

Kirk Happenings

Week of October 1, 2023

The Gayton Kirk PCUSA

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Yeah! Goal accomplished!

Thank you to Connie Knisley and Ross Riddell for leading us **in this year's Rise Against Hunger**.

Thank you to Lyn Hill for handling registration!

Thank you to all the folks who made financial donations for the meals!

Thank you to the Jazz Vespers Trio for a night of inspiring music!

Thank you to all those 100 plus people who came out and worked hard for two hours or more to pack 20,000 meals.



What Great Team Work!!!

THIS IS WHAT IT FELT LIKE

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Ross and Connie

Rise
AGAINST HUNGER

CELEBRATING
25
Years
1998-2023

THE GAYTON KIRK WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

- 8:30 AM - Celtic Worship Service **in-person** and [ZOOM](#) (host, Marilyn J.)
- 9:45 AM - Outside Worship Service - **in-person**
- 9:45 AM - Church School for KIDZ -**in-person**
- 10:30 AM - Choral Music - all ages **in-person**
- 11:00 AM - Worship Service **in-person**, [live streaming](#), and on [ZOOM](#) (host, Marilyn J.)
- 5:00 PM - Jazz Vespers **in-person**, [live streaming](#), and on [ZOOM](#) (host, Marilyn J.)
- 5:45 PM - Jazz Vespers discussion - **in person** and [ZOOM](#) (host, Marilyn J.)
- 6:00 PM - Jazz Vespers Fellowship - **in-person**

MONDAY OCTOBER 2

- 11:00 AM - Coffee & Scripture - [ZOOM](#) (Janet James)
- 1:30 PM - Creative Expressions - **in-person** (Sandra O'Neill)
- 3:00 PM - **Sacred Encounters Women's Bible Study** by Olive Mahabir - **in-person** (Janet James)
- 7:00 PM - Art by Hand - **in-person** (Liz Barham)

TUESDAY OCTOBER 3

- 1:00 PM - Bridge and Learn to Play Bridge- **in-person** (Ellen Welthy and Tina Bechtle)

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 4

- 9:45 AM - *The Language of God* by Francis Collins - **in-person** (Bland Weaver)
- 11:00 AM - Spirituality Class: *Faith after Doubt* by Brian McLaren - **in-person** (Lavinia Johnson)
- 12:00 PM - Tuckahoe Kiwanis Club Meeting - **in-person** (Bland Weaver)
- 1:00 PM - Creative Fellowship Art Class - **in-person** (Robin Ricketts & Jan Schreiber)
- 3:00 PM - Staff/Committee Heading Meeting- **Hybrid** (Janet James)
- 7:00 PM - Taizé- **in-person**

THURSDAY OCTOBER 5

- 9:30 AM - Tai Chi - **in-person** (Steve Sawyer)
- 10:00 AM - Pastors Gathering (in Art Room) Janet James
- 10:30 AM - Chair Yoga - **in-person** (Robin Ricketts)
- 7:00 PM - Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water & Loving the Bible Again - **ZOOM**
[Contact Barbara](#) for information and link (Barbara Crump)

SUNDAY OCTOBER 8

- 8:30 AM - Celtic Worship Service **in-person** and [ZOOM](#) (host, Marilyn J.)
- 9:45 AM - Outside Worship Service - **in-person**
- 9:45 AM - Church School for KIDZ -**in-person**
- 10:30 AM - Choral Music - all ages **in-person**
- 11:00 AM - Worship Service **in-person**, [live streaming](#), and on [ZOOM](#) (host, Marilyn J.)
- 3:00 AM - Vance Cox Art Reception -**in-person**
- 5:00 PM - Jazz Vespers **in-person**, [live streaming](#), and on [ZOOM](#) (host, Marilyn J.)
- 5:45 PM - Jazz Vespers discussion - **in person** and [ZOOM](#) (host, Marilyn J.)
- 6:00 PM - Jazz Vespers Fellowship - **in-person**

New ZOOM Class

Begins October 5

Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again by

Rachel Held Evans



Thursdays at 7pm on Zoom

Contact [Barbara Crump](#) for more info about the class.

Sundays 9:45am - Children, Youth, & Intergenerational Opportunities

Children & Youth
Sunday School

Books of the Bible



All elementary & middle school
students are welcome!

Sunday Mornings, 9:45 - 10:45AM

Questions? please email:

Russell.kerr.3@live.com

Resumes in October

Sunday Mornings
September 10, 17, 24
9:45-10:30
ORFF AND MUSIC FOR ALL AGES

led by Maya Collins, music intern



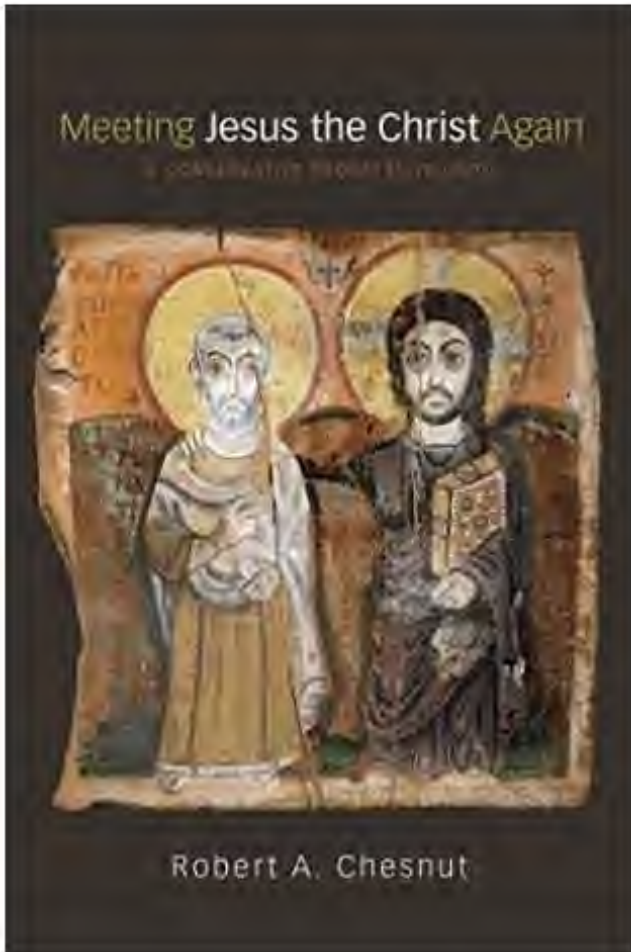
This is our September Sunday Morning
Children, Youth, and Adult group

Join us for musical learning experiences!

Adult Learning Opportunities

LET'S DO SOME FRESH THINKING ABOUT OLD DOCTRINES AND DIVIDES.

Join us for a class led by the Rev. Dr. Bob Chesnut as we explore his book, *Meeting Jesus the Christ Again: A Conservative Progressive Faith*.



Christians have long been divided, but especially these days, over questions such as:

Is Christianity basically about following Jesus or believing in his divinity and atoning death?

Are we humans fundamentally creatures of original sin or original blessing?

Is Jesus basically our teacher and guide or our Lord and Savior?

Do only Christians get to heaven?

Are Christians called only to individual morality or also to social justice?

Bob's book helps us get to both/and rather than either/of thinking about these and other faith issues. As Dale C. Allison, Professor of N.T. at Princeton Theological Seminary, has put it: "These pages offer the perfect antidote to a host of false antitheses that haunt the contemporary landscape."

We'll meet at the Kirk on Sundays at 9:45 to 10:45 from Oct. 15 to Nov. 18 and also on Zoom, covering material through Chapter 3 at the first meeting.

[Click here to sign up for the class.](#) You will receive the ZOOM LINK by email.

[Click here to read what the Presbyterian Outlook has to say about the book.](#)

Adult Learning Opportunities

Began September 13, 2023

The Language of God

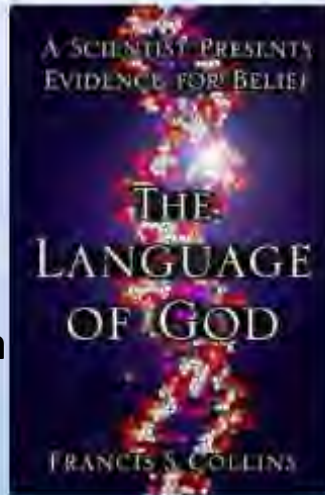
by Francis Collins
Facilitated by
Bland Weaver.

Wednesdays

9:45 am - 11:00 am

Planning to attend?
Questions?

email [Bland](#)



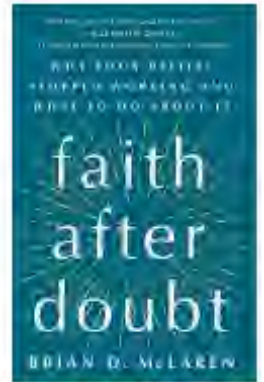
Began Sept. 13, 2023

Faith After Doubt

by Brian McLaren
a spirituality class
Wednesdays

11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Planning to attend class? Questions?
email [Lavinia](#), facilitator



Begins October 2, 2023

Sacred Encounters *Women's Bible Study*

by Olive Mahabir
Info? Janet James



First Monday of each month
3:00 pm- In person at the Kirk
Study books are \$10.

Please see Karen in the Kirk office to
obtain a book.

Serving Together

Save the Date

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2023

9AM TO 1PM

FALL WORK DAY AT THE KIRK



CONTACT [MARION BROWN](#) FOR MORE
INFORMATION

The Food Pantry we support needs food.
We are helping to keep
Wellborne UMC's Food Pantry stocked.
They have an urgent need for these items:



- ***Adult cereals like raisin bran, cornflakes, Cheerios, Oatmeal (packets only)**
- ***Snacks (granola bars, Lance type crackers, fruit snacks)**
- ***Applesauce cups**
- ***Canned pasta**
- ***Mac & Cheese**
- ***Spaghetti or other boxed pasta**
- ***Spaghetti Sauce (only in cans or plastic bottles)**
- Diapers: sizes 2 & 3**

Take groceries directly to **Welborne UMC (920 Maybeury Drive, Richmond, VA 23229)** 2nd parking lot entrance, near preschool.

Place items in box on the right side of the covered breezeway. Thank You!!!

Community & Fellowship

Tai Chi at The Kirk

Thursdays

9:30AM— 10:15AM

This is a new start time.



The Gayton Kirk Book Club Fourth Tuesdays at 7pm

By [ZOOM](#)

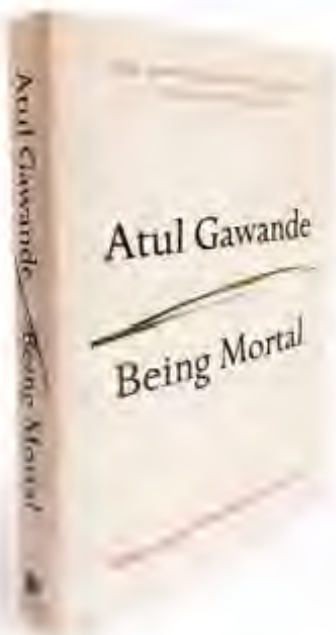
Sept. 2023 Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Graves

Oct. 2023 Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End by Atul Gawande

Nov. 2023 The Day the World Came to Town: 9/11 in Gander, Newfoundland by Jim DeFede

Dec 2023 Jabbok by Lee Sloan

Jan. 2024 The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo by Taylor Jenkins Reid



Coming To The Gayton Kirk In October!



Oct. 20 @ 7pm - Oct. 21 @ 2 & 7pm
More Info & Tickets @ 3pennyplays.org
or call 741-5254



NOW IS THE TIME to get your auction items to Connie Knisley (email Connie at knisleyconnie@gmail.com to set up a time you can deliver them to her)! The Kirk Auction – Friday Night Fever – is just around the corner! Please put November 10 on your calendar for a fun night out that celebrates the Kirk and helps our budget and our neighbors.

Silent auction items are new or very gently used items, gift cards and certificates, services you might offer, services from our community businesses, tickets to sporting or theatre events, artwork, etc. Some people put together baskets, such as a baby shower basket, a movie basket, a bath and beauty basket – your imagination is the only limitation!

Live auction items are higher-value items, and include things like vacation home for a week, tickets to a national sporting event, dinners you cook and serve for a group, and packages like theatre tickets and dinner. These will be auctioned by our favorite emcee, Bland Weaver.

Contact Marilyn (marilynjohns2@gmail.com) to have a donation letter sent by email, which shows a merchant or restaurant that it is a legitimate non-profit donation, for which they can get a tax deduction.

Thank you for your support of this important and FUN event!

The Gayton Kirk Auction

Date: Friday, November 10

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: The Place, 4036-C Cox Rd., Glen Allen

For tickets or questions, contact Marilyn Johns (marilynjohns2@gmail.com)

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.) Out of respect for privacy, we do not use last names except for death notices.

For Continued Health Issues: Kasci, Sally, Harriet, Charlie, Lorette, Peggy, JP, Ginny, Douglas, Frances, Sandy, Cathleen, Tim, Gretchen, Sandra, Pat, Valerie, Sandra B, Rhonda, Beth, Barbara, Kay, Lois, Sharon, Dorothy, Linda C., John O., John B., Ron V., Trish, Sandra O., Meg, Suzanne, Lorrie, Annie, Sean, Mary, Bob C, Chloe, Alma, Anne, Sherry, Barry, Nick

We are praying for:

- All the families who have lost loved ones and for those who have lost their homes.
- Christine's healing.
- Barbi as she addresses continued health issues Sara and Michael.
- Renee, Jenny and Greg.
- Those who wish to be neat and organized.
- God to help those who have trouble with time and timing.
- Brian and Sandra as they grieve and travel to Wisconsin for Brian's father's funeral.
- Debbie M. for health issues.
- Phylis and Jim as Jim begins chemotherapy. Also, prayers for their family and friends who love and support them.
- Ronda as she battles cancer.
- Beth who will have intensive chemotherapy in Atlanta.
- Kenny as he is monitored for health issues
- Ria in hospital with UTI
- Nancy L. in rehab
- Norma's breathing as she awaits tests results
- Maya, grieving her grandfather's death
- John B. as he continues to address health issues.
- For God to be our vision and to help us see the way to peace.
- Safe travels for Christine and Steve.
- Prayers for Bobby for ongoing medical concerns.
- Prayers for all animals without homes.
- Prayers for Joan for healing of recent shoulder replacement surgery

2023 Kirk Officers

Session

Janet James - Moderator
Marilyn Johns - Clerk of Session
Carol Woodcock - Treasurer
Marney Titmus - Administration
Janice Baldwin - Administration
Sally Wambold - Personnel
Marion Brown - Building & Grounds
Jim Collins - Building & Grounds

Susie Trulove - Christian Ed
Cathi Thornton - Christian Ed
Rusty Deyerle - Communications
John Barnett - Communications
Linda Smiley - Missions
Betty Doll - Worship
Betty Meador - Worship

Diaconate

Lavinia Johnson - Moderator
Tina Bechtle
Mary Horsley
Aurea Melendez
Aurea Perez
Leah Viar
Beverly Evans
Deb Kuhn

Worship Services



CELTIC WORSHIP

Sundays 8:30 AM [Zoom](#) and [In-Person](#)
Music. Scripture. Discussion. Holy Communion.



OUTDOOR WORSHIP

Sundays 9:45 AM
Music. Scripture. Reflection. Holy Communion.
[In-Person](#) in outdoor sanctuary *weather permitting*



TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Sundays 11:00 AM
Music. Scripture. Sermon. Holy Communion.
[In-Person](#), [Zoom](#), and [Facebook Live](#).



JAZZ VESPERS

with the Gayton Kirk Jazz Trio
Sundays 5:00 PM
Poetry. Art. Scripture. Holy Communion.
Discussion. Soup.
[In-Person](#), [Zoom](#), and [Facebook Live](#).



Taizé Prayer Service

Wednesdays 7 PM
Sung prayer, piano & flute, candlelight.
[In-Person](#)

GROUPS AND CLASSES

MONDAYS 11 AM – 12 PM - SCRIPTURE AND COFFEE

[ZOOM](#) - Hosted by Marilyn Johns. Join us for a lively discussion of the Biblical passage for the upcoming sermon.

MONDAYS 1:30 – 3:00PM - CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS **In person** - **Teacher Sandra O'Neill**. Our current projects include Autumn, Halloween, and Thanksgiving themed paintings. We will begin exploring pencil art work. Drop in when you can. For beginners as well as for learning a new medium. Have an idea? Come and share!

For more info: oneillstudio@comcast.net

MONDAYS 7 -8:30PM - ART BY HAND: Knitting & Handiwork

In person in the Blue Room - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month. Hosted by Liz Barham. We invite all knitters, crocheters, cross stitchers, needlepointers, or hand quilters to join. If you want to learn, people are available to teach you.

TUESDAYS 1:00PM - BEGINNING BRIDGE

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

TUESDAYS 1:00PM - LEARN HOW TO PLAY BRIDGE

In person - Tina Bechtle, facilitator. Individuals who want to learn how to play bridge are welcome. No previous knowledge required. Bring a Friend! Join the fun for free.

WEDNESDAYS 1—3:00PM - CREATIVE FELLOWSHIP: ART CLASS

In person - Robin Ricketts & Jan Schreiber, facilitators. Meets the 1st Wednesday of each month. Come join this open studio time to explore your artistic expression and share your ideas. Bring your current painting or drawing project and find inspiration in fellowship with other artists. Some supplies are available but we encourage you to bring your own.

THURSDAYS **9:30AM-10:15AM** - **TAI CHI FOR HEALTH**

In person - Steve Sawyer, instructor. 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.

We encourage new folks who are interested to come and either try Tai Chi or just observe!

THURSDAYS 10:30 – 11:30AM - CHAIR YOGA

In person - 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.

Masks are optional.

Photography notice: *Please be aware that photographs are taken at things happening around the Kirk. These are used in various ways, including social media and print publications. If you are uncomfortable having your photo taken or shared, please let us know, either by notifying anyone you see taking a photograph or a church leader on site, or by emailing gaytonkirk.intern@gmail.com.*

From the desk of Karen, Office Manager

just a few "housekeeping" notes...

OFFICE HOURS: Monday – Thursday 9AM – 4PM

CONTACT: 804-741-5254 Please leave a message
if you get voicemail.

gaytonkirk@gmail.com

MAILING ADDRESS:

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 Reports

We make deposits weekly.

NEEDED/ACTUAL

JUNE \$21,723.29/
\$12,328.89

JULY \$21,723.29/
\$21,418.71

AUG. \$21,723.29/
\$15,084.69

SEPT. \$21,723.29/
\$26,770.07

[CLICK HERE TO MAKE AN OFFERING](#)

SUNDAY Attendance numbers
not available for week of Sept
10 at this time

Celtic Worship – 17

Outside Worship – n/a

11 AM Worship – 38

Jazz Vespers – n/a (RAH)

Taizé –

Facebook streaming views as
of Thursday (*Includes views of
any length.*)

11 AM Worship –

Jazz Vespers –

OCTOBER Birthdays and Anniversaries

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

1st Juan Rivera (B)

4th Kayla Barham (B)

6th Pat Dole (B); Bob Tully (B) ; Karen Welthy (B)

10th Lisa Tully (B)

12th Karlynnne Rogevich(B); Rob Baldwin(B); Ian Baldwin(B)

15th Norma Smith (B); Aidan Kennedy (B)

17th Kenny and Michelle Terrell (A)

18th Ellen Welthy (B); Vince & Elizabeth Mancano (A)

20th Isabel LaFrance-Melendez (b)

22nd Frank and Frost Telegadas (A)

24th David and Nancy Owens (A)

25th Marcia Hickey (B)

27th Tina Bechtle (B); David and Karen Jimerson (A)

28th Liz Barham (B)

31st David Houle and Angela Houle (A)