

# THE HERALD

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GREETINGS,  
CHURCH FAMILY,

It's  
a new day  
at Gregory.



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“Let us rejoice  
and  
be glad in it.”

Psalm 118:24 - NIV

**G**od has led us to “capture the most wanted” minister. After reviewing 92 applications, meeting with and listening to 7 candidates, and MUCH prayer, God said this was the one.

When we met Jason and Megan for the first time, it was an immediate bonding. We had interviewed him on two occasions by phone, had shared several emails, and were to listen to him the next day at Laurel PC in Glen Allen. His references were excellent. He had served in a small church for five and a half years and seemed to understand the joys and trials of a small church. He was mission oriented and supportive of our commitment to missions programs. He had a good sense of humor and was very personable.

Below you will find a list of the reasons given to POJ for our selection.

- Emphasis on relationships with people; pastoral care; eager to visit and get to know members; friendly, easy to talk to
- Excellent worship service- interesting, easily understood, great with small children, good sense of humor
- Wants to be active in the community; to make PG a home for his wife and family to-be

- He listed “leadership development” and “stewardship and commitment” programs as primary skills in addition to most of those we had selected
- Wants to be a resource for our youth and their leaders; to participate in their activities
- We felt that God had sent this person to us; it just felt right!

I know that our congregation will welcome Jason and Megan and come to love and respect them as the members of the PNC have. It is our challenge now to give them time to adjust to the south (LOL), to Prince George, and to GMPC. We must use love, patience, kindness, patience, tolerance, patience, and understanding, (did I mention patience?) in the weeks and months to come.

We must be open to change. Things that don't bend, break! **It's a new day at Gregory. “Let us rejoice and be glad in it.”**

God's blessings to us all.

Peace,  
Sandy Hnnter

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*Those Who Serve - April, 2013*

0++ <b>GATEKEEPER:</b> Bobby Allen	April 7	April 14	April 21	April 28
<b>Ushers &amp; Acolytes (A)</b>	Bobby Allen Donna Allen Velma Allen Jerry Bond	Marguerite Bishop Wayne Powers Glenda Mayhew Les Mayhew	Sheila Fields Janet Swinton Rose Scott Vvalerie Harsh	Robert Hartsell Dianne Overstreet Wayne Powers Lew Mayhew
<b>Announcements</b>	Jared Smyth (A) Austin Smyth (A)	Breeana Hunter (A) Jamie Meurer (A)	Justin Ellis-Bowman (A) Michalis Maloney (A)	Chayse Hartsell (A) Kaitlyn Hartsell (A)
<b>Junior Sermon</b>	Rose Scott	Jerry Bond	Dianne Overstreet	Pat Hunter
<b>Junior Church</b>	Pat Hunter	Rev. Cashing	Susan Walker	Valerie Harsh
<b>Nursery</b>	Valerie Harsh Pamela Harsh	Mary Kay Schroeter Kevin Foster	Mary Beth Coleman Madison Foster	Jennifer Smyth Jared Smyth
<b>Counting</b>	Glenda Mayew	Ann Hartsell	Jennifer Smyth	Ruby Spain
	Donald Hunter Glenda Mayhew	Ron Recher Sheila Fields	Donald Hunter Rose Scott	Morgan Ingram Sandy Hunter

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**FLOWERS FOR SANCTUARY**

*Flowers for April 2013*

April 7	Evelyn Lichvar
April 14	-
April 21	-
April 28	-

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

Theresa Faries & family 2012-2013 School Year Katherine Tompkins Marian McDonald Gladys Wiseman Frank Solesbee Audrey Turner Kenneth Figg Henry Parker June Hawks Aida Faries Tara Foster Pat Hunter Don Vtipil	All who have lost loved ones to senseless & random violence Peggy Allen & family (loss of mother, Laura Lambert, Feb. 22) Family of Pat Yarosz (mother-in-law of Ruby Spain's sister) Rachel Manning & family (Dad - Troop 900 Scoutmaster ) Family of Christine Belsches (passed away March 28) Harry & Pat Steele (friends of Dianne Overstreet) Mary Blanchard (Friend of Grace & Helen Cibula) Virginia Mika (Sister of Grace & Helen Cibula) All persons recovering from natural disasters Jimmy Belsches (Son of Christine Belsches) Charles Lee Smyth (Charles Smyth's father) Frankie Meade (Glenda Mayhew's mother) Mary Chadwick (Dink Armstrong's sister) Ed Smiley (Friend of Doug Holc)
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**QUICK CALENDAR EVENTS:**

**GMPC April Bulletin Deadlines:**  
Tuesdays: 04/02, 09, 16, 23, & 30

*Missions Committee meeting-TBA*

*Holy Communion - April 7, Guest Minister Nancy Essig, offician*

*Rev. Jason Neal Cashingr, begins GMPC ministry - April 8*

*Bull Hill Rd. Cleanup-April 13 8 a.m.*

*Pastor Cashing's 1<sup>st</sup> Worship @ GMPC - April 14*

*"Pounding" for Pastor & Mrs. Cashing-April 14 @ after Worship in Fellowship Hall*

*Fund-raiser: Relay For Life Pancake Dinner - April 18 @ GMPC 6-8 p.m.*

**News Article Deadline - April 19**

*PG TRIAD Senior Resource Fair - April 22 @ Unity Baptist Church, 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.*

*Fund-raiser: GMPC Youth Group's Work Camp BBQ Dinner - April 27 @ 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall*

**THE CLERK'S CORNER**

By David E. Johnson

The Session of Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 19, 2013 and approved the following items: The monthly meeting of the Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church Session was held on Tuesday, March 19, 2013 at 7 p.m. and the following actions were taken:

1. Approved entering into an HVAC maintenance contract with Virginia Heating and Cooling at a cost of \$785.00 per year.
2. Approved the replacement of the outdoor compressor unit and the air-handler which serves the first floor Fellowship Hall at a cost of \$7,510.00.
3. Approved the membership of the Worship Committee.
4. Approved the donation of \$250.00 to "Smile Train" from the Missions Committee.
5. Approved the request from the church secretary to have off the dates of March 26<sup>th</sup> and March 27<sup>th</sup>. The office will be closed on those dates.

**HOLY HUMOR**

**Shirley & Marcy.** A mother was concerned about her kindergarten son walking to school. He didn't want his mother to walk with him. She wanted to give him the feeling that he had some independence but yet know that he was safe. So she had an idea of how to handle it.

She asked a neighbor if she would please follow him to school in the mornings, staying at a distance, so he probably wouldn't notice her. She said that since she was up early with her toddler anyway, it would be a good way for them to get some exercise as well, so she agreed.

The next school day, the neighbor and her little girl set out following behind Timmy as he walked to

school with another neighbor girl he knew. She did this for the whole week.

As the two kids walked and chatted, kicking stones and twigs, Timmy's little friend noticed the same lady was following them as she seemed to do every day all week. Finally she said to Timmy, 'Have you noticed that lady following us to school all week? Do you know her?' Timmy nonchalantly replied, 'Yeah, I know who she is.' The little girl said, 'Well, who is she?' 'That's just Shirley Goodnest, 'Timmy replied, 'and her daughter Marcy.' 'Shirley Goodnest? Who is she and why is she following us?

'Well,' Timmy explained,

'every night my Mum makes me say the 23rd Psalm with my prayers, 'cuz she worries about me so much. And in the Psalm, it says, 'Shirley Goodnest and Marcy shall follow me all the days of my life', so I guess I'll just have to get used to it!



## “POUNDING” THE NEW PASTOR

By Worship Committee

Do you think “pounding” your new minister is a good idea? Believe it or not, “pounding” has been a long-time custom to welcome a new pastor to a church.

The practice originally involved presenting the new pastor with items that sold by the pound, such as sugar, flour, cornmeal, coffee, etc. Modern day welcoming items include gift cards, household items, paper goods, homemade cookies, home

canned items, regional items such as peanuts, etc., as well as the traditional “pounding” items.

Gregory Church will hold a “pounding” welcoming celebration for the Reverend Jason Cashing and his wife Megan after the worship service on April 14. Moderately-valued individual items or perhaps family or group-purchased gift cards will be presented to the new pastor at the event.

Since we don’t know the Cashings’ needs as they move into the area, we are encouraging the purchase of gift cards to eating establishments, Lowe’s, Home Depot, or Food Lion. These gift cards will help them get settled. Bring your items to the Fellowship Hall and join us for cake and coffee after church to celebrate.

## PRINCE GEORGE TRIAD TO HOLD SENIOR RESOURCE FAIR

By Judy Recher

There will be a big PG Triad Senior Resource Fair on April 22 from 9:30-2 at Unity Baptist Church on Mt. Sinai Rd. Mark your calendar and plan to join us for this special event.

There will be 25-30 vendors, door prizes, speakers, food, drink, and valuable information.

Karen Cameron, well- versed on the topic, will address the group on "Health Care Reform: What Does It Mean for Seniors."

There will also be a speaker from the VCU Department of General Medicine who will present information about a grant from the NIH to improve the quality of life

for individuals with Sickle Cell Disease.

We will also be collecting non-perishable food for the Prince George Food Bank at the Fair.

Come one, come all. Be informed and have fun at the same time!

## WORK CAMP FUND-RAISING BBQ DINNER

By Keith Spain

They say that Presbyterians don't do well with change, but your youth are going to do just that this year.

After many years of doing a spaghetti dinner in early March , we are moving back a month and

doing a good old-fashioned pig roast right here at Church.

We will have BBQ, home - grown, baked beans, and coleslaw, along with our usual youth entertainment. Our young folk will be selling tickets soon.

Come out and support us, eat in or take out: **Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:00 p.m.**

As they also say, “Mmmmmm, good!”

## SINCEREST THANKS & APPRECIATION...

By Peggy Allen

Peggy & Dennis Allen and Morgan & Joshua Ingram would like to thank everyone

for their calls, prayers, cards, visits and food due to the loss of Laura Lambert Peggy’s mother

and Morgan’s grandmother. We are so thankful for having such a caring church family.

## GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

Registration for the 2013- 2014 School Year began March 1, 2013. Registration and Fees: The monthly tuition for the 3 year old class will be \$125 per month, due the first of each month. The monthly tuition for the 4 year old class will be \$130 per month, due the first of each month.

Children must reach the above age by September 30th of the current school year. A copy of each child's birth certificate from their state of birth and a copy of their immunization record is requested at registration. These copies will be kept on file on the school.

Registration forms are now available on-line to download. Please complete and return the registration form, along with a \$50.00 non refundable registration fee within two weeks to insure a position in our program. Make checks payable to GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESCHOOL. Completed registration forms should be mailed to: Gregory Memorial Preschool, P. O. Box 182, Prince George, VA 23875.

Parents will be notified in August with additional information regarding orientation.

If you should have any questions, please call Mrs. McAllister at 704-0584 or 541-0681 or you can email us at [gregorymemorialps@hotmail.com](mailto:gregorymemorialps@hotmail.com).

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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

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*A tribute to someone special. A memorial to a loved one.*

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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!**

**APRIL, 2013**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	<b>9:30 am</b> Line Dancing  <b>6:30 pm</b> Outreach	<b>12:30 pm</b> Day Circle  <b>6:00 pm</b> Congreg. Care  <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		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<b>9:45 am</b> Sunday School  <b>11:00 am</b> Worship  <i>Holy Communion</i>	<b>9:30 am</b> Line Dancing  <b>6:00 pm</b> Christian Ed.  <i>Rev. Jason Neal Cashing begins GMPC Ministry</i>	<b>Reports Due for Session Agenda</b>  <b>7:30 pm</b> Evening Circle	<b>7:00 pm</b> Choir	<b>2-8:00 pm</b> Cleaning  <b>6:30 pm</b> Stewardship/ Finance  <b>Session Agenda out</b>		<b>8:00 am</b> - Bull Hill Rd. Cleanup
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
<b>9:45 am</b> Sunday School  <b>11:00 am</b> Worship  <i>Rev. Cashing's First Worship @ GMPC</i>	<b>9:30 am</b> Line Dancing	<b>7:00 pm</b> Session Meeting	<b>7:00 pm</b> Choir	<b>News Articles due</b>  <b>2-8:00 pm</b> Cleaning  <b>6 - 8:00 pm</b> Fund-raiser: Relay For Life Pancake Dinner		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
<b>9:45 am</b> Sunday School <b>11:00 am</b> Worship <i>Minute for Missions</i>	<b>9:30 am</b> Line Dancing		<b>7:00 pm</b> Choir	<b>Newsletter out</b>  <b>2-8:00 pm</b> Cleaning		<b>6:00 pm</b> Fund-raiser: GMPC Youth Group's Work Camp BBQ Dinner
28	29	30				
<b>9:45 am</b> Sunday School <b>11:00 am</b> Worship  <i>5 Cents A Meal Offrg</i>	<b>9:30 am</b> Line Dancing					



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

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