



kirk happenings

Embracing the example of Jesus, our welcome knows no boundaries, and is extended to ALL people. You are welcome here.

December 1, 2019

SAVE THE DATES

Dec. 1 (Sun) Advent 1

11am Worship Communion
3pm Art Show Reception
6:30 PM Kirk Under the Stars

Dec. 6 (Fri)

7PM A Christmas Carol

Dec. 7 (Sat)

7PM A Christmas Carol

Dec. 9 (Mon)

6:30PM Session Mtg.

Dec. 11 (Wed)

8PM Christmas Jazz Concert

Dec. 13 (Fri)

6-9PM Parents' Night Out

Dec. 14 (Sat)

2-4PM Family Christmas Party

Dec. 15 (Sun)

11AM Christmas Cantata

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2019 ADVENT SEASON theme

LET HEAVEN AND NATURE SING
celebrating 300 years of
"Joy to the World."

"Joy to the World, the Lord is come."
- Isaac Watts

"Make a joyful noise to the Beloved all the earth; break forth into grateful song and sing praises! Yes, sing songs of praise extolling Love's way; lift up your hearts with gratitude and joy!" - Psalm 98
(translation, Nan C. Merrill)

"As we discover more joy, we can face suffering in a way that ennobles rather than embitters. We have hardship without becoming hard. We have heartbreak without being broken." - Desmond Tutu

"Joy to the World," a beloved Christmas classic, turns 300 this year. Hymn poet Isaac Watt's interpretation of Psalm 98 invites us to sing a "new song"-and it is a powerful cosmic performance of all creation being renewed and freed. Rather than "joy" being yet another word for "happiness," we will discover that the depths of joy can be found especially in the midst of suffering, the work of justice, and the presence of compassion-all part of the coming of Jesus to this world and a message the world still so desperately needs.



SAVE THE DATES

**THE CHRISTMAS CAROL
DEC 6 AND 7 @ 7PM**

CHRISTMAS JAZZ CONCERT DEC 11 @ 8PM

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT DEC 13 6PM-9PM

FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY DEC 14 2PM-4PM

CHRISTMAS CANTATA DEC 15 11AM

CHRISTMAS MUSICAL "THE DRUM" DEC 22 11AM

**CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY SERVICE DEC 24 5PM
PAGEANT FOR EVERYONE
HANDBELLS & SPECIAL MUSIC**

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE 10:30PM
PIANO MUSIC CONCERT**

**CONTEMPLATIVE CHRISTMAS EVE
SERVICE DEC 24 11PM
WITH HOLY COMMUNION**

**CHRISTMAS POTLUCK
DINNER
DEC 29 NOON**



Holiday Parents' Night Out

Friday, December 13, 2019

6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

For children age 5 – 12

**Gayton Kirk Presbyterian Church,
11421 Gayton Road, Henrico**

\$35 minimum suggested donation per child

Cost includes up to **3 hours** of
pizza, snacks, crafts, games, and Christmas movies.



Registration required by **Sunday, December 8:**

(You are welcome to drop off and pick up anytime during the event.)



For more information, contact Stacy Deyerle at sdeyerle@hotmail.com.



This year for Christmas we are collecting money for the Shehata family. While we like to give gifts, we are helping them to save money for a trip to visit family! See Lynn Izod for more details.

The Central VA Jazz Orchestra



presents a free
Christmas Jazz Concert

Wed., Dec. 11, 8 pm

at The Gayton Kirk

11421 Gayton Rd

Henrico VA 23238

804-741-5254 or gaytonkirk@gmail.com

WRITING CLASS BEGINS THURSDAY, JAN 9, 1PM

"Writing Your Memoir" this creative writing group will be facilitated by Nancy Owens. Nancy is excited about coaching and encouraging people to see their lives as a blessing.

The course description: Through memoir writing, participants enrich their lives ...and leave a keepsake for future generations. In this class, memoir writers will hone their writing skills through an expressive visual journal working with text and images. As creative energy emerges, memoir writers will sort out and seek to understand events of their past, achieve greater self-knowledge, and interact with others in the writing process. In addition, memoir writers will explore concepts with visual imagines and share fascinating and unique stories.

Writing prompts will be used for exploration and expression, plus "artsy" techniques to enhance one's visual journal.



"A CHRISTMAS CAROL: a ghost story for Christmas"
Told by the author Charles Dickens himself.

This Christmas come celebrate the holiday with 3 Penny Theatre's production of *A Christmas Carol*. Everyone knows Scrooge's story, but you've never seen it told like this before - professional actor Ray Carver, as Scrooge's creator Charles Dickens, tells the tale of the old miser playing all the characters himself -- from Scrooge to the ghosts to the whole Cratchit family, including Tiny Tim. Over 40 different characters in all! Chicago's *Writer to Writer* magazine editor Barbra Croft says Carver presents this classic story as "a ripping good yarn." The *Minneapolis Star-Tribune* says Carver's work "catches the essence".

"A Christmas Carol: A Ghost Story for Christmas" is a two performances only event!-- **Friday December 6 at 7 p.m. and Saturday December 7 at 7 p.m.** The performances are at the Gayton Kirk Presbyterian Church in Richmond's far west end -- 11421 Gayton Road, Henrico, VA 23238. Bring the family, this production is appropriate for children 5 and above.

Get your tickets before they sell out!
Email 3pennyplays@gmail.com today!

**Would you like to attend the Montreat Conference
on Music and Worship June 21-27, 2020?**

The conference provides classes on Theology, Bible Studies, Choirs, Handbells, Art in Worship, and Worship experiences.

The cost for the conference is approximately \$500/adult and \$400/youth or child. (This includes the conference cost, housing and food.)

If you are interested in attending, a deposit of \$125/adult or \$75/youth needs to be paid by December 1. This Deposit is nonrefundable.

We work as a group to raise funds to pay for the conference. If we do not raise all the necessary funds, the costs are divided among the conferees to pay.

All participants must agree to be active in one of the Kirk Music programs for 2020- 21 or pay back their portion of the fund raisers. See Debbie if you have any questions.

Join us for the

KIRK CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday, December 14th 2:00 - 4:00 pm

intergenerational afternoon of activities

bring your children, grandchildren and yourself!



**Christmas Tea
and Cookies**

Regular and Cinnamon
Spice Tea



Cookie Swap

If you bring a dozen cookies, you
can get a dozen cookies free!
Other cookies will be available for
\$5.00 a dozen



**Movie with
Popcorn**



Christmas Crafts



Tea Pot Bingo

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.

Please pray for peace, for those in military service, and their families.

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

In Our Prayers 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

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

NOVEMBER 10, 2019

Prayers for our Country
Nancy; prayers for healing & health regarding cancer
David; prayers for healing regarding hand/wrist surgery
Annie and Ron as he seeks cancer treatment
Relief for Mary who has difficulty with seasonal asthma
Prayers for Pam as she begins treatment

NOVEMBER 17, 2019

Prayers for all who are sick to be healed
Tracy K; Prayers for continued health as she continues to survive Stage 4 lung & brain cancer
Prayers for wife & family of Al B. who passed away
Prayers for Abi recovering from back surgery
Prayers for Joe's recovery from surgery
Lott Carey Ministries, VA Council of Churches, and RVA Reads
Prayers of healing for Sheldon

NOVEMBER 24, 2019

Prayers for all who are sick to be healed
Prayers for the homeless and those without food
Lois; prayers for healing and quick recovery from surgery
Joes; prayers for healing and quick recovery from surgery
Janice; prayers for speedy recovery from a cold
Nancy; prayers for healing from sickness
Arletta; prayers for recovering & healing from a mini stroke
Happy Thanksgiving to all; praying for a happy, thankful, and healthy day for all!

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, December 1

Advent 1: Prepare Him Room:
Hopeful Joy

8:30 AM Celtic Worship Service
9:30 AM Sunday School
10:20 AM Orff
10:30 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
11:00 AM Worship Service/Communion
12:30 PM "The Drum" Rehearsal
3:00 PM Art Show Reception
5:00 PM Jazz Vespers
6:30 PM Kirk Under the Stars

Monday, December 2

10:00 AM History of The Bible
11:00 AM Coffee & Scripture
7:00 PM Art by Hand
7:00 PM Bagpipes Rehearsal

Tuesday, December 3

10:00 AM Tai Chi
11:00 AM Orff
12:00 PM Creative Expressions
1:00 PM Beginning Bridge
4:30 PM Yoga

Wednesday, December 4

10:00 AM Discovering the Bible
11:30 AM Spirituality Connections
12:30 PM Community Lunch
1:00 PM MidDay Taize
7:00 PM Evening Taize
7:45 PM Spirituality Connections

Thursday, December 5

10:00 AM Gospel of Mark
1:30 PM Staff Meeting
6:30 PM Bella Rehearsal
7:30 PM Festival Choir Rehearsal
8:45 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 6

7:00 PM Play: A Christmas Carol

Saturday, December 7

7:00 PM Play: A Christmas Carol

Sunday, December 8

Advent 2: Prepare Him Room

8:30 AM Celtic Worship Service
9:30 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
11:00 AM Worship Service
12:30 PM "The Drum" Rehearsal
5:00 PM Jazz Vespers

Offering and Attendance Report

Nov. Offering to Date \$24,053.69

Amount Needed Monthly \$21,081.51

Attendance week of 11/24/2019

8:30 AM Celtic Worship –23

11AM Worship – 68

5 PM Jazz Vespers – 19

1 PM Taize- 2 7 PM Taizé—

Birthdays and Anniversaries

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

DECEMBER Birthdays & Anniversaries

12/01 – Jefferson Allen(b)
12/02 – David Jimerson(b); George & Nancy Cauble(a)
12/04 – Cameron Richardson(b)
12/06 – Jan Chesnut(b); Jim Collins(b)
12/06 – Janice Baldwin(b); Erin Sams(b)
12/07 – Sharon Attack(b)
12/08 – Cecelia Fitzgerald(b)
12/09 – Lois Fay(b); Mary Horsley(b)
12/10 – Ria Springer-Kirby(b)
12/13 – Margot Titmus(b)
12/14 – Peggy McCreery(b); Kosta Telecadas(b)
12/15 – Bob Kirby & Ria Springer-Kirby(a)
12/18 – Joe McCloskey(b)
12/19 – James Lord(b)
12/27 – Harry Tully, Jr.(b)
12/28 – Angela Alexander(b); Christina Neves
12/29 – Walter & Linda Smiley(a)
12/30 – Elizabeth Harmon(b); Nancy Owens(b)
12/31 – Neil Titmus(b)
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The Gayton Kirk PCUSA Staff

Reverend Janet James, Pastor
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