

Dear Saints and Friends of Gregory Memorial,

TRUSTING GOD'S RECIPE

Have you ever used someone else's recipe? I have. This one is my all-time favorite. Years ago, I had tasted this "Easy Cherry Cobbler" at a friend's dinner party (I did say "years ago", when dinner parties were still "a thing"!) and asked if they would share the recipe for me to make at home.

I expected that the cobbler I made from the recipe would be good---not because of the ingredients or because I am a fairly good cook--- rather because I trusted that the person who gave it to me had included all of the information I would need in the recipe. But to experience what the recipe promised, I first had to take a leap of faith and actually do what it told me to do.

EASY CHERRY COBBLER

Step 1: Spray Pam (regular or baking spray, it doesn't matter which) in an 8" X 8" (or 9" x 9") square baking dish, metal or ceramic.) Set the baking dish aside.

Step 2: Using your fingers, mix together the following ingredients in a medium-sized bowl until a lumpy, crumbled cookie topping is formed:

Three-fourths cup brown sugar (dark or light)
Three-fourths cup all-purpose flour
Three-fourths cup or old-fashioned rolled oats
Three-fourths teaspoon ground cinnamon
Three-fourths cup (6 T.) softened (don't melt) butter
One or two teaspoons almond extract, as you prefer
One-quarter cup sliced almonds
A healthy pinch of salt

Step 2: Mix a half teaspoon of almond extract into contents of two (21 oz. size) cans of Cherry Pie filling; pour the mixed filling into the prepared baking dish.

Step 3: Scatter the "cookie" crumble topping evenly across the cherry filling, from edge to edge, using all.

Step 4: Bake uncovered in preheated 350-degree oven for 30-35 minutes, until cookie topping is light golden brown. Remove from oven and set baking dish on cooling rack.

As with the recipe for the best Easy Cherry Cobbler you'll ever taste, the Bible is like a wonderful recipe for life. We can know that the outcome of believing and following it will be good, not because of what it says or our own ability to follow it, but because of the One who wrote it. When we have "tasted" God's goodness and love through accepting His Son, Jesus, as our Lord and Savior, we can know the One in whom we have believed and know that His recipe can be trusted.

"...because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him for that day." ~ 2 Timothy 1:12b

There is an old saying, "The proof is in the pudding." Actually the original saying said: "The proof of the pudding is in the eating", meaning that the quality or true value of something can only be judged when it has been put to use. In the same way, the proof---or truth of God's Word in which we believe--- will be revealed as we actively put it to use in our lives.

"So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?" Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith." ~ Hebrews 13:6-7

In summary, we can know that what we believe is true because of the One in whom we have trusted. The truth of what we believe will be revealed in the results of us taking the steps to put His Word into use in our lives...

The proof of the pudding is in the eating!"

Bon appetit!

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WORSHIP INFORMATION FOR MARCH, 2023

Sunday, 5 March 2023

"2nd Sunday in Lent" - Liturgical Color: Purple
Guest Preacher: Rev. Paul Nalla

Sunday, March 12, 2023

"3rd Sunday in Lent" – Liturgical Color: Purple
Guest Preacher: Rev. Andy Meyers

Sunday, 19 March 2023

"4th Sunday in Lent" – Liturgical Color: Purple
Guest Preacher: Rev. Charles Philips

Sunday, 26 March 2023

"5th Sunday in Lent" – Liturgical Color: Purple
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.

Those affected by earthquakes in Turkey and Syria
First-responders, world-wide
Families, persons, entities impacted by Hurricane Ian
Families, persons, communities impacted by gun violence
People of Ukraine
Those in our community suffering from mental/physical illness, loss, grief or hardship
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
Ruby & Jerry Hasky (health issues)
Lee Harsh, Valerie Harsh's brother-in-law (health issue)
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)

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)
Emily Henry, Mary Holc's sister (health issue)
Charlie Perkins (health issue)
Chris Ashby, Wayne Powers' granddaughter Brittney's husband (health issues)
Barbara Taliaferro (recovering from double pneumonia)
Ruth Figg (Petersburg Home for Ladies)
Billy Robertson (recent health issue)
Shirley MacNeill (recent health issue)
Paula McDaniel, Pam Elder's sister (health issue)
Alan James, friend of A.W. & Nancy Adams (back surg.)
John Kephart, Grace Cibula's nephew (heart surg., 1/12)
Inez Paul, Mary Holc's mother (hospice care, Riverview on the Appomattox)
Tara Foster (home, recovering from kidney stone surgery)

CELEBRATING HOLY COMMUNION

Our 2023 schedule for Holy Communion provides that we celebrate Holy Communion on the first Sunday in even-numbered months.

We will celebrate Holy Communion on **Sunday, April 2 ("Palm Sunday")**. We are continuing with the practice of passing the communion elements among the pews.

HOLY COMMUNION SCHEDULE FOR 2023

February 5, 2023

June 4, 2023

October 1, 2023

April 2, 2023

August 6, 2023

December 3, 2023

HOLY HUMOR...

SPRING NEARS!

A priest bought a lawn mower at a yard sale. Back home, he pulled on the starter rope a few times with no results. He stormed back to the yard sale and told the previous owner, "I can't get the mower to start!"

"That's because you have to curse to get it started," said the man.

The priest replied, "I'm a man of the cloth. I don't even remember how to curse!"

The man replied, "You keep pulling on that rope, and it'll come back to you!"

AH, THE HEALING POWER...

Seth, a Fourth-Grader on crutches, who was to celebrate his birthday in class, was unable to carry the birthday cupcakes into the school without assistance.

So he asked his Sixth-Grader brother, Noah, to help him carry the cupcakes into the classroom.

Noah said, "I could, but I'd prefer not to."

Spotting a teaching moment, their father, a pastor, asked Noah, "What would Jesus do?"

Noah answered, "Jesus would heal him so he could carry his own cupcakes."

CLIMATE CHANGE...

According to a news story, if global warming continues, in 20 years the only chance we'll have to see a polar bear is in a zoo. So in other words, nothing is going to change.

PRAISE THE LORD!

A Christian guy named Bill saw an ad online for a Christian horse, so he went to check it out.

The horse's owner said, "It's easy to ride him. Just say 'Praise the Lord!' to make him go and 'Amen!' to make him stop."

Bill got on the horse and said, "Praise the Lord!" Sure enough, the horse started to walk. "Praise the Lord!" he said again, and the horse began to trot. "Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!" he yelled, and the horse broke into a gallop.

Bill was enjoying his ride so much that he almost didn't notice the cliff he and the horse were about to go over. Bill shouted "AMEN!" at the top of his lungs, and the horse stopped right at the edge of the cliff. Relieved, Bill said, "Phew! Praise the Lord!"

OLD-SCHOOL TIME WARP?

It was nearing the end of spring and after college graduation for Skip, who had returned to his parents' home to live.

Skip was enjoying his new life as a young adult, fishing in the daytime, spending the nights with friends---generally goofing off, doing whatever he wanted to or felt like, just enjoying himself, and just plain hanging out.

One afternoon his grandfather, who never went to college, stopped by to see how Skip was doing now that he had finished college. Concerned with how Skip was spending his time, the grandfather asked about Skip's plans for the future.

Skip grinned and told him he was in no hurry to tie himself Down to a career just yet.

"Well," his grandfather replied, "You'd better start thinking about it. After all, you'll be thirty before you know it."

"But I'm closer to twenty than to thirty!" Skip protested. "I won't be thirty for eight more years."

"I see," his grandfather said smiling. "**AND WHEN WILL YOU BE TWENTY AGAIN?**"

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Movie Night will be held on Wednesday, March 1, featuring the movie "Ruth" from the Sight and Sound collection. The Faith Committee and the Congregational Care Committee have come together to make this a most enjoyable evening. Dinner of homemade chili, homemade soup, cornbread, hot bread and desserts at 6 p.m. will be followed by the movie at (approx.) 6:30 p.m. Don't miss this special occasion. Take this opportunity to bring a friend!!

[Faith Cmte]

Lenten Sunday School lessons are being offered this year. They will take place the five Sundays before Easter, beginning Sunday, March 12. As with our Christmas lessons, these materials have been written by the famous author Max Lucado with each session beginning with a short video followed by discussion. The lessons are designed to invite you to examine the cross, contemplate its purpose and celebrate its significance. Everyone enjoyed the Christmas lessons tremendously and are excited about the Lenten lessons. Come and join this insightful journey. If you would like to purchase a Study Guide (\$4), please contact Patsy Johnson.

[Faith Cmte]

Thanks to our Gregory Scouts for a Great "Scout Sunday" Worship Service & Appreciation Reception! Scout Troop 900 and Cub Pack 910 led the "Scout Sunday" Worship Service on Feb. 12 and hosted the congregation and guests (105 attending) at a sumptuous Appreciation Reception lunch in the Fellowship Hall after worship. A good time was had by all!

[Worship Cmte]

A BIG "Thank You!" goes out to all of our Boy Scouts from Troop 900 that helped to clean the playground in the back of the church building. The Scouts dismantled and hauled away several pieces of potentially unsafe playground equipment that were a danger, as well as an eye sore. Most of these items were big and bulky and needed strong young bodies for removal! This was a big improvement to our property and our deepest appreciation goes out to all of these fine young men.

[Faith Cmte]

Enjoying our sermons? We have been blessed with so many wonderful and inspiring sermons these past months. Have you ever wondered how these come about? Many hours of hard work are committed to this task by our Clerk of Session, Donald Hunter. Most of us don't realize the number of phone calls and time it takes to coordinate just one visit from a guest preacher, not to mention the overwhelming task of securing guest preachers for a month of Sundays! The next time you see Donald, be sure to let him know how much you appreciate all of his efforts. I don't know what we would do without him!!

Thanks a million, Donald!!!

[Faith Cmte]

Stated Session Meeting – at 12 p.m. (est.) after worship service on Sunday, March 19.

It's time to order Easter Lilies! We are accepting orders starting today through March 19. Order forms are in the Sunday bulletin and also on the Narthex table. Cost: \$14/plant includes delivery charge. Make check payable to "Gregory Memorial Church" and leave check with order form in collection plate!

[Worship Cmte]

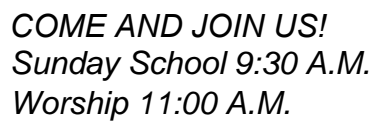
MARCH, 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Easter Lily orders will be accepted Feb. 26 - Mar.19</p> <p>Cost: \$14/plant</p>			1	2 6a Clean Church	3	4
<p>5</p> <p>9:30a Sunday School</p> <p>11a Worship Service & Holy Communion</p> <p>Guest preacher: Rev. Paul Nalla</p> <p><u>Order Easter Lilies</u></p>	6	<p>7</p> <p>6p GSA Tr. 5000 (Fellowship Hall Reception Area, Kitchen, Meeting/ Dining Rm.)</p> <p>7p Cong. Care Cmte</p>	8	<p>9</p> <p>6a Clean Church</p> <p>7p Faith Cmte</p>	10	11
<p>12</p> <p>2a Begin Daylight SavingTime</p> <p>9:30a Sunday School</p> <p>11a Worship Service</p> <p>Guest preacher: Rev. Andy Meyers</p> <p><u>Order Easter Lilies</u></p>	<p>13</p> <p>6p BSA Crater Order of Arrow Dinner Meeting (Fellowship Hall Reception Area, Area, Kitchen, Meeting/Dining Rm)</p>	<p>14</p> <p>1p Circle (Location: TBA)</p>	15	<p>16</p> <p>6a Clean Church</p> <p>2p News articles due</p> <p>7p Finance Cmte</p>	17 St. Patrick's Day	18
<p>19</p> <p>9:30a Sunday School</p> <p>11a Worship Service</p> <p>Guest preacher: Rev. Charles Philips</p> <p>12p Session Meeting</p> <p>Moderator: Rev. Philips</p> <p><u>Last Day to Order Easter Lilies</u></p>	20	<p>21</p> <p>6p GSA Tr. 5000 (Fellowship Hall Reception Area, Kitchen, Meeting/ Dining Rm.)</p>	<p>22</p> <p>11a Place Easter Lily order with florist <u><i>before 11 am</i></u></p>	<p>23</p> <p>6a Clean Church</p> <p>2p Newsletter out</p>	24	25
<p>26</p> <p>9:30a Sunday School</p> <p>11a Worship Service ➤ 5C Meal Offering</p> <p>Guest preacher: Rev. Marvin Daniel</p>	27	28	29	30	31 2p Cmte reports due	

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