

Kirk Happenings

June 28, 2020

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FROM OUR CLERK OF SESSION

I was thinking that really good things have been happening in our church during this pandemic time. Many churches aren't able or willing to even do electronic worship, and we are doing three services, two adult Sunday School classes, the Youth Group is starting back, and numerous other groups! Business is not "as usual," certainly, but lots is happening!

The "White Awake" class has never met in person but look at the impact it is having on our church because of, and maybe in spite of, the events in our country around racism. The class was designed before the protests and George Floyd. It was serendipitous that we chose that topic. And now look what is happening: Janet has preached boldly on racism, the SS class is changing attitudes with honest conversation and questions, we have met with the Black Caucus, and I at least have much hope that this can be a stunning direction forward for our church.

In a pandemic.

After our conversation with members of the Black Caucus why not have a pulpit exchange, perhaps with Peggy Fox or with Rev. Payne, DURING the pandemic? We can get to know each other while we're still online. It might encourage folks to visit churches with less intimidation after the pandemic is over.

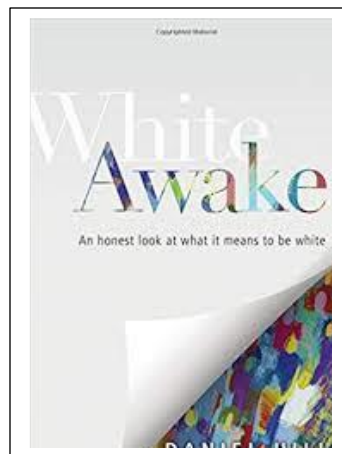
But mainly because, what is to stop us?

God is doing a new thing with the Gayton Kirk during a time when most churches are struggling to keep worship going!

When it gets discouraging, and it does for all of us, think about what we've accomplished, and where we are going - wonderful things that are happening!

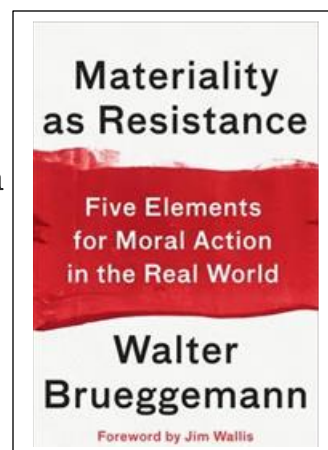
Marilyn

SUNDAY ADULT LEARNING
2 PM PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIANITY
Sunday School Class discussing
WHITE AWAKE by Daniel Hill
contact Bob Chesnut
chesnutra@gmail.com .



Click here to join the class by zoom:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89314545439?pwd=ZXMydkNxd1NYRGtXaXplRldiTVVxZz09>
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SUNDAY ADULT LEARNING
10 AM MATERIALITY AS RESISTANCE
Sunday School Class discussing
VIDEO AND BOOK by Walter Brueggemann
contact Jim Collins
singlemalt23059@gmail.com



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REOPENING ADVISORY COMMITTEE NEWS

We are all so ready for the COVID19 virus to be over! I am sad to note that several of you have had friends and family die as a result of the virus. We have all dramatically adjusted our behavior to keep at a distance from other people. And, it is extremely difficult to worship as a community without being in the physical presence of each other. While we have strong feelings about returning to worship services, I am grateful for the work of the ReOpening Advisory Committee. They have collected a great deal of information and recommendations and have the difficult task of guiding us in the process. Please keep them in your prayers.

The Session voted June 15 to continue with Zoom classes, meeting, and services until at least the July 20 Session meeting. Once in-person services resume, we will continue offering online options for worship services until there is a vaccine for COVID-19. The Reopening Advisory Committee and the Session are in the process of planning steps for a safe reopening of the church's in-person services and activities.

The Session also voted for Tai Chi classes to resume outside the church building. Participants will need to sign up and complete a health questionnaire and waiver. Only 10 participants will be allowed, and they must wear masks and stay 10-feet apart. The building will remain closed. If you are interested in taking Tai Chi please contact Steve Sawyer, tai chi instructor, at sunsawyer36@gmail.com .

Look on page 7 of this copy of Kirk Happenings to see a copy of the health questionnaire and waiver (all on one page). You are welcome to download a copy to use.

The Session will make decisions about Kirk sponsored outdoor activities case by case. We will evaluate the safety of outdoor activities after 2 weeks of Tai Chi classes.

Let us keep the faith,
Janet

Walking with our Black Brothers and Sisters

- An invitation was made to Peggy Fox, chair of the Black Caucus of the Presbytery of the James, to meet online with Janet James, Marilyn Johns, and John Donelson to help in our education of the issues and see what they think we can do to be supportive of God's work of healing and justice.
- **White Awake** by Dan Hill is being read at Sunday's 2PM Adult Class. This book, about a white pastor who wanted to start a multicultural church in Chicago, is prompting discussion of what it means to be white and black in our world.
- The Session voted unanimously to have banners at the church representing all people that states "Work for Justice - Pray for Healing."
- There are small lawn signs with similar design available for purchase at The Kirk. Each 1 foot x 1 foot sign with stake is available for \$6.00 (memo: minister's discretionary). The size is compliant with Henrico County ordinances.

Those who want a sign for their lawns can get one at the front door of the Kirk.



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 28

8:30 AM [ZOOM](#) Celtic Worship Service

Zoom will be hosted by Jim Collins.

10 AM – 11 AM [ZOOM](#) “Materiality as Resistance” a class led by Jim C

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

1:00 pm Youth Group (rising 6th Grade – High School) [ZOOM](#) Meeting

Zoom will be hosted by Mollie Trainum.

2:00 PM [ZOOM](#) Discussion of book, WHITE AWAKE

Zoom will be hosted by Marilyn Johns.

5:00 PM [ZOOM](#) Jazz Vespers

Zoom will be hosted by Marilyn Johns.

MONDAY, JUNE 29

11:00 AM [ZOOM](#) Coffee & Scripture

Zoom will be hosted by Janet James

TUESDAY, JUNE 30

11-12 AM [ZOOM](#) Coffee Klatch

Zoom will be hosted by Janet James

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1

10:00 AM KERYGMA – Overview of the New Testament

Zoom will be hosted by Bland Weaver.

11:30 AM [ZOOM](#) Spirituality Connections, Ch. 14

Zoom will be hosted by Janet James

7:45 PM [ZOOM](#) Spirituality Connections, Ch. 14

Zoom will be hosted by Janet James

THURSDAY, JULY 2

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.

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 \$8,034.15
Amount Needed Monthly \$21,514.92

Attendance week of 6/7/2020

8:30 AM Celtic Worship - 19
11 AM Worship – 32
5 PM Jazz Vespers – 18
YouTube Views – 6

July

Birthdays and Anniversaries

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

2nd Cate Mancano(B);
Alexander McCloskey(B)
3rd Michael and Carol Woodcock(A)
4th Jon Lunsford(B)
5th James Taylor(B);
Lily Titmus(b);
Aurea Perez Torres(B)
6th Clayton Davis(B); Evan Davis(B);
Liam Wilson(b)
7th Caroline Hart(b)
8th Gretchen Jaroneski(B);
Ian Spangler(B)
10th Emma Spangler(B)
11th Patty Meire(B);
Walter Smiley(B)
18th BJ Gilliland(B);
Alec Haller(B);
Frank Telegadas(B)
19th Harrison Keefer(b);
Frost Telegadas(B);
Gary and Ellen Welthy(A)
20th John Mancano(B);
Steward Mancano(B)
22nd Kasci Lawrence(B);
Lewis Saunders(B)
23rd Juan Rivera and Zamy Melendez(A)
24th Sharon Adams(B)
26th Mary K. Blair(B)
27th Susan Carmines(B);
Janet Hayden(B);
Gary Welthy(B)
31st Patti McCloskey(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

Prayers for Hunter's brother, Morton, for healing
Michael; prayers for pain relief and healing
Pam, continued healing
Prayers for the world to be rid of this illness
For Joe recovering from hip surgery
John and Sandra as John is home from the hospital
Mark, calm and peace as he enters hospice care
Liz, the support she needs to care for Mark
For Terri recovering from surgery
Mary, recovery from a stroke on Tuesday night.
David, Beth's husband, recovery from open heart surgery
Debbie, for clear diagnosis and treatment
Madison, grieving the death of two friends
Butch, for a peaceful passing
For the healing of racial and political divides
The Willis family is grieving the death of a dear aunt NayNay
For unity and peace in our country
For the family of Florence Kalbacker (Lyn Hill's mother) as they
grieve her death
For the family of Barbara Warner (Don's wife) as they grieve
her death

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Gayton Kirk Presbyterian Church, USA

Assumption of the Risk and Waiver of Liability Relating to Coronavirus/COVID-19

The Gayton Kirk Presbyterian Church has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19; however, the Kirk cannot guarantee that you will not become infected with COVID-19. Further, attending the Kirk could increase your risk of contracting COVID-19.

By signing this agreement, I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk I may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 by attending the Kirk and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and death. I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 at the Kirk may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others, including, but not limited to, the Kirk employees, volunteers, and program participants, and their families.

I voluntarily agree to assume all of the foregoing risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury to myself (including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, and death), illness, damage, loss, claim, liability, or expense, of any kind, that I may experience or incur in connection with my attendance at the Kirk or participation in the Kirk's programming ("Claims"). On my behalf, I hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge, and hold harmless the Kirk, its employees, agents, and representatives, of and from the Claims, including all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses of any kind arising out of or relating thereto. I understand and agree that this release includes any Claims based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of the Kirk, its employees, agents, and representatives, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after participation in any Kirk program.

Signature/Date

Print Name

Health Questionnaire

Please answer these questions to screen whether or not you *could* transmit the virus causing COVID-19. **If you answer yes to any of these questions, please stay at home.** We'd love to have you attend our online worship services and activities.

1. Have you come into close contact (within 6 feet) with someone who has a laboratory confirmed COVID – 19 diagnosis in the past 14 days?
2. Do you have any of the following: fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, flu-like symptoms, diarrhea, fatigue?
3. Have you tested positive for COVID-19 or awaiting results of a COVID-19 test?

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