

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!” - 2 Corinthians 5:12

From Pastor Rachel

When I was a junior in college, my parents came to campus for a visit, and I told them that I was going to pursue my calling into the ministry. They were supportive of my decision but were shocked at the difference they saw in me. When I was obedient to answering the call of God in my life, I received an abundant

joy from him that my parents couldn’t believe. I was a new person and they could see the transformation in me. Easter is coming and it is a season where we celebrate the resurrection of Christ and the way His life transforms our lives. As we see signs of new life all around us in this unified church, may we continue to allow Christ into our hearts so that we may be transformed into His image more and more!

- Rev. Rachel Gilmore
Co-Pastor

Sunday Service Times:

- 9:30 am (Experiential)
- 10:45 am (Experiential & Casual)
- 11 am (Traditional)

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Balancing Traditional
& Experiential Worship

From Pastor Vickie

Dear Church Family,
As we approach Easter, we come kneeling at the cross asking forgiveness. We stand at the tomb, waiting in anticipation. We rejoice in the morning, at our risen King.

I read an article by Rev. Trailkill, a UMC Pastor, who wrote about the purpose of the church. His words rang so true, I wanted you to see them and to see what you think. I know some-

times I can get so caught up in the day to day that I can lose sight of our purpose:

“We are a mission’s outpost and training center where a divine transformation process takes people as we find them and by the alchemy of God’s grace transforms them into credible witnesses to the power of Jesus Christ. We are not a waiting room for

heaven; we are not a religious club; we are not the last bastion of decency and values; we are not the society for the preservation of the way things used to be; we are not a memorial club for a dead hero; we are not a place to hide from the big, bad world – we are agents of a foreign government bent on winning this rebellious

world back to its rightful ruler. We are agents of the kingdom of God, dropped behind enemy lines to announce, “The king is coming. Jesus is this world’s rightful ruler. Are you ready to receive King Jesus?” There is no Plan B. Jesus Christ has puts all his eggs in one basket, and the label on that basket is church.

The church has a God-given mandate to be a living witness to the love and power of Jesus Christ. Christians are people with a purpose. They live under the reign of the risen, ascended and exalted Lord for the sake of his mission in this world starting at the church’s front door. Someone has said that the church is the only institution in the world that exists for those who are not its members.

If you see the church primarily as a religious institution, then you will relate to it as you do to other institutions, perhaps with benign respect, glad it’s there when needed, or perhaps with cynicism and scorn because it’s not perfect.

If you see the church as a voluntary organization, then you will relate to it as you do other voluntary organiza-

tions. You’ll offer it a little time, pay some dues and perform polite committee work, all to show your good civic spirit.

But if – like Jesus and the

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apostles – you see the church as a missionary society at worship, receiving directions from its heavenly commander for another week of operations in the field where both the victories and the casualties are fright-

eningly real, then you can no longer be casual or flippant about what the church means in your life. It is God’s pipeline of life to the world.”

May our Lenten time help us to grow and our Eastertide, fill us with Christ’s love and a renewed sense of purpose.

*See you in Church,
Pastor Vickie*

Society of St. Andrew

Jean Schimmel

As we begin the year 2016 I would like to say a little about the mission of The Society of St. Andrew, for those who are not familiar with this mission. The SOSA is based at Big Island, VA. They provide donated and/or gleaned foodstuffs to many organizations that help feed our brethren who are down on their luck and need a helping hand in feeding their families. It is usually referred to as the potato project as this was one of the first projects we remember. You can see the potato cups that are around our building and this is for any change you feel like donating to help with the expenses for providing transportation to get these foodstuffs to food banks, shelters for homeless people and churches that volunteer to bag truckloads of produce to be distributed. We have had a lot of changes here at Church in the past few months but I am sure everyone’s

PRAYER REQUESTS ♥ Remembering in Prayer

Church Family

- Ed & Lynn Allen
Sandie Alsteen
Dorothy Belile
Bobbie Gresham
Jill Moore
Naomi Mitchell
Cindy Sager, daughter of
- Jean Schimmel
Lennie Stokely
Ryan Swindell
Harriett VanBlarcom
Bettie White
Wilson Widgeon
Joe Wise
- Pete & Johnnie Wright
George Schimmel
Betty Mills

Friends & Relatives

- Diane Berning
Larry Caffee
Patricia Childers
Lonna Crouch
Rose Dempsey
Janet Deham
Dwayne Einsphar
Al Gregg
- Donald Hall
John Hendriksen
Malcom Simmons
Eloise Patterson
Brigit Peck
Alan Reil
Gene Sipe
William L.
- Spence III
Agatha Sigley
Chad Stokely
Loretta Tate
Marion Thomas

Missionaries

- Ben & Jenny Reyes in Brazil
Tom & Cindy Melvin in Africa,
Family of Naomi Mitchell
Kate & David O'Donnell
Vladi & Nadia Todorov
Georgi Boev

Church Thank You's

“I wish to thank everyone for your prayers, cards and visits during my recent surgery and recovery. God bless.”
-Dorothy Belile

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.

Did You Know?

Did you know that “**Scott**” in the churches name, the Gathering at **Scott** Memorial UMC refers to **Mr. Shelby Dale Scott, Sr.**? Mr. S. D. Scott, Sr. died in 1942, leaving a piece of property to the church. The Building Committee for the church suggested that the name of our church be changed to Scott Memorial Methodist Church, in memory of its benefactor, Mr. Shelby Dale Scott.



Mr. Shelby Dale Scott, Sr.

Children's Ministry



at the Gathering at Scott Memorial

Family Ties Worship & Fellowship

Every 3rd Sunday we will be having a potluck and some family fun after the 10:45 service. Feel free to just come for lunch and some 'table talk', or come to join in on the fun!

Thank you to all who came and helped with our very first Family Ties: NOT SO Ultimate Sports Challenge competition! We had an amazing time!

In March, we will be having our Annual Easter Egg Hunt with games & crafts in our

very own backyard! Stay tuned for exciting events in Children's Ministry.

-Tonya Barlow
Children's Ministry Director



WANTED: SUPPLIES FOR EGG HUNT

We will be collecting empty plastic eggs of all sizes and prizes (candy, toys, etc.) from now until the day of the hunt! Place donations in the basket next to the Children's sign-in desk.

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dedication to the Society of St. Andrew has not changed and we are still very committed to helping with this mission.

The SoSA Sunday is the 4th Sunday of each month and there is a bulletin board on the Sunday school wing wall that keeps the amount donated posted so we can see how we are doing. You can place any change or paper money in the cup and I will see that it goes to the SoSA each month. You can also E give if that is more

convenient for you. Remember this is a Church-wide mission.

As of the 24th of January 2016 we have collected \$60.45 for the Society of St. Andrew. With a budget of \$1200.00 for the year we are a little behind our \$100.00 per month. Please help meet this goal.

I have and will continue to pray for our success in this mission.

-Jean Schimmel



The Society of St. Andrew has been partnering with volunteers, organizations and Faith groups since 1979 that they might serve together to feed the hungry out of the abundance provided in the U.S.

YOUTH MINISTRY



at the Gathering at Scott Memorial!

The Gathering Youth Group meets regularly on Thursday nights from 7 pm - 8:30 pm at the church. This spring, we will be learning about our ancestors in the New Testament of the Bible but don't worry, it's far from boring! We will learn together through videos, games, and other activities-never a dull moment! We will also be participating in the nationwide 30 Hour Famine on April 29th- April 30th. We hope to raise awareness (and money) for world hunger which effects 805 million people worldwide. This summer, we are planning to go on a mission trip to Atlan-

ta, Georgia, as well as a possible camping/hiking trip. To stay updated on the latest find us on Facebook: Gathering Youth Group.

- Katie McGuire
Director of Youth Ministry





Our main PURPOSE is to participate in Mission giving. It can be various areas locally, anywhere within the US, overseas including the third world countries. Recently, the UMW receive donations of warm blankets for the homeless program project "Blankets for the Hampton Roads Area"; and would like to thank you for your concern and many donations.

This UMW Unit, identified as a General Meeting, has four gatherings yearly and a Speaker on Topic of Missions. January's meeting was very interesting and enlightening, when Pastor Rachel Gilmore spoke of The Gathering volunteering in Bulgaria. Michelle Michaelian assisted her. Pastor Rachel displayed certain Bulgarian memorabilia. We were pleased to have Pastor Vickie Seibert with us, too.

There is a previous mission, still ongoing identified as "Imagine no malaria", requesting protection for a family from malaria with education and a mosquito bed net for just \$10.00. This project is working through our individual groups called Circles.

Our UMW Unit members belong to Circles, that meet 2nd Mondays (time listed by Circle):

- **Maybelle Godfrey Circle:** 10:30 am
Contact: Shirley Lane (497-6263)

- **Mary Scott Circle:** 10:30 am
Rosemary Barker (481-3649)
- **Ruth Circle:** 7:00 p.m.
Cheryl McClenney (431-4405)

This unit has an executive board(including above Circles) that meets monthly. Members are:

- Betty Horner-340-2686
- Roberta Lane-427-0962
- Dorothy Belile-481-3967
- Anne Myers-425-5938
- Shirley Lane-497-6263
- Cheryl McClenney-431-4405
- Carolyn Gregg-428-3095
- Sheryl Strange-481-7679
- Suzi Dagney-631-9972

Contact anyone of us with your questions or contact the Circle leaders if you want to visit each Circle. **THIS IS AN OPENED INVITATION ESPECIALLY FOR YOU.**

Looking ahead, there is an upcoming UMW Flea Market Mission Project scheduled May 7th with proceeds earmarked for December's donations to local organizations. Watch for updates.

Closing with: May we never forget those in dire need, whatever the situation.

May the Peace of God be with you.

Betty Horner
President, UMW Unit at TGASMUMC

FAITH • LOVE • HOPE
in action

Did you know where your money goes?

We give over 10% of our annual budget to cover local and global ministries through apportionments and involvement in other non-profit organizations like Stop Hunger Now. In the past 2 months the following local programs and charities have benefited from the help of The Gath-

ering at Scott Memorial UMC: The Lighthouse Homeless Shelter, the Judeo-Christian Outreach Center, Samaritan House for abused women and children, The Society for St. Andrews, Diamond Springs Elementary School, Beach Gathering Montessori Preschool, The Gathering Academic Preschool, the American Red Cross, the Virginia Beach Police Department and our local food pantry.

In March we are planning to package up 10,000 meals to be sent overseas to feed people in need and in early April we will be bringing hundreds of pounds of shoes and baby carriers to Syrian refugees in Macedonia and teaching English in a church ministry in Sofia, Bulgaria. Thank you for your generous giving to the church, it's changing lives!

Hilltoppers

This group met last month at Red Lobster and pleased that two others (Pastor Rachel and Andrew) joined us. They saw first hand, we didn't act our age. No fun in that! Sheryl Strange won the door prize. Sorry that many missed the good time we had. Looking forward to their return.

There will be a room set aside for March 15th (3rd Tuesday) 1:00 p.m. at the Golden Corral, Red Mill Commons Shopping Center. **THIS IS AN INVITATION TO ALL SENIORS.** If your first time, please contact Betty Horner (340-2686). See you there!



UMM Shrove Pancake Supper, Feb. 9



The United Methodist Men held their annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner on Feb. 9. It turned out to be a success. They are currently in need of more men & officers. The UMM meets the 1st Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm. All men are welcome! Please bring a dish to share with everyone & enjoy the fellowship!

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