

Dear Gregory Memorial, Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



*“Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God;
everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.
Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.”*

~1 John 4:7-8

*“The Lord passed before him, and proclaimed,
‘The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow
to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and
faithfulness...’”*

~Exodus 34:6

*“But I, through the abundance of your steadfast
love, will enter your house, I will bow down toward
your holy temple in awe of you.”*

~Psalm 5:7

*“[Jesus] said to him, ‘You shall love the Lord
your God with all your heart, and with all your soul,
and with all your mind. And the second is like it, You
shall love your neighbor as yourself.’”*

~Matthew 22:37ff

*“For God so loved the world that he gave his
only Son, so that everyone who believes in him
may not perish but may have eternal life.”*

~John 3:16

Oftentimes, ministers feel pressure to turn the newsletter space into some profound, thought-provoking insight. Certainly, I have felt that; and I would argue I've lived into that, as well. However, it would be good to remember that, just as often, this space can and should be used for simple affirmation and support.

And so, I would simply say this to all y'all:

You are loved, in the love of Christ and in the fullness of joy, in this world and in the world to come. You are loved by me, by this community, and above all, by God.

Let us abide in this love, and share with all who are in need of it.

With you on the journey,

Pastor Jason



WORSHIP INFORMATION FOR AUGUST 2015

Sunday, 2 August 2015

Holy Communion

10th Sunday after Pentecost - Liturgical Color: Green

First Reading: 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a

Second Reading: John 6:24-35

Sermon: "Believe Signs"

Sunday, 9 August 2015

11th Sunday after Pentecost - Liturgical Color: Green

First Reading: 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33

Second Reading: John 6:35, 41-51

Sermon: "Of Life and Death"

Sunday, 16 August 2015

12th Sunday after Pentecost - Liturgical Color: Green

First Reading: 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14

Second Reading: John 6:51-58

Sermon: "Nourished to Follow"

Sunday, 23 August 2015

13th Sunday after Pentecost - Liturgical Color: Green

First Reading: 1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43

Second Reading: John 6:56-69

Sermon: "In the Name of the Lord"

Sunday, 30 August 2015

14th Sunday after Pentecost - Liturgical Color: Green

First Reading: Song of Solomon 2:8-13

Second Reading: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Sermon: "From Joy"



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.

Our military members & their families
 Lucille Link, Patsy Johnson's mother
 Wayne Hedgepeth, Ruth Figg's nephew (health issue)
 Don Vtipil
 Marion McDonald
 James Hartsell, Robert Hartsell's brother
 Amy Townson, Josh Ingram's sister
 Doris Karnowski, Josh Ingram's grandmother
 Brenda & Mike Harrington (Mike, hospice care)
 Maryland Blanchard, Grace and Helen Cibula's friend
 Ben Nicely, the Spain family's friend
 Mila Campen, Ann Hartsell's mother
 Mary Chadwick, Dink Armstrong's sister
 David Childress, Beverly Childress' brother
 Mark Chariton
 Evelyn Lichvar (health issues)
 Martin Bauer, Evelyn Lichvar's brother (health issue)
 Rick Lichvar, Evelyn Lichvar's son (chronic illness)
 Becky Smith
 Jimmy Clark (hospitalized)
 Audrey Turner (health issues)
 Chuck Barnes, the Ingrams' friend
 Dawn Kriigel

Dianne Overstreet & Jaylon
 Dr. Shannon Bowman (health issue)
 Peggy Allen
 Bob Hogsett, father-in-law to the Rechers' daughter
 Russell Heiser, Ingrid Phoenix's grandson (health issues)
 Aida Faries
 Frances Sebera (recovering, health issue)
 Helen Cibula
 Cheryl May, employee of Susan Walker
 Joanne Overstreet
 Elizabeth Scott
 Ruth Figg
 Carol & Hugh Mayes, Pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church, hospitalized
 Brandon Quinton Lambert, son of Morgan Ingram's coworker,
 Micah Murphy (newborn, MCV) & parents, Jennifer & James Murphy
 Kenneth & Sue Andrews, Childress family's friends
 Justin Ellis-Bowman (wrist injury)
 Family/friends of Charlie Lambert (d. 7/8)
 Robert Hunter, Don's brother (health issues)
 Charlie Curtis, father of PGHS staff member (health issues, UVA)

OUR JOY THAT THEY ARE HOME! "Ricki" Rolley; Mark Smiley

From the Pastor's Desk...



MORE FLYING SQUIRRELS!!!

Our June group trip to the Flying Squirrels game was so much fun that we're going back to the Diamond again, but when we go is up to you! We've picked two potential dates for a second trip to watch the Richmond Flying Squirrels in action, and we need your help in determining which date to go.

There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex with both dates listed. Whichever date has more sign-ups, that's when we'll go! Feel free to sign up for one or both (if you don't have a preference).

UP-COMING AUGUST YOUTH EVENTS: Junior, Middle, and

Senior High youth are invited to join us for the following August events: a Stargazing on August 12 and a pool party on August 17. Both events will feature food, games, and discussion, and above all, a good time. We look forward to seeing you there! Any questions can be directed to Pastor Jason at the church office.

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

Many of you have expressed an interest in receiving the Newsletter in an electronic version rather than on paper.

Those who've indicated they want their Newsletters sent via email are receiving them with this publication! We are happy to oblige, and as more names are received, they will be incorporated into future Newsletter distributions.

If you would rather receive your copy of the Newsletter via

email, or even if you prefer to view it from the Gregory website, please indicate your preference on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex, or contact the church office at 732-1081. Thank you!

NEW OFFICE COPIER! After much back and forth, we are happy to welcome to the fold our new Ricoh office copier/scanner/fax machine this Monday!

[FROM THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE:] The Christine M. Belsches Scholarship Committee has finalized the guidelines and application for awarding scholarships to individuals seeking education beyond high school.

For further information, please call:
Susan Walker (804-458-8906) or Sandy Hunter (804-731-0082).

HOLY HUMOR

by Sandy Hunter

Don't let your worries get the best of you;
.....Remember, Moses started out as a basket case.

Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited ...
.....Until you try to sit in their pews.

Many folks want to serve God,
.....But only as advisers.

It is easier to preach ten sermons,
..... Than it is to live one.

The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose,
.....But mosquitoes come close.

When you get to your wit's end,
.....You'll find God lives there.

People are funny; they want the front of the bus,
.....Middle of the road,
.....And back of the church.

Opportunity may knock once,
.....But temptation bangs on the front door forever.

Quit griping about your church;
.....If it was perfect, you couldn't belong.

We're called to be witnesses,
.....not lawyers or judges!

God ,Himself, doesn't propose to judge a man until he is dead..... So why should you?



FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY

AUGUST, 2015

August 2	The Hunters
August 9	
August 16	
August 23	
August 30	

**Please write in your name beside the Sunday you wish to provide flowers
on the Flowers Chart in the Sanctuary's rear hallway**

For assistance,
please call Church office at 732-1081
(9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Tuesday-Thursday).



MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS



GATEKEEPER: Doug Holc (August)

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT for Rolling Meadows community will be Tuesday, August 4 in the Gregory Memorial Church parking lot from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

IN AUGUST, THERE WILL NOT BE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING :
PG TRIAD MEETING, LINE DANCE CLASS, SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR YOUTH/CHILDREN .

THE HERALD, Gregory's newsletter, is now available by email for those who sign up for this money-saving convenience. *Sign up on form in the Narthex and get yours emailed to you beginning with the next issue!*

SUNDAY SERVANTS – August, 2015

Those Who Serve – August, 2015

<u>GATEKEEPER:</u> Doug Holc	AUG. 2	AUG. 9	AUG. 16	AUG. 23	AUG. 30
Ushers	Keith Spain Ruby Spain Morgan Ingram Josh Ingram	Bobby Allen Donna Allen Velma Allen Rose Scott	Jerry Hasky Wayne Powers Glenda Mayhew Les Mayhew	Sheila Fields Janet Swinton Marguerite Bishop Valerie Harsh	Robert Hartsell Dianne Overstreet Melissa Johnes Chris Johnes
Acolytes	COMMUNION	Breeana Hunter Owen Hunter	Chayse Hartsell Justin Ellis-Bowman	Kiley Johnes Ella Johnes	Jaime Meurer Kaitlyn Hartsell
Announcements	Mary Kay Schroeter	Rose Scott	Rose Scott	Dianne Overstreet	Rose Scott
Junior Sermon	Susan Walker	Minister	Valerie Harsh	Patsy Johnson	Pat Hunter
Junior Church	Megan Cashing Austin Smyth	Melissa Johnes Justin Ellis-Bowman	Susan Walker Jared Smyth	Rose Scott Kevin Foster	Jennifer Smyth Austin Smyth
Nursery	Susan Walker	Glenda Mayhew	Ann Hartsell	Ruby Spain	Rose Scott
Counting	Sandy Hunter Pat Hunter	Donald Hunter Rose Scott	Morgan Ingram Glenda Mayhew	David Johnson Ron Recher	Sandy Hunter Pat Hunter

AUGUST, 2015

GATEKEEPER: Doug Holc

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship <i>Holy Communion</i>		12:30 pm Circle 6:00 pm Congregational Care 6-8:00 pm Nat'l Night Out-Hidden Oaks-Rolling Meadows subdiv. @ GMPC parking lot		2:00 pm Session agenda out 2-8:00 pm Cleaning		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship				2-8:00 pm Cleaning 7:00 pm Stewardship & Finance		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship <i>Third Sunday Lunch</i>		7:00 pm Session meeting	7:00 pm Choir	9:00 am News articles in 2-8:00 pm Cleaning		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship <i>5 Cents a Meal Offering</i>			7:00 pm Choir	2:00 pm News letter out 2-8:00 pm Cleaning		
30	31					
9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship <i>Local Emergency Aid Offering</i>						

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AUGUST NEWSLETTER



COME JOIN US!
Summer Hours!!
Sunday School (Adult) 9:00 A.M.
Worship 10:00 A.M.

We're on: [Facebook.com/gmpcva](https://www.facebook.com/gmpcva)