look at the church, our church, and measure it through the eyes and criteria of this world. And, brothers and sisters, hear me well as I say this: *This is not the way our church is valued, or truly measured.*

I had the epiphany earlier this month, and I continue to joyfully live with its revelation: the greatest earthly gift the church can offer is the embodiment of divine relationship, unlabeled by human terms, among its members as well as the community in which it resides. In short, our strength lies in the very fact that we, as a smaller, family-oriented church, can offer that familial community to each other and everyone else throughout Prince George. We can offer a familial community that does not focus primarily on age or gender or status or anything else earthly, but simply loves as family does. This is our greatest gift, our greatest strength, and we live into it quite well. We are a mighty small church, indeed.

With you on the journey,  
Pastor Jason



## WORSHIP INFORMATION FOR JUNE, 2018

### Sunday, 3 June 2018

“2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost” - Liturgical Color: Green  
 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Jonah 1:1-17 \* 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Mark 1:35-39  
 Sermon: “Which Direction?”

### Sunday, 10 June 2018

“3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost” - Liturgical Color: Green  
 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Jonah 2:1-10 \* 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Mark 4:35-41  
 Sermon: “Overcome, With Thanksgiving”

### Sunday, 17 June 2018

“Father’s Day”  
 “4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost” - Liturgical Color: Green  
 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Jonah 3:1-10 \* 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Mark 6:7-13  
 Sermon: “Converting the Unbeliever”

### Sunday, 24 June 2018

“Sunday in the Park” – Scott Park  
 “5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost” - Liturgical Color: Green  
 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Jonah 4:1-11 \* 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Mark 8:14-21  
 Sermon: “Bent Out of Shape”



**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.

<p>James Hartsell, Robert Hartsell’s brother                  Amy Townson, Josh Ingram’s sister                  Doris Karnowski, Josh Ingram’s grandmother                  Maryland Blanchard, Grace Cibula’s friend                  Mary Chadwick, Dink Armstrong’s sister                  Evelyn Lichvar, her son, Rick, &amp; her brother, Martin (health issues)                  Becky Smith                  Russell Heiser, Ingrid Phoenix’s grandson (health issues)                  Kenneth &amp; Sue Andrews, Childress family’s friends                  Jimmy Clark                  Elisha Beverly, Valerie Harsh’s daughter (health issue recurrence)                  Eleanor Jones                  Butch Meade, Glenda Mayhew’s brother                  Courtney Stewart, friend of the Hunters (Duke Hospital)                  Jane Arehart, Glenda Mayhew’s friend (health issues)</p>	<p>Gene Vasek (health issue)                  Gladys Wiseman                  Steve “Dee” Shortt, Kim Helmer Shortt’s husband (health issue)                  Verne &amp; Clara Smith                  Leigh Primmer, PG County Finance Dept. (health issue)                  Scott Guelcher, friend of Larry Johnson (health issues)                  Carol Knight, friend of Rose Scott (health issues)                  Karen Titmus &amp; family, friends of the Wiseman/Scott families (health concerns)                  Charlie Perkins                  Sharon Noblin, Susan Shockley’s neighbor (caregiver concerns)                  Elizabeth &amp; H. F. Scott, Jr.                  Grace Cibula                  Travis Walker &amp; family (preparing for transition to Ft. Drum, NY)                  Peggy Allen (home, physical therapy)</p>
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*“Be patient with everyone, but above all with yourself. Do not be disturbed because of your imperfections, and always rise up bravely from a fall.” St. Francis de Sales*

ANNOUNCEMENTS



**GATEKEEPER:**  
Doug Holc

**JUNE 3:** Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.;  
Worship & Holy Communion, 11 a.m.

**JUNE 4:** Worship Com., 1 p.m.

**JUNE 5:** GS Tr. 5000, Fellowship Hall,  
6 p.m.; Congregational Care Com.,  
7 p.m.; Facilities Com., 7 p.m.

**JUNE 6:** Choir practice, 7 p.m.

**JUNE 7:** Christian Ed Com., 7 p.m.

**JUNE 9:** Boy Scout Order of Arrow  
Picnic, Fellowship Hall, 12 p.m. (set-up at  
10 a.m.).

**JUNE 10:** Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.;  
Worship, 11 a.m.

**JUNE 12:** POJ meeting, RVA, 8:30 a.m.;  
Girl Scout Troop 5000, Fellowship Hall,  
6 p.m.; Missions-Outreach, 7 p.m.

**JUNE 13:** Choir practice, 7 p.m.

**JUNE 14:** Newsletter articles due in  
church office, 2 p.m.

**JUNE 17:** “Father’s Day”; Sunday  
school, 9:45 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.

**JUNE 18:** Last day to order Pork-Butts  
(Workcamp fund-raiser). Pork-butt  
tickets are sold by pre-order only. Cost:  
\$30/pork-butt ticket. Available from  
Workcampers or by calling Jason at the  
church. Make checks payable to: “Gregory  
Memorial Church.”

**JUNE 19:** Girl Scout Troop 5000,  
Fellowship Hall, 6 p.m.

**JUNE 20:** Choir practice, 7 p.m.

**JUNE 21:** Newsletter out, 2 p.m.;  
Stewardship & Finance Com., 7 p.m.

**JUNE 23:** Pick-up of pre-ordered Pork-  
Butts), time TBA.

**JUNE 24:** “Sunday in the Park”;  
Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; Worship in  
Scott Park, 11 a.m.; 5 Cents A Meal  
Offering, 11 a.m.; Pot-luck lunch, 12:15  
p.m. Details TBA

**JUNE 26:** “Christian Puppet Show” by  
Hiz Handz of Suffolk, Va., followed by  
“make-your-own ice cream sundaes.”  
“Love Offering to be collected.  
Fellowship Hall, 7 p.m.

**JUNE 27:** Boy Scouts Troop 900  
Honor Court, 6 p.m. dinner, Fellowship  
Hall; Choir practice, 7 p.m.

**JUNE 30:** Committee reports due,  
in church office, 2 p.m.

EVENTS COMING UP

- 6/17: “Fathers’ Day”
- 6/18: Last day to pre-order Pork Butts
- 6/24: “Sunday in the Park”
- 6/26: “Christian Puppet Show” at GMPC
- 7/20: “Family Night” at GMPC
- 7/22: GMPC Workcamp Week begins
- 8/7: “National Night Out”
- 8/9: “Faith Night” at Flying Squirrels  
Ballgame, The Diamond, RVA

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*Missed the sermon?* GMPC’s sermons  
are on *YouTube* each week. Check out  
**gmpcva** on Facebook, or the  
**gregorymemorial.org** website for the  
links, or search *YouTube.com* for  
Sunday’s sermon.

FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY

JUNE 3	
JUNE 10	Rose Scott
JUNE 17	
JUNE 24	

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

THOSE WHO SERVE – JUNE, 2018

<b>GATEKEEPER:</b> Doug Holc	<b>JUN. 3</b> 2nd Sunday after Pente.	<b>JUN. 10</b> 3rd Sunday after Pente.	<b>JUN. 17</b> 4th Sunday after Pente. “Father’s Day”	<b>JUN. 24</b> 5th Sunday after Pente. “Sunday in the Park”
<b>Ushers</b>	Bobby Allen Donna Allen Velma Allen Larry Johnson	Wayne Powers Brenda Bond Glenda Mayhew Les Mayhew	Sheila Fields Janet Shill Marguerite Bishop Valerie Harsh	John Carl Allen Dianne Overstreet Rose Scott Wayne Powers
<b>Announcements</b>	Larry Johnson	Rose Scott	Dianne Overstreet	Valerie Harsh
<b>Junior Sermon</b>	Megan Cashing	Minister	Susan Shockley	Valerie Harsh*
<b>Junior Church</b>	Valerie Harsh	Morgan Ingram Josh Ingram	Megan Cashing	Patsy Johnson
<b>Counting</b>	Morgan Ingram Blake Bishop	Donald Hunter Megan Cashing	David Johnson Rose Scott	Sandy Hunter Glenda Mayhew

\*Also 5 Cents a Meal Offering



**WHAT'S JASON READING?**  
*Nothing new. Still reading...*

For church: "Brushed by the Sacred" (Lee Beckes)

For fun: "The New Dad's Survival Guide: Man-to-Man Advice for First-Time Fathers" (Scott Mactavish)

For school: Nothing new; reviewing previous books while continuing to work on project.



**GMPC'S WORKCAMP GROUP IS DOING A PORK BUTT FUNDRAISER SALE!**



Pork butts may be pre-ordered through Workcampers or by calling Jason at the church office (732-1081). Pork butt tickets are \$30, and orders will be taken through June 18 – get yours now!

**PUPPET SHOW AND ICE CREAM SUNDAES!**

By Patsy Johnson

Mark your calendar for **June 26 at 7:00 p.m.** We will be treated to a special Christian Puppet Show brought to us by "Hiz Hands Ministry" from Suffolk.

The show will not only feature a wonderful message for the entire family, but will also feature popular songs that we all know from the past.

Everyone is sure to enjoy the toe-tapping Oldies that have been transformed with new words which fit the message being delivered. Both young and old are sure to have a great time!!

Following the Puppet Show, everyone will be treated to a "make-your-own sundae." So, be sure to

invite your family and neighbors, as we share the love of God with our community.

A "Love Offering" will be collected.



**TO BRIGHTEN YOUR DAY**

**Things God won't ask on THAT day...**

1. God won't ask what kind of car you drove.

*He'll ask how many people you drove who had no transportation.*

2. God won't ask the square footage of your house.

*He'll ask how many people you welcomed into your home.*

3. God won't ask about the clothes you had in your closet.

*He'll ask how many you helped to clothe.*

4. God won't ask what your highest salary was.

*He'll ask if you compromised your character to obtain it.*

5. God won't ask what your job title was.

*He'll ask if you performed your*

*job to the best of your ability.*

6. God won't ask how many friends you had.

*He'll ask how many people to whom you were a friend.*

7. God won't ask what neighborhood you lived in.

*He'll ask how you treated your neighbors.*

8. God won't ask about the color of your skin.

*He'll ask about the content of your character.*

**Missed Collection?** Henry Marks, a collector of rare books ran into an acquaintance, Arnold, who told him he had just thrown away an old Bible that he found in a dusty, old box. He happened to mention that Guten-somebody-or-other had printed it.

"Not Gutenberg?" gasped Henry in disbelief.

"Yes, that was it," remembered Arnold.

"You idiot!" Henry exploded, "You've thrown away one of the first books ever printed. A copy recently sold at auction for half a million dollars!"

"Oh, I don't think this book would have been worth anything close to that much," replied Arnold.

**"You see, it was scribbled all over in the margins by some guy named Martin Luther."**





## Gregory Memorial Preschool 2018-2019 Registration Form



**Registration for the 2018-2019 School Year will begin March 1, 2018.** Please contact Janet Lammey, Preschool Director, via phone 804-203-3061 or email [gregorymemorialps@hotmail.com](mailto:gregorymemorialps@hotmail.com) to check availability of openings for enrollment.

**Eligibility:** Children must be 3 years of age by September 30 of the current school year. A copy of each child's birth certificate from their state of birth, as well as a copy of the child's immunization record is requested at registration and will be kept on file by the preschool.

**Registration & Fees:** Return completed registration form with \$50.00 *non-refundable registration fee* within two weeks to ensure a position in our program. *Tuition, in the amount of \$145*, will be due the 1st of each month. A *one-time supply fee of \$75* will be due by orientation, which will be held the last week of August. **All 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.*

**Child's Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Nickname:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Birthdate:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mother's Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Primary Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Home Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Secondary Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 (City, State, Zip): \_\_\_\_\_ **Work Hours:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Business Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Work Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Father's Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Primary Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Home Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Secondary Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 (City, State, Zip): \_\_\_\_\_ **Work Hours:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Business Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Work Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Guardian's Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Primary Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Home Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Secondary Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 (City, State, Zip): \_\_\_\_\_ **Work Hours:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Business Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Work Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contacts (other than Parent/Guardian)**

Primary Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Child: \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work 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: \_\_\_\_\_

**Photo Release**

I, (parent/guardian name) \_\_\_\_\_,

**DO/DO NOT** (circle one) authorize Gregory Memorial Preschool to publish photos of my child(ren): (name(s)) \_\_\_\_\_ on Gregory Memorial Preschool's website and Facebook account.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Volunteer Opportunities**

*We love our volunteers, and our preschool thrives because of all of you! Please indicate the name and phone number of you and/or your family member(s) in the spaces below regarding how you would like to volunteer with our preschool:*

\_\_\_\_\_ Available to assist in the classroom (select day(s) below)

( ) Tuesday ( ) Wednesday ( ) Thursday

\_\_\_\_\_ Available to assist in preparing materials for lessons.

\_\_\_\_\_ Assist with Career Day (please indicate the name and phone number of your child's family member's names in the space provided below if available for our Career Day Visits):

_____ Police Officer	_____ Farmer
_____ Soldier	_____ Nurse
_____ Mail Carrier	_____ Bus Driver
_____ Veterinarian	_____ Dentist/ Hygienist

( ) Assist in another capacity indicated in the space below:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Office Use Only**

Registration Fee (\$50): \_\_\_\_\_ Supply Fee (\$75): \_\_\_\_\_ September Tuition (\$145): \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Certificate: \_\_\_\_\_ Immunization Records: \_\_\_\_\_

JUNE, 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 9:45a Sunday Sch. 11a Worship serv. 11a Holy Communion	4 1p Worship	5 6p Cong. Care 6p GS Tr5000 7p Facilities	6 7p Choir Practice	7 2p Church Cleaning 7p Christian Ed	8	9 12p Boy Scouts Order of Arrow Picnic (set-up 10a), Fellowship Hall
10 9:45a Sunday Sch. 11a Worship serv.  Flowers: R. Scott	11	12 8:30a POJ meeting, RVA 6p GS Tr5000, Fellowship Hall 7p Missions-Outreach Com.	13 7p Choir Practice	14 2p Church Cleaning 2p News articles due	15	16
17 "FATHER'S DAY" 9:45a Sunday Sch. 11a Worship serv.	18 Last day to purchase Pork Butt tickets! (GMPC Workcampers' Fund-raiser)	19 6p GS Tr5000	20 7p Choir Practice	21 2p Church Cleaning 2p Newsletter out 7p Stewardship & Finance	22	23 Pick-up of pre-ordered Pork Butts at GMPC; Time TBA
24 "SUNDAY IN THE PARK" 9:45a Sunday Sch. 11a Worship serv., Scott Park 11a 5 Cents A Meal Offering 12:15p Potluck Lunch	25	26 7p Christian Puppet show, Ice cream Sundaes, "Love" Offering, Fellowship Hall	27 1-9p BS Tr900 Hon. Court (6p dinner), Fellowship Hall 7p Choir Practice	28 2p Church Cleaning	29	30 2p Committee reports due in church office

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***JUNE NEWSLETTER***



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

We're on: [Facebook.com/gmpcva](https://www.facebook.com/gmpcva)  
[Sermons on Youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)  
[WWW.GREGORYMEMORIAL.ORG](http://WWW.GREGORYMEMORIAL.ORG)