

Dear Saints and Friends of Gregory Memorial,



"There is nothing as powerful as mother's love,  
and nothing as healing as a child's soul."

*Unknown*

***The Daffodil Principle: "50,000 bulbs; one bulb at a time, two hands, two feet and very little brain; began in 1958."***

Several times my daughter had telephoned to say, "Mom, you must come see the daffodils before they are over." I wanted to go, but it was a 2-hour drive from Laguna to Lake Arrowhead.

"I'll come next Tuesday," I promised on her third call. Next Tuesday dawned cold and rainy. Still, I had promised, so I drove there. When I finally walked into her house and hugged and greeted my grandchildren, I said, "Forget the daffodils! The road is invisible in the clouds and fog, and there is nothing in the world except you and these children that I want to see bad enough to drive another inch."

My daughter smiled calmly and said, "We drive in this all the time, Mom." "Well, you won't get me back on the road until it clears, and then I'm heading for home," I assured her.

"I was hoping you'd take me over to the garage to pick up my car." "How far will we have to drive?" "Just a few blocks," she said. "I'll drive. I'm used to this."

After several minutes, I had to ask, "Where are we going? This isn't the way to the garage." "We're going to my garage the long way," Carolyn smiled, "by way of the daffodils." I sternly told Carolyn to please turn around. "Mother, I promise. You will never forgive yourself if you miss this experience."

After about 20 minutes, we turned onto a small gravel road and I saw a small church. On the far side of the church I saw a hand-lettered sign that read "Daffodil Garden." We got out of the car and each took a child's hand, and I followed Carolyn down the path. We turned a corner of the path and I looked up and gasped. Before me lay the most glorious sight. It looked as though someone had taken a great vat of gold and poured it over the mountain peak and slopes. The flowers were planted in majestic, swirling patterns---great ribbons and swaths of deep orange, white, lemon yellow, salmon pink saffron and butter yellow. Each different-colored variety was planted as a group so that it swirled and flowed like its own river with its own unique hue. ***There were 5 acres of flowers.*** "But who has done this?" I asked Carolyn.

"It's just one woman," Carolyn answered. "She lives on the property. That's her home." Carolyn pointed to a well-kept A-frame house and on the patio, we saw a poster. "Answers to the Questions I Know You Are Going To Ask" was the headline. And we saw: The first answer was a simple one; "50,000 bulbs," it read. The second answer was, "One bulb at a time, two hands, two feet and very little brain." The third answer was, "Began in 1958."

So there it was: ***The Daffodil Principle.*** For me, that moment was a life-changing experience. I thought of this woman who I had never met, who more than 40 years before had begun one bulb at a time to bring her vision of beauty and joy to an obscure mountain top. Still, planting one bulb at a time, year after year had changed the world in which she lived. She had created something of indescribable beauty and inspiration.

The principle her daffodil garden taught is one of the greatest principles of celebration. This is, learning to move toward our goals and desires one step at a time---often just one baby-step at a time---and learning to love the doing, learning to use the accumulation of time.

When we multiply tiny pieces of time with small increments of daily effort, we too will find we can accomplish magnificent things. We can change the world. "It makes me sad in a way," I admitted to Carolyn. "What might I have accomplished if I had thought of a wonderful goal 35 or 40 years ago and had worked away at it "one bulb at a time" through all those years. Just think what I might have been able to achieve!"

My daughter summed up the message of the day in her usual direct way: "Start tomorrow," she said.

***It's so pointless to think of the lost hours of yesterdays.*** The way to make learning a lesson of celebration instead of a cause for regret is to only ask, ***"How can I put this to use today?"*** [Author unknown]

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## WORSHIP INFORMATION FOR MAY, 2022

### Sunday, 1 May 2022

"3rd Sunday of Easter" - Liturgical Color: White  
 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: TBA \* 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: TBA  
 Guest Preacher: Rev. Marvin Daniel

### Sunday, 8 May 2022

#### "MOTHER'S DAY"

"4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter" - Liturgical Color: White  
 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: TBA \* 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: TBA  
 Guest Preacher: Doug Walters, Exec. Dir., Camp Hanover

### Sunday, 15 May 2022

#### "SCOUTS SUNDAY"

"5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter" - Liturgical Color: White  
 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: TBA \* 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: TBA  
 Worship Service by Scouts of BSA Troop 900

### Sunday, 22 May 2022

"6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter" - Liturgical Color: White  
 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: TBA \* 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: TBA  
 Guest Preacher: Rev. Andy Meyers

### Sunday, 29 May 2022

"7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter" - Liturgical Color: White  
 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: TBA \* 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: TBA  
 Guest Preacher: Rev. Sylvester H. Bullock



**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. Please let the church office know if any updates to this list are needed.

Amy Townson, Josh Ingram's sister  
 Becky Scott Smith  
 Russell Heiser, Ingrid Phoenix's grandson (health issue)  
 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 Lykins Flaherty, Mary Lykins' daughter  
 Renee' Renier, Diana Flaherty's long-time friend (health issue)  
 Shirley MacNeill (health issue)  
 Emily Henry, Mary Holc's sister (health issue)  
 Charlie Perkins (surgery, health issue)  
 Family/friends of Pam Henry, Mary Holc's friend (d. 4/20)

## 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.

### **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, June 5** and continuing with the practice of passing the communion elements among the pews.

#### **HOLY COMMUNION SCHEDULE FOR 2022**

February 6, 2022	June 5, 2022	October 2, 2022
April 3, 2022	August 7, 2022	December 4, 2022

**"Camp Fun Day" at Camp Hanover - Sun., May 1 from 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.** You are invited to join the staff and guests of Camp Hanover for a fun-filled day of games, activities, hiking (if you want) and relax with a Camp tour, S'mores, hotdogs and door prizes. Meet the Camp Goats! All ages are welcome! *Bring your friends! It's FREE!*

**"National Day of Prayer" – Thurs., May 5 @ 12 p.m.** - Silent observance, public gathering, PG Courts Building Flag Fountain.

**"Scouts Sunday" – Sun., May 15:** You are invited to Scouts' Appreciation Reception hosted by BSA Tr. 900 after worship service.

## HERE'S WHAT'S IN THE NEWS ...

**MOVIE NIGHT - Wednesday, May 11 at 6 p.m.**



Our next Movie Night has been set for Wednesday, May 11. Once again, dinner will be served at 6 p.m. and the movie will begin at 6:30 p.m.

The movie that will be shown this time will be "Noah." We are planning a delicious dinner of barbecue pork with cole slaw

***Be sure to mark your calendar! And bring a guest!***

## TO MAKE YOUR (MOTHER'S) DAY

### ***OF MOTHERS...***

"Sometimes the strength of motherhood is greater than natural laws."  
Barbara Kingsolver



"Motherhood is the greatest thing and the hardest thing."  
Ricki Lake

"The best place to cry is on a mother's arms."  
Jodi Picoult

"I like it when my mother smiles. And I especially like it when I make her smile."  
Adriana Trigiani

"By the time you realize your mother was right, you have a daughter who thinks that you're wrong."  
Sada Malhotra

"The bond between a mother and her child is the only real and purest bond in the world, the only true love we can ever find in our lifetime."  
Ama H. Vanniarachchy

"When someone asks you where you come from, the answer is your mother."  
Anna Quindlin

"The woman who is my best friend, my teacher, my everything: Mom."  
Sandra Vischer

"Life doesn't come with a manual, it comes with a mother."  
Unknown

"A mother's love is like an everlasting bed of roses, that continues to blossom. A mother's love bears strength, comfort, healing, and warmth. Her beauty is compared to a sunny day that shines upon each rose petal and inspires hope."  
Ellen J. Barrier

"There's no way to be a perfect mother, and a million ways to be a good one."  
Jill Churchill

GATEKEEPER: TBA

MAY, 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship service <i>Guest preacher: Rev. Marvin Daniel</i>	<b>2</b> 1p Worship Cmte.	<b>3</b> 6p GSA Tr5000 (Fellowship Hall Reception Area, Kitchen, Meeting/ Dining Rm) 6p Cong. Care Cmte. 7p Facilities Com.	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 6a Church cleaning 12p "Natl Day of Prayer" - a Public silent observance at PG Courts Building Flag Fountain	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8 Mother's Day</b> 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship service ➤ <i>Presby. Women's. Birthday Offering</i> <i>Guest preacher: Doug Walters, Exec. Dir., Camp Hanover</i>	<b>9</b> 6p BSA Crater Order of Arrow Karakona Ch. 19 (Fellowship Hall Reception Area, Kitchen, Meeting/ Dining Rm)	<b>10</b> 1p Circle (Location: TBA) 7p Faith Cmte.	<b>11</b> <b>Movie Night!</b> 6p Barbecue pork Dinner in the Fellowship Hall; <i>Bring a guest!</i> 6:30p Movie: "Noah"	<b>12</b> 6a Church cleaning	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15 Scouts Sunday</b> 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship service by BSA Troop 900 12p Appreciation Reception for congregation hosted by Scouts after service (Fellowship Hall)	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 6p GSA Tr5000 (Fellowship Hall Reception Area, Kitchen, Meeting/ Dining Rm)	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 6a Church cleaning 2p News articles due 7p Stewardship & Finance Cmte.	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship service ➤ <i>5 Cents-a-Meal Offering</i> <i>Guest preacher: Rev. Andy Meyers</i> 12p Session meeting; Moderator: Rev. Meyers	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 6a Church cleaning 2p Newsletter out	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29 Trinity Sunday</b> 9:30a Sunday Sch. 10:15a 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Fellowship B'fast 11a Worship serv. ➤ <i>Local Emergency Aid Offering</i> <i>Guest preacher: Rev. Sylvester H. Bullock</i>	<b>30 Memorial Day</b>	<b>31</b> 6p GSA Tr5000 (Fellowship Hall Reception Area, Kitchen, Meeting/ Dining Rm) 2p Cmte. reports due				

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***MAY NEWSLETTER***



***COME AND JOIN US!***  
***Sunday School 9:30 A.M.***  
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*We're on: Facebook.com/gmpcva*  
*Worship 11:00 A.M.*