

“It was you who set all the boundaries of the earth; you made both summer and winter ” - Psalm 74:17

From Pastor Rachel

Isn't it comforting to think about a God who is in control, creating seasons and boundaries for the earth and his people? I'm looking forward to this summer as a time to rest, reflect, build relationships, and celebrate all of the fruit and blessings that have come as a result of this merger. God has truly blessed us this past year with new friendships, ministries like Upward sports, and growth as a church as we

have surpassed over 550 people active in the life of The Gathering at Scott Memorial UMC. I'm also excited to welcome our summer Duke intern, Devon Blair, who is studying to become a pastor and to celebrate the ministry of Pastor Vickie who has faithfully served this church for the past 5 years. Financially we are growing stronger each month as a church body and our mission and outreach program is growing stronger as we are raising funds for an AED for the church and preparing to house 3 homeless families in June which was a part of the ministry at Scott

Memorial UMC before the merger. I see God expanding the boundaries of The Gathering at Scott Memorial as we reach out to more and more people in our community with the love of Jesus Christ. May we continue to seek His plan and purpose for all of our lives! I'm honored to serve as your pastor in this process.

- Rev. Rachel Gilmore



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A Fond Farwell
From Pastor Vickie

Dear Church Family,
Five years!!! My how time flies when you are having fun. In scripture are found these words, “I know plans I have for you...to give you a future and a hope.” Our days have been marked with many activities and prayers to help that promise happen.

We have lived together in community and fellowship and we have become a family. A family sharing joys and sorrows, accomplishments and disappointments.
We have celebrated birthdays and anniversaries, graduations and births of children and grandchildren and great grandchildren. We have shared many a

prayer chain request and tried to figure out what to do with snow.
The future we strive for is not just activities or worship or other things. The future we strive for is the Kingdom of God. It is not built with hands alone, but with hearts and souls open to and united to God. “Seek ye first the Kingdom of God,”

Christ said.
That has been the underlying mission in all that we do.

In these past few months, we have been transitioning into a new era. An era that has been built on all that has gone before, but it must not end there. What has gone before will empower us and inform us, but if we do not press on toward the the Kingdom of God we will not be true to the Lord who has loved us and sustained us, who has nurtured us all our many days.

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Today we have not only a future and a hope, but also a precious church family once again filled with children and families and young people and possibilities beyond measure. How precious all of you are!!! It blesses my heart so to see in these past months our entire church family. The beautiful smiles,

the kind faces, the laughter all speak of the body of Christ.

There is a sad part of my heart when I think of leaving you. However, I celebrate so much more. I take with me not just memories, but also so much expectation. I am excited to see how God will use you all. Know there will be so many wonderful things to come. I can only imagine how many people will come to know the Lord. I can only imagine how many persons will be touched by God’s love through you. It will be amazing!!!

Devon Blair: Summer Intern

We are excited to announce that Devon Blair will be our intern this summer. Devon & Eric were active at The Gathering for a year before Devon left last fall for seminary. Devon will be helping out with various church ministries. The Blairs will be arriving on Memorial Day weekend. Help us welcome the Blairs as TGASMUMC’s first intern!

A note from Devon:

I grew up in a small rural Methodist church in Middlesex, Virginia. I attended Virginia Wesleyan college and graduated in 2013 with a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology. I married my husband, Eric, on January 25th

Give God all that you are. Let Jesus be the true Lord of your lives and this Church-and the sky (literally-heaven) will be your only limitation. May God’s Kingdom come and God’s will be done in you as it is in heaven.

See you around the neighborhood!!!

Pastor Vickie



2014. We have two dogs, two cats but no children yet. I served for almost two years as the Office Manager at an international

PRAYER REQUESTS ♥ Remembering in Prayer

Church Family

Ed & Lynn Allen
Sandie Alsteen
Bobbie Gresham
Betty Mills
Naomi Mitchell
Jill Moore

Chris Ramsey & Family
Cindy Sager, daughter of Jean Schimmel
Ryan Swindell
Bettie White
Wilson Widgeon
Joe Wise

Donniese Moose
Pete & Johnnie Wright
Helma Jenkins
George Schimmel
Lennie Stokely
Harriet VanBlarcom - new address:
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Friends & Relatives

Diane Berning
Larry Caffee
Patricia Childers
Rose Dempsey
Janet Deham
Dwayne Einsphar
Jackie Ginn
Al Gregg

John Hendriksen
Charlotte Biggs
Eloise Patterson
Alan Reil
Gene Sipe
Agatha Sigley
Malcom Simmons
Chad Stokely

Loretta Tate
Marion Thomas
Shirley Martwinski
Sandy Vickers, Starke ‘FL
Family of Chico Straley
Family of Scott Mansfield
Tony Reil

Missionaries

Kate & David O’Donnell
Vladi & Nadia Todorov
Georgi Boev

Our world, our country, & our leaders

Misplaced refugees throughout the world

PRAYER CHAIN

The Prayer Chain is a part of the United Methodist Women’s Mission Coordinator-Spiritual Growth. Not sure when began, however it was years before 1994 when I became president of the UMW.

Anyone who wishes the Prayer Chain to be activated for them or for someone else (upon their request) should call: **Pastor Rachel or Pastor Vickie, 428-3720 AND Shirley Lane, 497-6263 or Betty Horner, 340-2686** to activate the Prayer Chain.

When we receive notice to active the Prayer Chain, the information is passed to our UMW Callers who notify others of the request. If you would like to be apart of us and be notified of the Prayer Chain calls, please contact Betty Horner, 340-2686.

Sunday Worship Services for the Summer

**Moving to TWO
services: 9:30 am
& 11 am starting
Sunday, June 19**

For the summer months we are moving to 2 services: 9:30 am (experiential) & 11 am (traditional/heritage). Starting July 1, Pastor Rachel will be preaching at both the experiential & traditional services. We will return to 3 services in September.

Sunday Service Times: (Summer)

- 9:30 am (Experiential)
- 11 am (Traditional)

Church office hours:

Mon. & Tues. 9 am - 3 pm
Thurs. 9:30 am - 3 pm

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Children's Ministry

at the Gathering at Scott Memorial

Family Ties Worship & Fellowship

Every 3rd Sunday is Family Ties Sunday, an opportunity to spend quality time as family while learning about God.

In May we celebrated Pentecost Sunday with a picnic and old-fashioned carnival after the 11 am service. Fun was had by young and old alike!

August 8 -12 we will be having Vacation Bible School at the church from 9 am - 11:30 am. Stay tuned for ways you

can help or volunteer.

-Tonya Barlow
Children's Ministry Director



Pentecost Picnic & Carnival, May 15, 2016

Do you know where your money goes?

We have spent over \$10,000 in the first quarter of this year on Mission and Outreach events. This includes feeding the homeless, helping families in need in our community, providing supplies to Syrian refugees in Bulgaria and support an outreach program with

college students in Sofia, Bulgaria. We have also given out almost \$70,000 in preschool scholarships at Beach Gathering Montessori Preschool and the Gathering Academic Preschool during this 2015-2016 school year. The Gathering at Scott Memorial UMC is dedicated to being good stewards of our resources to help improve the lives of people in our community and around the world. Thank you for your weekly giving, it enables us to continue being generous with our resources!

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non-profit ministry in Norfolk and I'm now attending Duke Divinity School in Durham, NC.

I was always very involved in my youth group and in campus ministry at Virginia Wesleyan. I love helping people grow in their faith and greatly enjoyed serving on mission trips locally and abroad. I was a member of the Gathering before attending Duke and before the merge with Scott Memorial. I am so excited to be back and to have the opportunity to serve in this ever-changing and growing faith community. I am most excited to learn from you all and to share our life and faith together this summer.

Devon Blair, Summer Intern 2016

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FOOD PANTRY

Sunday, June 12

On the 2nd & 3rd Tuesdays of the month, the church opens a food pantry to those in need. We are looking for: **Canned carrots, pork & Beans, chicken noodle soup, cream of mushroom soup, ramen noodles, canned peaches, canned pears, and canned tuna.**

YOUTH MINISTRY



at the Gathering at Scott Memorial!

(A letter from Katie)

Katie McGuire has been an incredible youth leader and we have been blessed to have her on staff. With increasing demands at work and in her Master's program coupled with a desire to get more involved with young adult and women's ministry, Katie will be stepping down as our youth leader effective June 30th. The Youth Group will continue to meet weekly, and Katie will still be going on the Youth Missions trip this summer. Thank you, Katie for your service to the youth and to Christ's church!

Dear youth group families,

I'm very sorry to inform you that as of June 30th, I will no longer be the youth group leader. I've prayerfully considered this decision over the past few months and feel that this is the best decision for me right now due to increasing work demands and increasing difficulty in my masters program. Your children are truly remarkable and I have loved every moment of getting to know them. I don't know who will be replacing me but I will stay involved with the youth group, helping out as often as I can. The youth group will continue to meet weekly and will still be going on the mission trip this summer. If you have any questions or concerns, please let me or Rachel know. Thank you for all of your support over the years!

Katie McGuire





First, we wish to thank those who participated in any way towards our successful May Flea Market. Slightly over one thousands dollars was received and applied toward the purchasing of a defibrillator with attachments costing approximating \$1500.00, a must need for our church.

Our UMW Unit awards annually a Certificate of Recognition to a deserving member who has been outstanding in our church life; and the recipient is secretly voted by our members. On Sunday, May 22nd (11 a.m. service), Carla Morrisette was presented this Certificate of Recognition award for the many hours working with the church youth, tiny tots, and as Sunday School Teacher. Further, she has helped with Vacation Bible School, United Methodist Women's Flea Market; and willingly accepted other duties when requested. Being a Ruth Circle member, Carla is always smiling and a delight to know. We congratulate you on your award.

Beyond our regular UMW officers lies a very important group identified as Mission Coordinators: Spiritual Growth, Educational/Interpertation, Social Action, Membership, Nurture and Outreach. For this edition, I have asked Shirley Lane to give you a brief description of Spiritual Growth.

Hello Ladies, Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth shall:

- Be concerned for personal and spiritual revival.

-Encourage women to participate in the total

church program.

-Coordinate the church Prayer Chain.

-Prepare and give a devotion before each UMW program.

-Always keeping in prayer that it will inspire and uplift us all.

- Find a time of day when you are at your best, each day, to meet GOD.

Keep Each Other in Prayer,

Shirley Lane

Shirley has explained her mission in our unit and how important it is in our daily lives. To learn more, contact Shirley by phoning 497-6263.

Even though we go dormant for the summer and return in September, there still is work to be done. * Circles have purchased, prepared and in the process of delivering health kits for those in Virginia Beach who are homeless housed at the Judeo-Christian facility and applying for jobs.

* Plans are scheduled to clean the kitchen Saturday, July 30th. * Another Flea Market mission project is planned for August 6th. Watch for updates. *Continuing the collection of Campbell labels for WCSC (Wesley Community Service Center); and cancelled postage stamps allowing 1/4" or more, around all borders [trimming not necessary] for UMCOR (United Methodist Committee On Relief). If other than the UMW members wish to participate, contact Betty Horner 340-2686. * Let us always remember those less fortunate then we.

May the Peace of God be with you.

Betty Horner

President, UMW at TGASMUMC

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in action



Hello brothers and sisters in Christ, My name is Branden Miller, last month I had the privilege to be a pilgrim on the walk to Emmaus. An amazing 3 day get-away focused on discipleship and an intensified focus on our walk with Jesus. It was amazing to be a part of something so deeply centered on God and having my eyes, ears and heart opened up to His presence. One thing I will never forget about the walk was being in a

room of about 50 men openly and fearlessly singing and praising and pouring out everything they had. It was so powerful, the type of experience you know in your heart has changed you forever. God's presence is revealed over and over throughout the weekend, to a point where its so undeniable, whatever walls you have built up, whatever baggage you subliminally hold on to, whatever self inflicted madness that puts a wedge between you and our Lord and Savior will inevitably be replaced by God's unconditional love and grace. Goosebumps! I believe every individual will get something different

from the experience, for me personally it tuned my hearts ear to hear God's call and respond with no hesitation. It can be as simple as a name that comes to me, a simple phone call or conversation can change someone's day. That kind of ripple in the water can reach far beyond your sight but will definetly make a difference in the world. The walk to Emmaus, more than anything I was able to get out of my own way and fully embrace God's grace and love. I pray everyday that God can use me to share it with others, thanks for your time and ear. Sincerely,
Branden Miller

Hilltoppers

We met May 17th for lunch with ten members present and welcomed five guest: Pastor Rachel, Andrew Schwartz and daughters Izzie Gilmore, Anna-Leigh Schwartz, and Bobbie Wilcox. Before, during and after our lunch, we enjoyed chatting with each other. (Izzie found something special to eat-cotton candy.) The food was delicious, the meeting short after which some of our guest had to leave and pickup their school children. Rosemary Barker, Shirley Lane, Ed Williams and Andrew entertained us with funny jokes and sayings making us laugh. Then there was Sheryl Strange and her Verizon TV repair-

man. Her description of the many events and the time and areas involved that began 8 p.m. one night would causes the saddest person to laugh hysterically. I Love Lucy Show wasn't that funny! Sheryl Strange won our door prize. Those absent missed a good time.

Next meeting, June 21st (3rd Tuesday), 1 P.M. at Lynnhaven Olive Gardens [directions: turn off Lynnhaven Parkway on to Sabre St, TL next light on to Phoenix Dr., continue slowly, TL into the back parking lot of the restaurant. Parking also on side.] Mark your calendars and plan to attend. Call Betty Horner 340-2686 if this will be your first time. Looking forward to seeing you there.

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