

From Pastor Rachel

You might have noticed that there have been a lot of staff changes this year with Tonya and Megan stepping back from Children's Ministry and Andrew and Todd stepping away from assisting with pastoral care duties. Andrew Schwartz is still serving at Portlock UMC, and they love his enthusiasm and his gift of preaching. Please keep him in your prayers as he continues his first year of ministry outside of The Gathering at Scott Memorial UMC. Todd Byers, our Path One church plant intern, discerned that a calling to church planting might not be in his

future so we wish him well on his future endeavors and are grateful that his wife, AJ, remains on staff at our preschool. Changes are hard and yet, with the growth we have experienced over the past two years, these changes are expected and typical for churches that are moving from being small to mid-sized in attendance. My prayer, as your pastor, is that you join with me in reaching out to some of the new or more regular faces at the church and be intentional about forming new friendships and welcoming people into your hearts and lives as we grow together as a community

of faith. I also want to thank our Staff Parish Relations Committee for their consistent focus and prayerful work about when and how to add new staff members to our team. They are truly a blessing to our congregation as well!

- Rev. Rachel Gilmore



THE GATHERING at SCOTT MEMORIAL
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
409 First Colonial Road
Virginia Beach, VA 23454

September 2017 EDITION

More of What Matters

Rev. Rachel Gilmore

As the fall approaches I'm excited about all of the activities that are kicking off at the church and hope that you try at least one more small group or mission project, not to fill your calendar with more activities but to invest more of yourself in what really matters. In talking to some of the

senior members of our congregation, they aren't most proud of how many hours they worked or how many new cars they purchased, they treasure relationships, community, feeling connected to others. That is what they remember from their life and what they want in their golden years; meaningful relationships. If we want more authentic and real relationships with God, others,

ourselves and creation it's time to stop playing by the world's rules and to look at what we are doing and need to do to be who we want to be. The stewardship campaign this fall is a chance to invest more in what matters by giving our time, talents and resources to what God is building here at The Gathering at Scott Memorial UMC. We're asking everyone to build their life on

more of what matters by making a pledge to invest in the future of a church that will help you reconnect to God, others, yourself and creation. *Will you partner with us and invest in the kingdom work that God is doing at The Gathering at Scott Memorial UMC?*

- Rev. Rachel Gilmore

Freshen Up ! Changes for Curry Fellowship Hall

You may have noticed some changes in Curry Fellowship Hall. We are moving our 11:15 am service into Curry Fellowship Hall starting September 3rd and wanted to give it a little facelift before it becomes a place of worship. So we have a new coat of paint, some new framed artwork and a sitting area and eating area on the side wall. We also have a new television that will help us stay up to date with announcements as they rotate on the screen throughout the week. These are exciting changes that will help people encounter God in a new and fresh way at The Gathering at Scott Memorial UMC. Our 11:15 am service is the smallest service right now with the traditional 9 am service doubling in size with it's new time and location in the sanctuary so we wanted to create a smaller, more intimate feeling for our last band-led service of the day. Please come and join us on Sun-



days and enjoy the hard work that church members have put into this project!



Upward Sports Flag Football & Cheerleading Fall- 2017 Kicks off!

We are kicking off a great season in September for Upward Flag Football and Cheerleading with around 100 children participating in our fall sports program. Thank you to the countless volunteers and staff members like Robby and Char who have helped organize and prepare the community for this amazing program. Please be in prayer for the families that we meet over the course of the season so that we can impact lives with the grace and love of Jesus!

PRAYER REQUESTS ♥ Remembering in Prayer

Church Family

Agatha Sigley	Gayle Brown, following her Mother's passing on 08/18/17	Joe Wise
Betty White's family, upon her passing 07/30/17	George Schimmel	Naomi Mitchell
Betty Wise	Harriet VanBlarcom	
Carla Morrisette	Jackie Ginn	
Chris Ramsey & Family	Janie Yamrick	
Cindy Sager, daughter of Jean Schimmel	Jill Moore	

Friends & Relatives

Al Reil, brother of of Barney Reil	Elizabeth & Betty Rehpeiz	Larry Caffee
Bill Carroll	Gene Sipe	Sandy Vickers, Starke, FL
Chad Stokely, (son of Herk & Lennie Stokely)	Janet Deham	Vernon Gilbert, Son of Mary Gilbert
Charlotte Biggs	John Hendriksen	
Donald Hall (nephew of Betty & Barney Reil, kidney failure)	Jonathan Todd, who passed away 08/15/17, son of Eleanor Holland and Newphew of Lauren Graham	
Dwayne Einsphar		

Missionaries

Kate & David O'Donnell
Vladi & Nadia Todorov
Georgi Boev
Reyes Family

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: call **Cheryl McClenney, 431-4405** or **Pastor Rachel, 802-2282** 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 **Cheryl McClenney, 431-4405**.

THEOLOGY THURSDAYS

2nd & 4th Thursdays
6:30 pm beginning
Sept. 14

2nd & 4th Thursdays, 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm beginning Sept. 14

Tapped Crafthouse – Red Mill Commons (2181 Upton Dr., Virginia Beach, VA 23454)

Come join us as Pastors Brandon & Rachel take a hot topic or passage of Scripture and debate it from two different angles. There will be time to ask them questions about faith, Scripture or the church and to talk in small groups following the "debate." Folks from both churches are invited to come out and grow in our ability to agree and lovingly disagree about faith-related issues. Free childcare will be provided at Nimmo UMC (located less than a mile away) For more info contact Pastor Rachel, rachel@gatheratscott.com

Do you know where your money goes?

Playground Fund at the Gathering at Scott Memorial UMC

In September we are doing a special fundraising campaign to gather money for a new commercial playground at the church. The current structure is aging and has resulted in injuries for the hundreds of children that use it each week from Upward Sports to Sunday morning worship and Fresh Food Wednesdays. Every penny that you can contribute to this campaign will make a huge difference! Our goal is \$10,000. 100% of the proceeds from the Scotts' Sisters Fall Flea Market on Sept. 16 will go to the playground fund for the church. Additionally, the Trus-

tees have committed to matching the first \$2500 donation penny for penny so please prayerfully consider how much you are willing to invest in funding a safe space for children to play at The Gathering at Scott Memorial UMC!



Hopes for the future - New Church playground: Photo above depicts the newer & safer commercial playground we hope to purchase for the church



School Supply Donations for Cooke Elementary School

The Gathering at Scott Memorial is partners with W. T. Cooke Elementary School in Virginia Beach. They would appreciate donations this year of the following school supplies:

- Post-It Notes - Black Dry-Erasers
- Kids' Scissors - Glue Sticks
- Girls' Backpacks

Please bring donations to the church office any Sunday before Noon or to the Church Office Mon.- Thurs. from 9 am to 1 pm.

upcoming events

Scotts Sisters Fall Flea Market & Bake Sale

Saturday, Sept. 16,

9 am - 1 pm @ 409 First Colonial Rd.

Donations Needed!!! Scotts Sisters will be collecting items for the flea market in Curry Hall starting Sept. 9. 100% of proceeds benefit the playground fund for the church. For more info contact Bobbie Wilcox, bwilcox06@gmail.com

New Worship Service Schedule for the fall! Starts Sept. 3

- **9 am:** Traditional service in the sanctuary
- **10 am:** Sunday school/chapel - style service in the Pearsall Sunday School classroom
- **10:15 am:** Experiential service in sanctuary
- **11:15 am:** Experiential service in fellowship hall

Church office hours:

Mon. — Thurs. 9 am - 1 pm

www.gatheratscott.com

admin@gatheratscott.com

757.428.3720

Find us on Facebook-

The Gathering at Scott Memorial





Ruth Circle is changing lives by supporting missionaries like Grace Musuka

Grace Musuka is a regional missionary of The United Methodist Church serving as coordinator of women's work in Central Africa. Regional missionaries are selected and supported by United Methodist Women and placed in collaboration with the church's General Board of Global Ministries.

Grace engages in leadership training for women in Cameroon, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Malawi, and Zimbabwe, where she is based in the city of Harare. The program's objective is to empower women as peace builders, healers, and economic developers in their communities, and as leaders in their churches. Many of the areas served by regional missionaries are recovering from the trauma and devastation of warfare. This work also promotes ecumenical collaboration. Ruth Circle at The Gathering at Scott Memorial supports missionaries like Grace and are making a difference in Africa as is evident in a letter from Grace to the Ruth Circle.

*"To Ruth Circle,
Thank you so much for your informative letter. It was so good to read from you all. This quadrennium, I decided to do my work in a different way. I asked the women's work coordinators to share how the women in their countries want to be empowered. So far, four of them have submitted their budgets. I have sent them the funds they requested. We have already produced newsletters for Zambia, Malawi, Tanzania, and Cameroon. Thank you so much for your support."*

The Ruth Circle will continue to meet this fall on the 2nd Monday of the month at 7 pm at the church.



In July, The United Methodist Women held a meeting to discuss dis-banning their charter and merging with Scott Sisters. The UMW voted unanimously to dis ban and fold into Scott Sisters. Although the decision was not an easy one to make, the UMW thought about the future of Women's Ministries at the Gathering at Scott Memorial UMC; it was the right one to make.

We are very excited that the Circles the United Methodist Women have maintained for years will continue to meet with the addition of a third circle. Starting September 10th, the Working Moms Circle, led by Kelly Thiele will meet at the church on Sunday at 4pm. September 11th at 7pm, the Ruth Circle, led by Cheryl McClenney will meet ,and the Mary Scott Circle, led by Shirley Lane will meet at 10:30am on September 12th. The Circles are a great way to meet and fellowship with other women of all ages at the church in an intimate setting. The circles will be an hour of devotion and fellowship and will meet on the second Sunday, Monday and Tuesday of each month. Also, childcare will be provided at all circle meetings. We are so blessed to continue the rich foundation that was started by the UMW so many years ago.

The newly-merged Scott's Sisters will be having a Rummage and Bake Sale on September 16th from 9 - 1pm. What a great way to purge your house of unwanted items by donating them to the Rummage Sale. All monies raised will be donated toward a new playground, something the church is in dire need of. We will be collecting items starting Sunday September 9th and baked goods starting September 15th.

We are excited as we start this new chapter in the life of the church and hope to see you in September.

Your sisters in Christ,

Bobbie Wilcox and Allison Kronenburg



Crafters Group - Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Gathering at Scott Memorial crafters have just completed making 24 hats for the children cancer patients at the Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters in Norfolk.

We have just started a prayer shawl ministry and meet on Tuesday mornings from 10am - 12:30pm in the craft room near the office. All knitters and crocheters are welcome. Our prayer shawls are always blessed before given away and are given in love to those who are in need of comfort. Prayer shawls can never be bought.

If you are unable to come out on Tues., but can work from home, contact us for directions and patterns. Contact: Jean Schimmel, Diane Thiel, Dot Belile or Gloria Holman.



Crafters Group's handmade hats for the children cancer patients at CHKD in Norfolk.

STAFF AT THE GATHERING AT SCOTT MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

RACHEL GILMORE
Pastor
rachel@gatheratscott.com

BOB PEARSALL
Minister of Pastoral Care
bob@gatheratscott.com

MEGAN HOSSEINIPOOR
Children's Ministry Director
children@gatheratscott.com

ANDY GILSTRAP
Experiential Worship Leader
worship@gatheratscott.com

BOBBIE WILCOX
Traditional Worship Leader
bobbie@gatheratscott.com

ERIC GREAVES
Video Arts Director
admin@gatheratscott.com

CHAR JAMES
Business Administrator
admin@gatheratscott.com

ROBBY ROCKEY
Communications Director
office@gatheratscott.com

ZACK WRIGHT
Custodian

**WE BELIEVE IN
INCARNATIONAL
MISSIONS - BRINGING CHRIST'S
LOVE TO BEAR ON A HURTING
WORLD WITH OUR HEARTS & HANDS.**