

# Kirk Happenings

July 26, 2020

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## **REOPENING UPDATE** - Lois Fay, Elder

Do you feel like you are living in a surreal movie? Ask any Session or staff member, and they would probably agree. Who knew in January that we would be facing such challenging times? With the number of COVID-19 cases on the rise again in Virginia, the Session is making plans to continue serving our congregation in new and creative ways while working to ensure the safety and health of our members and staff.

### **Thank you for being a part of our creative problem solving.**

The last few months have taught us that being a church isn't just about a location. We can worship, study, and be together in many ways. Last week, many attended the Wednesday night service of prayer and music. Sunday morning Zoom and online services and weekday classes continue. Seminary student Mollie Trainum is offering Zoom meetings of education, fellowship, and fun for our youth. As the virus reshapes how we do things, Session will reassess things in September to see whether it is safest to be a church remotely or in-person.

### **Thank you to those who seek to move us into the community.**

As the Pandemic continues, we are looking at upgrading our audio and video capabilities for services. We have a committee working on what would work best for the Kirk.

### **Thank you for keeping your financial commitment this year.**

We are so grateful for the giving of our members. Because of this, we continue to pay all our staff.

### **Thank you for a wonderful era of excellent music.**

Debbie Mueller has decided to retire as music director effective at the end of December. Debbie has faithfully served the Kirk for almost 30 years. Because of health issues and how the pandemic is changing the music scene for the church, Debbie felt the timing was right to retire. We will miss Debbie's talent and commitment as music director.

### **Thank you for the talents and skills of Gabriel.**

This Sunday will be Gabriel Lima's last Sunday. We've been lucky to have Gabe for two years. Gabe will be studying at UVA in the fall. Devon Laporre will replace Gabe. Devon is no stranger to the Kirk as he has substituted at the Kirk and is Brent Laporre's younger brother.

### **Thank you for your dedication and understanding.**

While the Kirk as a body is open, the church doors are closed and our staff working from home. We appreciate your patience as we keep our staff safe. There will be a time again when we can meet in person. There will be a day when you can drop by to say "Hi" to Janet, Karen, and your friends. Until then, be safe.

## LETTER FROM OUR MUSIC DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

As you know, I have been wrestling with the decision of when I should retire. Some of you know that I have had some health issues this summer. I was diagnosed with Transient Global Amnesia, a possible TIA and severe thyroid issues. We are still in the process of trying to get the medications regulated. Suzanne took me up to Vermont to keep an "eye" on me and I just returned home today after almost 5 weeks. Therefore, due to my increasing health issues and due to the fact that it is most likely going to be quite some time until our choirs can meet due to Corona Virus, I have asked the Session to approve my retirement as of December 31, 2020 .

This has not been an easy decision. However, my family and the doctors are urging me to retire sooner than later. Now with Covid preventing us from being able to meet, as well as my increasing health issues, it just seems like the logical time to retire.

I have enjoyed working with each and every one of you. This has been such a wonderful 30 years (almost). I have loved being your teacher, mentor and friend. It has been so rewarding leading all of the fabulous music programs that you have enabled me to direct. It will seem so strange not being the music director, but after much prayerful consideration, I really feel God is moving in me to embrace a new chapter of my life.

I still plan to participate in the Kirk Programs. Afterall, you are my family and friends. We have so much history together. I hope you will be very supportive of a new director and be as encouraging of them as you have been of me!!!!

Keep a song in your hearts!!!!  
Debbie

**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

**The Gayton Kirk P. O. Box 29635 Henrico, VA 23242**

Offerings can also be made through the PayPal account on our website  
[www.thegaytonkirk.org](http://www.thegaytonkirk.org)

Blessings on everyone, Janet

**GOODBYE TO GABRIEL** Today we say goodbye and ask God for traveling mercies as Gabriel Lima finishes his time with us as pianist and goes on to continue his education at University of Virginia. Gabriel has used his wonderful abilities, skills, and creativity to honor and serve God. He has been such an integral part of The Gayton Kirk and we will always keep him in our hearts and in our prayers.

## SUNDAY ADULT LEARNING

### 10 AM MATERIALITY AS RESISTANCE

Sunday School Class discussing  
VIDEO AND BOOK by Walter Brueggemann  
contact Jim Collins  
singlemalt23059@gmail.com

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86549107515?pwd=aWx2RXozNUN2VC9hNy9tUEVSMkxyUT09>

Meeting ID: 865 4910 7515

Password: 818321

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### 2PM PROGRESSIVE THEOLOGY CLASS

is taking a summer break and will be back in a month or so ...

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## SCRIPTURE LESSON SCHEDULE FOR WORSHIP SERVICES

July 26 - [Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52](#)

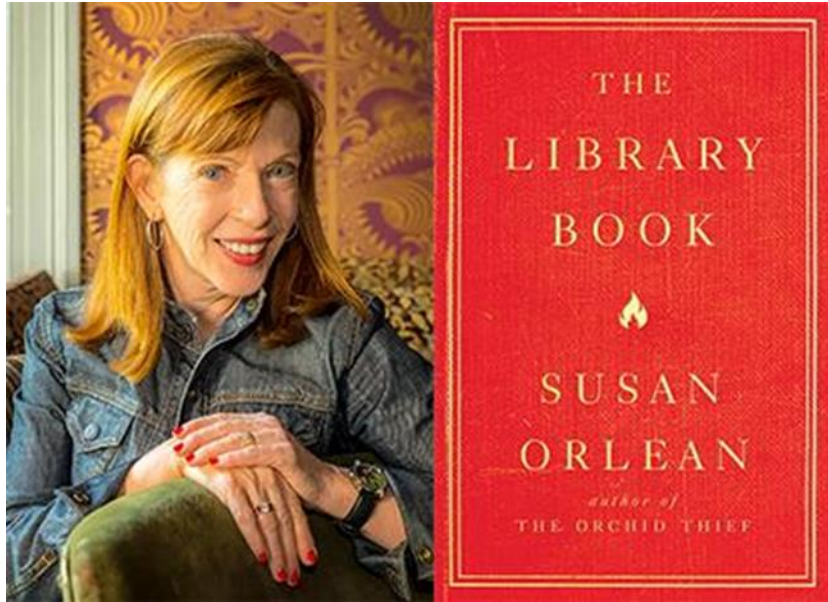
August 2 - [Matthew 14:13-21](#)

August 9 - [Matthew 14:22-33](#)

August 16 - [Matthew 15: \(10-20\), 21-28](#)

August 23 - [Matthew 16:13-20](#)

August 30 - [Matthew 16:21-28](#)



**THE LIBRARY BOOK** by Susan Orlean  
will be the book for the book group's discussion  
July 28 at 7 PM by [Zoom](#)

**NEW LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR WEDNESDAYS.** *Please order your own book.*

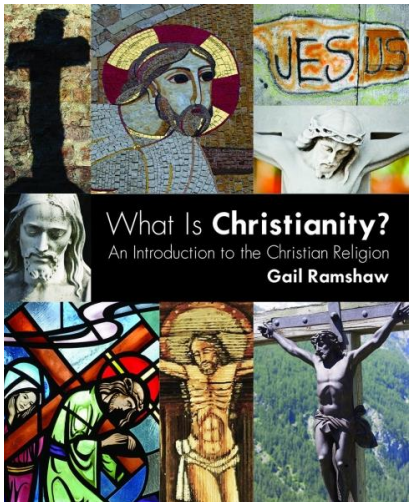
We will offer for *Spirituality Connections* a discussion of the book

**The Four Agreements** by Don Miguel Ruiz. This book offers a code of conduct based on ancient Toltec wisdom that advocates freedom from self-limiting beliefs that may cause suffering and limitation in a person's life. You'll want to get a copy of the book and we will discuss the book over a seven week period. **BEGINS AUG 5 AT 11 AM**

**WHAT IS CHRISTIANITY?** *an introduction to Christian religion* by Gail Ramshaw. This class is taught by Bland Weaver. This is an engaging presentation of the development of Christianity within history with articles from scholars, helpful sidebars on the pages, and images to enhance the learning experience. **BEGINS SEPT 9 AT 10 AM**

The Four Agreements  
by Don Miguel Ruiz

Spirituality Connections  
Wednesday Mornings 11-12 (zoom)  
Begins August 5



What Is **Christianity?**  
An Introduction to the Christian Religion  
Gail Ramshaw

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

### SUNDAY, July 26

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 Collins

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 6<sup>th</sup> Grade - High School) [ZOOM](#) Meeting

Zoom will be hosted by Seminarian Mollie Trainum.

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

Zoom will be hosted by Marilyn Johns.

### MONDAY, July 27

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

Zoom will be hosted by Janet James

6:30 PM [ZOOM](#) Media Committee

### TUESDAY, July 28

9:30 AM Tai Chi (see info on p.3)

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

Zoom will be hosted by Janet James

7:00 PM [ZOOM](#) Book Group

### WEDNESDAY, July 29

10:00 AM KERYGMA - Overview of the New Testament

Zoom will be hosted by Bland Weaver.

### THURSDAY, July 30

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 July

*We are now making deposits bi-weekly.*

July Offering to Date           \$8,316.70

Amount Needed Monthly   \$21,514.92

Attendance week of 7/19/2020

8:30 AM Celtic Worship - 18

11 AM Worship – 23

5 PM Jazz Vespers – 16

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

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Cate Mancano(B); Alexander McCloskey(B)
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Michael and Carol Woodcock(A)
4 <sup>th</sup>	Jon Lunsford(B)
5 <sup>th</sup>	James Taylor(B); Lily Titmus(b); Aurea Perez Torres(B)
6 <sup>th</sup>	Clayton Davis(B); Evan Davis(B); Liam Wilson(b)
7 <sup>th</sup>	Caroline Hart(b)
8 <sup>th</sup>	Gretchen Jaroneski(B); Ian Spangler(B)
10 <sup>th</sup>	Emma Spangler(B)
11 <sup>th</sup>	Patty Meire(B); Walter Smiley(B)
18 <sup>th</sup>	BJ Gilliland(B); Alec Haller(B); Frank Telegadas(B)
19 <sup>th</sup>	Harrison Keefer(b); Frost Telegadas(B); Gary and Ellen Welthy(A)
20 <sup>th</sup>	John Mancano(B); Steward Mancano(B)
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Kasci Lawrence(B); Lewis Saunders(B)
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Juan Rivera and Zamy Melendez(A)
24 <sup>th</sup>	Sharon Adams(B)
26 <sup>th</sup>	Mary K. Blair(B)
27 <sup>th</sup>	Susan Carmines(B); Janet Hayden(B); Gary Welthy(B)
31 <sup>st</sup>	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 will be treated for multiple myeloma  
Mark, calm and peace as he enters hospice care  
Liz, the support she needs to care for Mark  
For Terri recovering from surgery  
Butch, for a peaceful passing  
For the healing of racial and political divides  
For the family of Barbara Warner (Don's wife) as they grieve  
her death  
For James as he deals with pancreatic cancer  
For Sandra's family in Phoenix AZ diagnosed with COVID: Ali,  
Mo, Denise, and Denise's 2 children  
Thanksgiving for Zaiden's good health report  
For Angela's continued recovery from stroke  
Thanksgiving for Olive's successful surgery

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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?