

# Kirk Happenings

**Week of November 28, 2021**

The Gayton Kirk PCUSA 11421 Gayton Rd Henrico VA 23238  
P.O. Box 29635, Henrico, VA 23242

Thank you Gayton Kirk and friends for making a place at the table!

## Henrico Thanksgiving Food Box Program

(Henrico Emergency Assistance to Reduce the Threat of Homelessness)

Each year HEARTH works with faith communities, civic organizations, and individuals to prepare food boxes for distribution to households receiving assistance from Henrico Department of Social Services. This program provides a Thanksgiving meal that many would not be able to have otherwise.

The Gayton Kirk has supported this project for many years. Marney is our point person on this project. This year we collected a record **29 BOXES!** Each box provides a meal for 6 people and includes a gift card for buying a turkey. By packing 29 boxes the Kirk has provided food on Thanksgiving for 29 X 6 people. (A math teacher desires that you do the math mentally - if you can't, ask Sally for the correct answer.)

Missions would like to thank Marney, all the people who packed a box, and also Neil, Patrick, and Linda and Walter for loading up the boxes from the nursery (some were rather heavy) into Linda and Walter's van for transport to the drop off location. As you can see from the picture they just fit!



**Check Out page 11 for important Advent information!**

## THE GAYTON KIRK WEEKLY CALENDAR WITH LINKS

### SUNDAY NOVEMBER 28

8:30 AM Celtic Worship Service **in-person** [ZOOM](#) hosted by Marilyn Johns

9:45 AM OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE **in-person**

11:00 AM Worship Service **in-person** [ZOOM](#) hosted by Marilyn Johns and [Live Streaming](#)

12:00 PM Pageant Rehearsal

5:00 PM Jazz Vespers **in-person** and [Live Streaming](#)

5:45 PM [ZOOM](#) Jazz Vespers hosted by Marilyn Johns.

### MONDAY NOVEMBER 29

10:00 AM [ZOOM](#) Wisdom Class hosted by Linda S.

11:00 AM [ZOOM](#) Coffee & Scripture

1:30 PM Creative Expressions **in-person** with Sandra O.

7 PM Art by Hand – **in-person**

### TUESDAY NOVEMBER 30

10:30 AM Chair Yoga- **in-person**

1 PM Bridge Group- **in-person** facilitated by Ellen Wealthy

### WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 1

10 AM Project Blanket Orientation – **in person**

11 AM Spirituality “To Dance with God”– **in-person** & [ZOOM](#) – hosted by Janet

1:30PM [ZOOM](#) Kaleidoscope Speaker “How to make a memory box” Cristy O’Keefe

7 PM Taize – **in-person**

### THURSDAY DECEMBER 2

10:00 AM Tai Chi- **in-person**

### SATURDAY DECEMBER 4

7 PM Cocoa & Caroling – **in person** outside at the fire pit

## WORSHIP SERVICES

Worship Services are hybrid (in-person, as well as, on zoom or Facebook streaming). In accordance with the most recent Dept. of Health and CDC recommendations, masks are required for everyone in large indoor meeting spaces.

### CELTIC WORSHIP SERVICE



**Sundays 8:30 AM**  
Music. Scripture. Discussion.  
Holy Communion.  
[zoom](#) and in-person

### OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE

with Holy Communion  
outdoor sanctuary

*weather permitting*

Sundays 9:45 AM



### 11AM WORSHIP SERVICE

special music. scripture. sermon.  
prayers.



Sundays in-person and  
[Facebook Live](#).

### JAZZ VESPERS

*at the Gayton Kirk*

Sundays 5 PM

featuring the Tommy Witten Trio

in-person & [Live Streaming](#)

### Taize Prayer Service

*sung prayer and candlelight*



Wednesdays in-person at 7 PM

## UPCOMING EVENTS: DECEMBER 2021

### Theology on Tap

Invigorating discussions about current topics!

#### Next Meeting December 8<sup>th</sup> at Glory Days

Theology on Tap meets the second Wednesday of each month at 6 PM. Look for a notice from either Kevin or Ray. Need more information? Email

[Kevin Riley](#)



Saturday, December 4

7pm

Join us at the firepit for a simple evening of singing and fellowship.  
*Optional: Bring a chair, a blanket, and your own mug.*

### TGK Book Group

#### NEXT READ:

DECEMBER 28 **The Dearly Beloved**  
by Cara Wall

*We discuss the books on the 4<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesdays each month 7PM - 8PM.*



Advent - Christmas Project

Blankets for Safe Harbor

[click for more details](#)

### Christmas Pageant Room for Christmas

an intergenerational event



Christmas Pageant: December 19 3PM



Great news!  
Marilyn's Christmas Cookies!

Need a nice gift for friends, family, and neighbors?  
Having a gathering this Christmas and  
need some yummy homemade cookies?

Marilyn Johns will provide cookies, delivered,  
for a donation to the Kirk of \$10 per dozen.  
A large cookie tray - 12 dozen cookies/bars - is \$120.

Please order at [marilynjohns2@gmail.com](mailto:marilynjohns2@gmail.com)  
NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 10  
For delivery during Christmas week.



**Don't Miss the RVA Farewell Performances !**



**NOT ALL  
GHOST  
STORIES  
ARE FOR  
HALLOWEEN**



## **A Christmas Carol**

*A Ghost Story For Christmas*

**Fri. Dec. 17 at 7 pm**

**Sat. Dec. 18 at 2 & 7 pm**

**The Gayton Kirk - 11421 Gayton Rd.**

More Info & Tickets @ [www.3pennyplays.org](http://www.3pennyplays.org)

OR call 804-741-5254



**Reminder:** Fabric and supplies are ready for making blankets to benefit Safe Harbor's work bringing recovery to victims of abuse.

*All we need now are volunteers.*

Remember the dates to sign on and receive your instructions and supplies: **Wednesday December 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 A.M.** and **Sunday December 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 A.M.** Meet with Barbi Davis in the library at the Kirk.

## **Advent begins November 28th**

You are invited to a *daily, congregational, spiritual practice of Prayer and Reflection*

**See Page 11**  
for directions as to how it works



*God speaks in the silence of the heart.  
Listening is the beginning of prayer.*  
- Mother Teresa

**Kirk Community Center Introduces**

## **Kaleidoscope: a zoom series**

**a variety of speakers and topics of interests**

**Wednesdays 1:30 - 3:00 pm**

**The Gayton Kirk    [gaytonkirk@gmail.com](mailto:gaytonkirk@gmail.com)    804-741-5254**

Dec. 1 - Cristy O'Keefe demonstrates "How to Make Memory Boxes" (using Christmas Boxes as examples)

Dec. 8- Mary Dessypris "The Byzantine Icon as a Window to Heaven"

Dec. 15- Doug McMinimy "Spiritual Art across Boundaries" paintings from the San Diego and other art museums

[CLICK HERE TO ZOOM](#)

This season, share the Advent journey and the blessings of Christmas. Invite a friend, neighbor, or colleague to the Kirk's Advent and Christmas programs and services.

THE GAYTON KIRK  
"The Inn: Housing the Holy"  
Advent and Christmas 2021



- November 28 First Sunday in Advent (all services)  
12pm Christmas Pageant Rehearsal with carols and lunch
- December 1 10am *Learn how to make blankets for Safe Harbor*  
1:30pm "How to Make Memory Boxes" KALEIDOSCOPE
- December 4 7pm Cocoa and Caroling around the Firepit
- December 5 Second Sunday in Advent (all services)  
10:15am *Learn how to make blankets for Safe Harbor*  
12pm Christmas Pageant rehearsal with carols and lunch
- December 8 1:30pm "The Byzantine Icon as a Window to Heaven" KALEIDOSCOPE
- December 9 7-9pm In Person Richmond Allied Voices Holiday Concert
- December 11 Third Sunday in Advent (all services)  
12pm Christmas Pageant Rehearsal with carols and lunch
- December 15 1:30pm "Spiritual Art across Boundaries" KALEIDOSCOPE
- December 17 7pm "A Christmas Carol"
- December 18 2pm and 7pm "A Christmas Carol"
- December 19 Fourth Sunday in Advent (all services)  
12pm Christmas Pageant DRESS Rehearsal and lunch  
3pm Christmas Pageant "Room for Christmas"
- December 24 7pm Family Friendly Christmas Eve Service  
11pm Christmas Eve Service with holy communion and candlelight
- December 26 First Sunday in Christmas (all services)

Help us get the word out;  
take a photo and share on your social media

## ABOUT OUR GROUPS AND CLASSES

### ~~SUN 4PM - 4:45PM~~ DRUMMING AT The Gayton Kirk **ON HOLD UNTIL Jan 2022**

A healthy way to connect with the heartbeat of the earth, the place of peace within, and an opportunity to make neighbors your friends. We meet inside when the weather is not conducive to drumming outside.



### MONDAYS 10AM - 11AM BIBLICAL WISDOM LITERATURE CLASS

[ZOOM](#) Hosted by Linda S. Using the Great Courses curriculum, we will examine Biblical Wisdom Literature and discuss our findings. Now studying the book of Job.



### MONDAYS 11AM - NOON

### SCRIPTURE AND COFFEE

[ZOOM](#) Hosted by Janet James. Join us on Zoom for a lively discussion of the Biblical passage for the upcoming sermon.



### MONDAYS 1:30PM - 3:00PM CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS

Teacher Sandra O'Neill. in-person. Our first project will be *Making Christmas Cards*. More info? [oneillstudio@comcast.net](mailto:oneillstudio@comcast.net)

MONDAYS 7PM - 8:30PM ART BY HAND Knitting and Handiwork Group in-person. The Blue Room. Hosted by Liz B. We invite all Knitters, crochet-ers, cross stitch-ers, needlepoint-ers, or hand quilters to join. If you want to learn, people are available to teach you.



### TUESDAYS 10:30 - 11:30AM CHAIR YOGA

Robin Ricketts, instructor. This *weekly* class enjoys the benefit of yoga's stretching and breathing exercises. Participants are urged to exercise within their comfort level. Persons of all ages and abilities are welcome. During this time, we ask that if you are out in public, please wear a mask! Be kind to others!



### TUESDAYS 1:00PM BEGINNING BRIDGE

Ellen Welthy and Tina Bechtle, facilitators. Individuals with some knowledge of bridge are welcome to come, play, and further their knowledge of the game on Tuesdays.



### WEDNESDAYS 10:00AM—11:00AM CREATIVE EXPRESSION -BEADING

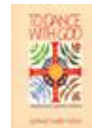
with Cathi Thornton. Here is another way to relax and be creative. Join us to make jewelry from beads and found items. There are plenty of supplies to share or you can bring your own beads and stringing cord. (in-person)



### WEDNESDAYS 11AM to 12PM SPIRITUALITY CLASS

in-person and [ZOOM](#). Hosted by Janet.

We are using Gertrud Mueller Nelson's book *"To Dance with God"* to explore community and family spirituality. What are rituals about? Why do we celebrate? How do we create meaningful moments?



### WEDNESDAYS 1:30PM-3PM December Kaleidoscope Speakers

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**Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>**, Doug McMinimy "Spiritual Art across Boundaries: a look at paintings from the San Diego and other art museums". [ZOOM](#) only Events! [For More Information](#)



### THURSDAYS 10AM-11AM

### TAI CHI FOR HEALTH

Steve Sawyer, Instructor. [Next class 12.2.2021 then not again until 2022](#)

Tai Chi is a graceful, gentle form of exercise that's now used for stress reduction and a variety of other health conditions. This class is for beginners. People can participate through sitting or standing. Everyone is welcome.



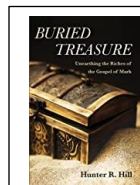
### THURSDAYS 1:30PM-3PM

### A Study of the Gospel of MARK

Hunter Hill, Instructor. **Begins Thursday, Jan. 6, 2022**

A focus on Mark's Biblical narrative of Jesus' life and interaction with His disciples. This will be an in-person event at The Gayton Kirk.

Please register as soon as possible to: [jjamesthegaytonkirk@gmail.com](mailto:jjamesthegaytonkirk@gmail.com)



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(More colors, styles, and items are available online.)



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An order for HUBS peanuts thru Bland Weaver.  
Email Bland Directly at [bweaver@iwpa.com](mailto:bweaver@iwpa.com)



## NOVEMBER

### Birthdays and Anniversaries

*If your name is not on the birthday or anniversary list,  
please contact the church office. 741-5254*

1<sup>st</sup> Lynn Izod(B); Troy & Kayla Barham(A)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Aurea Melendez(B)  
6<sup>th</sup> Connie Knisley(B)  
12<sup>th</sup> Kenny Terrell(B)  
14<sup>th</sup> Della Griffith(B)  
18<sup>th</sup> Ben Watkins(B)  
19<sup>th</sup> Sarah Anne Rogevich(B)  
21<sup>st</sup> Kedrick Haller(B)  
23<sup>rd</sup> Lyn Lunsford(B)  
24<sup>th</sup> Travis Hart(B); Zachary Hart(B)  
25<sup>th</sup> Julia Baldwin(B); Buck Wilson & Karen Rooney(A)  
27<sup>th</sup> Walter Kennedy(B); Marney Titmus(B)  
28<sup>th</sup> Rebecca Long(B)  
29<sup>th</sup> Suzanne Keefer(B)

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE

## PRAYER

Prayer requests will **remain on the list for two weeks only.**

(Please notify the church office if you wish to extend your request for two more weeks.)  
Due to the respect of privacy, we will no longer use last names except for death notices.

**For Continued Health Issues:** Kasci, Ria, Sally, Harriet, Charlie, Lorette, Peggy, JP, Ginny, Harriet, Charlie, Toni, Sharon, Douglas, Frances, Smitty, Douglas, Sandy, Cathleen, Tim, Gretchen, Sandra, Pat, Valerie, Sandra B, Rhonda, Beth, Barbara, Kay, Lois, Sharon, Dorothy, Linda C., John, John B., Ron V., Trish, Kasci, Sandra O., Meg, Suzanne.

Prayers for Norm's mother who has COVID

Prayer of thanksgiving for Eleanor's life and for her family and friends as they grieve

Prayers of THANKS for Laura's recovery from COVID-19

Prayers of thanksgiving for Bob's test results

Prayer of healing for Pam

Prayers of healing for Sangeeta who was just diagnosed with cancer

Prayers for Michele who is battling cancer

Prayers for Billy who is having heart complications and upcoming surgery

Healing from sepsis for Jeremy

Prayers of healing for Luther

Prayers and condolences to the Sawyer family on the sudden passing of Mark; brother of Steve Sawyer (Tai Chi facilitator).

From the Desk of Karen, Office Manager

just a few "housekeeping" notes...

**OFFICE HOURS Monday - Thursday 9AM - 4PM**  
804-741-5254, please leave a message if you get voicemail  
[gaytonkirk@gmail.com](mailto:gaytonkirk@gmail.com)

Dates of Deposits for November:

~~11.7.2021~~    ~~11.14.2021~~    ~~11.21.2021~~    11.28.2021

**OUR MAILING ADDRESS IS:**  
**PO BOX 29635**  
**HENRICO, VA 23242**

Please note: We have two bank accounts. Checks for pledges and general offering go into our general budget account. The designated account is for mission or money designated to a particular item. This means that if you are giving to something other than the general budget, for accounting purposes, we ask you to write separate checks.

Thank you! Karen

## Offering and Attendance Report

*We are now making deposits weekly.*

	NEEDED/ACTUAL
<b>AUG.</b>	\$21,514.92/ \$13,178.10
<b>SEPT.</b>	\$21,514.92/ \$15,790.44
<b>OCT.</b>	\$21,514.92/ \$16,571.59
<b>NOV.</b>	\$21,514.92/ \$14,592.40

[CLICK HERE TO MAKE AN OFFERING](#)

### Session

Janet James - Moderator  
Marilyn Johns - Clerk of Session  
Carol Woodcock - Treasurer  
Bland Weaver - Administration  
Sally Wambold - Building & Grounds  
Barbara Crump - Christian Education  
Susie Trulove - Christian Education  
Aimee Crady - Communications  
John Donelson - Communications  
Betty Meador - Community Outreach  
Linda Smiley - Community Outreach  
Mike Doll - Missions  
Norma Smith - Missions  
Betty Doll - Worship  
Rusty Deyerle - Worship

### Diaconate

Tina Bechtle - Moderator  
Lavinia Johnson  
Patti McCloskey  
Aurea Perez  
Marney Titmus  
Leah Viar  
Janice Baldwin  
Ellen Welthy

### Attendance week of 11/21/2021

Celtic Worship - 18  
Outside Worship - 8  
11 AM Worship - 44  
Jazz Vespers - 23

Facebook Jazz Vespers Views  
11/21 - 49  
11/14- 218

## Advent Begins November 28th



You are invited to  
*a daily, congregational, spiritual practice of*  
*Prayer and Reflection*

Here's how it works

1. Sometime this week individuals, families, prayer partners – all are invited to prepare a “Prayer Jar” (or Basket or Box) and place it in a prominent place in your home where you will see and engage with it daily.
2. Beginning on the 27th -28th of November and on each weekend during Advent, take 5 strips of paper and on each one write a focus you want to give to your prayer time in the week ahead. You may want to write these notes on Sundays following worship services where the Advent theme each week will be introduced. This week when we light the candle of hope you might want your prayer notes to lift up your hope for God's grace in relationships; for the ministries of the Kirk; for challenges facing our schools and community; for physical and spiritual health of the body.
3. Fold each paper and place it in the prayer container you've prepared.
4. Set aside a time each day for pause; draw one of the papers out of your container and allow that prayer focus to reside in your thoughts as you listen for God's words of hope, peace, joy, and love for that situation.
5. End your time of pause with gratitude, knowing that together we are all encouraged and strengthened in the communion of prayer.

*God speaks in the silence of the heart. Listening is the beginning of prayer.*

- Mother Teresa