

# Kirk Happenings

**Week of January 10, 2021**

The Gayton Kirk PCUSA 11421 Gayton Rd Henrico VA 23238

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## **PASTOR'S PAGE**

Dear Kirk Friends,

As our country finds itself in turmoil,  
there is a temptation to take sides, draw lines,  
and make enemies of our brothers and sisters.

I call on the power of the Lord our God  
and invoke the Holy Spirit

to fill us all with the wisdom

to follow in the ways of Jesus the Christ.

May we offer up to the world the grace and love

that God so abundantly provides to us

and that continues to heal hearts, minds, and spirits.

Let us as people of faith do the difficult work of praying.

In the midst of chaos let us pray for peace.

As we live in a world where the flame of anger is fanned

and listening and respect have been pushed aside,

let us be known as peacemakers.

Give us courage to choose to welcome those

who are different from us and

let the Spirit push us to find a way

to meet each other in truth and with humility.

May we be found to love justice, show kindness,

and walk humbly with God.

In the name of Jesus, the Christ,

Janet

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

THE PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIANITY CLASS SUNDAYS 2 PM ZOOM

This Sunday will begin a study of Israeli-Palestinian issues with a Zoom power point presentation by Meta Braymer, a friend of Linda Smiley. Meta will report on findings from a study tour of the area in which she participated, seeking to understand both sides of the complex, long-standing dispute.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86198406175?pwd=TWVlaGo3cXZDT1RSMHZWUEhob1MrUT09>

Meeting ID: 861 9840 6175 Passcode: 374750

**WEDNESDAYS 9:45 – 11 AM**

**EMAIL [BLAND WEAVER](mailto:BLAND.WEAVER) FOR ZOOM INFO**

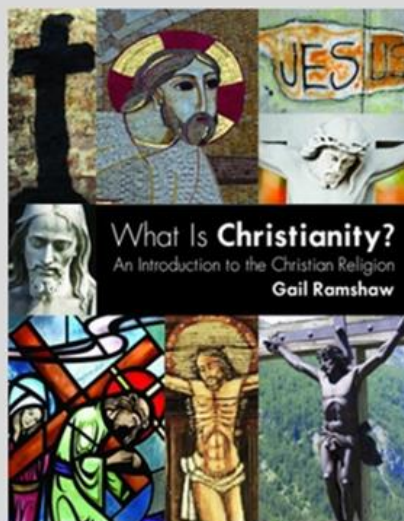
ZOOM CLASS ON WEDNESDAYS BEGINS SEPT 9 AT 10 AM

## WHAT IS CHRISTIANITY?

*an introduction to Christian religion*  
using the book by Gail Ramshaw.

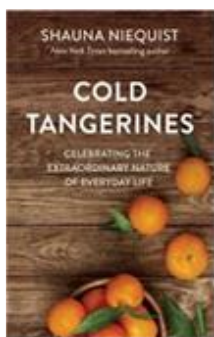
This class is taught by Bland Weaver. This textbook is an engaging presentation of the development of Christianity within history with articles from scholars, helpful sidebars on the pages, and images to enhance the learning experience. Bland is one of our most popular teachers.

more info? [gaytonkirk@gmail.com](mailto:gaytonkirk@gmail.com)



Wednesdays 11 AM to 12PM

**Cold Tangerines** is a collection of stories that celebrate the extraordinary moments hidden in our everyday lives. It is about God, and about life, and about the thousands of daily ways in which an awareness of God changes and infuses everything.”



[Click to join by ZOOM](#)

*NEW KIRK COMMUNITY CENTER CLASSES - COME, JOIN US!*

MOLLIE TRANIUM TO TEACH THURSDAY EVENINGS 5:30-7PM

One of Mollie's projects this year with us is to teach an adult class. I encouraged her to teach something she really enjoyed. Mollie has a background in history and found one of her classes at the seminary really intriguing. **Political Theology** is the study of how different political situations throughout the world influenced a particular kind of theology. Students will be introduced to Womanist Theology, Liberation Theology, Feminist Theology, and more, as each theology defines itself in light of the current theological situation and historical political situation.

**This is not a class about democrats and republicans, nor is it only about theology in the United States.**

I think you will find this to be an eye-opening look at how individuals and groups explore religion and develop a way of thinking about God in their context. *The classes will be held Thursday evenings 5:30 - 7pm for 6 weeks beginning Jan 14.*

The classes will be on zoom. If you have friends you think would be interested, please invite them to join the group. email Mollie to let her know of your interest.

[Mollie.Trainum@upsem.edu](mailto:Mollie.Trainum@upsem.edu)

**The Meaning of Mary Magdalene: Discovering the Woman at the Heart of Christianity Edition** by Cynthia Bourgeault

MONDAYS 10 AM [ZOOM](#)

Mary Magdalene is one of the most influential symbols in the history of Christianity—yet, if you look in the Bible, you'll find only a handful of verses that speak of her. How did she become such a compelling saint in the face of such paltry evidence?

In her effort to answer that question, Cynthia Bourgeault examines the Bible, church tradition, art, legend, and newly discovered texts to see what's there. She then applies her own reasoning and intuition, informed by the wisdom of the ages-old Christian contemplative tradition. What emerges is a radical view of Mary Magdalene as Jesus's most important disciple, the one he considered to understand his teaching best. That teaching was characterized by a non-dualistic approach to the world and by a deep understanding of the value of the feminine.

Cynthia shows how an understanding of Mary Magdalene can revitalize contemporary Christianity, how Christians and others can, through her, find their way to Jesus's original teachings and apply them to their modern lives.

teacher,

Janet James

## GROUP TO REVIEW **THE GRIEF RECOVERY HANDBOOK**

TUESDAYS 10 AM [ZOOM](#)

This group will read and discuss this book as we consider offering a grief group in the future. As we go through the book, chapter by chapter, we will also be aware of and support each other as issues come up.

ABOUT THE BOOK: Updated to commemorate its 20th anniversary, this classic resource further explores the effects of grief and sheds new light on how to begin to take effective actions to complete the grieving process and work towards recovery and happiness. Incomplete recovery from grief can have a lifelong negative effect on the capacity for happiness. Drawing from their own histories as well as from others', the authors illustrate how it is possible to recover from grief and regain energy and spontaneity. Based on a proven program,

**The Grief Recovery Handbook** is a groundbreaking, classic handbook that everyone should have in their library.

## WORSHIP

### The Gayton Kirk Sunday Worship Services

8:30 AM Celtic Worship on Zoom

9:45 AM Live Outdoor Worship

11 AM Worship on Zoom

2 PM Worship Service available on YouTube

5PM Jazz Vespers Live Streaming on Facebook

contact [gaytonkirk@gmail.com](mailto:gaytonkirk@gmail.com) for zoom information

## OUTDOOR WORSHIP

SUNDAY MORNINGS 9:45AM -10:30AM

WEAR A MASK. BRING A CHAIR. BUNDLE UP!

**NEW CANCELATION POLICY: WE MEET REGARDLESS OF TEMPERATURE; WE WILL CANCEL IF IT RAINS OR SLEETS OR SNOWS**

## The 2021 Gayton Kirk Officers

### Session

Janet James - Moderator  
Marilyn Johns - Clerk of Session  
Carol Woodcock - Treasurer  
Bland Weaver - Administration Committee  
Sally Wambold - Building & Grounds Committee  
David Richardson - Building & Grounds Committee  
Barbara Crump - Christian Education Committee  
Susie Trulove - Christian Education Committee  
Aimee Crady - Communications Committee  
John Donelson - Communications Committee  
Betty Meador - Community Outreach  
Linda Smiley - Community Outreach  
Mike Doll - Missions Committee  
Norma Smith - Missions Committee  
Betty Doll - Worship Committee  
Rusty Deyerle - Worship Committee

### Diaconate (Congregational Care)

Tina Bechtle - Moderator  
Patti McCloskey  
Aurea Perez  
Ellen Welthy  
Janice Baldwin  
Lavinia Johnson  
Leah Viar  
Marney Titmus

Dear Kirk Friends,

Well, once again the pandemic shapes our life, and it is not good news.

As we plan for the year 2021, we do not anticipate a need for the nursery. With no nursery, that means we will not employ Chrestine Shehata after December 31, 2020. She will no longer have an income from the Kirk.

We are heartbroken. The Shehatas are like family. With the COVID pandemic restrictions and having four children to monitor during school hours, this really puts the family in a bind. The Session wants to invite you to join in their effort to ease this difficult transition.

We will be taking a love offering for Chrestine the beginning of January. If you donate to this fund after January 1, 2021 and make your check out to the Kirk with Chrestine's name on the memo line, it will be tax deductible. Please send these donations to The Gayton Kirk, P.O. Box 29635, Henrico, VA 23242.

In the meantime, Chrestine is offering her services to cook meals, run errands, wrap presents, etc. to bring in income. If you would like to use these kinds of services, please contact Lynn Izod.

Please pray for Chrestine and Yonan and their children. Let us join together in our care of them.

In Christ,

Janet

## Offering and Attendance Report

*We are now making deposits bi-weekly.*

January Offering to Date \$ 8,260.00

Amount Needed Monthly \$21,514.92

### Attendance week of 1/03/2021

8:30 AM Celtic Worship – 18

9:45 AM Live Outside – n/a raining

11 AM Worship – 30

5 PM Jazz Vespers –20;

YouTube 11 AM Service Views – 7

Facebook Jazz Vespers Views – 90

## January

### Birthdays and Anniversaries

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

- 1<sup>st</sup> Carol Woodcock(B)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Don Warner(B)  
Deborah and Tom Denson(A)  
6<sup>th</sup> Gracie Hart(b)  
7<sup>th</sup> Vince Mancano(B)  
8<sup>th</sup> Hannah Grace Terrell(b)  
9<sup>th</sup> Lavinia Johnson(B)  
10<sup>th</sup> Lorrie Carver(B); Gay Church(B)  
11<sup>th</sup> Wesley Taylor(B); William Taylor(B)  
14<sup>th</sup> Michael and Marcia Hickey(A)  
16<sup>th</sup> George Cauble(B)  
17<sup>th</sup> Roddy Cooper(b); Bob Kirby(B)  
19<sup>th</sup> Christy Carroll(B)  
20<sup>th</sup> Lilly Craddock(b)  
23<sup>rd</sup> Anne Daniels(B); Meredith Kennedy(b)  
26<sup>th</sup> Kay Moore(B)  
28<sup>th</sup> Michael Doll(B); Bette Sklon(B)  
29<sup>th</sup> Michael Hickey(B)

## 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.) 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, 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., John, Mark, John B.

### SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

Michael; prayers for pain relief and healing

Liz, the support she needs to care for Mark

Terri recovering from surgery

James as he deals with pancreatic cancer

Karen's issues with her back and back pain; getting worse

Healing & strength for Trish & Ed (and their daughter Emma) as Trish goes through cancer treatment.

Linda's cousin who is dying from cancer

Michael; prayers for healing as he is very sick as well as prayers for his mom, Jeannie, for peace of mind.

Rick; prayers for recovery and healing

Aurea; prayers for healing from surgery

Nancy; positive results from treatment

Prayers for Rose and nephew; nephew was in motorcycle accident

Prayers for Elizabeth, John, Stewart, & Cate Mancano and Susie Mote for the passing of Ann Largen; Elizabeth's mom. John, Stewart & Cate's grandmother

Prayers for Betty in her loss of a friend, Marjorie; prayer's for Marjorie's family as well.

Prayers for Rob who is being deployed, again, as well as prayers for his wife, Rachel, and their kids.

Prayers for Frank who hurt his left knee & may need surgery; prayers for his wife, Frost, so that she may have peace and strength in taking care of Frank.

# THE GAYTON KIRK WEEKLY CALENDAR WITH LINKS

## SUNDAY JAN 10

8:30 AM [ZOOM](#) Celtic Worship Service hosted by Jim Collins.

9:45 AM OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE  
outside live traditional service with guidelines in place.

11:00 AM [ZOOM](#) Worship Service hosted by Marilyn Johns,

2:00 PM [YouTube Service](#) posted

2:00 PM [ZOOM](#) Progressive Christianity Class

5:00 PM Jazz Vespers [Live Streaming](#)

5:45 PM [ZOOM](#) Jazz Vespers hosted by Marilyn Johns.

## MONDAY JAN 11

10:00 AM [ZOOM](#) A Study about Mary Magdalene

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

## TUESDAY JAN 12

10:00 AM [ZOOM](#) Reviewing a Book about Grief (all are welcome to join us!)

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

## WEDNESDAY JAN 13

9:45 - 11 AM "What Is Christianity" contact [Bland Weaver](#) for Zoom info

11 AM Spirituality Connections [ZOOM](#)

6 PM Theology on Tap [ZOOM](#)

## THURSDAY JAN 14

5 -6 PM [ZOOM](#) W(h)ine Time

5:30 PM - 7PM Political Theology Class -Contact [Mollie Trainum](#) for Zoom Info

## SUNDAY JAN 17

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