

Kirk Happenings

June 7, 2020

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Dear Gayton Kirk,

This is an excerpt from my sermon on Sunday. And these are the words I have to offer today:

We all belong to the kingdom of God and in the meantime, we are living within this kingdom called the United States of America which we are love and want to help be its best.

This beloved country is sick, and it needs our healing efforts and God's commanding Spirit.

Racism is against God's creation.

Greed defies God's generosity.

Power that perpetuates inequality is a sin.

Violence is a sickness.

Jesus followers are the healers in our world.

Our brother George died, he was arrested and ruach was cut off.

And it was our brother, Derek Chauvin, who cut off his breath - his spirit, his ruach.

And three other of our brothers allowed it to happen.

We cannot cut off someone's ruach. That is only God's option.

Now, we have three questions to deal with as we open ourselves to the power of the Holy Spirit:

- 1) How will we as the Gayton Kirk honor the death and resurrection of our brother George in our commitment to put our money where our mouth is and our focus on God's premise that **all people** are equal?
- 2) How we will help our brother Derek, his colleagues, and all those who promise to protect the rights of all people to connect with God's spirit, to learn and know and respect the power of ruach in every person - every person? How are we going to do that?
That is what the Spirit is commanding us to do.
- 3) How are you and I going to give over our pettiness and deathly ways so that God's spirit can fill us and move us and enable us to be God's presence wherever we may go?

I am not saying platitudes here.

I am not being liberal or progressive or conservative or libertarian -

I am being a follower of Jesus the Christ our Lord.

I am not acting church lady nice.

I am not being sweet or political or saying platitudes that come before a meal of fried chicken and mashed potatoes so that we can talk about how the preacher did today.

I am dead serious.

I invite - I implore - the ruach, the holy spirit, the unrestricted presence of God to wake us up to life, so that the energies of life command us to become wholly and entirely living beings.

I implore God's Spirit to support us as we live out the love that God has put in our hearts and the authority given to us to resist the powers of death.

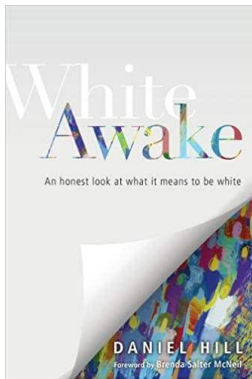
Gayton Kirk, let us open ourselves to the Spirit's influence and clear away the hindrances that stand in the way. Let us be the healing presence of the Holy Spirit in the world.

Let us love one another, Janet James, pastor

SUNDAY AFTERNOON ADULT LEARNING OPPORTUNITY

2 PM PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIANITY Sunday School Class

contact Bob Chesnut chesnutra@gmail.com .



Discussing Chapter 5 on June 7 at 2PM

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT LEARNING OPPORTUNITY

10 AM MATERIALITY AS RESISTANCE Sunday School Class

Contact Jim Collins



What is materiality?

**Zoom Sunday School class for adults
Begins Sunday, June 14 10AM -11AM**

Jesus practiced materiality when he healed the bodies of the sick, proclaimed Jubilee to the poor, and fed the five thousand. He practiced materiality over materialism. In *Materiality as Resistance*, Walter Brueggemann defines *materiality* as the *use* of the material aspects of the Christian faith, as opposed to *materialism*, which places possessions and physical comfort *over* spiritual values. In this concise volume, Brueggemann lays out how we as Christians may reengage our materiality for the common good. How does materiality inform our faith when it comes to food, money, the body, time, and place? How does it force us to act? Likewise, how is the church obligated to use its time, money, abundance of food, the care and use of our bodies, observance of Sabbath, and stewardship of our world and those with whom we share it. The class uses videos and book.

Contact Jim Collins singlemalt23059@gmail.com for more information.



THEOLOGY ON TAP

Wednesday
June 10 @
6:30 PM

ZOOM
MEETING

PLEASE READ
THE ARTICLE
by going to
the link

“God in the Pandemic” by Marc Boswell

<https://progressivesoutherntheologians.com/news/2020/4/10/god-in-the-pandemic>

WEEKLY CALENDAR

If you would like to attend a service please email zoom.gaytonkirk@gmail.com and ask to be included in the desired worship service, class, or gathering.

SUNDAY, June 7

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.

1:00 PM YouTube Service posted

2:00 PM ZOOM Discussion of book, WHITE AWAKE

Progressive Christianity Class

Zoom will be hosted by Marilyn Johns.

5:00 PM ZOOM Jazz Vespers

Zoom will be hosted by Marilyn Johns.

MONDAY, JUNE 8

11:00 AM Coffee & Scripture this week

6:30 PM Group to hear report from Zack Guida, RTW Media

TUESDAY, JUNE 9 Coffee Klatch this week

11-12 AM for everyone

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

10:00 AM KERYGMA – Overview of the New Testament

Zoom will be hosted by Bland Weaver.

11:30 AM Spirituality Connections

Zoom will be hosted by Janet James

7:45 PM Spirituality Connections this week

THURSDAY, JUNE 11 ZOOM FELLOWSHIP this week

4 -6 PM W(h)ine Time this week

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.

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

Offering and Attendance Report June

We are now making deposits bi-weekly.

June Offering to Date \$ **0.00**

Amount Needed Monthly \$21,514.92

Attendance week of 5/31/2020

8:30 AM Celtic Worship – 20

11 AM Worship – 28

5 PM Jazz Vespers – 14

YouTube Views –

June

Birthdays and Anniversaries

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

2nd Sandra O'Neill(B)
5th Zamaita Melendez(B)
6th Paul and Janet Hayden(A);
Cayce Craddock(B)
7th Ellen Hasty(B); Hunter and Lyn Hill(A)
9th Bev Baird(B)
10th Bill Cooper(B); James Young(b)
11th Emily Keefer(b)
13th John Barnett(B); Carlos Lara(B);
Bob and Jan Chesnut(A)
14th Gary Collier(B)
16th Aimee Crady(B)
17th Debbie Mueller(B)
18th John and Marie Barnett(B);
Richard Fay(B)
19th Dan Sarate(B); Jon and Lyn
Lunsford(A)
20th Susan Trulove(B); Burr Workman(B);
Ron and Bev Inlow(A)
21st Rita Boyea(B); Stacy Deyerle(B);
Jessica Gray(B);
John and Christy Carroll(A)
23rd Mark and Liz Barham(A);
Gary Collier and Janet James(A)
24th Bill Carmines(B)
25th Marilyn Johns(B); Jim Richardson(B)
26th Lyn Hill(B)
28th Ray Carver(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.

Prayers of 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

For Lyn's mother who resides at Westminster Canterbury
Hunter's brother, Morton, needs additional treatment
Michael; prayers for pain relief and healing
Karen W.; prayers for successful healing
Pam, continued healing
Prayers for the world to be rid of this illness; for everyone to
replace fear with FAITH
Joe recovering from hip surgery
Rebecca during the furlough
John and Sandra as John is home from the hospital
Sharon's mother for peace
Terri recovering from surgery
Mary, recovery from a stroke on Tuesday night.
David, Beth's husband, recovery from open heart surgery
Mark for feeling God's love and presence while in Hospice; Liz
for peace
Janet, Gary, and Butch's family
Bland Weaver- his brother in law passed away; pray for family
Karin, healing from knee surgery
Jen-prayers for emotional healing
Josh-prayers for God's protection over his marriage

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APPOINTMENTS and CALLS

Dear Friends,

I realize that since I am not physically at The Kirk it has changed our way of communicating. We used to be able to talk over things in my study with just a half hour drop in and chat. I do want to be available for conversations, so, now what?

Let's try this (and if it doesn't work, we can change our plan): If you have a pastoral emergency, call me at 804-358-6911. For those non-emergency important conversations, what if I set aside time on Wednesday afternoons for phone calls? During the week you could send me a text or an email letting me know you want to talk, and I'll make sure we have time set aside to do so.

Thank you for helping me learn how to stay in touch while we are physically away from each other.

PLEDGES AND OFFERING

THANK YOU. Thank you so much for continuing to keep your offerings current. We continue to stay within budget with income and expenditures. Your support of The Kirk is truly awesome!

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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Offerings can also be made through the PayPal account on our website
www.thegaytonkirk.org

Blessings on everyone,
Janet

FROM THE DESK OF KAREN, OFFICE MANAGER FOR THE KIRK

PLEASE NOTE. When you mail in your offerings, they may not be deposited that same week. The session had agreed to do deposits twice a month instead of weekly to cut down on traffic coming and going of the building. If you are concerned that your check has not arrived, please email me at gaytonkirk@gmail.com or call me between the hours of 9am to 4pm Monday - Thursday. If I do not answer, please leave a message.

