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- Proverbs 29:18

From Pastor Rachel

The summer is ending and we are gearing up for an incredibly busy fall season together! With new Small Groups like Financial Peace, a new preschool/playgroup program starting at the church, and our new worship service times, I can't wait to see what God does at The Gathering at Scott Memorial this fall. As your pastor, I want you to know how much I care about you and am look-

ing forward to having more regular office hours every Friday from 9am until noon beginning September 9th. We have a lot to celebrate as a church! We have grown by 20% over the past 9 months and now have around 580 people active in our church family! We are also ahead in our giving which is important because we will need to add extra money to our budget to cover added utility and nursery expenses with our church being used on a much more regular basis! So please continue to give generously as it is being used by God in powerful ways and every penny

counts. Proverbs 29:18 says that, "without a vision, the people perish" and it will be a joy to share more about the vision of our church this fall in our sermon series that kicks off September 11th. I am so deeply grateful to be your pastor and look forward to partnering with you in ministry!

- Rev. Rachel Gilmore



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To Fall & New
Beginnings

Andrew Schwartz

Minister of Pastoral Care
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We sat eye to eye in an old Methodist Church in the middle of an Indian Reservation in Northern New Mexico. He sat across from me, compassionately tolerating my lack of sufficient responses to

this wonderful and challenging questions about the Christian faith, about following Jesus Christ. He was a Muslim who lived near the Indian Reservation. I was a Summer Youth Ministry intern at my home church, on our summer Music and Mission trip with our youth group in 2002. I didn't know how to listen very well at that point in my life. I felt like I botched it

big time. I wanted to impress the youth with my spiritual savviness and my ability to “save” someone. Shortly thereafter the youth gave an offering to the community that people probably still talk about on that Indian reservation; they blew the roof off that dingy, old fellowship hall. They sang their hearts out and authentically expressed their love to God for his

grace, power and presence. They sang as if Jesus was in the front row.

The man was in tears after their performance, so moved by these teenagers authentic, simple, passionate faith that something big moved in his heart that day. The man later commented that he was moved by their performance as equally as the way they treated each other throughout the week they were there.

The last 10 months have been tough as we have navigated together through this merger and marriage of 2 faith communities. As the dust has be-

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gun to settle and wisdom has begun to set in we start to see that really friends, all we have is each other. Yes, our traditions, our building, our history, our future, our budget are all incredibly important. But they are meaningless if we don’t love, but a “clanging symbol”. If we love each other well in acts of sacrifice and humility, that will arguably be more powerful than the best

articulated sermon delivered in a stadium full of people. That will be what leads people to Christ and what transforms lives as we live out the Gospel. Our love is our worship. This fall presents us with our first full fall together as one church. Fall brings with it the desire to re-engage; back to school, faith, family. We have all kinds of opportunities to be in community, to love and grow together: Life Groups, UMW Circles, accountability groups, softball, Financial Peace University, etc.. What if we each sacrificed a little for the sake of each other and committed to a small group outside our comfort zone, outside our normal for

this fall? What would happen? Within moments of finishing this sentence, I guarantee you that God will provide you an opportunity to love. May we take the leap and see where God leads with an act of simple, authentic and passionate faith.

- Andrew Schwartz
Minister of Pastoral Care



Meals on Wheels

This worthwhile need has been in the life of our church since 1974 and continues to be a valuable mission project. The object of Meals On Wheels (MOW) to deliver Monday through Friday to the elderly, a hot meal (lunch) with a sandwich and fruit for evening.

Various churches are involved in this program, as well as, Scott Memorial (now known as The Gathering at Scott



Memorial United Methodist Church). Our participation is identified to the 5th weeks of the year. Our next week to make delivers falls between Nov 28th - Dec 2nd. We are in need of volunteers. Each day requires

PRAYER REQUESTS ♥ Remembering in Prayer

Church Family

Agatha Sigley

Betty White

Betty Mills

Bobbie Gresham Family

Chris Ramsey & Family

Cindy Sager, daughter of

Jean Schimmel

Donniese Moose

Ed & Lynn Allen

George Schimmel

Harriet VanBlarcom

Helma Jenkins (hospice care)

Herk Stokley

Jackie Ginn

Jill Moore

Joe Wise

Jo Ellen Watson (broken jaw & wrist)

Lennie Stokley

Lorraine Rossen

Naomi Mitchell

Pete & Johnnie Wright

Ryan Swindell

Sandie Alsteen family

Wilson Widgoen

Friends & Relatives

Al Gregg

Alan Reil

Bill Carroll

Chad Stokely

Charlotte Biggs

Diane Berning

Donald Hall (nephew of

Betty & Barney Reil, kid-

ney failure)

Dwayne Einsphar

Elizabeth & Betty Rehpelz

Eloise Patterson

Gene Sipe

Gloria Tripp

Janet Deham

John Hendriksen

Larry Caffee

Loretta Tate

Marion Thomas

Mark Perron & Family

Patricia Childers

Rose Dempsey

Sandy Vickers, Starke, FL

Shirley Martwinski

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 and has been active for over 25 years.

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 Fall 2016

**Moving to THREE
services: 9:00 am,
10: 00 am & 11:15
am starting
Sunday, Sept. 11**

Starting Sept. 11 there will be 3 services: 9 am (casual & experiential), 10 am (experiential) & 11:15 am (traditional/heritage).

Sunday Service Times:

Starting Sept. 11, 2016

- 9 am (Casual & Experiential)
- 10 am (Experiential)
- 11:15 am (Traditional)

Church office hours:

Mon. — Thurs. 9 am - 1 pm

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Children's Ministry

at the Gathering at Scott Memorial

Vacation Bible School Summer 2016

Cave Quest VBS was a huge success with 61 children in attendance this year! Thank you so much to the 33 volunteers who gave their time each day to tell the bible stories, prepare snacks, play games, make crafts, and dance and sing with the children! And a thank you, too, for the families who brought their children each day to grow closer in their relationship with God. The children learned that God gives us his

power, love, courage, hope, and direction. "Follow Him!"

-Tonya Barlow
Children's Ministry Director



Vacation Bible School August 8-12, 2016

Do you know where your money goes?

This summer we had an amazing Vacation Bible School with 61 children & over 25 adults volunteering to make it a success! The cost of VBS was around \$1000 with the children raising \$125 for our scholarship fund! We also spend around \$600 a year to ensure that the Upper Room devotionals are available for our regu-

lar church attenders, home bound members and visitors to our Fresh Food Wednesday and Food Pantry Programs. We were excited to raise an additional \$600 on a Sunday in July to fund new shelving for our popular clothing closet which has seen an average of 40 persons served each week this month! If you would like to donate clothing, we gladly welcome all donations, especially clothing for men or women in XL or XXL sizes along with shampoo and soap. Thank you for your generosity, we promise to be good stewards of your money and use it to impact the lives of as many people as possible so they feel the love of Christ!

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two people, one to drive, one to deliver to recipients door. Meals you deliver are picked up at Sentara Nursing Facility (off Rosemont Rd) no later than 10:45am and delivered before noon. This is an experience you don't want to miss. **Contact Betty Horner 340-2686 and become a volunteer.** A thank you goes to the few volunteers, that have helped many times in order to assure timely delivery.

Closing Thoughts

- Devon Blair
TGASMUMC Summer Intern

Thank you all for welcoming me into your faith community for the summer. I'm missing you all already. I was so blessed that you shared your church and pastor with me during such a wonderful educational and spiritual experience. I came from The Gathering and was blessed to be able to share in a part of the growth of The Gathering at Scott Memorial. I will continue to keep you all and the unity of the church in my prayers. I was able to experience pretty much

all the facets that ministry has to offer, from from praying and grieving with you, to leading worship to committee meetings, from administrative and organizational work to discipleship; all of it left me feeling like God was at work in my life and in the life of the church. Thank you to all of you who took the time to get to know me or share a hug or to affirm my work. Your words of kindness and affirmation will mean so much to me throughout my ministry. Thank you all again from the bottom of my heart.

Love and Peace,
Devon Blair



Devon Blair was the first intern for TGASMUMC and served our the church this summer. Devon and her husband, Eric were active at The Gathering for a year before Devon left last fall for seminary. Devon helped out with various church ministries. She has returned to seminary at Duke to finish her studies.

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FOOD PANTRY

**Food
Collection
Sunday,
Sept. 11**

On the 2nd & 3rd Tuesdays of the month, the church opens a food pantry to those in need. We are looking for: **Carrots, Pork & Beans, Macaroni, Rice, Spaghetti, Chicken Noodle Soup, Cream of Mushroom Soup, Tomato Soup, Ramen Noodles, Applesauce, Fruit Cocktail, Peaches, Cereal, Oatmeal, Pancake Mix, Powdered Milk, Macaroni & Cheese, Sugar, and Canned Tuna.**



With summer almost over and fall just around the corner, we have begun making plans for the upcoming months. First on our list is Saturday, September 17th, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Flea Market and Bake Sale with proceeds going to specified mission projects. We are in need for small appliances, jewelry, kitchen items, glassware, knick-knacks, children's-women's & men's clothing, shoes, towels, bedding, Holiday items, crafts, books, games, toys...If you don't see your item listed, bring it anyway. Starting Monday, Sep. 12th - Friday 16th, 10 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., someone will be accepting the items you bring into the Curry Hall.

Next, plans are in the making by our Membership, Nurture and Outreach, Mission Coordinator who is responsible to enlist new members; and to nurture by reporting to our executive board the needs and concerns of the membership; and Outreach through the saving of cancelled postage stamps that are sent to UMCOR. (anyone interested in participating, needs to contact Sheryl Strange 481-7679.)

Our Unit known as The Gathering at Scott Memorial United Methodist Women would like to send a Special Invitation to all women, young, single, married, separated, mid-

dle age, seniors, widowed including those who are not church members. Come check us out. The Unit consists of two Circles:

- Meets daytime, 2nd Tuesday of month, at 10:30 a.m. at church. **Mary E. Scott Circle** (widow of S. D. Scott-church named after him) Circle Leader - Rosemary Barker: 481-3649
- Meets nighttime, 2nd Monday of month, 7:00 p.m., at church or home **Ruth Circle** (referencing Ruth in the Bible). Circle Leader - Cheryl McClenney: 431-4405.
- Several times during the year, we have a General Meeting on Saturday Morning. September 10th, 11:00 a.m., Virginian Steakhouse at Hilltop. There will be a Guest Speaker: Rev. Barbara St. Jean. Subject: "Motivation"

Secretary of Program Resources - Roberta Lane - 427-0962

We realize this is quite a bit of information at one time. Do consider attending one of these meetings. Just call Rosemary, Cheryl or Roberta or call all three. We would love for you to become one of us.

More involvement to come in the fall after other projects evolve out of our Executive Board meeting. Volunteer every chance you get to help those less fortunate. May the Peace of God be with You.

- Betty Horner
President, UMW at TGASMUMC

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Society of St. Andrew



As we begin the month of August, which signals the end of summer, I hope we do not forget our commitment to the mission of The Society of St. Andrew. We have had a lot of changes here at Church in the past several months but I am sure everyone's dedication to the Society of St. Andrew has not changed and we are still very committed to helping with this mission. Remember this mission helps with the trans-

portation of foodstuffs that would otherwise be left in fields to go to waste and now it helps our needy with much needed food. The food pantries, outreach programs are very appreciative of our small contributions.

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. **Remember this is a Church wide mission.** There are "Potato Cups" locat-

ed in several places around the Church building to place your change in or feel free to place in an envelope and leave in the office marked Society of St. Andrew and I will pick it up.

As of the July 24, 2016 we have collected \$856.70 for the Society of St. Andrew. With a budget of \$1200.00 for the year we are ahead of our \$1200.00 budget. Please help the Church with this mission I have and will continue to pray for our success in this mission.

- Jean Schimmel

Hilltoppers

For this area, believed this has been the hottest summer on record. Last month when we met at Peking City Restaurant with ten members present (including Andrew). Bobbi Wilcox was on vacation and Pastor Rachel and family were headed to Minnesota to visit her father in law, a patient at the Mayo Clinic. We enjoyed each other's company; as well as, the delicious food. The entertainment with funny jokes given by Pete Wright, Rosemary Barker and Shirley Lane were enjoyed by all. The door prize was given to Anne Myers.

Our next meeting, September 20th (3rd Tuesday), 1 P.M. will be at the Golden Corral, 400 South Independence Blvd. (if coming from I-264 make U turn after Baxter Rd. light. Bldg is on north side of Independence facing east. There are two entrances-the parking lot & one that brings you up beside the building. If coming from the east, you need to take an entrance before Baxter Rd. light) A Special Invitation is extended to Seniors (otherwise known as "over the hill gang") and to others who may be interested. Mark your calendars and plan to attend. If this is your first time, contact Betty Horner 340-2686. I'm expecting a room full of smiling faces!

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