

Kirk Happenings

April 5, 2020

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Thursday, April 2, 2020

Dear Kirk Family,

I had no idea when I was placed ashes on foreheads in February that we would be struggling through such a chaotic journey - we surely have entered the wilderness. At the Gayton Kirk we realize how important it is to stay connected.

PHONE TREE Ellen Hasty is working to organize a phone tree for our congregation. The deacons have been keeping in touch with a variety of folks, so when we get this together, we'll need everyone checking on others! An oldie but goodie ...

KIRK SERVICE EXCHANGE There are several of our folks for whom it is just too dangerous to ever think about getting out or who are involved in medical services and working overtime at area hospitals. We would like to offer them some support, things like meals, grocery delivery, lawn mowing, walking the pets... Our plan is for Amy Taylor to coordinate these ways of serving others. If you have a need that fits in one of these categories please contact Amy astaylor1999@gmail.com (no, Kevin Riley, you can't just call up and have Janice Baldwin make you one of her famous chocolate cakes because you were craving it!) If you would be willing to make a meal or deliver groceries or mow a lawn or walk a pet, please contact Amy. We will see how we can support each other in this way.

FINANCES The Session voted Monday, March 30, 2020, to continue to pay all our workers as long as we can. We have wonderful employees and during this stressful time we do not want to add yet another burden to their lives. We ask that you continue to give as you are able to the Kirk's budget.

FELLOWSHIP We are adding two new gatherings next week by zoom: Tuesday morning **Coffee Klatch 11AM-Noon**, and Thursday late afternoon **W(h)ine Time 4PM-6PM**. These gatherings are open to everyone and are a time to check-in and talk, see some faces and share our lives.

We are committed to keeping in touch with our congregation, friends, and neighbors and serving them as best we can.

Praying for all of you,
Janet

Answers to Some of Your Questions

Q. Why can't we just post a Zoom or YouTube link on our website or FaceBook page so everyone can know about our services?

A. To post a link creates an opportunity for our services and meetings to be hacked. Even to post our email addresses makes those emails easy targets for hackers having fun. Not fun for the email account holder.

Q. Why are we being so careful about gathering at the Kirk? Couldn't up to 10 people gather and stay far apart?

A. The fewer people who enter the building, the fewer chances of the virus lying in wait. Our staff does need to enter the building throughout the week for their work. We don't want to unnecessarily put one of them at risk.

Q. Since we aren't meeting at The Kirk, do I still need to make my offering?

A. We want to continue offering people opportunities to connect with God. Our staff, session, and deacons are working hard to get us back on track to provide a welcoming space for those seeking God.

You can mail your pledges and offerings to the Kirk; or you can arrange through your bank's Bill Pay to send your check to

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Q. What is the youth group up to?

A. In addition to completing their homework, they are having a **virtual game night** Thursday night (tonight) which Stuart has organized. They are remaining in touch and keeping up with each other.

Q. Do we have anything for our younger kids?

A. We have sent out a newsletter email with activities and links for them. If you know of someone who needs this newsletter please let Karen gaytonkirk@gmail.com know.

P.S. We are making a butterfly mosaic to be put up for Easter. There are 36 tiles (pieces of 8x11 papers) to color. We still have several left. Could you color one and mail it or send it to Janet? Please let her know jjamesthegaytonkirk@gmail.com

WEEKLY CALENDAR

If you would like to attend a service and are not yet on the Zoom mailing list please email zoom.gaytonkirk@gmail.com and ask to be included in the desired worship service, class, or gathering.

This Sunday, Palm Sunday, all of our services will stream through Zoom (you will be able to see the 11 AM Service on YouTube after the live service is taped- plan for 2PM). You can participate in the call by regular landline phone, cell phone, computer, or tablet.

SUNDAY, APR 5

8:30 AM **ZOOM** Celtic Worship Service

Zoom will be hosted by Jim Collins.

11:00 AM **ZOOM** Worship Service

Zoom will be hosted by Marilyn Johns and Janet James will put the recorded service on YouTube.

5:00 PM **ZOOM** Jazz Vespers

Zoom will be hosted by Marilyn Johns.

MONDAY, APR 6

11:00 AM **ZOOM** Coffee & Scripture

Zoom will be hosted by Janet James.

TUESDAY, APR 7

11-12 AM **ZOOM** Coffee Klatch for everyone

Zoom will be hosted by Janet James.

WEDNESDAY, APR 8

11:30 AM **ZOOM** Spirituality Connections

Zoom will be hosted by Janet James.

7:45 PM **ZOOM** Spirituality Connections

Zoom will be hosted by Janet James.

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

4 -6 PM **ZOOM** W(h)ine Time

Zoom will be hosted by Janet James.

IMPORTANT NOTES

If you attend any of the services on Sunday, we are having holy communion. Please set apart a piece of bread and a small amount of wine or grape juice or water before the service starts so you don't have to jump up and get it mid-service.

Adults, Youth, and Children: please bring in some green leafy stems (palm frond facsimile) to wave during the Children's Time

Some of you may also want to light a candle at the beginning and extinguish it at the end of the service.

Finally, some folks are putting greenery on their front doors in a 'palm-like fashion' to celebrate Palm Sunday at home.

Offering and Attendance Report Mar.

Offering to Date \$ 15,398.17

Amount Needed Monthly \$21,514.92

Attendance week of 3/29/2020

8:30 AM Celtic Worship – 24

11AM Worship – 56

5 PM Jazz Vespers – 12

1 PM Taize-n/a 7 PM Taizé—n/a

Birthdays and Anniversaries

If your name is not on the birthday or anniversary list, please contact the church office. 804-741-5254

4/05 – Richard Baldwin(b)

4/06 – Brenna Riddell(b)

4/07 – Maddie Simmons(b)

4/08 – Urte-Ann Pienaar(b)

4/11 – Molly Riley(b)

4/14 – Patrick & Aimee Crady(a)

4/15 – Rita & Jeff Boyea(a)

4/19 – Buck Wilson(b);

Alan & Stacie Fisher(a);

Bill Cooper & Kember Forcke(a)

4/21 – Suzanne Mueller(b)

4/22 – Gena H. Willis(b)

4/24 -- Karen Jimerson(b)

PRAYERS

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 peace, for those in military service, and their families:

Mike & Megan Dumas, Rob Blackwell
Ryan Stephenson, Aaron Gervolino, Travis Queen,
Robbie Johnston, Taylor Wilson - Son of Susan Bell,
Katie Queen, Kevin Lyons (in Afghanistan),
Quinton Robertson, Josh Welborn (in Germany),
Ben Walsh, Sabrina F.B. Dias (Iraq)

For Continued Health Issues: Kasci, Ria, BJ, Sally, Harriet, Charlie, Lorette, Peggy, JP, Ginny, Harriet, Charlie, Toni, Sharon, Douglas, Frances, Smitty, Douglas, Sandy, Cathleen, Tim, Gretchen, Sandra, Susan, Pat, Valerie, Sandra B, Rhonda, Beth, Barbara, Kay, Lois, Sharon, Dorothy, Linda C.

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

MARCH 22, 2020

For Lyn's mother who resides at Westminster Canterbury
Prayers for Hunter's brother, Morton, who is having surgery 3/24 and for his family
Michael; prayers for pain relief and healing
Eileen; prayers for her and her family in the passing of her mom
Karen W.; prayers that she will have relief from pain soon
Pam, recovery from surgery and ability to withstand chemo
Prayers for the world to be rid of this illness; for everyone to remove fear with FAITH

MARCH 29, 2020

For John, Sandra's husband, who has pneumonia
For Patti's mother, Pen, who has the COVID virus
For Billy who is recovering from the COVID19 virus
For Tim and Kori
For Kori's mother recovering from surgery