

Dear Saints and Friends of Gregory Memorial,



We declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.
-1 John 1:3-4

It may have caught your attention that I've been a bit nostalgic, recently, and for a reason that's pretty understandable. Not nostalgic for "the good ol' days," necessarily; I'm well aware that humans have a tendency to view their past with the good aspects front and center. Rather, I've been nostalgic for the family that I was raised around, the people who helped shape me during my formative years into who I am today, who did their best to make sure that I had as many good aspects of life as possible on which to look back upon, the people who showed me love and nurture and taught me the best they were able how to look for and live into love, as well. I've been nostalgic for these people, who are no longer living on this earth, because I would love for them to see where I am now, who I'm with, what I'm doing, and especially to be introduced to the child that furthers their family name.

I lament that they will never know our child in person, but perhaps more so that our child will never have the same benefits I had of learning directly from the lives and lessons its ancestors. I grew up with stories of family members who I never had the privilege of meeting first-hand; and while I know that that is a reality of our world, it is still a lament that I carry with me.

Yet, I know that our child will get to know these family members. Through us, through our stories, and through the ways in which we have been shaped by them and their influence is upon our lives, Megan and I will be able to share with our child the ones who came before her, who came before us. Because we don't exist in isolation; we are tied to the community of our family and we bear in us the reflection of all those family members, past and present. They have taught and strengthened us, and so we will do the same.

I'm notoriously bad at asking for help; I could try to pin that on any number of reasons, but the simple truth is that I try to do too much and too rarely ask for help or assistance. But I know that I did not come to this point in life without the help, strength, support, and teaching of many others in my life (and even before my life). And so, I know that I will likely need help as we face this new reality, and that I'm not sure I'll know how to ask for it. But I do know this: I can rest assured in the community of not just family, but of faith, as well. This community, in which we live and dwell and have our being, will be there for us just as it has been present for so many others over the decades. Such a truth is a great reassurance!

For truly, this is who we are to one another: family, bonded together by more than just DNA but by the Spirit of God dwelling within each of us, bringing us together in worship, fellowship, and service. What a marvelous and wonderful gift we are to one another, a gift made possible through the love of Christ to this world! We are a support, a benevolence, and a joy, in tough times and in easy, and in that the fellowship of Christ is realized and made known.

Not only that, it is shared with all the saints who have come before us in the faith. One of my favorite hymns is, "For All the Saints." We tend to sing it primarily at funerals, but what a wondrous reminder of those who have shared their lives and love with us and others! As we move into this month during which we remember the saints of our lives, may we indeed be continually blessed by their memory and the fellowship they shared with us.

With you on the journey,
Pastor Jason



WORSHIP INFORMATION FOR OCTOBER, 2018

Sunday, 7 October 2018 (“World Communion Sunday”)

“20th Sunday after Pentecost” - Liturgical Color: Green
 1st Reading: Exodus 19:3-7; 20:1-17 * 2nd Reading: Matthew 5:17
 Sermon: “I Covenant”

Sunday, 14 October 2018

“21st Sunday after Pentecost” - Liturgical Color: Green
 1st Reading: Joshua 24: 1-26 * 2nd Reading: Matthew 4:8-10
 Sermon: “Choose This Day”

Sunday, 21 October 2018

“22nd Sunday after Pentecost” - Liturgical Color: Green
 1st Reading: 2 Samuel 11:1-5, 26-27; 12:1-9 * 2nd Reading: Matthew 21: 33-41
 Sermon: “Sin & Repent”

Sunday, 28 October 2018 (“Reformation Sunday”)

“23rd Sunday after Pentecost” - Liturgical Color: Green
 1st Reading: 1 Kings 3:4-28 * 2nd Reading: Matthew 6:9-10
 Sermon: “Who’s Perspective?”



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 Scott Guelcher, friend of Larry Johnson (health issues) Karen Titmus & family, friends of the Wiseman/Scott families (health concerns)	Carol Knight, friend of Rose Scott (health issues) Sharon Entwistle (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 Biff Riggan George Poulson Richard Harsh Nancy Willis, grandmother of Corey Whelan, who’s also Pat Hunter’s grandson (terminal cancer diagnosis) Carol Bowman (Sharon Entwistle’s mother, brain blockages) Sandra Perkins (recovering from eye procedure) Debbie Hudson, Susan Shockley’s friend (health concerns) Joy for birth of Wayne Powers’ great-granddaughter Joy for birth of Jason & Megan Cashing’s daughter, “Carrie” (b. 9/24) Family/friends of Evan Whitley, Janet Lammey’s son (d. 9/16) Family/friends of Beverly L. Childress (d. 9/20)
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“Forgive your enemies. It messes with their heads.” - Anonymous

ANNOUNCEMENTS



GATEKEEPER

Gregg Webber

OCT. 1: Worship Com., 1 p.m.

OCT. 2: Circle, 12:30 p.m.; **GS Troop 5000**, 6 p.m.; **Congregational Care Com.**, 6 p.m.; **Christian Ed Com.**, 7 p.m.; **Facilities Com.**, 7 p.m.

OCT. 3: **Personnel Com.**, 6:15 p.m.; **Choir practice**, 7 p.m.

OCT. 7: “World Communion Sunday”; **Sunday school**, 9:45 a.m.; **Worship service**, **Peace & Global Witness Offering**, **Holy Communion**, 11 a.m.

OCT. 8: “Columbus Day”; **Crater BS Order of Arrow Halloween party** in Fellowship Hall, 6 p.m. (1 p.m. set-up)

OCT. 9: **Missions-Outreach Com.**, 7 p.m.

OCT. 10: **Choir practice**, 7 p.m.

OCT. 13: **GMPC Church Work Day**, **8:30 a.m.** (begins with **8 a.m. Work Day breakfast** in Fellowship Hall)

OCT. 14: **Sunday school**, 9:45 a.m.; **Worship**, 11 a.m.

OCT. 16: **PG Fire & EMS meeting**, Fellowship Hall, 8 a.m.; **GS Troop 5000**, 6 p.m.

OCT. 17: **Choir practice**, 7 p.m.

OCT. 18: **Newsletter articles due** in church office, 2 p.m.; **Stewardship & Finance Com.**, 7 p.m.

OCT. 21: **Sunday school**, 9:45 a.m.; **Worship**, 11 a.m.; **Congregational meeting** after worship, 12 p.m.

OCT. 24: **Choir practice**, 7 p.m.

OCT. 25: **Newsletter out**, 2 p.m.

OCT. 26: **BSA Crew 900 set-up for Saturday event**, Fellowship Hall, 6 p.m.

OCT. 27: **BSA Crew 900 Yard sale** in church parking lot, 8 a.m.; **Crew’s Hallowe’en party**, Fellowship Hall, 6 p.m.

OCT. 28: “Reformation Sunday”; **Sunday school**, 9:45 a.m.; **Worship service**, **5 Cents A Meal Offering**, 11 a.m.

OCT. 30: **GS Troop 5000**, 6 p.m.

OCT. 31: “Hallowe’en”; **Committee reports due**, 2 p.m.; **Choir practice**, 7 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

OCTOBER 7	Hunters
OCTOBER 14	Rose Scott
OCTOBER 21	
OCTOBER 28	

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 - OCTOBER, 2018

GATEKEEPER: Gregg Webber	OCT. 7 “World Comunion Sunday” 20 th Sunday after Pentecost	OCT. 14 21 st Sunday after Pentecost	OCT. 21 22 nd Sunday after Pentecost	OCT. 28 “Reformation Suinday” 23 rd Sunday after Pentecost
Ushers	John Carl Allen Dianne Overstreet Rose Scott Wayne Powers	Charles Smyth Jared Smyth Morgan Ingram Josh Ingram	Bobby Allen Donna Allen Velma Allen Larry Johnson	Wayne Powers Brenda Bond Glenda Mayhew Les Mayhew
Announcements	Valerie Harsh	Mary Kay Schroeter	Larry Johnson	Rose Scott
Junior Sermon	Pat Hunter	Minister	Megan Cashing	Susan Shockley*
Junior Church	Pat Hunter	Rose Scott	Marguerite Bishop	Mary Holc
Counting	David Johnson Blake Bishop	Sandy Hunter Megan Cashing	Morgan Ingram Rose Scott	Donald Hunter Glenda Mayhew

*5 Cents a Meal Offering



WHAT'S JASON READING?

“Under the Unpredictable Plant: An Exploration in Vocational Holiness” (Eugene Peterson)

ON A MISSION.... Here in our community, **James House** provides a safe haven for abused women. Last year we did an awesome collection of supplies for James House. We are designating the **month of October** for another collection for this organization. If you recall, we collected needed household supplies (paper towels, cleaning supplies, soaps, etc.), as well as personal items for the women.

Collection baskets will be placed **in the Narthex** as well as **in the dining area of the Fellowship Hall**. Any and all items will be greatly appreciated. *Thank you, Gregory, for being such a generous, giving church for those in need!*

- Sandy Hunter & the Missions-Outreach Committee

OUR LITTLE ONE IS FINALLY HERE! MISS “CARRIE” CASHING - SEPTEMBER 24, 2018

Megan and I wish to extend our sincere thanks for well-wishes and prayers as we adjust to this new stage in life, as well as for the support shown in food and other ways! We know you're excited to meet our new little one, and we're excited to introduce you, so please be patient with us in these first few weeks, as we get our own bearings as a family. We promise to welcome visitors soon!

- Jason

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING... Please note that there will be a congregational meeting following worship on **Sunday, October 21**. It cannot be stressed enough how important it is to the future of our congregation that you make every effort to attend on this day, as we discuss our current financial state and where we are headed. Thank you.

- Jason

TO BRIGHTEN YOUR DAY

SIGNS OF THE TIMES...from church marquees...

“GOD, HELP ME BE TO PERSON MY
DOG THINKS I AM!”

- Northgate Baptist Church

“WRINKLED WITH BURDEN? COME TO
CHURCH FOR A FAITH LIFT.”

- Shepard of the Hills UMC

“CHRISTMAS: EASIER TO SPELL THAN
HANNUKAH”

- Cross of Christ Deliverance Temple

“DON'T MAKE BE COME DOWN THERE
- GOD”

- Cornerstone Christian Church

“WALMART IS NOT THE ONLY SAVING
PLACE”

- Oak Grove Landmark
Missionary Baptist Church

“HONK IF YOU LOVE JESUS. TEXT
WHILE DRIVING IF YOU WANT TO MEET
HIM.”

- Stonebridge Church of God

“KEEP USIING MY NAME IN VAIN AND
I'LL MAKE RUSH HOUR LONGER —
GOD”

- 1st Reformed Church of Bethlehem


“DO NOT CRITICIZE YOUR WIFE'S
JUDGMENT, SEE WHO SHE MARRIED.”

- 1st Presbyterian Church

“JESUS IS COMING...LOOK BUSY.”

- All Saints Lutheran Church

OCTOBER, 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 1p Worship Com.	2 12:30p Circle 6p Cong. Care Com. 6p GS Tr 5000 7p Facilities Com. 7p Christian Ed Com.	3 6:15p Personnel Com. 7p Choir practice	4 2p Church Cleaning	5	6
7 WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY 9:45a Sunday Sch. 11a Worship serv., & Holy Communion 11a Peace & Global Witness Offering <i>Flowers: Hunters</i>	8 COLUMBUS DAY 6p Crater BS Order of Arrow Hallowe'en party, Fellowship Hall (1p set-up)	9 7p Missions-Outreach Com.	10 7p Choir practice	11 2p Church Cleaning	12	13 8a Church Work Day Volunteers' Breakfast, Fellowship Hall) 8:30a Church Work Day begins
14 9:45a Sunday Sch. 11a Worship serv <i>Flowers: R. Scott</i>	15	16 8a PG Fire & EMS meeting, Fellowship Hall 6p GS Tr 5000	17 7p Choir practice	18 2p Church Cleaning 2p News articles due in office 7p Stewardship & Finance Com.	19	20
21 9:45a Sunday Sch. 11a Worship serv. 12p Congregational meeting	22	23	24 7p Choir practice	25 2p Church Cleaning 2p Newsletter out	26 6p BSA Crew 900 set-up for Saturday event	27 8a BSA Crew 900 Yard Sale, GMPC Parking lot (7a set-up) 6p BSA Crew 900 Hallowe'en party (2p set-up)
28 REFORMATION SUNDAY 9:45a Sunday Sch. 11a Worship serv. 11a 5 Cents-a-Meal Offering	29	30 6p GS Tr 5000	31 HALLOWE'EN 2 p Committee reports due in office 7p Choir practice 			

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OCTOBER NEWSLETTER



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

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Sermons on Youtube.com
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