

GREGORIAN CHANT

St. Gregory the Great Episcopal Church | Athens, GA

Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you for the beautiful and generous send-off on Sunday! What a day! I was overwhelmed by your blessings and love, the many hugs, and by the wonderful cards and gifts from many of you. How can I thank you enough for your expressions of thanks to me?

I am savoring the cards and notes and the riches of this time serving at St. Gregory's as your Interim Rector. We've worked hard, but joyfully— there is nothing better than good work to do in the name of Love and in companionship with others.

As I depart, I pray for you fruitful challenges, brave ministries, deep friendship with one another, the joys of loving like Jesus, and continued growth in the ways that God is leading you.

Peace to you and blessings on St. Gregory's and your ministry in the near future with your new Rector.

Rev. Laura

Nominating Committee / Vestry Update

With our interim rector's last Sunday with us on June 3, many of you are probably wondering if you missed the announcement about the vestry's call of a new rector for our parish. That is not the case. The nominating committee will be finishing its work in the next few weeks with on-site visits with each of the priests in discernment (PIDs). Following those visits, the nominating committee will "hand-off" up to 3 PIDs to your Vestry who in turn will have each of the PIDs in Athens for another 1 - 2 days each. Following these visits, the Vestry will be prepared to issue a call to the next rector of St. Gregory's and announce it to the parish. The next few weeks will be busy ones for the 10 members of our nominating committee as well as your 12-member Vestry. We are required to have some "space" between the departure of our interim priest and the arrival of our new rector. The Rev. Mike Freeman will be filling in for the next several Sundays as well as being here on Wednesdays and for the Wednesday evening service. We are excited to have him back amongst us. Please continue in your prayers to remember the Nominating Committee, the Priests in Discernment with us, the Vestry and our parish.

— *Mark Tavernier, Sr. Warden*

Pardon Our Progress

Just wanted to let everyone know that in the next few weeks, the sanctuary will get a new look. Don't panic, it's just the outside of the building. Several parishioners have looked at various colors of paint and finally selected a very nice, gentle gray. Soon (weather permitting) the outside of the building will take on this new color. In the meantime, you may see ladders and paint cans around.

Hope you all like the new look!

The Buildings Committee

Save the Date! VBS

Our cross-generational (for EVERYONE - ALL ages!) Vacation Bible School will be held July 9 - 12 from 5:30-7:30, followed by Compline from 7:30-8 pm nightly. Our theme this year is *Abundance Orchard - Where Faith Grows and Hungry People are Fed*. Each night includes dinner, Bible stories, singing, games, and crafts. Invite your friends!



Movie Night!

The parish Spiritual Life Movie for June will be *Regarding Henry* (1991, PG-13), starring Harrison Ford and Annette Bening. This is a story of grace and repentance, whereby amoral attorney Henry Turner, while recovering from a gunshot to the head, becomes a decent man and a good husband and father. "I don't like who I was," he says. The screening will occur at 6:30 p.m., Friday, June 29, in the chapel. Free drinks and popcorn will be available.

Please request childcare, if you need it, by calling the church office by Weds., June 27!

St. Gregory's Memorial Wall

Parishioners new to St. Gregory's might wonder about the memorial wall in front of the Parish Hall, titled *Sunrise Tomorrow*. To read the story on the wall, begin at the left-hand side. The vertical ceramic mosaics of earth-colored tile at each end represent the finite bounds of earth, the beginning and end, Alpha and Omega. Between them, we see the story of a very young life. Reading left to right, a young face in pain struggles to stay afloat in a sea of murky turmoil. At one point the disease shows itself: leukemia, surrounding the glowing life source. Then the whirling distress slows, the life force drops lower in the center, and quiets. To the right, it ascends more calmly to a sunrise and evocation of peace. Move around the wall now, and a bright form seems to break through the wall to suggest the human spirit, now free, coming forth with joy into infinity.

The wall was designed, constructed, and installed in November 1981 by Jerry and Kathy Chappelle of Happy Valley Pottery in Watkinsville, GA, in memory of their son, Marc.



Thank you, Sunday school leaders!

Thank you to all of our teachers and leaders in our Sundays school ministries, and our acolytes, who were honored in church on Sunday, May 13.

Adult Committee & Leaders

Bill Alworth, *Chair*
 Peter Rice, *Vestry Liaison*
 Ron Balthazor
 Tina Carlson
 Wayne Coppins
 Sarah Gordon
 Allison Grant
 Jane Hudson
 Joel Hunt
 Mary Alice Isele
 Karen Kassinger
 Pete Nicholls
 Lane Norton
 Gene Ruffin
 Rich Rusk
 Ken Taylor

Youth Committee & Leaders

Gavin Stuart, *Coordinator of Youth Ministries*
 Katie Reinberger, *Vestry Liaison*
 Gina DeFalco

Will Drosos
 Marge Massey
 Maggie Reinberger
 Julie Worley

Children's Sunday School

Catherine Drewry, *Director of Children's Ministries*
 Katie Reinberger, *Vestry Liaison*
 Kate Avinger
 Marie Boyle
 Sean Boyle
 Jeb Byers
 Tyra Byers
 Joanna Carabello
 Wayne Coppins
 Ingie Hovland
 Walker McNiff
 Cecilia Reynolds
 Paula Weaver
 Jane Armistead
 Diane Barret
 Jenifer Borg

Madeline Darnell
 Missy Hamlin
 Jenifer Marquardt
 Lane Norton
 Viviane Van Giesen

Children's Music

Brenda Browning
 Connor Byers
 Stacie Court
 Anna Hiers
 Julie Worley

Children's Church

Jenifer Borg
 Evan Bradford
 Catrina Cook
 Diane Miller
 Jamaica Miller
 Pam Nolen

Rhythms of Grace

Gordon Bienvenue
 Katie Bienvenue

Jenifer Borg
 Leigh Hodges
 Deirdre Murray

Acolytes

Brad Hankins, *Shepherd*
 Kelly Black, *Shepherd*
 Anthony Barkdoll
 Mattee Barkdoll
 Sarah Black
 AJ Brutzman
 Vivian Carabello
 Braedyn Davis
 Eliza Everson
 Kathy Hale
 Dakota Hamlin
 Karen Hankins
 Sam Johnson
 Grayson Krause
 Klara Lankford
 Tristan Lankford
 Max McNiff
 Lydia Peck
 Miles Peck

CHRISTIANFORMATION

Sunday School Hiatus

With the exception of the Lectionary Class that meets in the library, all other Sunday school classes for adults, youth, and children will take a hiatus during the month of June. See you in July!

Lectionary (Library): As one who grew up with the Bible and has studied it closely for a long time, I have found that sacred anthology to be a fountain of unending wisdom and knowledge. My knowledge of it has increased over the years, but my awareness of how much more there is to learn has increased at a faster rate. I have long rejoiced in this. Shall we gather in the library at 9:15 on Sunday mornings (except this June 3) to consider the assigned readings and to rejoice in the bottomless pit of wisdom and knowledge that is the Bible?

— *Kenneth Taylor*

Children's Sunday School & Children's Church

Children's Sunday school will also take a break during the month of June. However, Children's Church will still meet during the 10:30AM services in June!

Rhythms of Grace

Rhythms of Grace will not meet in June. See you on July 8!

Wednesday Meditation Group

Wednesdays at 4PM in the library

the meditation group meets in the church's library, to share our stories, coping strategies, meditation, and prayer to work through many of life's transitions. Practicing advanced meditation techniques, we embrace a mindfulness practice that enhances a deep inner peace, growth and change.

Parish Library

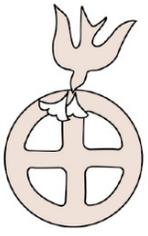
Our parish is blessed to have such a well-stocked library. We should thank God for it and use it.

This month's featured author is Morris L. West (1916-1999), an Australian Roman Catholic novelist. His Vatican trilogy (The Shoes of the Fisherman, The Clowns of God, and Lazarus) are some of my favorite literary and spiritual works. I recall, for example, the powerful moment in The Clowns of God (1981) in which the retired Pope Gregory XVII realizes that someone around him is literally Jesus in disguise.

—*Kenneth Taylor*

Happy Birthday!

June 1	Laura Bryant
June 2	Beth Thornton
June 4	Tina Carlson Eliza Everson
June 5	Abigail Hoover Julia Hoover Katie Reinberger
June 7	Ellie Barkdoll Lauren Koch
June 8	Liz Edmonston Allison Grant Karl Weinmeister
June 9	Sean Boyle
June 10	Addy Miller
June 12	Jane Armistead Simone Hovland Coppins Jeffery Ross
June 13	Cindy Vail
June 15	Lewis Heald Angela Lankford
June 16	Alice McNiff Jennie Sturgis
June 18	Pat Irby Jenifer Marquardt
June 19	Walker Welch
June 20	Maddy Wickwire
June 21	Alice Kinman
June 25	Ed Risler
June 26	Marge Massey Robert Scott
June 27	Gretchen Koch Mary Alice Isele
June 29	Catherine Drewry



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