

Kirk Happenings

Week of May 28, 2023

The Gayton Kirk PCUSA

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The Meaning of Pentecost

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Pentecost literally means “fiftieth day.” As a Jewish religious celebration, it first marked the fifty days after Passover with a harvest festival. Pentecost also commemorated the giving of the Law at Mount Sinai. This moment still celebrated in the Jewish tradition as [Shavuot](#).

In the Christian tradition, Pentecost marks the end of the 50 Days of Easter. Acts 2 describes how the apostles and friends were gathered together in Jerusalem. Suddenly there is a great rushing of wind, and tongues of fire rest on each of the apostles. They begin to speak in different languages, and the crowds around them – Jews from across the diaspora having come to Jerusalem for the Festival of Weeks – understand them. It was at this moment that Peter stood up and preached, revealing the will of God in Jesus Christ, as prophesied by Joel, and affirming a continual outpouring of the Holy Spirit through repentance and Baptism.

It Is **the ‘Birth Day’ of the Church**

Pentecost was a turning point. Before that moment, the apostles were a group of followers who had listened to Jesus and assisted in his ministry. But without Jesus, they were aimless and confused. That all changed on Pentecost. After the Holy Spirit entered the room, and after Peter preached, the apostles no longer looked inward. Filled with the Holy Spirit – the spirit of Jesus – they looked out and forward as ministers.

The end of Acts 2 records how the apostles devoted themselves to teaching and to fellowship; to **performing wonders and signs; and giving to others in need. It is no wonder that the Lord “added to their number daily those who were saved”!** The Holy Spirit gave the apostles direction and power to form the Christian community, which would become the Church. It is in this sense that Pentecost can be called a birth day.

Pentecost Showcases the Trinity

Christian theology is grounded in a doctrine of three in one, the Holy Trinity: often described as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Pentecost was a big Trinity moment! The Father sends the Spirit to make the Son present. On Pentecost we can teach and celebrate the Trinity.

Jesus Kept His Promise

In Matthew 28:20 Jesus told his followers, “I will be with you always, even until the end of the age.” He promptly ascended into heaven, and his followers could no longer see him. What gives? Well, in John 15:26 Jesus promised, “I will send you the Advocate – the Spirit of truth. He will come to you from the Father and will testify all about me” (NLT). **When the Holy Spirit moves, Jesus is present *through that Holy Spirit*.** So it is that Pentecost marks the fulfillment of **Christ’s promise.**

THE GAYTON KIRK WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY MAY 28 Centsability & Pentecost Sunday

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

9:45 AM - Outside Worship Service - *in-person* (led by Bob C.)

9:45 AM - **Sunday School Class on the book “Inspired” by Rachel Evans** - *in-person* (led by Barbara C.)

9:45 AM - Children & Youth Sunday School - *in-person* (led by Rev. Russ K.)

11:00 AM - Worship Service *in-person*, [live streaming](#), and on [ZOOM](#) (hosted by Marilyn J.)

12:30PM to 2:00PM - **Lunch & Learn: “Down, but Not Out”** - *in-person*

5:00 PM - Jazz Vespers *in-person*, [live streaming](#), and on [ZOOM](#) (hosted by Marilyn J.)

5:45 PM - Jazz Vespers discussion - *in person* and [ZOOM](#) (hosted by Marilyn J.)

MONDAY MAY 29 Office/Building Closed - Memorial Day!

11:00 AM - Coffee & Scripture - [ZOOM](#) (led by Janet J.) *No Class Today*

1:30 PM - Creative Expressions - *in-person* (led by Sandra O.) *No Class Today*

TUESDAY MAY 30

10:30 AM - Chair Yoga - *in-person* (led by Robin R.)

1:00 PM - Bridge - *in-person* (led by Ellen W.)

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

WEDNESDAY MAY 31

11:00 AM - **Spirituality Class: “faith after doubt” by Brian McLaren** - *in-person* (led by Lavinia J.)

7:00 PM - Taizé- *in-person*

THURSDAY JUNE 1

10:00 AM - Tai Chi - *in-person* (led by Steve S.)

6:30 PM - Handbell Choir Practice - *in-person* (led by John D.)

SUNDAY JUNE 4 -

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11:00 AM - Worship Service *in-person*, [live streaming](#), and on [ZOOM](#) (hosted by Marilyn J.)

3:30 PM - Scott Keen Art Reception - *in-person* (led by Stacy D.)

5:00 PM - Jazz Vespers *in-person*, [live streaming](#), and on [ZOOM](#) (hosted by Marilyn J.)

5:45 PM - Jazz Vespers discussion - *in person* and [ZOOM](#) (hosted by Marilyn J.)

New Spirituality Class

based on the book
faith after doubt

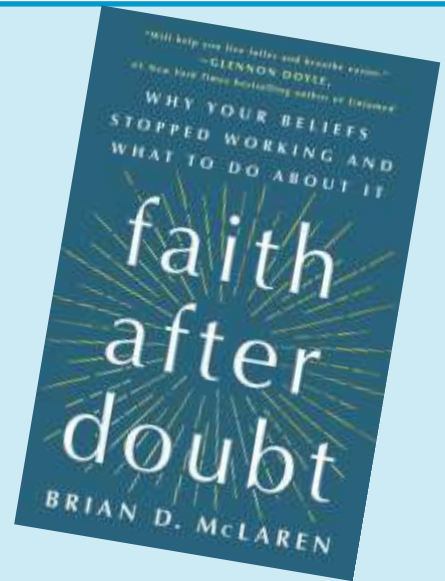
Meets Wednesdays at 11AM beginning May 31st

The first class is an organizational meeting

You can [purchase the book](#) on Amazon

Please RSVP to [Lavinia Johnson](#) if you will be taking the class.

Thank you!



Living Your Best Life Lunch and Learn series

“Down, but not out” ❁

How to prevent falls and address fall issues.

Speakers: Steve Sawyer, Sally Wambold,
Lavinia Johnson

a light lunch will be served

May 28, 2023 12:30pm

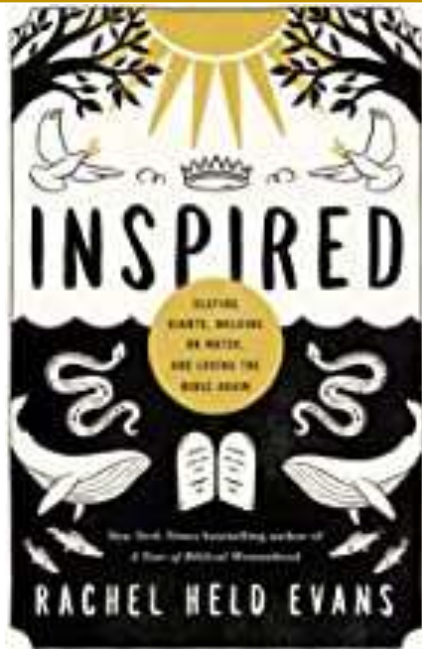
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To provide a good
guestimate for the
lunch count, please sign
up in the Narthex or
call the church office at
804-741-5254.

* Temporarily incapacitated but not permanently defeated

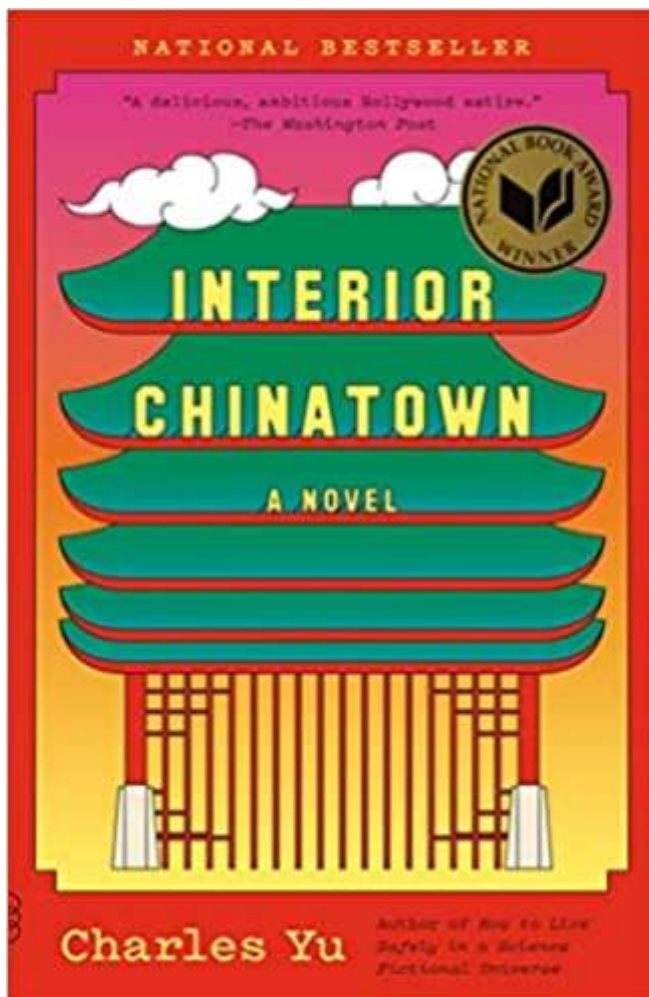


Christian Education
will host a book discussion
of **Rachel Held Evans' book, Inspired.**

This 6-week course begins
Sundays at 9:45AM

Participants are invited to purchase and read
the first two chapters BEFORE the first session.

More info? Contact [Barbara Crump](#)



The Gayton Kirk Book Group's June book for discussion is INTERIOR CHINATOWN by Charles Yu.

The Gayton Kirk Booklist
Meets the fourth Tuesday each month at 7PM.

June 2023 Interior Chinatown by Charles Yu

July 2023 The Personal Librarian
by Marie Benedict & Victoria Christopher Murray

August 2023 The Many Daughters Of Afong
Moy by Jamie Ford

Sept. 2023 Lessons in Chemistry"
by Bonnie Graves

Oct. 2023 Being Mortal: Medicine and What
Matters in the End by Atul Gawande

Nov. 2023 The Day the World Came to Town:
9/11 in Gander, Newfoundland by Jim DeFede

Dec 2023 Jabbok by Lee Sloan

Jan. 2024 The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo
by Taylor Jenkins Reid



Would you like to help plan and lead next year's event?

We would like to make a small team of kids, teens, book lovers, and people from the Kirk who would enjoy bringing this event back in 2024.

Team members will help select authors, plan fun activities, actively spread the word about the event, and help out on event day.

Contact Stacy at
StacyDeyerle.TheGaytonKirk@gmail.com .

I would like to Thank all of you for supporting the Spring Fling Bake Table. Through your efforts the Tuckahoe Kiwanis is able to once again support our local elementary school, Ruby Carver Elementary. Your generosity and of course your sweet tooth raised \$500.00. I can't wait to speak with the principal Dr. Budny. Again, thank you for baking and purchasing the goodies. I hope you enjoy. Janice Baldwin

Children & Youth Sunday School

"Books of the Bible"

All elementary & middle school-aged students are welcome!

We will meet on May 7th, 14th, and 28th
9:45 - 10:45AM

Questions? please email:
Russell.kerr.3@live.com



Theology on Tap

Tuesday, June 13, 2023

Starts at 6PM

In Person at [Rare Olde Times](#) 10602 Patterson Avenue

Located in the Canterbury Shopping Center
(corner of Pump and Patterson)



Please let me [Betty Meador](#) know by
Tuesday, June 6th if you think you will be able to
attend so enough tables are reserved.

If last minute you find you can come, come on!

There's always room for one more!

Come and enjoy good food and good discussion!!!

Donating to the Welborne Community Food Pantry Is So Easy!

- Simply bring your food donations to their outdoor Food Box -- anytime! Pull into the second driveway into the large parking lot and you'll see the Food Box on the covered walkway.
- Did you know that Welborne, in partnership with FEEDMORE, distributes much needed food to families every Monday evening? And the number of families keeps growing. Your donations go a long way to help the neighbors you may not know, but who need your help.
- **Here's what they need most right now,** though anything you give is welcome!
 - 1 lb. bags of rice
 - Evaporated or shelf stable milk
 - Boxed mashed potatoes
 - Soups, especially chicken noodle and tomato
 - Paper bags with handles

Please put Welborne Community Food Pantry on your grocery list, and drop your items in the Food Box next time you're in the neighborhood. So easy!

Welborne United Methodist Church

920 Maybeury Drive (off Patterson Avenue)



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.) Out of respect for privacy, we do not use last names except for death notices.

For Continued Health Issues: Kasci, Ria, Sally, Harriet, Charlie, Lorette, Peggy, JP, Ginny, Douglas, Frances, Sandy, Cathleen, Tim, Gretchen, Sandra, Pat, Valerie, Sandra B, Rhonda, Beth, Barbara, Kay, Lois, Sharon, Dorothy, Linda C., John O., John B., Ron V., Trish, Sandra O., Meg, Suzanne, Lorrie, Roy, Karen W., Annie, Sean, Mary, Bob C, Chloe, Alma

We are praying for

- Tony's family & wife for healing.
- all to have a wonderful week.
- Toni to have peace.
- Ruth that she may steadily regain strength, energy, and health.
- Robert who is dealing with hard changes; may God grant him the peace & acceptance of God.
- Katie, in Kansas, who is going through chemo for the 4th time.
- the Root family in the passing of their mother.
- traveling mercies for those visiting and vacationing in these next few weeks, especially Brian and Todd.
- healing for Bob following back surgery.
- families and friends of students of VCU who recently died from traffic accidents; Mahrokh Kahn & Shawn S.
- opening of hard hearts to know God and make justice: love matters first.
- Karen's eyesight and upcoming surgery.
- Marney's friend Ruth and her family as she expects the birth of a baby in the midst of a difficult time.
- Healing for Betty's eye.
- Karen's brother who is very ill with undiagnosed symptoms.
- For our leaders to prioritize funding to alleviate the increasing problem of homelessness and hunger. To instill kindness and compassion & empathy in all people to lift up our brothers and sisters in times of need.
- Janice and Valgene for healing.
- Brenda and family.
- Laura that chemo treatments may be effective.
- Cecelia W. for healing and pain free.
- Evelyn healing of Parkinson's disease.
- Dodie for peace.
- Prayers of healing for Cathi.
- Bless Joe and Patti's Anniversary and thank You for them.
- Prayers for the people of Sudan and throughout the world for people who suffer from oppression.

2023 Kirk Officers

Session

Janet James - Moderator
Marilyn Johns - Clerk of Session
Carol Woodcock - Treasurer
Marney Titmus - Administration
Janice Baldwin - Administration
Sally Wambold - Personnel
Marion Brown - Building & Grounds
Jim Collins - Building & Grounds

Susie Trulove - Christian Ed
Cathi Thornton - Christian Ed
Rusty Deyerle - Communications
John Barnett - Communications
Linda Smiley - Missions
Betty Doll - Worship
Betty Meador - Worship

Diaconate

Lavinia Johnson - Moderator
Tina Bechtle
Mary Horsley
Aurea Melendez
Aurea Perez
Leah Viar
Beverly Evans
Deb Kuhn

Worship Services



CELTIC WORSHIP

Sundays 8:30 AM [Zoom](#) and [In-Person](#)
Music. Scripture. Discussion. Holy Communion.



OUTDOOR WORSHIP

Sundays 9:45 AM
Music. Scripture. Reflection. Holy Communion.
[In-Person](#) in outdoor sanctuary
weather permitting



TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Sundays 11:00 AM
Music. Scripture. Sermon. Holy Communion.
[In-Person](#), [Zoom](#), and [Facebook Live](#).



JAZZ VESPERS with the Gayton Kirk Jazz Trio

Sundays 5:00 PM
Poetry. Art. Scripture.
Holy Communion. Discussion. Soup.
[In-Person](#), [Zoom](#), and [Facebook Live](#).



Taizé Prayer Service Wednesdays 7 PM
Sung prayer, piano & flute, candlelight. [In-Person](#)

GROUPS AND CLASSES

MONDAYS 11 AM – 12 PM - SCRIPTURE AND COFFEE

[ZOOM](#) - Hosted by Marilyn Johns. Join us for a lively discussion of the Biblical passage for the upcoming sermon.

MONDAYS 1:30 – 3:00PM - CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS **In person** - **Teacher Sandra O’Neill**. Welcome Back! Our current projects include spring-themed paintings. Easter-themed paintings and cards; and starting beach/lake paintings (including special sandy finishes). Have an idea? Come and share! For more info: oneillstudio@comcast.net

MONDAYS 7 -8:30PM - ART BY HAND: Knitting & Handiwork

In person in the Blue Room - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month. Hosted by Liz Barham We invite all knitters, crocheters, cross stitchers, needlepointers, or hand quilters to join. If you want to learn, people are available to teach you.

TUESDAYS 10:30 – 11:30AM - CHAIR YOGA

In person - 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. Masks are optional.

TUESDAYS 1:00PM - BEGINNING BRIDGE

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

TUESDAYS 1:00PM - LEARN HOW TO PLAY BRIDGE

In person - Tina Bechtle, facilitator. Individuals who want to learn how to play bridge are welcome. No previous knowledge required. Bring a Friend! Join the fun for free.

WEDNESDAYS 1—3:00PM - CREATIVE FELLOWSHIP: ART CLASS

In person - Robin Ricketts & Jan Schreiber, facilitators. Meets the 1st Wednesday of each month. Come join this open studio time to explore your artistic expression and share your ideas. Bring your current painting or drawing project and find inspiration in fellowship with other artists. Some supplies are available but we encourage you to bring your own.

THURSDAYS 10AM-11AM - TAI CHI FOR HEALTH

In person - 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.

We encourage new folks who are interested to come and either try Tai Chi or just observe!

Photography notice: *Please be aware that photographs are taken at things happening around the Kirk. These are used in various ways, including social media and print publications. If you are uncomfortable having your photo taken or shared, please let us know, either by notifying anyone you see taking a photograph or a church leader on site, or by emailing gaytonkirk.intern@gmail.com.*

From the Desk of Karen, Office Manager

just a few "housekeeping" notes...

OFFICE HOURS: Monday – Thursday 9AM – 4PM

CONTACT: 804-741-5254 Please leave a message if you get voicemail.

gaytonkirk@gmail.com

MAILING ADDRESS:

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 make deposits weekly.

NEEDED/ACTUAL

FEB. \$21,723.29/
\$16,281.03

MAR. \$21,723.29/
\$16,098.74

APR. \$21,723.29/
\$19,898.85

MAY \$21,723.29/
\$19,330.12

[CLICK HERE TO MAKE AN OFFERING](#)

MAY Birthdays and Anniversaries

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

- 2nd Shelly Lord (B)
- 3rd Grace Gray (B)
- 4th Kevin Riley (B)
- 5th Patrick Crady (B); Rebecca Crady (b)
- 6th Jeff Boyea (B); Ella Simmons (b)
- 9th Carolyn Bedford (B)
- 11th Tom Denson (B)
- 12th Jessi Young (B); Louw and Urte Pienaar (A)
- 14th Troy Barham (B)
- 15th Deborah Denson (B)
- 16th Betty Meador (B)
- 19th Paul Hayden (B)
- 20th Maggie Heistand (B)
- 22nd Beverly Evans (B)
- 24th Charles and Jessi Young (A)
- 25th Bland and Joy Weaver (A)
- 26th Joe and Patti McCloskey (A)
- 27th Ray and Lorrie Carver (A)
- 29th Michael and Lois Fairbanks (A)

SUNDAY Attendance week of 5/21/2023

Celtic Worship – 18

Outside Worship – 13

11 AM Worship – 29

Jazz Vespers – 18

Taizé (5.24.23) –

Facebook streaming views as of Wednesday

11 AM Worship – 55

Jazz Vespers – 39

Dates of Deposits for MAY:

5.7.2023 5.21.2023
5.14.2023 5.28.2023