

Dear Saints and Friends of Gregory Memorial,



"And I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty."  
~ 2 Corinthians 6:18

"As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him."  
~ Psalm 103:13

## I AM A CHURCH MEMBER

By Thom S. Rainer

### ➤ I AM A CHURCH MEMBER.

I like the metaphor of membership. It's not membership as in a civic organization or a country club. It's the kind of membership given to us in 1 Corinthians 12: *"Now you are the body of Christ, and the individual members of it"* [1 Cor. 12:27]. Because I am a member of the body of Christ, I must be a functioning member, whether I am an "eye," an "ear," or a "hand." As a functioning member, I will give. I will serve. I will minister. I will evangelize. I will study. I will seek to be a blessing to others. I will remember that *"if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it"* [1 Cor. 12:26].

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I will seek to be a source of unity in the church. I know there are no perfect pastors, staff, or other church members. But neither am I. I will not be a source of gossip or dissension. One of the greatest contributions I can make is to do all I can in God's power to help keep the church in unity for the sake of the gospel.

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I will not let my church be about my preferences and desires. That is self-serving. I am in this church to serve others and to serve Christ. My Savior went to a cross for me. I can deal with any inconveniences and matters that are just not my preference or style.

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I will pray for my pastor every day. His work is never-ending. His days are filled with constant demands

for his time---with the need to prepare sermons, with those who are rejoicing in births, with those who are traveling through the valley of the shadow of death, with critics, with the hurts and hopes of others, and with the need to be a husband and a father. My pastor cannot serve our church in his own power. I will pray for God's strength for him and his family every day.

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I will lead my family to be good members of this church as well. We will pray together for our church. We will worship together in our church. We will serve together in our church. And we will ask Christ to help us fall deeper in love with this church, because He gave His life for her.

### ➤ I AM A CHURCH MEMBER.

This membership is a gift. When I received the free gift of salvation through Jesus Christ, I became a part of the body of Christ. I soon thereafter identified with a local body and was baptized. And now I am humbled and honored to serve and to love others in our church. I pray that I will never take my membership for granted, but see it as a gift and an opportunity to serve others and to be a part of something so much greater than any one person or member.

### ➤ I AM A CHURCH MEMBER. AND I THANK GOD THAT I AM.

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**WORSHIP INFORMATION FOR JUNE, 2022**

**Sunday, 5 June 2022**

“Day of Pentecost” - Liturgical Color: Red  
 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: TBA \* 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: TBA  
 Guest Preacher: Rev. Carson Rhyne

**Sunday, 12 June 2022**

“Trinity Sunday” - Liturgical Color: White  
 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: TBA \* 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: TBA  
 Guest Preacher: Rev. Sylvester H. Bullock

**Sunday, 19 June 2022**

**"FATHER'S DAY" & "JUNETEENTH"**  
 “2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost” - Liturgical Color: Green  
 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: TBA \* 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: TBA  
 Guest Preacher: TBA

**Sunday, 26 June 2022**

**"SUNDAY IN THE PARK"**  
 “3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost” - Liturgical Color: Green  
 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: TBA \* 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: TBA  
 Guest Preacher: Rev. Marvin Daniel



**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.

<p>Amy Townson, Josh Ingram’s sister                  Becky Scott Smith                  Russell Heiser, Ingrid Phoenix’s grandson (health issue)                  Butch Meade, Glenda Mayhew’s brother                  Verne &amp; 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)</p>	<p>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)                  Kenny Overstreet (health issue)                  Jim &amp; Karen Hamilton of Charlotte, NC, Judy Recher's nephew &amp; niece (injured, vehicular accident)                  Ron Recher (recovering, home)                  Judy Recher</p>
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*“A father is neither an anchor to hold us back nor a sail to take us there, but a guiding light whose love shows us the way.”  
 - Unknown*

## 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 we are 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

### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS!!!

**CHURCH WORK DAY – Saturday, June 4:** Work Day begins at 9 a.m.

**SUNDAY IN THE PARK – June 5:** Gregory's congregation will meet at 11 a.m. under the Scott Memorial Park Pavilion for worship service (there's no Sunday School!) followed by a picnic lunch. The Worship Committee will provide fried chicken, iced tea, and water. The congregation is encouraged to bring side dishes and desserts. No sports activity is planned---just a day of worship and relaxation with friends!

## TO MAKE YOUR (FATHER'S) DAY

### *Let's start from the beginning with a tale of 3 fathers...*

There were 3 fathers-to-be in a hospital waiting room, all waiting for their babies to be born.

The first nurse came out and told the first father, "Congratulations...you're the father of twins!"

He said, "Great! And I'm also the manager for the Minnesota Twins!"

The second nurse came out and told the second father, "Congratulations... you're the father of triplets!"

He said, "Cool! I work for 3M!"

Hearing that, the third father yanked open the window and jumped out.

Just then, the third nurse came out and asked the others, "Where's the third father?"

One of the other fathers said, "Oh, he panicked and jumped out the window!"

The nurse asked, "Why?"

He replied, "*He works for 7-Up!*"

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### *Father and son talking about the Bible.*

A young boy had just got his driver's permit and inquired of his father, an evangelist, if they could discuss the use of the family car. His father took him to the study and said to the boy, "I'll make a deal with you, son. You bring your grades up from a C to a B-average, study your Bible a little, and get your hair cut and we'll talk about the car."

Well, the boy thought about that for a moment and decided that he'd best settle for the offer, and so they agreed. After about 6 weeks, the boy came back and again asked his father about the car.

Again, they went to the study where his father said, "Son, I'm real proud of you. You've brought up your grades, and I've observed that you've been studying your Bible and participating a lot more in the Bible study class on Sunday morning. But I must say that I'm kinda disappointed that you still haven't got

your hair cut."

The young man paused a moment and then said, "You know dad, I've been thinking about that, and I've noticed in my studies of the Bible that Samson, Moses, and John the Baptist all had long hair. And there's even strong argument that Jesus, himself, had long hair."

Dad didn't miss a beat, "You're right, son. And did you also notice that they all *WALKED* everywhere they went?"

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### *15<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary*

My Dad always told this joke at family gatherings and invariably he received an elbow-dig from my Mom:

A couple went out to dinner to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. On the way home, she noticed a tear in his eye and asked if he was getting sentimental because they were celebrating 50 wonderful years together.

He replied, "No, I was thinking about the time before we got married. Your father threatened me with a shotgun and said he'd have me thrown in jail for 50 years if I didn't marry you. Tomorrow I would've been a free man!"

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### *So, you say Fred wants to get*

*married?* Fred was 32 years old and still single. One day his friend asked, "Why aren't you married? Can't you find a woman who will be a good wife?"

Fred replied, "Actually, I've found many women I wanted to marry, but when I brought them home to meet my parents, my mother didn't like them."

His friend thought for a moment and said, "I've got the perfect solution, just find a girl who's just like your mother."

A few months later they met again

and his friend asked, "Did you find the perfect girl? Did your mother like her?"

With a frown on his face, Fred answered, "Yes, I found the perfect girl, all right. She was just like my mother. And you were right, my mother liked her very much."

The puzzled friend said, "Then what's the problem?"

Fred replied, "My father didn't like her."

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*Just blame it on Darwin!* A child asked his father, "How are people born?"

So his father said, "Adam and Eve made babies, then their babies became adults and made babies, and so on."

The child then went to his mother, asked her the same question, but she told him, "We were monkeys, then we evolved to become like we are now."

The child ran back to his father and said, "You lied to me!"

His father replied, "No, your mom was talking about her side of the family."

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### *Let's not talk about that at the*

*table.* A son and a father were eating their lunch at the kitchen island.

The son asked, "Dad, is it good to eat flies?"

Dad said, "Son, let's not talk about that at the table."

Later on Dad asked him, "What was it you wanted to say?"

"Oh, nothing! Just that there was a fly in your soup, but it's gone now!"



## JUNE, 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 6a Church cleaning	3	4 9a Church Work Day
<b>5 "DAY OF PENTECOST"</b> 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship service & Holy Communion ~ Pentecost Offering Guest preacher: Rev. Carson Rhyne	6 1p Worship Cmte. (church)	7 6p GSA Tr5000 (Fellowship Hall] Reception Area, Kitchen, Meeting/ Dining Rm.) 6p Congregational Care Cmte.	8	9 6a Church cleaning	10	11
<b>12 "TRINITY SUNDAY"</b> 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship service Guest preacher: Rev. Sylvester Bullock 12p Session Meeting Moderator: Rev. Sylvester Bullock	13	14 9a 111 <sup>th</sup> Presby. Meeting (Zoom; Bill Shill, Commr.) 1p Circle (Location: TBA) 7p Faith Cmte.	15	16 6a Church cleaning 2p News articles due 7p Finance Cmte.	17	18 7a Possible use of church parking lot for PGHS graduation overflow parking, if needed
<b>19 "FATHER'S DAY" "JUNETEENTH"</b> 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship service Guest preacher: TBA	20	21	22	23 6a Church cleaning 2p Newsletter out	24	25
<b>26 "SUNDAY IN THE PARK"</b> 11a Worship service (in Scott Mem. Park Pavilion), followed by picnic lunch ~5 Cents-A-Meal Offering Guest preacher: Rev. Marvin Daniel	27	28	29	30 2p Cmte. Reports due 6a Church cleaning		

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***JUNE 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.*