

To the Saints and Friends of Gregory Memorial:

IT'S SUMMER! TIME FOR VACATION!



TO THE HUMAN MIND, SUMMER TIME = VACATION TIME.

The Bible doesn't explicitly mention "vacations" as we know them, but it strongly emphasizes the value of rest and rejuvenation, both key aspects of modern vacations. God, Himself, rested on the 7th day (Genesis 2:2), and the Sabbath is a day of rest from work (Exodus 20:8-11). The Bible also includes many instances where individuals, including Jesus, sought times of solitude and rest from their responsibilities.

The Scriptures also speak to the concepts of personal rest and stewardship, both key areas of discussion in the topic of vacations, specifically:

- **God's Example of Rest.** The concept of rest as part of God's design, sets a pattern for humans to follow. [Genesis 2:2-3]
- **The Sabbath.** God commanded the Israelites to observe a Sabbath day of rest each week, emphasizing the importance of taking time away from labor.
- **Jesus' Example.** Jesus, Himself, withdrew to quiet places to rest and pray, demonstrating the need for rejuvenation, even in ministry. [Mark 6:31]
- **Stewardship of Resources.** Taking time for rest and recreation is a wise use of one's time and resources, similar to good stewardship. [Proverbs 10:5]

- **Renewing the Mind and Body.** Vacations can be a time to disconnect from daily routines, allowing for spiritual and physical renewal.
- **Travel and Exploration.** Traveling and experiencing new places can broaden one's perspective and appreciation for God's creation. [Proverbs 3:23]

SO, WHAT EXACTLY IS A VACATION?

In the truest sense of the word, a vacation is **a time of rest**. Even God rested...from creating creation!

Let's drive this bus home:

- In the Old Testament, God specifically and directly told His people they are to rest from daily labor on the 7th day! [Exodus 20:8-11]
- In the New Testament, Jesus said the Sabbath was made for Mankind, meaning that God gave it as a gift to us. [Mark 2:27]

Now, if you took the time to research, you would find over 100 instances where the word "Sabbath" appears throughout Scripture. It's taken quite seriously.

Clearly, there is a need, built into us by God, to have a time of rest, relaxation, and rejuvenation ... a time of VACATION!

IT'S SUMMERTIME! NOW, BRING ON VACATION!

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WORSHIP INFORMATION FOR JULY, 2025**Sunday, 6 July, 2025**

“4th Sunday after Pentecost” – Liturgical Color: Green

Service by: Rev. Dr. Katherine C. Jackson

Sunday, 13 July, 2025

“5th Sunday after Pentecost” – Liturgical Color: Green

Service by: Rev. Marvin Daniel

Sunday, 20 July, 2025

“6th Sunday after Pentecost” – Liturgical Color: Green

Service by: Rev. Marvin Daniel

Sunday, 27 July, 2025

“7th Sunday after Pentecost” – Liturgical Color: Green

Service by: Rev. Dr. Kerry Foster



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.

*In the interest of protecting our congregation's personal information,
"Our Prayer in Times of Joy and Concern" is not publicly available.*

Church Administrator

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALLED CONGREGATION MEETING – Sunday, July 13, 2025 immediately after worship service. Purpose: To elect members to serve on 2025 Congregation Nominating Committee (“CNC”). Rev. Marvin Daniel will serve as meeting officiant.

The CNC is charged with selection of nominees for election by the congregation to serve as Class of 2028 Elders (3), a Trustee (1); others as needed.

STATED SESSION MEETING – Sunday, July 20, 2025 immediately after worship service. Rev. Marvin Daniel will serve as meeting officiant.

THESE DAYS (Jul. – Sep.) Copies are available in the Narthex. Free to Gregory’s congregation!

Pick up your copy today for some inspired daily reading.

Take a moment to be mindful.

Slow down.

Pay attention to the present moment.

Focus on the rhythm of your breath.

Notice how your body feels.

Observe your thoughts. Then let them go.

Accept the moment as it is.

Just. Be.

HOLY COMMUNION SCHEDULE FOR 2025

February 2, 2025	June 1, 2025	October 5, 2025
April 6, 2025	August 3, 2025	December 7, 2025

ANNOUNCERS, READERS

July 6	July 13	July 20	July 27
Rose Scott	Mary Holc	Donald Hunter	Patsy Johnson

CHIMES

Patsy Johnson

ACOLYTE

Wayne Powers

BE INSPIRED



A man was asked to paint a boat. He brought his paint and brushes and began to paint the boat a bright red, just as the owner had asked him.

While painting the boat, he happened to notice there was a small hole in the hull, and he quietly repaired it.

When he had finished painting, he received his money and left.

The next day, the owner of the boat came back to the painter and presented him with a very nice check, in an amount very much higher than the payment he had received for painting the boat.

The painter was very surprised and said, "You've already paid me for painting your boat, Sir!"

"But this is not for the paint job, which, by the way, you did very well. It's for repairing the hole in the boat."

"Ah, but it was such a small service...certainly it's not worth paying me such a high amount for something so insignificant."

But the boat owner smiled and continued. "My dear friend: You do not understand. Let me tell you what happened.

"When I asked you to paint the boat, I forgot to mention that there was a hole in it.

"When the boat dried, my kids saw that it was finished, and they took it out on the lake for a fishing trip.

"They did not know that there had been a hole in it. I did not know that they were going fishing that day, and I was not at home at the time that they took the boat, so I could not tell them about the hole in it.

"When I returned and noticed that they had taken the boat, I was desperate because I remembered that the boat had a hole in it. But there was no way to get in touch with them to warn them, and I didn't know where they had gone fishing.

"Imagine my relief and joy when I saw them returning from the fishing trip.

"Then, I examined the boat and found that you had repaired the hole!

Smiling broadly, the owner grabbed the painter's hand and shook it. "You see, now, what you did? You saved the lives of my children! I don't have enough money to repay you for your "small " good deed!

So no matter who, when, or how, continue to help, sustain, wipe tears, listen attentively, and carefully repair all the "leaks" that you may find. You will never know when one is in need of us, or when God holds a pleasant surprise for us to be helpful and important to someone.

And along the way, you may find that you have repaired numerous "boat holes" for several people without realizing how many lives you have saved!

JULY, 2025						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
No Worship Cmte mtg in July.		1	2	3 6a Clean church	4 Independence Day <i>Have a Fun & Safe 4th!</i>	5 8p PG AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall, Kitchen)
6 4 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship service Service by: Rev. Dr. K. C. Jackson	7	8	9 6p Faith Cmte @ church	10 6a Clean church	11	12 8p PG AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall, Kitchen)
13 5 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship service Service by: Rev. Marvin Daniel 12p Called Congreg. Mtg (elect CNC) Officiant: Rev. Daniel	14	15	16	17 6a Clean church 2p News articles (Aug) due	18	19 8p PG AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall, Kitchen)
20 6 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship service Service by: Rev. Marvin Daniel 12p Stated Session Mtg Officiant: Rev. Daniel	21 7p Finance Cmte	22	23	24 6a Clean church 2p Newsletter (Aug) out	25	26 6p-10p PG AA Members' Dinner & Meeting (Fellowship Hall, Kitchen)
27 7 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship service ➤ 5¢-a-Meal Offering Service by: Rev. Dr. Kerry Foster Acting Gen. Presbyter	28 2p Cmte reports due	29	30	31		

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A bright yellow beach umbrella stands on the left, casting a shadow on the sand. To its right are two wooden lounge chairs with black and white striped fabric. The chairs are positioned on a sandy beach, with the ocean and a clear blue sky in the background.

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