

Dear Saints and Friends of Gregory Memorial,



“Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.”

-Matthew 7:7-8

"I rejoiced when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!' "

-Psalm 122:1

Recently, someone sent across my digital desk a reflection on a conversation between a father and son, wherein the son is asking about the size of God. The father proceeds to point to an airplane high up in the sky and asks, “How big is that airplane?” “Very small,” replies the son, “I can barely see it.”

Next, the father takes his son to an airport, and shows him the airplanes landing, boarding, and taking off. “Now,” he asked again, “how big are these airplanes?” “It’s huge!” The son exclaimed. “Bigger than several houses.”

The father then explained the concept of perspective by teaching his son, “God’s size is similar; it depends on how close you are to God. The closer you are, the greater and greater he will be!”

We enter a new year, and as happens every year at this time the conversation draws to resolutions and hopes for the new year. This year, I would encourage you to consider your perspective on God. Are you yearning to see God more clearly? To know Jesus more fully? To live with a greater awareness of the holy in the days of your life?

The answer, though perhaps complex, has a simple beginning: make the choice to draw closer through

worship & devotion. As we continue in the Christmas season (Dec. 25 – Jan. 6), we celebrate the gift of God, in full divinity, coming into the entirety of human experience – all the joys and sorrows, and the mundane and holy, every aspect of humanity has been infused with the divine in the birth and presence of Jesus, our Christ. God has made the move to enter into our world, and experience it completely; will we draw closer to God in our lives? Will we make the move to shift our perspective, seeing and knowing the Divine in a greater measure in our lives, our present and future?

May this Christmas season be a blessing of joy in your life, and may this year to come bring the blessing of a greater awareness of God’s presence! Join us in worship as we seek our Lord together!

With you on the
Pastor Jason



journey,



WORSHIP INFORMATION FOR JANUARY, 2019



Sunday, 6 January 2019

“Epiphany of the Lord” - Liturgical Color: White
 1st Reading: Psalm 96:10-13 * 2nd Reading: Matthew 2:1-23
 Sermon: “The 2nd Noel”

Sunday, 13 January 2019

“Baptism of the Lord” - Liturgical Color: White
 1st Reading: Psalm 2:7-8 * 2nd Reading: Matthew 3:1-17
 Sermon: “Legacy Realized”

Sunday, 20 January 2019

“2nd Sunday after Epiphany” - Liturgical Color: Green
 1st Reading: Psalm 91:9-12 * 2nd Reading: Matthew 4:1-17
 Sermon: “The Hard Road”

Sunday, 27 January 2019

“3rd Sunday after Epiphany” - Liturgical Color: Green
 1st Reading: Psalm 1:1-3 * 2nd Reading: Matthew 5:1-20
 Sermon: “Fruitful Trees”



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.

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
 Butch Meade, Glenda Mayhew’s brother
 Courtney Stewart, friend of the Hunters (Duke
 Hospital)
 Jane Arehart, Glenda Mayhew’s friend (health issues)
 Gladys Wiseman
 Steve “Dee” Shortt, Kim Helmer Shortt’s husband
 (health issue)
 Verne & Clara Smith
 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)
 Sharon Entwistle (friend of Barb Taliaferro)

Elizabeth Scott
 Peggy Allen
 Dink Armstrong’s sister, “Shorty” (health issue)
 Eddie Frankenstein
 Erle Potter, good family friend of Haskys (in treatment for
 health issue)
 Grace Cibula
 Richard Harsh
 Nancy Willis, grandmother of Corey Whelan, who’s also
 Pat Hunter’s grandson (terminal diagnosis)
 Carol Bowman, Sharon Entwistle’s mother (health issue)
 Debbie Hudson, Susan Shockley’s friend (health concerns)
 Michelle Daschner, PG Fire & EMS office intern (health
 issue)
 Pam Henry, Mary Holc’s family member (health issue)
 Dennis Allen (recovering from hip replacement surgery)
 Larry Hicks, husband of Doreen Hicks (health concerns)
 Donna Wilson (daughter of Doreen Hicks)
 Alex Titmus (recov. back surgery)
 For the Krenicky family
 Family/friends of Michael Preston (family friend of Shirley
 MacNeill)
 Otto Eickmeyer

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him,
 so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13*

ANNOUNCEMENTS



GATEKEEPER

Bobby Allen

JAN. 1: New Year's Day. Office open, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.; **GS Tr5000,** 6 p.m.

JAN. 2: Office open, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.; **Choir practice,** 7 p.m.

JAN. 3: Office open, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.; **Session agenda out,** 2 p.m.

JAN. 6: Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; **Worship service** 11 a.m.; **Tri-Cities Workcamp Planning Meeting for 2019 & camp deposits are due,** Fellowship Hall, 6 p.m.

JAN. 8: Circle, 1 p.m.; **Congregational Care Com.,** 6 p.m.

JAN. 9: Choir practice, 7 p.m.

JAN. 12: Training workshop for Church officers for 2019 followed by **Session meeting,** Fellowship Hall, 9 a.m. 1 p.m.

JAN. 13: Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; **Worship service,** 11 a.m.

JAN. 15: GS Tr5000, Fellowship Hall, 6 p.m.

JAN. 16: Choir practice, 7 p.m.

JAN. 17: News articles due, 2 p.m.; **Stewardship & Finance Com.,** 7 p.m.

JAN. 20: Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; **Worship,** 11 a.m.; **Annual Congregational Meeting for 2018,** 12 p.m. *[Note: If church is cancelled due to inclement weather, the meeting will be held after worship on the soonest viable Sunday.]*

JAN. 23: Choir practice, 7 p.m.

JAN. 24: Newsletter out, 2 p.m.

JAN. 27: Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; **Worship,** 11 a.m.; **5 Cents A Meal Offering,** 11 a.m.

JAN. 29: GS Tr5000, 6 p.m.

JAN. 30: Choir practice, 7 p.m.

JAN. 31: Committee reports due in office, 2 p.m.


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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

JANUARY 6	
JANUARY 13	
JANUARY 20	
JANUARY 27	

It's time to sign up for the yer 2019! The 2019 Flowers Calendar is posted in the Sanctuary Hallway. For assistance with the sign-up, please call Church office at 732-1081 (9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Tuesday-Thursday).

THOSE WHO SERVE – JANUARY, 2019

 GATEKEEPER: Bobby Allen	JAN. 6	JAN. 13	JAN. 20	JAN. 27
Ushers	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	Charles Smyth Austin Smyth Morgan Ingram Josh Ingram
Announcements	Rose Scott	Dianne Overstreet	Valerie Harsh	Mary Kay Schroeter
Junior Sermon	Pat Hunter	Minister	Megan Cashing	Susan Shockley*
Nursery	Valerie Harsh Sandy Hunter	Linda Johnson Mary Lykins	Donna Allen Mary Holc	Rose Scott Susan Shockley
Counting	Sandy Hunter Megan Cashing	Morgan Ingram Rose Scott	Donald Hunter Glenda Mayhew	David Johnson Ron Recher

*5 Cents a Meal Offering



WHAT'S JASON READING? "The Solace of Fierce Landscapes" by Belden Lane.

The next **planning meeting for Tri-Cities WorkCamp 2019** will be held on Sunday, January 6, at 6:00 p.m. If you plan to attend this year's camp, deposit money is due by this meeting.

The Annual Congregational Meeting to receive reports for 2018 will be held following worship on Sunday, January 20. In the case of inclement weather, the meeting will be held following worship on the first viable Sunday thereafter.

New officers for the 2019-2021 term ("Class of 2021") were elected at the December 16, 2018 Congregational Meeting. Congrats to Session members Blake Bishop (2nd Term) and Dianne Overstreet; and to new member on Board of Trustees, John Carl Allen. Many thanks to Valerie Harsh (Session) and Mary Kay Schroeter (Trustee) for their service.

TO BRIGHTEN YOUR DAY

A New Year Prayer For the Elderly -

God, grant me: the senility to forget the people I never liked anyway; the good fortune to run into the ones that I do; and the eyesight to tell the difference!

New Year's Day Prayer for One And All -

Dear Lord, So far this year I've done well.... I haven't gossiped. I haven't lost my temper. I haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish, or overindulgent. I'm very thankful for that. *But in a few minutes, Lord, I'm going to get out of bed, and from then on, I'm probably going to need all the help I can get! Amen*

How to Tell That You Have Entered a New Year - You hear most of your jokes via e-mail instead of in-person.

Your grandmother clogs up your e-mail inbox asking you to send her a JPEG file of your newborn so she can create a screen saver.

You enter your password on the microwave. You haven't played solitaire with a real deck of cards in years.

You have a list of 15 phone numbers to reach your family of four.

You chat several times a day with a stranger from Canada, but you haven't spoken with your next door neighbor all last year.

You check the ingredients on a can of chicken noodle soup to see if it contains Echinacea.

You pull up in your own driveway and use your cell phone to see if anyone is home.

You buy a computer and a week later it is out of date and now it sells for half the price you paid for the one you just bought!

The concept of using real money, instead of credit or debit to make a purchase, is foreign to you.

Your idea of being organized is using those multi-colored Post-it notes!

You're reading this.

The Wisdom of An Angel - An angel appeared at a meeting of religious leaders and told their leader that in return for his unselfish and exemplary behavior, God will reward him with his choice of infinite wealth, wisdom, or beauty.

Without hesitating, the leader selected infinite wisdom.

"Done!" said the angel, and disappeared in a cloud of smoke and a bolt of lightning.

Now, all heads turned toward the leader, who sat surrounded by a faint halo of light.

One of the others whispered, "Say something!"

The leader sighed sadly and said, "I should have taken the money."



JANUARY, 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 New Year's Day 9a Office open 6p GS Tr5000	2 9a Office open 7p Choir practice	3 9a Office open 2p Session agenda out 2p Church Cleaning	4	5
6 9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship service 6p Tri-Cities Workcamp planning meeting; deposit payment is due at this meeting.	7	8 1p Circle 6p Cong. Care Com.	9 7p Choir practice	10 2p Church Cleaning	11	12 9a Church Officer Training; Session meeting
13 9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship service	14	15 6p GS Tr5000	16 7p Choir practice	17 2p Church Cleaning 2p News articles due in office 7p Stewardship & Finance Com.	18	19
20 9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship service 12p Annual Congregational Meeting for 2018	21	22	23 7p Choir practice	24 2p Church Cleaning 2p Newsletter out	25	26
27 9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship service 11a 5 Cents-a-Meal Offering	28	29 6p GS Tr5000	30 7p Choir practice	31 2p Church Cleaning 2p Committee reports due in office		

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JANUARY 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)
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