



THE GATHERING at SCOTT MEMORIAL
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Reconnecting with Creation

From Pastor Rachel

Spring is here! It's been cold the past few weeks but warmer weather is on the horizon and signs of new life are all around us! Anne Lamont once said, "I am going to try to pay attention to the spring. I am going to look around at all the flowers, and look up at the hectic trees. I am going to close my eyes and listen." Psalm 8, 19 and 139 talk about the beauty of God revealed in creation with one of my favorite passages coming from Psalm 8:3-5 which says,

*"When I consider your heavens,
the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars,*

*which you have set in place,
what is man that you are
mindful of him, the son of man
that you care for him?
You made him a little lower
than the heavenly beings
and crowned him with glory
and honor."*

I've been taking daily walks to enjoy the beauty of God's creation in the springtime and it's made me grateful that, at The Gathering at Scott Memorial UMC, we believe in connecting to creation. How are we actually doing that at church? Well, in the last 6 months we've been making intentional changes to "go green" and care for the earth. We are using cloth to clean as much as possible in the

Upcoming Events

- April 1 - Couple's Night Out
- April 2 - Food Pantry
Collection Sunday
- April 2 - Children's Choir Sings
- April 2 - Egg Hunt & Picnic
- April 9 - Palm Sunday
- April 12 - Holy Week Heritage
Luncheon
- April 14 - Good Friday Service
- April 16 - Easter Sunday
- April 23 - Golden Marriage
Sermon Series begins
- April 28 - 30 - Scotts Sister
Women's Retreat

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The Gathering at Scott Memorial

Egg Hunt & Potluck

Sunday, April 2 - 12 noon - 1:30 pm

Come join The Gathering at Scott Memorial UMC for a fun-filled morning on April 2. All children are invited to sing at the end of the 10 am service & the beginning of the 11:15 am service. After the service, we will have an Eggstravaganza Easter Egg Hunt along with games, crafts, and a potluck picnic lunch. Fried chicken provided. Please bring a side, salad, dessert, or beverage to share.

For more info contact Megan Hosseinipoor, children@gatheratscott.com.

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church so that we aren't using as many paper towels and we have put hand towels in some of the bathrooms that aren't regularly used to save on paper towel usage. We are also using vinegar to clean items that don't require heavier cleaning products and are using bars of soap instead of liquid hand soap throughout the building to save on packaging because the hand soap lasts longer and was made by Syrian refugees so we are impacting

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lives by our purchase. We are making fewer copies of the Sunday bulletin, announcements, and Courier by sending things electronically to save paper and the Trustees added a recycling bin and scheduled pickup at the church to make it easy to recycle our paper, plastic and aluminum waste. We also made some

changes to Fresh Food Wednesday. As many of you know, an average of 200 people a week receive fresh fruits, vegetables, milk products, meat, bread and pastries every week but we regularly have fruits and vegetables that no one takes home at the end of the evening that were thrown away in the past because of inadequate cold storage options at the church. Now we take any leftover food to some or all of the following places: the Virginia Beach Fire and Rescue Station 21 loves receiving fresh produce and baked goods from the church as does the Emergency Room staff at Virginia Beach General Hospital; the SPCA loves receiving our greens to feed their rabbits; and the community garden at Nimmo UMC is grateful for all of our contributions to their compost pile. We also have two other church food banks that come every Thursday to pick up any non-perishable items left over from Fresh Food Wednesday like bread, baked goods or some fruits. Hundreds and hundreds of lives are impacted every week because The Gathering at Scott Memorial exists and we are working together to “go green” and care for the incredible world that God has entrusted to us! We will be organizing a day to clean up around the church and possibly plant flowers around the prayer garden and in the parking lot so if you want to join us in hands-on creation care, mark your calendars for April 8th from 9am until noon and bring your kids with you to work too! It is truly an honor and privilege to serve as your pastor and to join with you as we connect to creation!

- Rev. Rachel Gilmore



Sermon series following Easter:

Connecting to Others: Golden Life Lessons

Have you ever wondered how to make a relationship work? It doesn't matter if it's a relationship with a friend, family member, or spouse; it can be difficult to connect to each other and have a healthy and thriving relationship. We are blessed at this church to have over a dozen couples who have spent anywhere from 30 to 65 years together and have some life lessons to share with us. Join Pastor Rachel in April and May as we learn more about what God has to teach us about communication, forgiveness, and enduring the brightest and darkest times with the ones who mean the most to us as we see clips from interviews with some of these couples. It doesn't matter if you are married, single, or wish you were single, there will be something for you in this series!

Sunday Services:

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

Church office hours:

Mon. & Thurs. 9 am - 1 pm

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April 2017 EDITION

Upcoming Events

Couple's Night Out

Saturday, April 1, 5 pm - 8 pm @ 409 First Colonial Rd.

Spouse deployed? Enjoy free childcare & a well-deserved parenting break! We will take the first 10 families or 25 children that RSVP to office@gatheratscott.com

Egg Hunt & Picnic

Sunday, April 2, 12 noon - 1:30 pm @ 409 First Colonial Rd.

Come join The Gathering at Scott Memorial UMC for a fun-filled morning to include egg hunt, games, crafts, and a potluck lunch. Fried chicken provided. Please bring a side, salad, dessert, or beverage to share. **We will be collecting egg stuffers, candy and small prizes for Easter eggs from now until the day of the hunt! Please put your donations in the basket next to the Children's sign-in desk.** For more info, contact Megan Hosseinipoor, children@gatheratscott.com

Holy Week Heritage Luncheon

Wednesday, April 12, 12 noon, @ 409 First Colonial Rd.

We have realized that the homebound folks really miss the church and the community and the friendships they formed over the years. Come for a potluck and visit with some great members of our church. All are welcome.

Good Friday Service

Friday, April 14, 7 pm @ 409 First Colonial Rd.

Join us for a Tenebrae service to strip the altar in preparation for Easter. Childcare provided for children under 3.

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 16 @ 409 First Colonial Rd.

Easter Sunrise Service & Breakfast @ 6:30 am / Easter Sunday Services: 9 am, 10 am, & 11:15 am

Scott's Sisters 1st Annual Women's Retreat - Registration OPEN

Friday, April 28 – Sunday, April 30, Corolla, NC

Join us at a lovely beach house in Corolla/the Outer Banks for a weekend of fun and spiritual formation! Registration is \$75 (\$80 if using Paypal) and is first-come (paid) first-serve as there is a limited amount of beds. Registration is available online or contact office@gatheratscott.com

Prayer Requests

Church Family

Jackie Ginn
Agatha Sigley
Bettie White
Betty Wise
Briana Thompson,
daughter of Tiffany &
Brett Thompson
Carla Morrisette
Chris Ramsey & Family
Cindy Sager, daughter
of Jean Schimmel
George Schimmel
Harriet VanBlarcom

Janie Yamrick
Jill Moore
Joe Wise
Naomi Mitchell
Richard Brown

Friends & Family

Al Gregg, Son of Carolyn Gregg
Alan Reil, brother of Barney Reil
Bill Carroll
Chad Stokely, son of Herk & Len-
nie Stokely
Charlotte Biggs
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

Jolie, on the loss of her moth-
er

Larry Caffee

Loretta Tate

Patricia Childers

Sandy Vickers, Starke, FL

Tony Reil, nephew of Alan Reil