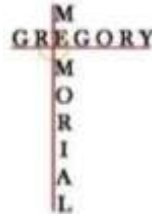


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Dear Gregory Memorial, Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

## This Lenten Season

By Reverend Beverly Bullock



*“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me” -  
Psalms 51:10 (NRSV)*

Can we skip this part? Can we fast-forward through the hard and painful moments? Can we just do Easter? Are we there yet? No, No, No and No! Is this journey worth the ultimate destination? Yes, yes, yes and yes!

Please take note of the images above---ashes, palms, nails and a crown of thorns---simple yet poignant symbols of the Lenten Season as well as that of Holy Week.

What is not shown is the image of a “Resurrected Christ”---the very foundation of our Christian faith. We don’t get to see that right now because we have not gone the distance.

We will travel one step at a time with our Lord throughout the final days of his life and ministry---we will hear his plea in the Garden of Gethsemane---we will bear witness to his betrayal, arrest, trial, walk to the cross, crucifixion, death, and burial. And we will do this both as a community of faith and as individual children of God.

We will be humbled and shamed by a human race that could not trust and embrace such a sacred love as we will find ourselves overcome with gratitude for the “Word of God made flesh.” We are not simply to check-off the mile markers of this journey, noting with

pride how quickly we arrived at our final destination---without having to stop for gas, food, or use of a restroom. Instead, we will remember our fresh entry into this season on **Ash Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>** and the 40 weekdays to follow. We will wave our palms on **Palm Sunday** as we enter into the solemnity of **Holy Week**. We will observe **Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and The Saturday Vigil**.

If we are honest and true to ourselves and our Lord, we will face with humility and boldness the spiritual turmoil, pain and anguish that await our Lord and ourselves. We will mourn and grieve and confess our sin before we have the right to rejoice.

**Easter will arrive on Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>---the “Resurrection of the Lord.”** There will be new clothes, new souls, packed pews, heavenly hallelujahs, the promise of new beginnings and the reality of our salvation! **Through Jesus Christ, death, and sin have been kicked to the curb!**

**“Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.” – Luke 24:5b (NRSV)**

In Christ’s Love,  
Rev. Bev

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## Worship Information for March 2013 Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church

Sunday, 03 March 2013

3rd Sunday in Lent

Liturgical Color: Purple or Blue

PCUSA Emphasis: Celebrate the Gifts of Women

Old Testament: Isaiah 55:1-9 & New Testament: Luke 13:1-9

Sermon: "In The Midst Of It All"

Sunday, 10 March 2013

4th Sunday in Lent

Liturgical Color: Purple or Blue

Old Testament: Joshua 5:9-12 & New Testament: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21, 6:1-2

Sermon: "Now Is The Time"

Sunday, 17 March 2013

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

"Pre-School Sunday"

Liturgical Color: Purple or Blue

PCUSA Emphasis: Self-Development of People

Old Testament: Isaiah 43:16-21 & New Testament: John 12:1-8

Sermon: "Something New And Different"

Sunday, 24 March 2013

Passion/Palm Sunday – Holy Week Begins

Liturgical Color: Purple or Blue

Old Testament: Isaiah 50:4-9a & New Testament: Luke 19:28-40

Sermon: "From The Donkey's Point Of View"

Sunday, 31 March 2013

Resurrection of the Lord/Easter

Liturgical Color: White

PCUSA Emphasis: One Great Hour of Sharing

Old Testament: Isaiah 65: 17-25 & New Testament: John 20:1-18

Sermon: "He's Got This"

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### OUR PRAYER IN TIMES OF JOY AND CONCERN.....

Katherine Tompkins Christine Belsches Marian McDonald Gladys Wiseman Frank Solesbee Audrey Turner Kenneth Figg Clara Smith June Hawks Aida Faries Don Vtipil PNC	All who have lost loved ones to senseless & random violence Virginia Mika (Sister of Grace & Helen Cibula) All persons recovering from natural disasters Jimmy Belsches (Christine Belsches' son) Mary Chadwick (Dink Armstrong's sister) Sam DuVall (Sheila Fields's son-in-law) Laura Lambert (Peggy Allen's mother) Jim Judkins (David Johnson's cousin) Ed Smiley (Friend of Doug Holc) 2012-2013 School Year Pat Hunter
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**QUICK CALENDAR EVENTS:***News Article Deadline - March 14**Preschool Sunday - March 17**Lenten Prayer Service & Luncheon-  
(12 pm Service & 12:30 pm Lunch):  
Bethlehem Congr. Church- March 7  
Sacred Heart Church - March 14  
GMPC - March 21**Appreciation Luncheon (Rev.  
Beverly Bullock) - March 24**Maundy Thursday - March 28  
Sacrament of Holy Communion  
(by intinction) - 7pm @ GMPC**Good Friday - March 29**Easter Sunday, Sunrise Worship  
Service - March 31***THE CLERK'S CORNER**

By David E. Johnson

The Session of Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 19, 2013 and approved the following items:

1. Missions project of donating old dresses, shoes, handbags, and jewelry to CCHASM for the Prince George High School Prom.
2. Missions project of collecting "pop-tops" for the Ronald McDonald House charity.
3. Request from the line dancing group to change their meeting times from 2 p.m. to 9:30 a.m. on Mondays, except for the four (4) Mondays when the Food Bank meets.
4. Placing an article about our new minister in the local papers after his arrival at Gregory.
5. A recommendation by the Stewardship & Finance Committee to allocate accrued interest of \$10.00 from the Designated Gifts account to cover delivery costs of \$10.00 for the poinsettias.
6. Date of June 23, 2013 as our worship date at Scott Park.
7. A "pounding" as a welcoming event for our new minister.
8. An "Appreciation" luncheon for Rev. Bullock on March 24 following worship.
9. A proposal presented by the secretary to update and provide a church directory on a yearly basis.
10. Having a "hand washing" sign posted above the sink in the kitchen.

**HOLY HUMOR**

"**Holy Humor**" is a new addition to the newsletter. I am always getting cute little stories and jokes that center around our faith. If you have something that you would like to see in this article, please email it to me at [baskethunters@comcast.net](mailto:baskethunters@comcast.net). Now, sit back, enjoy, and smile as you read the first dose of "**Holy Humor.**" ---Sandy

**Fore!!** The preacher always made it a point to admonish his flock about playing golf on the Sabbath. But, one springtime Sunday morning the preacher, himself, was tempted to play a quick round.

Up in Heaven, the angel in charge of such things,

Melrose, went to see the Big Guy and told him of the reverend's transgression.

"I agree he should be punished," said God. "I'll take care of it."

With that, back down on the course, the preacher stepped up to the tee and hit the ball perfectly. It sailed down the fairway, cleared all the hazards, plopped down on the green, and rolled gently into the cup for an ace.

Melrose was flabber-gasted. "A hole-in-one? I thought you were going to punish him."

"I did," God replied. "Who's he going to tell?"



"**LOL GOLF**", Red-Letter Press, Inc., publisher  
Saddle River, N.J., 2012.

## LENTEN PRAYER SERVICE & LUNCHEON SCHEDULE FOR MARCH

Join with us in celebration of the 2013 Lenten Season!

### March 7

Bethlehem Congregational Church  
10501 Pole Run Road  
Disputanta, Va.  
(Tel. 861-0834)

### March 14

Church of the Sacred Heart  
9300 Community Lane  
Petersburg, Va.  
(Tel. 732-6385)

### March 21

Gregory Memorial  
Presbyterian Church  
6300 Courthouse Road  
Prince George, Va.  
(Tel. 732-1081)

## SOME FACTS ABOUT “LENT”

By Rev. Beverly Bullock



“Lent (n.) – (in the Christian religion), an annual season of fasting and penitence in preparation for Easter, beginning on Ash Wednesday and lasting 40 weekdays to Easter, observed in the Roman Catholic, Anglican and certain other churches”, from [Webster’s Encyclopedic Unabridged Dictionary of the English Language.](#)

Lent is observed by Christian

faiths throughout the world, including:

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- ❖ Roman Catholic
- ❖ Eastern Orthodox
- ❖ Eastern Catholics
- ❖ Coptic
- ❖ Ethiopian
- ❖ Eritrian Orthodox
- ❖ Tewahedo Church
- ❖ Anglicans
- ❖ Protestant Denominations
- ❖ and others.

### Liturgical colors:

Purple or blue - during Lent  
Black - during Good Friday  
White - Easter Resurrection of the Lord

**Some Symbols:** ashes, palms, nails, crown of thorns, cross, fish, loaves of bread, cup of salvation, lilies...a stone rolled away

**Timeline:** 40 weekdays, not counting Sundays

**When Lent begins:** Ash Wednesday

Traditional preparations: prayer, penance, repentance, almsgiving, and self-denial

It is the traditional belief that Jesus lay for 40 hours in the tomb.

Seek to learn more about: Fat Tuesday, Ash Wednesday, Spy Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, The Saturday Vigil (Holy Saturday), Easter Sunday, and the Season of Easter.

# GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESCHOOL

By Susie McAllister, Preschool Director

## Preschool Sunday - March 17

The Preschoolers have been very busy practicing for the worship service on March 17. Each year on Preschool Sunday, the church opens it's doors to the children and families of the Bear and Bunny classes. We will be singing some special songs just for the occasion.

This is a wonderful time for each child and their family to meet the people of Gregory Memorial. The boys and girls look forward to sharing our talents with the church and learning how important God is in their lives.

Please join us as we share the joy of Christ through the songs of our children!

It's hard to believe that we are preparing for Easter, Mother's Day and our End of the Year Program. What a blessing it is to work with such inspiring children. Each child has made a big impression on

the staff and quickly captured our hearts.

This year, we were delighted to hear the music of the Virginia State University... and learn about instruments and what they sound like. Thank you to the Revs. Bullock for making this visit possible, what a treat !



**2012/13 Preschool with guests: VSU Zeta Psi Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi National Honorary Band Fraternity, Inc., and Rev. Sylvester H. Bullock., Assistant Director, VSU**

Joseph & Mary announced the birth of their son, Jesus, in the Preschools Christmas program in December. Lambs, shepherds and angels walked the aisles for all to hear the good news of our Saviors' arrival.

## 2013/14 Preschool Registration

We are now looking at the start of another school year with the beginning of student registration on **March 1, 2013**. If you should have a child that is 3 or 4 years old and are interested in a wonderful learning experience for them, please check out the Preschool website or stop by to pick up a registration package during Preschool hours Tues.-Thurs., 9:30 am-12:30 pm.



### Those Who Serve - March, 2013

0++	<b>GATEKEEPER:</b> Keith Spain	March 3	March 10	March 17	March 24 <b>PALM SNDAY</b>	March 31 <b>EASTER</b>
<b>Ushers &amp; Acolytes (A)</b>	Marguerite Bishop Wayne Powers Glenda Mayhew Les Mayhew	Sheila Fields Janet Swinton Rose Scott Valerie Harsh	Robert Hartsell Dianne Overstreet Wayne Powsers Les Mayhew	Justin Ellis-Bowman (A) Michalis Maloney (A)	Keith Spain Ruby Spain Jacob Spain Herb Schroeter	Robert Hartsell Dianne Overstreet Wayne Powers Les Mayhew
<b>Announcements</b>	Jared Smyth(A) Austin Smyth (A)	Breeana Hunter (A) Jamie Meurer (A)	Pat Hunter	Mary Kay Schroeter	Chayse Hartsell (A) Kaitlyn Hartsell (A)	Acolytes TBA
<b>Junior Sermon</b>	Jerry Bond	Dianne Overstreet	Susan Walker	Valerie Harsh	Rose Scott	Patsy Johnson
<b>Junior Church</b>	Pat Hunter	Rev. Beverly Bullock	Rose Scott Madison Foster	Josh Ingram Morgan Ingram	Virginia Maloney Jared Smyth	Virginia Maloney Jared Smyth
<b>Nursery</b>	Jessica Mayger Kevin Foster	Valerie Harsh Pamela Harsh	Virginia Maloney	Susan Walker	Ruby Spain	Ruby Spain
<b>Counting</b>	Jennifer Smyth	Ruby Spain	Sheila Fields Rose Scott	Morgan Ingram David Johnson	Sandy Hunter Kevin Foster	Sandy Hunter Kevin Foster

# FLOWERS FOR SANCTUARY

## *Flowers for March 2013*

March 3	-
March 10	-
March 17	-
March 24	Rose Scott
March 31	-

It's not too late to sign up to provide flowers for the Sanctuary. You may write in your name on the Flowers signup sheet beside the Sunday you wish to provide flowers, or call Church office at 732-1081 (9a.m.-2:00 p.m., Tuesday-Thursday).

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## Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church Flag Memorial Eagle Project INDIVIDUAL BRICK/PAVER

"THEIR NAME WILL GO DOWN IN HISTORY"

Your donation of **\$50** or more entitles YOU to have your name engraved into a brick/paver as a lasting record of your loved one. This will be permanently installed in the Gregory Memorial Flag Monument in honor of the members of the congregation that served in our military. For more information contact me at Jason.troop900@yahoo.com

**A unique and lasting record of your support**  
*A tribute to someone special. A memorial to a loved one.*

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Fill out this form and return it with full payment by check or money order to: "Boy Scout Troop 900"  
Engraving details: Please print clearly in block letters. Each square represents one letter, number, space or punctuation mark. (28 max)


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Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_  
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Jason Hundley of Boy Scout Troop 900 needs your support!

MARCH, 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<b>9:45 am</b> Sunday School  <b>11:00 am</b> Worship	<b>9:30 am</b> Line Dancing  <b>TBA</b> -Missions <b>6:00 pm</b> Congreg. Care <b>6:30 pm</b> Outreach	<b>12:30 pm</b> Day Circle  <b>7:00 pm</b> Facilities <b>7:00 pm</b> Worship	<b>7:00 pm</b> Choir	<b>2-8:00 pm</b> Cleaning  <b>12 noon</b> Lenten Service & Lunch Bethlehem Congr. Ch.		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>2:00 am Begin</b> <i>Daylight Saving</i> <i>Time Today</i>  <b>9:45 am</b> Sunday School  <b>11:00 am</b> Worship	<b>9:30 am</b> Line Dancing	<b>Reports Due</b> <b>for Session</b> <b>Agenda</b>  <b>7:30 pm</b> Evening Circle	<b>7:00 pm</b> Choir	<b>12:00 pm</b> Lenten Service & Lunch Sacred Heart Church  <b>News Articles due &amp;</b> <b>Session Agenda out</b>  <b>2-8:00 pm</b> Cleaning		<b>8:00 am</b> GMPC Spring Work Day
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
<b>9:45 am</b> Sunday School  <b>11:00 am</b> Worship "Preschool Sunday" <i>Minute for Missions</i>	<b>10:00 am</b> Churches Outreach/PG Foodbank Qtr.Mtg.  <b>TBA</b> - Line Dancing	<b>7:00 pm</b> Session Meeting	<b>7:00 pm</b> Choir	<b>12:00 pm</b> Lenten Service & Lunch @ GMPC  <b>Newsletter out</b>  <b>2-8:00 pm</b> Cleaning		<b>8:00 am</b> Rain date for GMPC Spring Work Day
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
<b>Palm Sunday</b> <b>9:45 am</b> Sunday School  <b>11:00 am</b> Worship <i>5 Cents A Meal Offrg</i>  <i>Appreciation</i> <i>Luncheon ( Rev.</i> <i>Beverly Bullock)</i>	<b>9:30 am</b> Line Dancing		<b>7:00 pm</b> Choir  <b>1-9:00</b> <b>pm</b> Boy Scouts Court of Honor	<b>Maundy Thursday</b> <b>7:00 pm</b> Sacrament of Holy Communion (intinction) @GMPC	<b>Good</b> <b>Friday</b>  <b>2-8:00</b> <b>pm</b> Clean- ing	
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<b>Easter Sunday</b> <b>9:45 am</b> Sunday School  <b>11:00 am</b> Worship  <i>Local Emergency</i> <i>Aid Offering.</i>						



COME JOIN US!!  
Sunday School 9:45 A.M.  
Worship 11:00 A.M.

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