

Dear Saints and Friends of Gregory Memorial,



"There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men.
1 Corinthians 12:4-7

HOW MANY TOOLS DO YOU USE DURING THE DAY?

Sometimes we limit our understanding of tools as those we would normally find within a "toolbox," but God's toolbox contains far more than what could be contained in a single toolbox.

Think beyond the hammer, screwdriver and measuring tape. What about the tools we use in the kitchen like a whisk, spatula or measuring cup? What about the tools on our desk such as tape, pens and paper clips? What about each of us as a tool of God?

God has many different tools in His toolbox (the Church). Each is special and has a special purpose. We wouldn't use a whisk to hammer a nail, but a whisk is very useful in cooking.

We would expect to find a hammer, screwdriver, and wrench in a toolbox. In the same way, many times we only expect God to use the pastor, deacons, elders, or Sunday school teachers.

In reality, God wants to use each and every one of us. God has created us unique and different. He wants us to use our gifts for Him.

Gather a few tools you use each day and think of how they could be used by God in your hands. For example: the hammer may be used by a missionary, someone helping fix a roof, or a Christian construction worker; the pen may be used to write encouraging notes, write down memory verses, used by a teacher or author, etc.

Now think of other tools, gifts or abilities God has given you that can be used for His glory - ex: singing, drawing, helping others, sports, etc.

Finally hold your Bible in your hands; it is the most powerful tool that God has given us! We must make sure we have it in our toolbox for everyday life. Our verse above from 1 Corinthians talks about both different gifts, different services, and different workings. We're not meant to serve in the exact same way.

Someone may have the same gift like teaching, but one may teach individually like discipling one-on-one and another may teach groups of people or even teach by writing articles and Bible lessons online.

Peter was a fisherman, was one of Jesus' disciples, denied Jesus three times, and was used mightily in building up the church *Acts 2:38-39*

Paul was a tentmaker, persecuted or punished Christians, met Jesus on the road to Damascus, went on missionary journeys, and wrote most of the New Testament *Acts 20:7*

Luke, a doctor, traveled on missionary journeys with Paul, wrote one of the Gospels as well as *Acts Colossians 4:14*

Mary & Martha, two sisters that were homemakers, had a brother, Lazarus, that Jesus brought back to life; one anointed Jesus before He died (*John 12:1-3*)

God has created you uniquely with your own mix of personality, experiences, knowledge and abilities. He has also placed you in a unique situation with a specific area of influence. You know and can reach people for God that others don't know or couldn't relate to.

You matter in God's toolbox! He wants to use you just like you are and right where you are. As the last part of the verse says - **"but the same God works all of them in all men."**

Source: *Creativebiblestudy.com. Lessons and Resources to Help Us Connect God's Words with Our Everyday Lives; "Christian Object Lessons"*

To share an article in THE HERALD, please send it to the church email: office@gregorymemorial.org or drop it in the church office door mailbox.

WORSHIP INFORMATION FOR OCTOBER, 2022**Sunday, 2 October 2022**

"17th Sunday after Pentecost" - Liturgical Color: Green
 Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Errol G. Rohr

Sunday, 9 October 2022

"18th Sunday after Pentecost" - Liturgical Color: Green
 Guest Preacher: Rev. Barbara Chalfant

Sunday, 16 October 2022

"19th Sunday after Pentecost" - Liturgical Color: Green
 Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Shelly Barrick Parsons

Sunday, 23 October 2022

"20th Sunday after Pentecost" - Liturgical Color: Green
 Guest Preacher: Rev. Charles Philips

Sunday, 30 October 2022

"21st Sunday after Pentecost" - Liturgical Color: Green
 Guest Preacher: TBA



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 issues)
 Butch Meade, Glenda Mayhew's brother
 Verne & Clara Smith
 Peggy & Dennis Allen
 Eddie Frankenstein
 Grace Cibula
 Etta Holc
 Jerry Hasky (health issue)
 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)

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)
 Kenny Overstreet (health issue) and wife, Dianne
 Charlie Perkins (health issue)
 Jim & Karen Hamilton of Charlotte, NC, Judy Recher's nephew & niece (injured, vehicular accident)
 Chris Ashby, Wayne Powers' gr.daughter Brittney's husband (health issues)
 Judy Recher (injury from fall) and husband, Ron
 Barbara Taliaferro (recov. knee surgery, Encompass Rehabilitation Hospital of Petersburg)

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.

CELEBRATING HOLY COMMUNION

Our 2022 schedule for Holy Communion provides that we will celebrate Holy Communion on the first Sunday in even-numbered months.

We will celebrate our next Holy Communion on **Sunday, October 2 "World Communion Sunday."** We are continuing with the practice of passing the communion elements among the pews.

HOLY COMMUNION SCHEDULE FOR 2022

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

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



MOVIE NIGHT - Wednesday, Oct. 26 at 6 p.m.

Isn't it about time for dinner and a movie? The answer is YES! And the Faith Committee will be hosting the next movie from the Sight and Sound Theater, "**David**", on Wednesday evening, October 26. Dinner will be at 6:00 p.m. and the movie will follow at 6:30 p.m. (approximately).

Be sure to mark your calendar so you won't miss this wonderful opportunity for food, fellowship and the enjoyment of this great movie. A hot dog dinner is being planned. See you there!!!! **Bring a guest or two!**

Thanksgiving Meals...*Can I Help?*

This year the Faith Committee will be giving each of you the opportunity to help a family in need at Thanksgiving.

CCHASM, Alliance for Social Ministry, will provide a Thanksgiving meal package to those in need from Chesterfield County, Colonial Heights, Dinwiddie, Hopewell, Petersburg and Prince George. In 2021 CCHASM provided 3,100 meals and has a goal of providing 3,500 meals this year. This can only be achieved with help from the local citizens.

Gregory Memorial will be supporting **CCHASM** by giving 25% of the 5 cent a Meal offerings, plus accepting donations from the congregation. An envelope will be put in the church bulletin on Sunday, October 16 so that anyone who wishes to make a donation can do so at that time. If making a donation by check, it is asked that you make the check payable to Gregory Memorial. All donations, plus the 5 cent a Meal money, will be combined in order for one donation to be made by the church.

CCHASM is a reputable organization that has helped many over the years. The Faith Committee feels that this is a wonderful way for us to brighten the Thanksgiving holidays for people in our area.

TO MAKE YOUR DAY

NOW HERE'S FIVE SIMPLE RULES FOR CELEBRATING HALLOWE'EN!

1. When it appears that you have killed the monster, **NEVER** check to see if it's really dead!
2. Do not search the basement, **especially if the power has gone out.**
3. When you have the benefit of numbers, **NEVER** pair off and go it alone.
4. **As a general rule**, don't solve puzzles that open portals to Hell.
5. **Beware of strangers bearing strange tools.** For example: chainsaws, staple guns, hedge trimmers, electric carving

knives, combines, lawnmowers, butane torches, soldering irons, band saws, or any devices made from deceased companions.

A BAT STORY

A little vampire bat came flapping in from the night covered in fresh blood and parked himself on the roof of the cave to get some sleep. Pretty soon all the other bats smelled the blood and began hassling him about where he got it. He told them to knock it off and let him get some sleep but they persisted until finally he gave in.

"OK, follow me," he said and flew out of the cave with hundreds of bats behind him. Down through a valley

they went, across a river and into a forest full of trees. Finally he slowed down and all the other bats excitedly milled around him. "Now, do you see that tree over there?" he asked.

"YES, YES, YES!" the little bats all screamed in a frenzy.

"Good," said the first bat, **"Because I DIDN'T!"**



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 World Communion Sunday 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship service & Holy Communion ➤ Peace & Global Witness Offering <i>Guest preacher:</i> <i>Rev. Dr. Errol G. Rohr</i>	3	4 6p GSA Tr. 5000 (Fellowship Hall Reception Area, Kitchen, Meeting/ Dining Rm.) 7p Cong. Care Cmte	5	6 6a Clean Church	7	8
9 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship service <i>Guest preacher:</i> <i>Rev. Barbara Chalfant</i>	10 Columbus Day	11 1p Circle (Location: TBA) 7p Faith Cmte	12	13 6a Clean Church 2p News articles due	14	15 9a 112 th POJ Mtg.(zoom); S.Shockley, Cmr.
16 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship service <i>Guest preacher: Rev. Dr. Shelly B. Parsons</i> 12p Session Meeting <i>Moderator: Dr. Parsons</i>	17	18 6p GSA Tr. 5000 (Fellowship Hall Reception Area, Kitchen, Meeting/ Dining Rm.)	19	20 6a Clean Church 7p Finance Cmte	21	22
23 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship service ➤ 5 Cents-a-Meal Offering <i>Guest preacher:</i> <i>Rev. Charles Philips</i>	24	25	26	27 6a Clean Church 2p Newsletter out	28	29
30 9:30a Sunday Sch. 10:15a 5 th Sunday Fellowship 11a Worship serv. ➤ Local Emergency Aid Offering <i>Guest preacher: TBA</i>	31 HALLOWE'EN 2p Cmte reports due	ALL SAINTS DAY				

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OCTOBER NEWSLETTER



HAPPY HALLOWE'EN!



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

We're on: Facebook.com/gmpcva
Worship 11:00 A.M.