

Kirk Happenings

Week of January 9, 2022

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Dear Friends,

It's just very difficult to put on a happy face amid the omicron variant having its way with us. We really want to continue meeting in-person and providing live streaming for The Gayton Kirk. So, we need your help.

We have been so fortunate to have produced a musical pageant and have been in-person for all our Advent and Christmas activities and services. Because you have worn masks during the worship services, we have not been a place for the virus to spread. Now we are asking that as this virus is so contagious, and that it can be spread by those who are vaccinated, please wear your mask when you enter the building and as you are present in the building. Even if it's just a small group - please wear the mask, no questions asked.

Speaking of worship and our attempt to stream our services ... this has not been a stellar year for our attempts to provide internet access to the 11AM service. I do not know what we would have done without Marilyn Johns and Rusty Deyerle's efforts Sunday after Sunday to troubleshoot various situations. At this time, we are working onsite with the company to address possible equipment issues. Also, a committee from the Session has prepared a job description to be used for hiring an AV technician.

Let us pray for each other during this time. When we are in the midst of frustrating, irritating, exhausting situations, let us plan ways to share our burdens, delight in the shenanigans of children, enjoy our friends, use our energy for positive change.

Now, I think I'm going to take a walk.

May God's blessings pour out on you today!

Janet

THE GAYTON KIRK WEEKLY CALENDAR WITH LINKS

SUNDAY JANUARY 9

8:30 AM Celtic Worship Service **in-person** [ZOOM](#) hosted by Marilyn Johns

11:00 AM Worship Service **in-person** [ZOOM](#) hosted by Marilyn Johns
and [Live Streaming](#)

12:15 PM Congregational Meeting **in-person** and [ZOOM](#)

5:00 PM Jazz Vespers **in-person** and [Live Streaming](#)

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

MONDAY JANUARY 10

10:00 AM [ZOOM](#) Wisdom Class hosted by Linda S.

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

1:30 PM Creative Expressions **in-person** hosted by Sandra O.

6:30 PM [ZOOM](#) All Committees Meetings

7 PM Art by Hand - **in-person**

TUESDAY JANUARY 11

10:30 AM Chair Yoga- **in-person** hosted by Robin R.

1:00 PM Bridge - **in-person** hosted by Ellen W.

1:00 PM Learn to Play Bridge - **in-person** hosted by Tina B.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 12

10 AM Beading Jewelry **in-person** with Cathi T.

11 AM Spirituality "To Dance with God"- **in-person** & [ZOOM](#) hosted by Janet J

1:30 PM Kaleidoscope - The Powhatan Religion - [zoom only](#)

6 PM Theology on Tap - **in person** at Glory Days

7 PM Taize - **in-person**

THURSDAY JANUARY 13

10:00 AM Tai Chi- **in-person**

1:30 PM A Study of the Gospel of MARK **in-person** hosted by Hunter Hill

Worship Services are hybrid (in-person, as well as, on zoom or Facebook streaming). In accordance with the most recent Dept. of Health and CDC recommendations, masks are required for everyone in large indoor meeting spaces.

WORSHIP SERVICES

CELTIC WORSHIP SERVICE



Sundays 8:30 AM
Music. Scripture. Discussion.
Holy Communion.
[zoom](#) and in-person

OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE

with Holy Communion
outdoor sanctuary
weather permitting

Sundays 9:45 AM
This service will resume in March 2022
12.19.21 IS OUR LAST 2021
OUTDOOR SERVICE



11AM WORSHIP SERVICE

special music. scripture. sermon.
prayers.



Sundays in-person and
[Facebook Live.](#)

JAZZ VESPERS

at the Gayton Kirk

featuring the Tommy Witten Trio

in-person & [Live Streaming](#)

Taize Prayer Service

sung prayer and candlelight



Wednesdays in-person at 7 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Theology on Tap

Invigorating discussions about current topics!

**NEXT MEETING:
Wednesday - January 12th
at Glory Days**

Theology on Tap meets the second Wednesday of each month at 6 PM. Look for a notice from either Kevin or Ray. Need more information? Email [Kevin Riley](mailto:Kevin.Riley@glorydays.org)

TGK Book Group



January 25, 2022
The Stranger in the Woods
by Michael Finkel

We discuss the books on the 4th Tuesdays each month 7PM - 8PM by zoom.

[CLICK TO JOIN IN](#)



Save the dates!

April 22-23, 2022

Earth Day Weekend
EVERYONE welcome!

This retreat style weekend will include activities, service, biblical reflection, environmental education, food, and fun for all ages.

Please help us plan!

Take our survey by January 23.

Click here or fill out a paper copy in the Narthex during January.

[CLICK HERE FOR SURVEY](#)

Kaleidoscope: a zoom series

January 12 at 1:30PM
THE POWHATAN RELIGION

presentation by Margaret Williamson Huber, Ph. D.
Professor Emeritus of Anthropology,
Univ of Mary Washington

[CLICK TO JOIN ZOOM](#)



PERFORMING ARTS

Theology and Dance

Thursday, January 20 7-8:30pm

Zoom

(If you do not normally receive Gayton Kirk emails, contact sdeyerle@hotmail.com to receive a link.)

This is an **all ages** opportunity. Invite the young people in your life, especially those interested dance and the arts, to join you.

Kaya Prasad, MT, is the Biblical Research and Ministry Specialist for Glorify Performing Arts. Join us for dance and discussion as we explore the intersection of theology and the arts.

Glorify Performing Arts is a Christian ballet company based in West Chester, PA. Join the Zoom event on January 20th for a virtual experience of **Label: Beauty**, an original ballet about finding identity and security in God, and a discussion about how the art of dance helps artists and audiences understand Scripture and grow in relationship with God.

Learn more about GPA here:

<https://glorifyperformingarts.org/>

This program is free, but we encourage you to support Kaya's work and GPA at:

<https://glorifyperformingarts.org/donate/>

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



[THEOLOGY AND DANCE ZOOM LINK](#)



January Conversation Hours

Making a resolution to take better care of yourself in 2022? Stressed? Overwhelmed? Lonely? Need to talk through a situation or brainstorm? Like to talk? Stacy Deyerle will be offering times for casual and confidential conversations. These can be held by Zoom or phone. *(Due to omicron, in person chats are on hold for January, but if you prefer an in person visit, please reply to this email and let us know.)*

These hour long appointments are simply a time for you to share whatever is on your mind in a supportive environment.*

If you would like to sign up or have questions, reply to this email.

You may also book your time directly at this link:

<https://calendly.com/stacydeyerle>

If you are interested in group chat sessions, please reply to this email. If several people are interested, we will explore this option.

Stacy Deyerle is an intern from Union Presbyterian Seminary. As a former local missions minister, she provided pastoral counseling to participants in Gayton Care Ministries. She has also completed a Pastoral Care course through UPSem.

**This is not a substitute for professional counseling.*

HELP WANTED

If you would be willing to provide transportation for those with need to get to medical appointments, please give a call (804-741-5254) or send an email to the Kirk Office gaytonkirk@gmail.com. Deacon Moderator Tina Bechtle is coordinating this.

Also, those who would like to help out those who need a meal, please let us know in the Kirk office.

ABOUT OUR GROUPS AND CLASSES

~~SUN 4PM - 4:45PM~~ DRUMMING AT The Gayton Kirk **ON HOLD UNTIL Feb 2022**

A healthy way to connect with the heartbeat of the earth, the place of peace within, and an opportunity to make neighbors your friends. We meet inside when the weather is not conducive to drumming outside.



MONDAYS 10 - 11AM BIBLICAL WISDOM LITERATURE CLASS **RESUMES JAN 10**

[ZOOM](#) Hosted by Linda S. Using the Great Courses curriculum, we will examine Biblical Wisdom Literature and discuss our findings. Currently studying Ecclesiastes.

MONDAYS 11AM - NOON SCRIPTURE AND COFFEE

[ZOOM](#) Hosted by Janet James. Join us on Zoom for a lively discussion of the Biblical passage for the upcoming sermon.



MONDAYS 1:30 - 3:00PM CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS

Teacher Sandra O'Neill. in-person. More info? oneillstudio@comcast.net

MONDAYS 7 - 8:30PM ART BY HAND Knitting and Handiwork in-person. The Blue Room. Hosted by Liz B. We invite all Knitters, crochet-ers, cross stitch-ers, needlepoint-ers, or hand quilters to join. If you want to learn, people are available to teach you.



TUESDAYS 10:30 - 11:30AM CHAIR YOGA

Robin Ricketts, instructor. This *weekly* class enjoys the benefit of yoga's stretching and breathing exercises. Participants are urged to exercise within their comfort level. Persons of all ages and abilities are welcome. **YOGA** During this time, we ask that if you are out in public, please wear a mask! Be kind to others!

TUESDAYS 1:00PM BEGINNING BRIDGE

Ellen Welthy and Tina Bechtle, facilitators. Individuals with some knowledge of bridge are welcome to come, play, and further their knowledge of the game on Tuesdays.



TUESDAYS 1:00PM— LEARN HOW TO PLAY BRIDGE **NEW!**

Tina Bechtle, Facilitator. Individuals who want to learn how to play bridge are welcome to come. No previous knowledge required. Bring a Friend! Join the fun for free. **Begins on January 11th!**

WEDNESDAYS 10:0—11:00AM CREATIVE EXPRESSION -BEADING

with Cathi Thornton. Here is another way to relax and be creative. Join us to make jewelry from beads and found items. There are plenty of supplies to share or you can bring your own beads and stringing cord. (in-person)



WEDNESDAYS 11AM to 12PM SPIRITUALITY CLASS

in-person and [ZOOM](#). Hosted by Janet.

We are using Gertrud Mueller Nelson's book *"To Dance with God"* to explore community and family spirituality. What are rituals about? Why do we celebrate? How do we create meaningful moments?

WEDNESDAYS 1:30PM - 3PM KALEIDOSCOPE SPEAKERS ZOOM SERIES

Various speakers on various topics. An engaging way to learn and join with friends throughout the USA - even internationally - as speakers share their passions and expertise. [ZOOM](#)

THURSDAYS 10AM-11AM TAI CHI FOR HEALTH

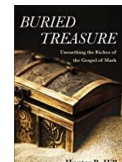
Steve Sawyer, Instructor.

Tai Chi is a graceful, gentle form of exercise that's now used for stress reduction and a variety of other health conditions. This class is for beginners. People can participate through sitting or standing. Everyone is welcome.

THURSDAYS 1:30PM-3PM A Study of the Gospel of MARK

Hunter Hill, Instructor.

A focus on Mark's Biblical narrative of Jesus' life and interaction with His disciples. This will be an in-person event at The Gayton Kirk. Please register as soon as possible to: jjamesthegaytonkirk@gmail.com



JANUARY

Birthdays and Anniversaries

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

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

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

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.

For Continued Health Issues: Kasci, Ria, Sally, Harriet, Charlie, Lorette, Peggy, JP, Ginny, Harriet, Charlie, Toni, Sharon, Douglas, Frances, Smitty, Douglas, Sandy, Cathleen, Tim, Gretchen, Sandra, Pat, Valerie, Sandra B, Rhonda, Beth, Barbara, Kay, Lois, Sharon, Dorothy, Linda C., John, John B., Ron V., Trish, Kasci, Sandra O., Meg, Suzanne.

Prayers for Debbie's mom for healing; she fell and broke and fractured parts of her body.

Prayers for Becka for healing from a fall

Prayers for Marney to heal

Prayers for Michele who is battling cancer

Healing from sepsis for Jeremy

Prayers for Brian B for a long remission and good quality of life for the time he and his family have left with him.

Prayers for George for healing

Prayers for Ellen for healing and quick recovery

From the Desk of Karen, Office Manager

just a few "housekeeping" notes...

OFFICE HOURS Monday - Thursday 9AM - 4PM
804-741-5254, please leave a message if you get voicemail
gaytonkirk@gmail.com

Dates of Deposits for January:

~~1.2.2022~~ 1.9.2022 1.16.2022 1.23.2022 1.30.2022

OUR MAILING ADDRESS IS:
PO BOX 29635
HENRICO, VA 23242

Please note: We have two bank accounts. Checks for pledges and general offering go into our general budget account. The designated account is for mission or money designated to a particular item. This means that if you are giving to something other than the general budget, for accounting purposes, we ask you to write separate checks.

Thank you! Karen

Offering and Attendance Report

We are now making deposits weekly.

NEEDED/ACTUAL

OCT. \$21,514.92/
\$16,571.59

NOV. \$21,514.92/
\$20,909.40

DEC. \$21,514.92/
\$17,546.04

JAN. \$18,620.69/
\$678.79

[CLICK HERE TO MAKE AN OFFERING](#)

The 2021 Gayton Kirk Officers Session

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

Diaconate

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

Attendance week of 1/2/2022

Celtic Worship - 20
Outside Worship - N/A
11 AM Worship - 36
Jazz Vespers - 15

Facebook Jazz Vespers Views
1/2 - 83
12/26- 91