



THE GATHERING at SCOTT MEMORIAL
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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A Time and a Season

From Pastor Rachel

In Ecclesiastes 3 we read:

*There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity
under the heavens:
a time to be born and a time to die,
a time to plant and a time to uproot,
a time to kill and a time to heal,
a time to tear down and a time to
build,
a time to weep and a time to laugh,
a time to mourn and a time to dance,
a time to scatter stones and a time to
gather them,
a time to embrace and a time to
refrain from embracing,
a time to search and a time to give
up,
a time to keep and a time to throw
away,
a time to tear and a time to mend,
a time to be silent and a time to
speak,
a time to love and a time to hate,
a time for war and a time for peace.*

What season of life are you experiencing in 2017? In my own life, it is a season for embracing as I learn to relish the time spent with my family. I'm acutely aware that the years will only pass more quickly as my children grow up in the blink of an eye. I feel as though my husband and I only met a few years ago when we have actually been together for almost 17 years so our vacation last week gave us time to reconnect and reflect on the seasons of life we have faced together after almost two decades together.

2017 is a year for us to build at The Gathering at Scott Memorial. A time to build connection with God, others, ourselves, and creation. A time to build up our discipleship, mission and worship experiences as a means of nurturing our connection with God, others, ourselves and creation.

Naomi Reed once said, "We all know that if the seasons were

Church Events

- Feb 4 - Couple's Night Out
- Feb 5 - Soup-er Bowl Sunday
- Feb 5 - Youth Group meet Sundays @ 4 pm - 6 pm
- Feb 18 - UMW Used Book Sale
- Feb 25 - Hockey Night
- Feb 28 - Scott's Sisters Mardi Bra Event

FREEDOM JUMP!

JUMP TRAMPOLINE PARK VA BEACH
MONDAY, JANUARY 16 7 PM—8 PM



Freedom Jump was a huge success! We had 100 jumpers come out to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr day. We are happy to announce we raised \$130 to go towards Fellowship of Reconciliation. We all enjoyed jumping the night away. The men of the church may have had the most fun while playing dodgeball with all the kids. Thank you for everyone who came out and supported a wonderful cause. We hope we can live by example and show love to all just as God gives us his love each day. Looking forward for our next family event at the Admirals Game in February.

- Megan Hosseinipoor, Children's Ministry Director



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the same, there would be no growth. We know that without winter there would be no spring. We know that without frosts there would be no bulbs and without the monsoon there would be no rice harvest. In the same way, we also know that without sorrow there would be no joy. Without pain there would be no healing. I think that's precisely where the beauty comes in. It comes in through the fruit of the seasons. He has indeed made everything beautiful in its time."

Changing from one season to the next can be difficult, especially when some seasons require more change and sacrifice than others but; as your pastor, I'm committed to loving and guiding us through the changes of this upcoming year as

we live into the season God has put before us. The changes we are making this year are a sign of growth, of health and vitality in our church. Carla Morrisette, one of our amazing Sunday School teachers, shared that she had 17 children in her 10am 4 and 5 year old Sunday School class last month and we had over 25 people at our new member dinner last month too. There are signs of growth and life all around us and while change can be difficult or exhausting at times, I'm committed to looking at all of the amazing ways God is using my openness to change for His glory. My whole life changed when I became a mother and although some sleep-deprived nights and the expense of having a newborn were exhausting or overwhelming at times, I wouldn't change the gift of my children for anything on earth.

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Last year we merged as a congregation and now we are all the parents of this new child, this new church that is made up of all of these incredible people that form the body of Christ. So may you be in prayer for our church in the season of building that awaits us in 2017 as we continue to grow and trust that the God who brought us to this place will lead us boldly into the future.

- Rev. Rachel Gilmore



Upcoming Events

Soup-Bowl Lunch

Sunday, Feb. 5, 11 am - 1 pm

Join us for soup or take it To-go! Proceeds to benefit the Clothing Locker Totes program. Please bring a toiletry item for donation to the Clothing Locker. Soup, salad and bread will be provided for a donation. Contact Andrew Schwartz, andrew@gatheratscott.com for more info.

United Methodist Women Used Book Sale

Saturday, Feb. 18 , 9 am - 12 noon @ 409 First Colonial Rd.

The UMW of TGASMUMC is looking for books & magazines of any kind! Paperback or hard-covers. Too many to carry? We will come collect them from you or your neighbors and friends. Books may be dropped off starting Sun. Feb. 12 in the social hall. Donations of empty boxes are also appreciated. Book sale proceeds will go to local missions in own community. Thank you! For more info contact Betty Horner or Roberta at 427-0962, randilane@yahoo.com

Admirals Hockey Night!

Saturday, Feb. 25 @ 7:15 pm

Admirals vs. Greenville Swamp Rabbits

Contact Leigh Anne Pelton, 757-570-1107 by Feb. 15. **Ticket cost is \$13.50.**

Children under 2 are admitted free except when accompanied by a carrier, stroller, car seat, etc. Prices at the door are \$19. Family-friendly event!

Church Directory Update

We are printing an updated church directory at the end of January. Please email or contact the church office with any updates to your directory entry including a photo. You can also submit your updated info by emailing the office@gatheratscott.com

Prayer Requests

Church Family

Agatha Sigley

Bettie White

Betty Wise

Carla Morrisette

Chris Ramsey & Family

Cindy Sager, daughter
of Jean Schimmel

Cody Techeira following
a stabbing

George Schimmel

Harriet VanBlarcom

Herk Stokely and family
on Lennie's passing

Jackie Ginn

Janie Yamrick

Jill Moore

Joe Wise

Naomi Mitchell

Friends & Family

Alan Reil, brother of Barney Reil

Bill Carroll

Chad Stokely, son of Herk & Lennie Stokely

Charlotte Biggs

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

Don Morris, on the passing of his
wife, Jeanne

Dwayne Einsphar

Elizabeth & Betty Rehpelz

Gene Sipe

Janet Deham

John Hendriksen

Johnathan Todd, Nephew of Lauren
Graham

Larry Caffee

Loretta Tate

Patricia Childers

Sandy Vickers, Starke, FL

Shirley Martwinski

Tony Reil, nephew of Alan Reil

Missionaries

Kate & David O'Donnell

Vladi & Nadia Todorov

Georgi Boev

Reyes Family



January 23, 2017

The charge conference was called to order at 6:30 pm. **The purpose of the meeting was to vote on incorporation of The Gathering at Scott Memorial United Methodist Church** (the "Corporation"). Char James was elected as recording secretary.

Discussion ensued about the Articles of Incorporation and who the Directors are who are eligible to vote. The Registered Agent, Brett Thompson, who prepared the Articles of Incorporation will be directed to amend the Articles to reflect that, if the Corporation is dissolved at any time in the future, all property reverts to the Unit-

ed Methodist Church (see attached). Mr. Thompson will also be directed to amend the name on the Bylaws of the Corporation to reflect the following: **The Gathering at Scott Memorial United Methodist Church** (spelled out...not UMC).

There were eight (8) Directors present eligible to vote. Incorporation of The Gathering at Scott Memorial United Methodist Church was unanimously approved by those voting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Sunday Services:

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

Church office hours:

Mon. & Thurs. 9 am - 1 pm

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