

Dear Saints and Friends of Gregory Memorial,



But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.
- Jeremiah 29:7

But strive first for the Kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.
- Matthew 6:33

You may recall, during a recent Jr. Sermon in worship, I challenged the youth to look for “God Moments” in their lives during the coming days and weeks. “God Moments,” as I explained to them, were the places wherein we are surprised and filled with joy to see God at work. Sometimes they are little, sometimes they are big, sometimes they might even go unnoticed were we not actively looking for them. Many times they will come in an unexpected time or in an unexpected way, but occasionally we’ll be able to see them coming by the series of events we see unfolding.

And while that was the somewhat ‘boiled down’ version, there’s another way to think about these “God Moments”: Think of the photo albums you keep, or even of the pictures you post on FaceBook or other social media...the pictures tend to represent the highlights, right? The notable and exciting events...the ones you want to try and capture or freeze in time, to be able to revisit later on and say to yourself or others, “Look at this! Remember when...!” These pictures represent the best, most notable events in our lives, the times that give us strength today and have even shaped who are as a person, as God’s child.

For instance, I was reminded recently of the surprise birthday party my wife threw for me to celebrate my impending 40th birthday. Not only was the planning of it a surprise, but so was the guest list: the majority of my closest friends, scattered across the country, who had coordinated their lives and schedules (and bank

accounts) to come to visit me, surprising me at Nationals Ballpark (for what would be a postponed, rained out game). As I realized the depth of the surprise, at least one of my friends managed to capture my reaction in pictures. These pictures are the kinds of snapshots I’m referring to: the kinds of pictures that remind us of the unexpected but ever-present joy in life, that remind us of the community of which we are a part, that remind us who we are.

And when we look at that in terms of the Divine, we have “God Moments”: snapshots of life which show the goodness and presence of God in surprising, sometimes small & unnoticeable ways. It’s our photo album of God’s works & presence, of Christ’s love & reassurance, of the Spirit’s renewing & upholding. Our photo album has pages upon pages for our snapshots of “God Moments,” but in order to fill it we need to be on the lookout for them.

So this is my challenge and my encouragement to you: Be on the lookout for those occasions, big or little, which are “God Moments” in your life and in our community. I’ll want to hear about them, and will even be asking after them in worship. Let’s fill our album to overflowing!

With you on the journey,
Pastor Jason



WORSHIP INFORMATION FOR SEPTEMBER, 2018

Sunday, 2 September 2018

“15th Sunday after Pentecost” - Liturgical Color: Green
 1st Reading: Genesis 6:5-22; 8:6-12; 9:8-17 * 2nd Reading: Matthew 8:24-27
 Sermon: “After the Rains”

Sunday, 9 September 2018
“Back to Church Sunday”

“16th Sunday after Pentecost” - Liturgical Color: Green
 1st Reading: Psalm 125:1-5 * 2nd Reading: Mark 7:24-37
 Sermon: Special Program – The Finney Family

Sunday, 16 September 2018

“17th Sunday after Pentecost” - Liturgical Color: Green
 1st Reading: Genesis 12:1-9 * 2nd Reading: Matthew 28:19-20
 Sermon: “Steps of Faith”

Sunday, 23 September 2018

“18th Sunday after Pentecost” - Liturgical Color: Green
 1st Reading: Genesis 39:1-23 * 2nd Reading: Matthew 5:11-12
 Sermon: Guest Preacher (Rev. Charlie Summers)

Sunday, 30 September 2018

“19th Sunday after Pentecost” - Liturgical Color: Green
 1st Reading: Exodus 14: 5-7, 10-14, 21-29 * 2nd Reading: Matthew 2:13-15
 Sermon: Guest Preacher (Colleen Earp)



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.

Maxine Newton (mother-in-law of Wayne Powers' daughter) Amy Townson, Josh Ingram's sister Doris Karnowski, Josh Ingram's grandmother Mary Chadwick, Dink Armstrong's sister Evelyn Lichvar, her son, Rick, & her brother, Martin (health issues) Becky Smith Russell Heiser, Ingrid Phoenix's grandson (health issues) Kenneth & Sue Andrews, Childress family's friends Jimmy Clark Elisha Beverly, Valerie Harsh's daughter (health issue recurrence) Jeff Mundy (heart procedure) Butch Meade, Glenda Mayhew's brother Courtney Stewart, friend of the Hunters (Duke Hospital) Jane Arehart, Glenda Mayhew's friend (health issues) Gene Vasek (health issue) Gladys Wiseman Steve "Dee" Shortt, Kim Helmer Shortt's husband (health issue) Verne & 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 & family, friends of the Wiseman/Scott families (health concerns) Charlie Perkins Sharon Entwhistle (friend of Barb Taliaferro) Elizabeth Scott Harry Steele (friend of Dianne Overstreet) Peggy Allen (home, physical therapy) Dink Armstrong's sister, "Shorty" (serious illness) Eddie Frankenstein Erle Potter, good family friend of Haskys (cancer diagnosis, treatment) Grace Cibula Beverly L. Childress (Hospice care, at home) Biff Riggan The Fuller Family Family/friends of Ronnie Mitchell Family/friends of H.F. Scott (d. 8/8) Family/friends of Mike Juliano, Sr. (friend of the Cashings (d. 8/11) Family/friends of Rev. Robert Livesay (d. 8/7) George Poulson Richard Harsh Family/friends of Barbara Nester Kincaid (d. 8/16)
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“Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life.” Proverbs 4:23

ANNOUNCEMENTS



GATEKEEPER:

Doug Holc

SEP. 2: Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; **Worship**, 11 a.m.

SEP. 3: "Labor Day"

SEP. 4: Gregory Memorial Preschool begins 2018-19 Term, 9 a.m.; **Circle**, 12:30 p.m.; **GS Troop 5000**, 6 p.m.; **Facilities Com.**, 7 p.m.

SEP. 5: Choir practice, 7 p.m.

SEP. 9: "Back to Church Sunday" - Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; **Worship**, 11 a.m., **Special Program: The Finney Family;** **Potluck Lunch**, Fellowship Hall, 12:30 p.m.

SEP. 11: Congregational Care Com., 6 p.m.; **Missions-Outreach Com.**, 7 p.m.

SEP. 12: Choir practice, 7 p.m.

SEP. 13: Stewardship & Finance Com., 7 p.m.

SEP. 16: Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; **Worship**, 11 a.m.; **Session meeting**, 12:30 p.m.

SEP. 18: GS Troop 5000, 6 p.m.

SEP. 19: Choir practice, 7 p.m.

SEP. 20: Newsletter articles due in church office, 2 p.m.

SEP. 23: Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; **Worship**, 11 a.m., **5-Cents-A-Meal Offering**, 11 a.m.

SEP. 26: BS Troop 900 Honor Court & dinner, 6 p.m.; **Choir practice**, 7 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 27: Newsletter out, 2 p.m.

SEP. 30: Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; **Worship**, 11 a.m., **Local Emerg. Aid Offering**, 11 a.m.; **Committee reports due**, 2 p.m.

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

FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY

SEPTEMBER 2	
SEPTEMBER 19	
SEPTEMBER 16	Dianne Overstreet
SEPTEMBER 23	Jason Cashing
SEPTEMBER 30	

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 – September, 2018

GATEKEEPER: 🔑 Doug Holc	SEP. 2 15 th Sunday after Pente.	SEP. 9 16 th Sunday after Pentec.	SEP. 16 17 th Sunday after Pente.	SEP. 23 18 th Sunday after Pente.	SEP. 30 19 th Sunday after Pente.
Ushers	John Carl Allen Dianne Overstreet Rose Scott Wayne Powers	Charles Smyth Austin Smyth Morgan Ingram Josh Ingram	Bobby Allen Donna Allen Velma Allen Larry Johnson	Wayne Powers Brenda Bond Glenda Mayhew Les Mayhew	Sheila Fields Janet Shill Marguerite Bishop Valerie Harsh
Announcements	Valerie Harsh	Mary Kay Schroeter	Larry Johnson	Rose Scott	Dianne Overstreet
Junior Sermon	Megan Cashing	Minister	Susan Shockley	Valerie Harsh*	Patsy Johnson
Junior Church	Megan Cashing	Morgan Ingram Josh Ingram	Patsy Johnson	Jennifer Smyth	Susan Shockley
Counting	Donald Hunter Megan Cashing	David Johnson Rose Scott	Sandy Hunter Glenda Mayhew	Morgan Ingram Ron Recher	Donald Hunter Susan Shockley

*5 Cents a Meal Offering



WHAT'S JASON READING?

Nothing new, just writing!



NEWS FROM CHRISTIAN ED & WORSHIP COMMITTEES

❖ **BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY**

This year the Christian Ed Committee decided to do things a little differently for Back to Church Sunday. We will celebrate Back to Church Sunday on September 9, 2018 with special music provided by the Finneys and a covered dish luncheon to follow. The Christian Ed Committee will be providing hot dogs and barbeque, and we are asking all of you to bring a side dish and/or a desert. We look forward to a very inspirational service that will set the tone for the upcoming church year. Mark your calendars, and we will see you there. Don't forget to bring a friend!!!

❖ **CHANGES IN NURSERY AND JUNIOR CHURCH SCHEDULES**

As we all know, Gregory Memorial is having a baby!!! This is an exciting event

and one that will require some preparation. The Christian Ed and Worship Committees have been collaborating to come up with a plan that ensures our young children are taken care of during worship service. Beginning in December, we will be providing a Nursery every Sunday morning during worship. The Nursery will be for ages Infant through Kindergarten. In order to provide the safest of environments, we will be having two Nursery attendants at all times. No lesson will be taught, just quality child care offered, so that the parents of these young ones can enjoy worship. For our older youth (ages 6 and above), we will be updating the worship boards for their use.

We are small in number and therefore it is impossible to provide both a Nursery

and Junior Church without asking members to make an enormous commitment. With the plan that is being proposed, we should be able to enlist enough volunteers so that a volunteer would only have to sit in the Nursery four Sundays a year. We know that everyone will agree that is not too much to ask.

It is our hope that many of you that have not enjoyed the opportunity of assisting with Junior Church in the past will now volunteer to help with the Nursery. Remember, there is no lesson to be taught, and you will have another person in the room with you. Please pray about this commitment, and when asked about volunteering, say "Yes!"

TO BRIGHTEN YOUR DAY

25 Pearls of Wisdom.....

1. If you're too open minded, your brains will fall out.
2. Age is a high price to pay for maturity.
3. Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than going to a garage makes you a mechanic.
4. Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity.
5. If you must choose between two evils, pick the one you have never tried before.
6. My idea of housework is to sweep the room with a glance.
7. Not one shred of evidence supports the notion that life is serious.
8. It is easier to beg forgiveness than get permission.
9. For every action, *there is an equal and opposite government program.*

10. If you looked like your passport picture, then you probably needed the trip.
11. Bills travel through the post at twice the speed of checks.
12. A conscience is what hurts you when all your other parts feel *so good.*
13. Eat well, stay fit, die anyway.
14. Men are from Earth. Women are from Earth. Deal with it.
15. No husband has ever been shot while doing the dishes.
16. A balanced diet is a biscuit in each hand.
17. Opportunities always look bigger going than coming.
18. Middle age is when broadness of mind and narrowness of the waist change places.

19. Junk is something you've kept for years and throw away three weeks before you need it.
20. You can depend on this one: *There is always one more imbecile than you counted on.*
21. Experience is a wonderful thing. It enables you to recognize a mistake when you make it again.
22. By the time you can make ends meet, *they move the ends!*
23. Thou shalt not weigh more than thy refrigerator. [Almost poetic!]
24. Someone who thinks logically provides a nice contrast to the real world.
25. Blessed are they who can laugh at *themselves for they shall never cease to be amused.*



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2 9:45a Sunday Sch. 11a Worship serv.	3 "LABOR DAY"	4 9a Preschool 2018-19 Term Begins 12:30p Circle 6p Cong. Care Com 6p GS Tr 5000 7p Facilities Com.	5 7p Choir practice	6 2p Church Cleaning	7	8
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SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER



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

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[Sermons on Youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)
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