

Dear Saints and Friends of Gregory Memorial,



“For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.” -Psalm 139: 13-14

“Then, beginning with Moses and all the prophets, Jesus interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.” -Luke 24:27

Last Sunday was a busy and full day for me, beginning with being robed and presentable for a class photo by 8:30 a.m. and not ending until well after our normal dinner time. It was a day of incomparable highs and joy – all made much more meaningful by the presence of family and friends to share this joy with me.

And I would be remiss were I to not again take an opportunity to say, “thank you.” Thank you for your support, prayers, patience, and all the ways – big and little – you allowed me the space and time I needed in this pursuit. Again, I am grateful and I very much look forward to exploring the ways in which this gift will strengthen both me and us together.

But there is one moment among all the moments of this day which continues to stick with me: After the (too early in the morning) class photo, and before the baccalaureate service, I sat – still dressed in my robe – in the lobby of the lodge where I had spent so many hours in conversation and study and talked once more with a friend and classmate. One aspect of our conversation turned to the sense of identity and living into who we now would be as “doctors of the Church.”

I realized that, to a degree, I’m still figuring this out but that it has a lot to do with living who I am with fuller integrity. The degree and the title themselves do not impart a greater sense of capability and responsibility; rather, I now realize a greater sense of capability and responsibility because of the work that has gone into this effort. It is a part of who I am, and will play a role in who I am continuing to become.

In the most recent *Avengers* movie, Thor has a chance to speak with his mother, sharing with her his feelings of inadequacy and unworthiness to be the king everyone says he is supposed to be, and his failures at such. His mother, always the wise counsel, responds, “Of course you failed at being who people say you’re supposed to be. Everyone

does. You will only succeed when you be the person you are.”

In each of us, the Spirit has imbued a sense of identity, an identity we continue to explore and develop as children of God and disciples of Christ. We are our truest selves when we focus our efforts of growth and development on becoming and living into who the Spirit imbues us to be, who God has created us to be. We can be no other, and still have success, and if we attempt to be who others want us to be, we are bound to fail: we will fail them, we will fail ourselves, and we will fail God.

But the blessing in all of this is that, even when we fail (we are human; there will be failures and sins, mistakes and broken relationships) there is the invitation to grace and new life, life in the resurrected Christ. More and more I feel that one of our greatest sins is that of thinking we have it all figured out and understood, when we are given every opportunity to explore and look for the presence of the Spirit in ways that expand what we do understand, already. In this, we grow and become deeper disciples, and we share in the expansive presence of God. What a great joy! What an invitation! And as we move into the Pentecost season, I look forward to sharing in that continued growth with all of you, and sharing with you more of who I realize I am: an educator, through and through.

With you on the journey,
Pastor Jason



WORSHIP INFORMATION FOR JUNE, 2019

Sunday, 2 June 2019

“7th Sunday in Easter” - Liturgical Color: White
 1st Reading: Romans 6:1-14 * 2nd Reading: Matthew 6:24
 Sermon: “Me, Crucified”

Sunday, 9 June 2019

“Pentecost” - Liturgical Color: Red
 1st Reading: Acts 2:1-21 * 2nd Reading: Matthew 28:16-20
 Sermon: “To the Ends...”

Sunday, 16 June 2019

“Trinity Sunday” - Liturgical Color: White
 1st Reading: Genesis 2:1-3 * 2nd Reading: Matthew 11:28-30
 Sermon: “Refreshed”

Sunday, 23 June 2019

“2nd Sunday after Pentecost” - Liturgical Color: Green
 1st Reading: Deuteronomy 5:12-15 * 2nd Reading: John 15:9-15
 Sermon: “Renewed”

Sunday, 30 June 2019

“3rd Sunday after Pentecost” - Liturgical Color: Green
 1st Reading: Deuteronomy 15:1-2, 7-11 * 2nd Luke 15:11-32
 Sermon: “Restored”



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>Amy Townson, Josh Ingram’s sister Doris Karnowski, Josh Ingram’s grandmother Mary Chadwick, Dink Armstrong’s sister Evelyn Lichvar, her brother, Martin, & her son, Rick (health issues) Becky Smith & her mother, Elizabeth Scott Russell Heiser, Ingrid Phoenix’s grandson (health issues) Kenneth Andrews, Childress family’s friend Butch Meade, Glenda Mayhew’s brother Gladys Wiseman Steve “Dee” Shortt, Kim Helmer Shortt’s husband (health issue) Verne & Clara Smith Sharon Entwhistle, Barbara Taliaferro’s friend Peggy Allen Dink Armstrong’s sister, “Shorty” (health issue) Eddie Frankenstein Grace Cibula Nancy Willis, Corey Whelan’s grandmother (terminal diagnosis) Carol Bowman, Sharon Entwhistle’s mother (health issue) Pam Henry, Mary Holc’s family member (health issue)</p>	<p>Larry Hicks, Doreen Hicks’s husband (health concerns) Donna Wilson, Doreen Hicks’s daughter Doris Harmison (The Crossings at Ironbridge in Chester, Va.) Billy Robertson (health issue) Jo Hatfield, Larry & Linda Johnson’s friend (injuries from a fall) Jerry Hasky (health issue) Mattie-Lynn’s Metschke’s brother, Montana (in VCU w/failed placenta) Moneka Surprenant, Sandy Eickmeyer’s friend Gwen Spicer Shea, Dianne Overstreet’s friend Joseph & Lindsay Paul (newborn twins born prematurely) Cathy Rackley, friend of Doreen Hicks (heart catheterization) Ed Seldon, future son-in-law of Doreen Hicks (upcoming heart catheterization) Judy Helm, Doug Holc’s friend (health issues) Les Mayhew (health issue, testing) Tom Merritt, Chippenham Hospital, heart issues) Melvin Huff, Marguirite Bishop’s friend (health issues)</p>
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ANNOUNCEMENTS



GATEKEEPER:
Gregg Webber

June 1: Gregory Memorial Church Yard & Bake Sale, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

June 2: "7th Sunday of Easter"; Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; Worship service & Holy Communion, 11 a.m.; Tri-Cities Workcamp plan meeting, Fellowship Hall, 6 p.m.

June 3: Worship Com., 1 p.m.

June 4: Circle, 1 p.m.; Congregational Care Com., 6 p.m.; GS Troop 5000, 6 p.m.; Facilities Com., 6 p.m.

June 5: Choir practice, 7 p.m.

June 9: "Day of Pentecost"; Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; Worship service & Pentecost Offering, 11 a.m.

June 12: Choir practice, 7 p.m.

June 16: "Trinity Sunday", "Father's Day"; Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; Worship service, 11 a.m.

June 18: POJ Stated Meeting, 1st Presbyterian, Ch'ville, 9 a.m.; GS Troop 5000, 6 p.m.

June 19: BS Troop 900, dinner/meeting 5:30 p.m. (set-up 1-5 p.m.); Choir practice, 7 p.m.

June 20: Newsletter articles due in church office, 2 p.m.; Stewardship & Finance Com., 7 p.m.

June 23: "Sunday in the Park"; Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; Worship service, Scott Park, 11 a.m.; 5 Cents a Meal Offering, 11 a.m.; Picnic-style lunch follows service.

June 26: Choir practice, 7 p.m. (Last practice until Aug. 14.)

June 27: Newsletter out, 2 p.m.

June 29: Flying Squirrels Baseball Game, RVA Diamond, 6:05 p.m.; car-poolers meet in church parking lot at 4:45 p.m.

June 30: Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; Worship service, 11 a.m.; Local Emergency Aid Offering, 11 a.m.; Committee reports due, 2 p.m.

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.

PRESBYTERY OF THE JAMES NEXT STATED MEETING: 1st Presbyterian, Charlottesville, Va., Tuesday, June 18.

SUNDAY IN THE PARK – JUNE 23: We'll gather at church for Sunday School at 9:45 a.m., and then travel over to Scott Park for "Sunday in the Park!" and worship in the pavilion at 11:00 a.m., followed by a picnic lunch and games! Church will provide fried chicken and iced tea and lemonade. Bring your favorite side-dish(es). Also, bring your bats, gloves, and balls, (*and don't forget the sunscreen!*) as well as any other park games you might like to play!

FLYING SQUIRRELS BASEBALL GAME – JUNE 29: Twenty (20) tickets are reserved for the *Flying Squirrels Game on Saturday, June 29*. Game begins at 6:05 p.m., and fireworks afterwards. Seats are field-level, just above the Squirrels Dugout for the unbelievable price of \$11 per ticket. All monies should be paid to Patsy Johnson by June 21. If paying by check, please make it payable to Patsy Johnson. We will meet at the church at 4:45 p.m. so that carpooling can be arranged!

FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY

JUNE 2	
JUNE 9	Rose Scott
JUNE 16	
JUNE 23	Mary Lykins
JUNE 30	

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 – JUNE, 2019

GATEKEEPER: Gregg Webber	JUN. 2 7 th Sun. of Easter	JUN. 9 Day of Pentecost Pentecost Offering	JUN. 16 Trinity Sun. "Father's Day"	JUN. 23* 2 nd Sun. after Pente. "Sunday in the Park"	JUN. 30 3 rd Sun. after Pente.
Ushers	Sheila Fields Janet Swinton Shill Marguerite Bishop Valerie Harsh	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
Announcements	Dianne Overstreet	Valerie Harsh	Mary Kay Schroeter	Larry Johnson	Rose Scott
Nursery	Glenda Mayhew Judy Recher	Diane Overstreet Mary Kay Schroeter	Jennifer Smyth Charlie Smyth	Scott Park Sunday	Pat Hunter Patsy Johnson
Counting	Morgan Ingram Blake Bishop	Donald Hunter Megan Cashing	David Johnson Rose Scott	Sandy Hunter Glenda Mayhew	Morgan Ingram Ron Recher

*Also 5 Cents a Meal Offering

YARD & BAKE SALE – JUNE 1

Missions, Outreach and Christian Ed are organizing a Yard and Bake Sale here at the church, **Saturday, June 1 from 8 a.m. to noon.**

This project will only be successful if we all work together.

Everyone needs to take a few of the event flyers that are on the Narthex table to share with neighbors and family so that our event can be advertised, as well as find individuals that would like to rent a space. We would like

to have individuals that are interested in selling some of their personal items, as well as, vendors.



The Bake Sale is the other very important piece to this project. In years past Gregory has had some very successful Bake Sales. The success of this depends on every one of you. Please start thinking now about what you can make to sell. We have many excellent cooks who have some well-known specialties!! Besides baked goods, items can include jams, jellies, pickles, rolls, etc. *Priced* Items for the Bake Sale can be brought to the church Friday, June 31 from 4-6 p.m. or first thing Saturday morning, June 1, from 7:30-8 a.m.

Adding to the fun, Prince George Animal Shelter will host a Pet Adoption Day and the fire department will bring its special Tornado Safety Van to educate children on tornado safety practices.

Mark June 1 on your calendars now and spread the word about this endeavor!!! The success of this depends on YOU.

TO BRIGHTEN YOUR DAY



A Dad Shares Some Father's Day One-Liners.....

- ❖ On the occasion of my brother's 21st birthday, my Dad said, "Happy Birthday son. Now that you are a legal adult, remember you can go to jail with the big boys!"
- ❖ My dad always said "You can't get lost if you don't know where you are."
- ❖ My father's wise words have kept me out of some trouble, but not all...he used to say frequently, "Whenever in doubt don't!" *Unfortunately for me I didn't doubt enough.*

More Fatherly Sayings...

Don't ask me... ask your mother!
 Were you raised in a barn? Close the door.
 You didn't beat me. I let you win.
 I'll play catch after I read the paper.
 You call that a haircut?
 This will hurt me a lot more than it hurts you. (*What's that about?*)
 You call that noise "*music*"?
 We're not lost. I'm not sure where we are.
 When I was your age, I treated MY father with respect.
 As long as you live under my roof, you'll live by my rules.
 I'll tell you why. Because I said so. That's why.
 Do what I say, not what I do.
 You want something to do? I'LL give you something to do.
 You should visit more often. Your mother worries.
 I'm not sleeping... I was watching that channel.
 A little dirt never hurt anyone...just wipe it off.

What do you think I am, a bank?
 What part of NO don't you understand?
 Didn't your teacher learn you anything?

Five original excuses to use if you forgot to call "dear old dad" on father's day (in order of rank)...

5. "My E-mail bounced."
4. "Thought you were supposed to call ME."
3. "Did I surprise you by calling the day AFTER Father's Day?"
2. Two words: "NBA Finals"
1. "I thought it was Mother's Day and called MOM instead."

Source: Christian Education 101: A Child Learns to Trust by Laurie Hays Coffman

JUNE, 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					All day: Set-up for event on 6/1	1 8a-12p Church Yard & Bake Sale
2 7th Sunday of Easter 9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship service 11a Holy Communion 6p Tri-Cities Workcamp planning meeting	3 1p Worship	4 1p Circle 6p Cong. Care Com. 6p GS Tr5000 7p Facilities Com.	5 7p Choir practice	6 2p Church cleaning	7	8
9 Day of Pentecost 9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship service ➤ <i>Flowers: R. Scott</i>	10	11	12 7p Choir practice	13 2p Church cleaning	14	15
16 Trinity Sunday FATHER'S DAY 9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship service	17	18 9a POJ Stated Meeting, First Presbyterian Church, Charlottesville 6p GS Tr5000	19 1-9p BS Tr900 qtr. dinner meeting (set-up 1-5p; dinner 5:30 p) 7p Choir practice	20 2p News articles due in office 2p Church cleaning 7p Stewardship & Finance Com.	21	22
23 SUNDAY IN THE PARK 9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship service, Scott Park, picnic Lunch follows service 11a 5 Cents-a-Meal Offering ➤ <i>Flowers: M. Lykins</i>	24	25	26 7p Choir practice	27 2p Newsletter out 2p Church cleaning	28	29 6:05p Flying Squirrels baseball game field trip (carpoolers meet in church parking lot at 4:45 p)
30 9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship service 11a Local Emergency Aid Offering 2p Committee reports due						

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JUNE 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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