

## The Vision of the church

#### From Pastor Rachel

Fall is here! Our leadership team met this weekend to talk about the vision of our church which is, "To help people reconnect with God, each other, ourselves, and creation." We do this through incarnational mission, experiential worship and authentic

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accountability. It has been both incredibly exciting and challenging at times as we have learned what it means to be one church over this past year. I love that our vision statement talks about the importance of reconnecting and

that requires reaching out and being more intentional about getting to know each other and getting to know the new family members that God sends into the walls of our church. My hope and prayer is that all of you know how much I care about you and look forward to serving as your pastor. Thank you for your commitment to God at The Gathering at Scott Memorial UMC!

- Rev. Rachel Gilmore



### **Church Events**

- Oct 18 Scott's Sisters Mexican Food & Mingle Night
- Oct 23 St. Francis of Assisi Service @ 9 am
- Oct 23 Society of St. Andrew's Sunday
- Oct. 29 Trunk or Treat & Fall Festival
- Nov. 11 Youth Lock-in
- Nov. 12 Fall Craft Show, Vendor Fair & Bake Sale
- Nov. 13 Blood Drive
- Nov. 13 Stewardship Sunday
- Nov. 17 Charge Conference
- Nov. 19 Couple's Night Out

# Stewardship Campaign

This year we are excited to kick off our Stewardship Campaign with the theme, "Take the Next Step with Your Time and **Generosity."** God is constantly calling us to go deeper in our walk with Him and that entails taking the next step! We are encouraging folks to increase their participation in the church by joining a small group, inviting someone to church, or participating in a mission or outreach We also want to be people of generosity by increasing our giving to the church in whatever way we can. If you have questions about the Stewardship Campaign please talk to Eric Greaves, our Creative Arts Director. If you have questions about the 2017 budget, please talk to Seth Pillsbury or Jon Martin. ■



### Staff Update

We will see some staff transitions in October. Our Children's Minister, the fearless Tonya Barlow, will be stepping down from her position at the end of October and we will welcome a new Children's Minister to fill the large shoes that Tonya is leaving. Tina Yonker, our Business Administrator



## Make a difference!

Volunteer and help those in need right here in our community!











and Treasurer will also be transitioning out of her current role and we have our very own Char James taking on the business side of Tina's work as she continues on in her Administrative Assistant role. We will outsource our treasurer position to a professional accountant named Eric Greaves, our Creative Arts Sciancalepore. Director will also move into an interim position as Minister of Administration and Church Leadership to help serve as a staff liaison to the Trustees and Finance Committee as well as dealing with leadership and facility issues that arise in the life of the church. Andy Gilstrap, a professionally trained musician and worship leader with over a decade of experience will be serving as the Worship Leader in our 9 and 10am services starting in November. All other staff will stay in their current positions as we work together to meet the needs of this rapidly growing church.

## **Upcoming Events**

#### Scott's Sisters Mexican Food and Mingle Night

Tuesday, Oct. 18, 6 pm - 8 pm @ Plaza Azteca (1824 Laskin Rd. Va. Beach)

Join the women of TGASMUMC for a Mexican Food Night. All women are invited to attend for fun & fellowship! Childcare provided at the church. For more info contact Monica Martin, Monica@CocoaBeanPhoto.com

#### St. Francis of Assisi Service

NEXT Sunday, Oct. 23 during the 9 am service @ 409 First Colonial Rd.

The 9am service on Oct. 23 will be a St. Francis of Assisi Service for a blessing of the animals. Please bring any/all pets that would be a friendly addition to worship and join us out on the lawn. If there is inclement weather, we will meet in Curry Fellowship Hall.

#### Trunk or Treat Fall Festival

Saturday, Oct. 29, 5 pm -7 pm @ 409 First Colonial Rd.

Come & join us at the church from 5 pm - 7pm in costume for a fun community event! There will be FREE trunk or treating, FREE crafts and a FREE haunted house designed by our youth group for kids of all ages! We will also have a hot dog dinner available at a low cost with 100% of proceeds going to the scholarship fund at our preschool. Please invite your friends!

#### Holiday Craft Fair and Vendor Show with Bake Sale

Saturday, Nov. 12, 9 am - 1 pm @ 409 First Colonial Rd

Come and join us for unique holiday shopping sponsored by Beach Gathering Montessori Preschool, The Gathering Academic Preschool and Scott's Sisters! Interested vendors can contact Tiffany Thompson (tiff0101@cox.net) to see if we have availability. Admission is free and open to the public.

#### Blood Drive at TGASMUMC

Sunday, Nov. 13, 8 am - 1 pm @ 409 First Colonial Rd.

Donate blood and save lives! The blood drive will be going on in the fellowship hall during the entire morning so you can donate blood before or after each worship service.

## **Prayer Requests**

#### **Church Family**

Agatha Sigley

**Bettie White** 

**Betty Mills** 

Bobbie Wilcox's Family (on the passing of her grandmother)

Carla Morrisette

Chris Ramsey & Family

Cindy Sager, daughter of Jean Schimmel

Ed & Lynn Allen

George Schimmel

Harriet VanBlarcom (recovering from a fall) Herk & Lennie Stokely

Jackie Ginn

Jill Moore

Joe Wise

Matthew Hillman (recovery - lung surgery)

Naomi Mitchell

Pete & Johnnie

Wright

Ryan Swindell

Wilson Widgeon

#### Friends & Family

Alan Reil, brother of Barney Reil

Bill Carroll

Chad Stokely, son of Herk & Len-

nie Stokely

Charlotte Biggs

Diane Berning

Donald Hall, Nephew of Betty and Barney Reil, kidney failure

Dwayne Einsphar

Elizabeth & Betty Rehpelz

Gene Sipe

Janet Deham

John Hendriksen

Johnathan Todd, Nephew of Lauren Graham

Larry Caffee

Loretta Tate

Marion Thomas

Mark Perron and family

Patricia Childers

Preston Smith

Sandy Vickers, Starke, F

Shirley Martwinski

Tony Reil, nephew of Alan Reil

#### Missionarie

Kate & David O'Don

Vladi & Nadia Todorov

Georgi/Boev

Ben and Jenny Reves





### Volunteer Liturgists, Greeters, and Ushers are needed at the 11:00 am service

We need your help on Sundays as Liturgist, Greeter, and/or Usher.

You would only need to serve one Sunday per Quarter (though you may help more often), and you can choose which Sunday you would like to serve. Knowing in advance would help our Administrative Assistant, Char James, to prepare the Bulletin each week without requiring her to call each time.

Please contact Char at 428-3720 or at <a href="mailto:admin@gatheratscott.com">admin@gatheratscott.com</a> for more information.



