

*To the Saints and Friends of Gregory Memorial:*

## The Sand Dollar Legend

A sand dollar is actually a part of the sea urchin and star fish family and can be found along many beaches. We have found several on the Florida Gulf Coast beaches. When alive, they look like tan or grey discs and should be returned to the water. If they have turned a bright white, then you have found a treasure to keep!



One of my favorite activities as a child was finding sea shells at the beach. Although I didn't live near a beach, my oldest sister did. Those are some wonderful memories as we searched for these treasures in the sand.

Even now one of our family's favorite vacation spots is a beach on the Gulf Coast. At least once on each vacation all six of us go on a walk to look for sea shells. Oh, the treasures we find, and the fun we have together as a family!

The greatest treasure though was, and still is, to find a sand dollar! This is still the "ultimate find!"

God has placed His signature on creation, and this special beach treasure has all the markings to tell the story of Jesus--- the Gospel! Each sand dollar includes a Christmas poinsettia on one side, a star in the center of an Easter lily on the other, five pierced holes, and when opened, tiny pieces which resemble small doves.

### The Legend of the Sand Dollar

There's a pretty little legend  
That I would like to tell  
Of the birth and death of Jesus  
Found in this lowly shell

If you examine it closely,  
You'll see that you find here  
Four nail holes and a fifth one  
Made by a Roman's Spear.

On one side is the Easter Lily;  
Its center is the star  
That appeared unto the wise men  
And led them from afar.

The Christmas poinsettia,  
Etched on the other side,  
Reminds us of His birthday  
Our Happy Christmastide.

Now break the center open  
And here you will release  
The five white doves awaiting  
To spread Goodwill and Peace.

This simple little symbol,  
Christ left for you and me  
To help us spread his Gospel  
Through all eternity.

~ Anonymous

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**WORSHIP INFORMATION FOR JULY, 2024**

**Sunday, 7 July, 2024**

“7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost” – Liturgical Color: Green  
 Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Katherine C. Jackson

**Sunday, 14 July, 2024**

“8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost” – Liturgical Color: Green  
 Guest Preacher: Rev. Marvin Daniel

**Sunday, 21 July, 2024**

“9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost” – Liturgical Color: Green  
 Guest Preacher: Rev. Marvin Daniel

**Sunday, 28 July, 2024**

“10<sup>th</sup> 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.

First-responders, world-wide  
 Our deployed U.S. service personnel & their families  
 Families, persons, communities affected by weather disasters & gun violence  
 Those affected by wars in Ukraine & in Gaza  
 People & Sovereign Country of Ukraine; Russian citizens conscripted into war  
 Those in our community suffering from illness/loss/grief/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  
 Eddie Frankenstein  
 Etta Holc  
 Evelyn Foster  
 Jerry & Ruby Hasky (health issues)  
 Lee Harsh, Valerie Harsh's brother-in-law (health issue)  
 Larry Brown of Chesterfield, Larry Johnson's friend (health issue)  
 Billy Hudson, friend of Dianna L. Flaherty, Mary Lykins' daughter  
 Emily Henry, Mary Holc’s sister (health issue)  
 Renee' Renier, Diana Flaherty's long-time friend (health issue)  
 Charlie Perkins (health issue)

Paula McDaniel, Pam Elder's sister (health issue)  
 Grace Cibula (health issues)  
 Moneka Suprenant, Susan Shockley’s & Sandy Eickmeyer’s friend (brain injury)  
 John Carl Allen (recovering, orthopedic surgery)  
 Mary Kay & Mike Schroeter (health issues)  
 Dr. Joseph Hillier of Matoaca, Lykins family friend (health issue)  
 Alex Courtney of Florence, SC, business associate of Dianna L. Flaherty, Mary Lykins' daughter (injured, vehicle accident)  
 Peggy & Dennis Allen (health issues; Peggy: Petersburg Home for Ladies, Rm #18)  
 Corey Whelan, Pat Hunter’s grandson (on-going health issue)  
 Judy Recher (health issue)  
 Shirley MacNeill (health issues; recovering at home)  
 Valerie Harsh, living in Staunton, VA (health issue)  
 Sean Godwin, grandson of Bill & Cheryl Godwin (health issue: MCV-Massey)  
 Marty Mann, brother-in-law of Donald Hunter & Pat Hunter (health issues)  
 Family/friends of Faye Marie Scott, sister-in-law of Rose Scott, of Berkeley, WV, formerly of Chesterfield and Colonial Heights, VA, (d. 6/4)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### “BACK-TO-SCHOOL” SUPPLIES

Area churches and organizations have been asked by the Prince George County Schools for donations of school supplies for the upcoming school year.

Our congregation will again participate in this worthy endeavor to assure those in need of school supplies will be off to a good start when the school year begins in August.



To simplify the logistics of distributing the supplies, this year there will be no Back-to-School Fair or Drive-Thru event held at the High School. Instead, donated supplies will be collected at designated sites by the deadline date of **August 8**. Then when school starts, the supplies will be distributed by teachers to those in need on an as-needed basis. It is believed that this will significantly streamline the process of providing the supplies to those students as they are needed.

Details (list of supplies) are still being finalized. Watch for announcement in upcoming church bulletins.

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**GREGORY MEMORIAL PC IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE** that beginning on June 29, Gregory Memorial is the venue of weekly meetings of Prince George Study Group of Alcoholics Anonymous.

The Group will hold its weekly meetings on **Saturdays, 8 p.m. - 9 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall Meeting/Dining Room.

Contact: Mitchell Pillsbury, Coordinator, at 804.720.7232

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**NEXT STATED SESSION MEETING – 12 p.m. (est.)** on **Sunday, July 21, 2024** after worship service; Moderator: Rev. Marvin Daniel.

We wish everyone a great summer and as always, **thank you for all of your support!**

### HOLY COMMUNION SCHEDULE FOR 2024

March 4, 2024 April 7, 2024	June 2, 2024 <b>August 4, 2024</b>	October 6, 2024 December 1, 2024
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### ANNOUNCERS FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

<b>July 7</b> Donald Hunter	<b>July 14</b> Patsy Johnson	<b>July 21</b> Sandy Hunter	<b>July 28</b> Larry Johnson
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## HOLY HUMOR

### **A-CHOO! DOG BLESS YOU!**

An old, tire-looking dog wandered into a man's yard. The man examined the dog's collar closely and felt the dog's belly. Finding the dog's belly plump and appearing to be well-fed, the man knew that the dog had come from a caring home.

The dog followed him into his house and down the hallway. Then he jumped up onto the man's couch. After making himself comfortable in the way dogs do, the dog then fell fast asleep. The man thought to himself, "This is rather odd," but he let the dog continue to sleep.



After about an hour, the dog woke up, got off the couch, walked over to the door, and the man let him out. The dog looked at him, wagged his tail, and he left.

The next day, the same dog came back and scratched at the man's door. The man opened

the door to let him in. The dog came in, and as before, he went down the hallway, then jumped up onto the couch where he made himself comfortable and then fell asleep. The man let him sleep. After about an hour, the dog woke up, walked over to the door, and the man let him out. The dog looked at him, wagged his tail and then left.

This went on for several days. By now, the man had grown really curious, so on the dog's next visit, the man pinned a note onto the dog's collar that read: "Your dog has been taking a nap at my house every day." Once again, after about an hour, the dog awoke from his nap and went to the door to be let out.

The next day the dog arrived at the man's house, but this time, with another note pinned to his collar. It read: "He lives in a home with four young children. School is out for the summer. He's trying to catch up on his sleep. Can I come with him tomorrow?"

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### **FOOD FOR THOUGHT ...**

*The Pessimist:* You talk to God, you're religious. God talks to you, you're psychotic.

*The Optimist:* The number of followers you have on Facebook or TikTok doesn't make you any better than anyone else. Hitler had millions; Jesus had 12.

~ Anonymous

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### **TROUBLE FALLING ASLEEP? THEN TRY REPEATING ANY (OR ALL) OF THESE:**

- I may not be perfect, but Jesus thinks I'm to die for.
- God grades on the cross, not the curve.
- The wages of sin is death.
- Repent before payday.
- God does not believe in atheists, therefore atheists do not exist.
- God didn't create anything without a purpose, but mosquitoes sure come close.

*[and last but not least:]*

- Be ye fishers of men.

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# JULY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>No July meetings for: Worship Cmte Facilities Cmte</i></p> <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> <p><i>WELCOME ABOARD: PG Study Group of AA! Meetings are every Saturday, 8p-9p in the Fellowship Hall.</i></p>	1	2	3	<p><u>Office open</u></p> <p>6a Clean church</p> 	5	<p>6 <b>8p-9p</b> PG Study Group of AA (Fellowship Hall, Kitchen, Meeting/ Dining Room)</p>
<p>7</p> <p><b>9:30a</b> Sunday School</p> <p><b>11a</b> Worship service</p> <p>Guest preacher: Rev. Dr. Katherine C. Jackson</p>	8	<p>9</p> <p><b>7p</b> Finance Cmte</p>	10	<p>11</p> <p>6a Clean church</p>	12	<p>13</p> <p><b>8p-9p</b> PG Study Group of AA (Fellowship Hall, Kitchen, Meeting/ Dining Room)</p>
<p>14</p> <p><b>9:30a</b> Sunday School</p> <p><b>11a</b> Worship service</p> <p>Guest preacher: Rev. Marvin Daniel</p>	15	16	17	<p>18</p> <p>6a Clean church</p> <p><b>2p</b> Newsletter articles due in office</p>	19	<p>20</p> <p><b>10a</b> Faith Cmte meets at S. Hunter's; Shut-Ins' meals delivery</p> <p><b>8p-9p</b> PG Study Group of AA (Fellowship Hall, Kitchen, Meeting/ Dining Room)</p>
<p>21</p> <p><b>9:30a</b> Sunday School</p> <p><b>11a</b> Worship service</p> <p>Guest preacher: Rev. Marvin Daniel</p> <p><b>12p</b> Stated Session Meeting</p> <p>Moderator: Rev. Marvin Daniel</p>	22	23	24	<p>25</p> <p>6a Clean church</p> <p><b>2p</b> Newsletter out</p>	26	<p>27</p> <p><b>8p-9p</b> PG Study Group of AA (Fellowship Hall, Kitchen, Meeting/ Dining Room)</p>
<p>28</p> <p><b>9:30a</b> Sunday School</p> <p><b>11a</b> Worship service</p> <p>➤ <i>5 Cents-a-Meal Offering</i></p> <p>Guest preacher: <b>TBA</b></p>	29	30	<p>31</p> <p><b>2p</b> Cmte reports due</p>			

