

The Gayton Kirk

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October 29, 2019

Dear Kirk Friends,

Voices are singing.
Handbells are ringing.
Feet are dancing.
Minds are thinking.
Hearts are opening.
Hands are giving.
Spirits are lifting.
Love is showing.
We are growing.
People are worshipping God.



God has blessed us. From the natural, wooded setting of our place to the delight of friendships young and old, we enjoy a holy space of God's creation. Our desire is to continue to honor God and provide for worship, education, and mission at The Gayton Kirk.

It will take the effort and commitment of everyone – from the babes to the grandparents – for us to continue to offer to our community what God has given us. Our holy conversations, the nurture of young minds and hearts, the laughter that is good for our souls, and the hard work that provides for those in need requires investment. Not just commitment, but investment.

We are asking everyone who participates in the work and worship of The Gayton Kirk to increase your financial giving to God's work here. Our financial needs increase every year and we are up against a difficult situation. We need to consider the possibility of making changes with our staff, missions, and programs in order to operate in the black. It is time to decide what is really important. How are we to continue to care for others, attend the wellbeing of our community, nurture the Spirit in our own lives, and make a place for everyone?

Please consider increasing your pledge this year. Our life together depends on it.

Janet James

Marilyn Johns

The Gayton Kirk Narrative Financial Situation

2019 Actual Budget Costs

Staff \$212,000.00

Facility \$35,000.00

Programs \$7,000.00

2019 Total Budget **\$254,000.00**

2019 Pledges: \$207,444.00

2018 Auction* income 19,334.91

Total anticipated income **\$226,778.91**

Difference in pledges plus auction and costs: (\$27,221.09)

*The Auction is quite expensive in terms of the time our volunteers put into planning, gathering items to sell, organizing, baking, etc.". After some calculation, it appears the 2018 Auction estimate of volunteer time is 284 hours. The equivalent of an ***individual working 7 (40-hour) weeks.***

Our desire is to move to a self-sustaining annual operating budget and use our 284 hours to volunteer in mission. Can you help us to make this move? One way we can achieve this goal is for you to increase your pledge by \$1.50 a day – that's the cost of a cup of coffee or a soft drink at a fast food restaurant. A small sacrifice on everyone's part will help us to meet our expenses and have more left over to support those in our community and the world who need our support.

2018 Pledges Per MONTH:

Amount number of pledges

0-\$50 5

\$51-\$100 11

\$101-\$200 18

\$201-\$300 6

\$301-\$400 9

\$401-\$500 6

\$500+ 7

**The Gayton Kirk Presbyterian Church (USA)
2020 Pledge Information**



Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Financial Pledge for 2020 Operating Budget: \$ _____ per week/month/year
(Our goal is \$280,000.00)

In addition, I will pledge to add \$1.50 per day to my pledge. This amounts to an additional \$10.50 per week, \$45 per month, or \$540 per year.

Additional pledge: \$ _____

Total Financial Pledge to 2020 Operating Budget: \$ _____

Financial Pledge for 2020 Missions Budget: \$ _____ per week/month/year
(Our goal is \$12,000.00)

Financial Pledge for 2020 Building Enhancements: \$ _____ per week/month/year

Other Designated Financial Giving: _____
Please specify amount and designation

Each Kirk member is encouraged to participate weekly in worship, to be involved in a Christian education opportunity at The Kirk, and to be involved in at least one mission activity.

_____ I commit to attending **Worship** whenever possible.

_____ I commit to participating in one **Christian Education** or small group program.

_____ I commit to participating in at least one **Mission** in a hands-on way (see Mission Brochure for more information).

_____ I would like to contribute in additional ways. Please contact me to discuss more opportunities to become involved in the Gayton Kirk.

_____ I commit to being a part of this worshipping community, offering my time, my prayer, my talents and my finances to the best of my ability.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Thank you very much for submitting your pledge form on or before November 10, 2019. Please drop your form in the offering plate, mail it to: The Gayton Kirk, PO Box 29635, Henrico, VA 23242, ATTN: Marilyn Johns, or drop it in Marilyn Johns' mail slot in the church office. All financial information will be kept confidential.