

Dear Saints and Friends of Gregory Memorial,



"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."
~ John 13:33-34¹

"Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man."
~ Proverbs 3:3-4¹

Pearls of Wisdom/Diamond in the Rough: Two phrases that will surely come to mind after reading the following anecdote as shared with us by Larry Johnson.

Larry Johnson's dad, Clarence Johnson, passed away in 1994. Clarence liked to call the following ideas his "Laws of Nature." Clarence believed in these tenets of human behavior he called "Laws" and embraced them in his everyday living. They are still worthwhile for us today:

A man is born beside the road to death. To die is not so bad; it is inevitable. What matters is the journey, and what one does along the way. And it's not whether he succeeds or fails, but only that he has lived proudly, with honor and respect, then he can die proudly.

Your life, whether it be twenty years or ninety, is but the twinkling of an eye, between two eternities. You have no time to waste, and you will not have a second chance.

We do not do the right thing because we have integrity. But rather, we have integrity because we do the right thing.

Every man takes care that his neighbor shall not cheat him. But when a man really becomes a man, he will take care that he not cheat his neighbor.

You can change your entire world in thirty days, if you will treat every person you meet as the most important person on earth.

The brotherhood of man is one. Whatever you do *to* or *for* another person, you do *to* or *for* yourself.

One tragedy of our times is the disappearance of the family discussion. Next time you sit down to dinner, you might mention some of those old-fashioned words like our grandparents used to discuss: words like right and wrong, justice, honor, courage, ideals and conscience.

Special thanks to Larry Johnson, for sharing this anecdote about his dad, Clarence Johnson, with the Gregory congregation in our February, 2022 issue of THE HERALD!

¹Source: <https://bible.knowing-jesus.com/>

WORSHIP INFORMATION FOR FEBRUARY, 2022

Sunday, 6 February 2022

Holy Communion

“5th Sunday after Epiphany” - Liturgical Color: Green

1st Reading: TBA * 2nd Reading: TBA

Guest Preacher: Rev. Sylvester Bullock

Sunday, 13 February 2022

“6th Sunday after Epiphany” - Liturgical Color: Green

1st Reading: TBA * 2nd Reading: TBA

Guest Preacher: Rev. Colleen Earp

Sunday, 20 February 2022

“7th Sunday after Epiphany” - Liturgical Color: Green

1st Reading: TBA * 2nd Reading: TBA

Guest Preacher: Rev. Andrew Meyers

Sunday, 27 February 2022

“Transfiguration of the Lord” - Liturgical Color: White

1st Reading: TBA * 2nd Reading: TBA

Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. James Taneti



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
 Becky Scott Smith
 Russell Heiser, Ingrid Phoenix’s grandson (health issues)
 Butch Meade, Glenda Mayhew’s brother
 Verne & Clara Smith
 Peggy Allen
 Eddie Frankenstein
 Grace Cibula
 Etta Holc
 Jerry Hasky (health issue)
 Pam Henry, Mary Holc’s family member
 Lee Harsh, Valerie Harsh's brother-in-law (health issue)

Sandra Elder, Kelly Knupp's mother (health issues)
 Jennifer Caldwell, friend of Grace Cibula (health issue)
 Reese Etheridge, Wayne Powers' uncle (health issue)
 Dana Etheridge, Wayne Powers' cousin (health issue)
 Randy Warthan (health issue)
 Inez Paul, Mary Holc's mother (health issue, rehab)
 Floyd M. Brown, Sr. (health issues)
 Traci Wells, Glenda Mayhew's friend (health issue)
 Larry Brown of Chesterfield, Larry Johnson's friend (health issue)
 Billy Hudson, friend of Dianna Starr Lykins Flaherty,
 Mary Lykins' daughter
 Renee Renier, long-time friend of Dianna S. L. Flaherty (health issue)

"Always remember that your present situation is not your final destination. The best is yet to come." ~Anonymous

UPDATED WORSHIP GUIDELINES

GREETINGS SAINTS AND FRIENDS OF GREGORY MEMORIAL!

Your Session has been diligent in faithfully assessing how we continue to worship and move forward, and now especially, in light of the updated guidelines and proclamations from both CDC and local and federal leaders. Please note the following:

IF YOU ARE FULLY VACCINATED,

- **We encourage those singing to wear masks when singing hymns;** however, you no longer need to wear a mask when entering/exiting, or moving about the Sanctuary. Of course, if it is your personal comfort level to do so, then please be happy in doing so.
- **We no longer physically block off every other pew.** We encourage you to sit where you are comfortable sitting, and with whom, but please be respectful of others as we make this transition --- there may be some who are still more comfortable sitting with a bit of distance, and that's ok.

IF YOU ARE NOT FULLY VACCINATED,

- **Please be responsible and continue to wear a mask when entering/exiting, singing or moving about the Sanctuary.** And if there are any questions you still have about the vaccines, please contact a Church Elder. Your confidentiality is assured, and we are happy to be of assistance in your decision-making.

IF YOU ARE FEELING "UNDER THE WEATHER",

- **Please know that we join with you in spirit, and wish you well, but you are encouraged to stay home and take care of your own health.** Or, if you feel that you can still be out and about, and attending worship, please continue to wear a mask and maintain social distancing.

Love and Peace to You All!

ONLINE WORSHIP

We will continue offering on-line worship each Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m., via FaceBook Live (from the church's Facebook page).

CELEBRATING HOLY COMMUNION

Our 2022 schedule for Holy Communion has been changed to accommodate "World Communion Sunday" observed on the first Sunday of October. The new schedule provides that we will celebrate Holy Communion on the first Sunday in even-numbered months. Our next Holy Communion will be on *Sunday, February 6* and continuing the practice of passing the communion elements among the pews.

Holy Communion Schedule for 2022: 1st Sunday of even-numbered months as follows:

February 6, 2022
April 5, 2022

June 5, 2022
August 7, 2022

October 2, 2022
December 4, 2022

THIS JUST IN:

Effective January 27, 2022, until further notice the church's weekly cleaning performed by "Jani-King" cleaning service (previously on Fridays from 7-10 a.m.) will now be on Thursdays from 6-9 a.m.



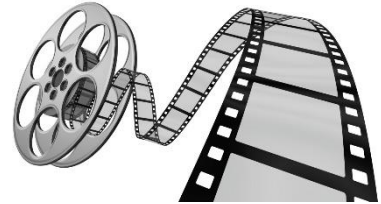


DINNER AND A MOVIE

What would be better than going out for dinner and a movie? How about if you were told it was FREE? Join your friends from Gregory in a fun evening enjoying a great Hot Dog Dinner and viewing the movie, "Jesus." The play, "Jesus", was presented at the Sight and Sound Theater which in turn filmed the production and distributed it, so that more could enjoy this powerful performance.

Dinner (Hot Dogs & Chips) will be at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, February 23, here in the church Fellowship Hall and the movie will begin at approximately 6:30 pm. Please call the church office by February 22 to let them know you are coming and as always, bring a friend!!!

This activity is presented by Missions and Outreach Committees



TO MAKE YOUR DAY – SUPERBOWL SUNDAY

CHURCH FOOTBALL TERMS...

Quarterback Sneak - Church members quietly leaving during the invitation.

Draw Play - What many children do with the bulletin during worship.

Halftime - The period between Sunday School and worship when many choose to leave.

Benchwarmer - Those who do not sing, pray, work, or apparently do anything but sit.

Backfield-in-Motion - Making a trip to the back (restroom or water fountain) during the service.

Staying in the Pocket - What happens to a lot of money that should be given to the Lord's work.

Two-minute Warning - The point at which you realize the sermon is almost over and begin to gather up your children and belongings.

Instant Replay - The preacher loses his notes and falls back on last week's illustrations.

Sudden Death - What happens to the attention span of the congregation if the preacher goes "overtime."

Trap - You're called on to pray and are asleep.

End Run - Getting out of church quickly, without speaking to any guest or fellow member.

Flex Defense - The ability to allow absolutely nothing said during the

sermon to affect your life.

Halfback Option - The decision of 50% of the congregation not to return for the evening service.

Blitz - The rush for the restaurants following the closing prayer.



FEBRUARY, 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6p GS Tr.5000 (Fellowship Hall Reception Area, Kitchen, Dining Rm) 6p Cong. Care Com.	2	3 6a Church cleaning	4	5
6 9:30a Sunday Sch. 11a Worship serv. & Holy Communion <i>Guest preacher: Rev. Sylvester H. Bullock</i>	7	8 1p Circle 7p Christian Ed. Com. 7p Missions & Outreach Com.	9	10 6a Church cleaning	11	12
13 9:30a Sunday Sch. 11a Worship serv. <i>Guest preacher: Rev. Colleen Earp</i>	14 <u>St. Valentine's Day</u>	15 6p GS Tr.5000 (Fellowship Hall Reception Area, Kitchen, Dining Rm)	16	17 6a Church cleaning 2p News articles due 7p Stewardship & Finance Com.	18	19
20 9:30a Sunday Sch. 11a Worship serv. <i>Guest preacher: Rev. Andrew Meyers</i> 12p Session mtg. <i>Moderator: Rev. Andrew Meyers</i>	21 <u>Washington's Birthday</u>	22	23 2p Reports To POJ 6:30p Mission & Outreach Presents: Dinner & A Movie, "Jesus" Bring a friend!	24 6a Church cleaning 2p Newsletter out	25	26
27 9:30a Sunday Sch. 11a Worship serv. > 5 Cents-a-Meal Offering <i>Guest preacher: Rev. Dr. James Taneti</i>	28 2p Committee reports due					

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FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER



COME AND JOIN US!
Sunday School 9:30 A.M.
WWW.GREGORYMEMORIAL.ORG

We're on: [Facebook.com/gmpcva](https://www.facebook.com/gmpcva)
Worship 11:00 A.M.