

Kirk Happenings

Week of November 19, 2023

The Gayton Kirk PCUSA

11421 Gayton Rd Henrico VA 23238 P.O. Box 29635, Henrico, VA 23242



Dear Friends,

We had a very successful auction, thanks to the wonderful teamwork of many people. We raised \$3300 for CASA and \$18,775 for roof repairs. Thank you to everyone for your generous support, we need to remind everyone that this money is indeed for the roof and will not be used for the general budget.

This year we have stretched ourselves to expand our offerings and services. From hosting one hundred plus people for Rise Against Hunger to hiring part-time youth, music, and pastoral personnel to support and enrich our life together, we have offered many good things for our community. We are coming to the end of fiscal year 2023 and our income nowhere near meets this year's needs as you can see in the Kirk Happenings.

If you have intended to make an offering to The Kirk and have yet to do so, now would be a good time.

There are so many offerings that we are poised to make in 2024:

Opportunities for all ages to serve, to learn and grow, to be creative, to connect with God through worship and in the outdoor setting.

We want to use your time and talents in addition to the financial pledges to address some of the expenses we incur. We want to be the hands and feet of Jesus!

As we look forward to 2024, our financial giving will need to increase in order for The Kirk to continue to be the vibrant congregation God has created us to be.

At the end of Pledge Sunday we received pledges for about half of the amount needed for the 2023 budget. Please pray that we will be able to fulfill God's purposes for us in this place and time.

In Christ,

Janet James, pastor

Marilyn Johns, clerk of session

Marney Titmus and Janice Baldwin—Stewardship co-chairs

THE GAYTON KIRK WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

- 8:30 AM - Celtic Worship Service **in-person** and [Zoom](#) (host, Marilyn J.)
- 9:45 AM - Outside Worship Service - **in-person**
- 9:45 AM - *Meeting Jesus the Christ Again* by Robert A. Chesnut - [hybrid](#) (Bob Chesnut)
- 9:45 AM - Church School for KIDZ -**in-person**
- 10:30 AM - Music Jam - all ages **in-person**
- 11:00 AM - Worship Service **in-person**, [live streaming](#), and on [Zoom](#) (host, Marilyn J.)
- 12:15 PM - Sermon Talkback **in-person** (Stacy Deyerle)
- 5:00 PM - Jazz Vespers **in-person**, [live streaming](#), and on [Zoom](#) (host, Marilyn J.)
- 5:45 PM - Jazz Vespers Discussion - **in person** and [Zoom](#) (host, Marilyn J.)
- 6:00 PM - Jazz Vespers Fellowship - **in-person**

MONDAY NOVEMBER 20

- 11:00 AM - Coffee & Scripture - [Zoom](#) (host, Marilyn Johns)
- 1:30 PM - Creative Expressions - **in-person** (Sandra O'Neill)
- 6:30 PM - Session Meeting - **in-person**
- 7:00 PM - Art by Hand - **in-person** (Liz Barham)

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 21

- 1:00 PM - Bridge and Learn to Play Bridge- **in-person** (Ellen Welthy and Tina Bechtle)

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 22

- 12:30 PM - Midday Prayer Service (in the spirit of Taizé) - **in-person**
- 3:00 PM - Staff & Committee Head Meeting - **in-person** (Janet James)

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 23 **Happy Thanksgiving—no classes & office will be closed**

- 12:00 PM - Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner - **in-person** (RSVP to deacons.gaytonkirk@gmail.com)

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**Diaconate are calling on YOUR help for
The Kirk Thanksgiving Potluck Lunch on
Thursday, November 23, 2023 from 12-3PM**

The Diaconates are asking for help with the upcoming Thanksgiving Luncheon at The Kirk on Thursday, November 23, 2022.

After the wonderful time of eating, sharing, and giving thanks together, they need your help with putting tables and chair away, cleaning up any/and all dishes, putting food away, vacuuming the floors and taking tablecloths home to clean and return...basically putting the sanctuary and kitchen back in order.

If you are able to stay and help please email deacons.gaytonkirk@gmail.com or call the church office at 804-741-5254.

**It's Christmas Cookie Season
Again!**



Cookie trays are available to purchase for \$120 for 12 dozen delicious homemade Christmas cookies and bars of around 30 different varieties. You may order smaller amounts for \$10 a dozen. These are good to give as gifts or just eat them yourself! All of the cookies are freezable, and all of the money raised goes to the General Fund of the Kirk. Our timeline is a little short this year, so please get your order in to me, Marilyn Johns (marilynjohns2@gmail.com) by November 30, 2023. I will deliver them to your home or to the church starting in mid – December.

Serving Together

Upcoming Mission Opportunity

Wednesday, Nov. 29th, Prep and serve lunch to VCU students at the Pace Center Campus Ministry

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information and to sign up!



Donate to Welborne Community Food Pantry

There is an urgent need for these items:

- ***Soups: tomato, chicken & noodle, and hearty varieties**
- ***Rice (1 lb. bags)**
- ***Canned pasta (like spaghetti or ravioli)**
- ***Canned vegetables and beans**
- ***Shelf stable and evaporated milk**
- ***Mashed potatoes**
- ***Cereal**
- ***Canned fruit and applesauce**
- ***Diapers, size 3 & up**
- ***Paper Bags with handles**

(Updated on 11.14.2023)

Large donations may be dropped off Mondays, Wednesdays, or Sundays from 9:30AM to 11:30AM. Small donations may be placed on donation bins anytime. Deliver donations to **Welborne UMC (920 Maybeury Drive, Richmond, VA 23229)** 2nd parking lot entrance, near preschool.

Place items in box on the right side of the covered breezeway. Thank You!



Community & Fellowship

**Indoor parade starts
Every thirty minutes
2PM, 2:30PM, 3PM, and
3:30PM**

Families! Join us for *Las Posadas*

a family celebration of a Mexican Christmas tradition!

Saturday, December 16, 2pm – 4pm

The Gayton Kirk (inside activity)

11421 Gayton Rd Henrico VA 23238

singing. journeying with Mary and Joseph. piñata party



Cocoa & Caroling

Sunday, December 3

6:15pm

(Following Jazz Vespers)

Join us at the firepit for a simple evening of singing and fellowship.

Invite your friends and family!

Bring a chair & a flashlight. Dress warmly.

Optional. Bring your own travel mug.

This is an all-weather event. We will move into the sanctuary if it wet or below freezing.

Questions? Contact
stacyjones@thegaytonkirk@gmail.com

The Gayton Kirk Book
Club

Fourth Tuesdays at 7pm

By ZOOM

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



There will be no meeting in Dec. due to the holidays

Jan. 2024 Jabbok by Lee Sloan

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

Learning Opportunities

Children & Youth

Children & Youth Sunday School

Upcoming Events

Here are upcoming events for children and youth at the Kirk. If you have children or grandchildren visiting this holiday season, please bring them along! The more the merrier!

Sun. Nov. 19th & 26th: 9:45am Youth & Children Sunday School
(Christian Ed. Committee - Advent Prep.)

10:30am Music Jam (for all)

Sun. Dec. 3rd: 9:45am Youth and Children Sunday School (Russ Kerr)

10:30am Music Jam (for all)

6:15 pm—Cocoa & Caroling for all ages (Stacy Deyerle)

Sun. Dec. 10th: 9:45am Youth and Children Sunday School (Russ Kerr)

10:30am Music Jam (for all)

Sat. Dec. 16th: 2pm Las Posadas – A family friendly way to learn the story of Christmas!

Sun. Dec. 17th 9:45am Youth and Children Sunday School (Russ Kerr)

10:30am Music Jam (for all)

Sun. Dec. 24th Christmas Eve! More details coming soon!

HOPE TO SEE YOU AT 'THE KIRK' SOON!

All elementary & middle school students are welcome!

Sunday Mornings

9:45 - 10:45AM

Questions? please email:

Russell.kerr.3@live.com

Making Music Together

Handbell Practice

Thursday Nights

6:30 PM to 8:00 PM



No prior experience needed. A fun activity that aids in worship for the Kirk. Any questions please contact [John Donelson](#).

We are singing and playing and praising God!

Join us

Sunday mornings 10:30 in the sanctuary
if you like to sing or play an instrument
or keep rhythm to the music.

We are building our music program
and imagining possibilities for special music.

Come, join us.

Questions? Talk with Janet James or Maya Collins

Looking for gift ideas? Reach out to [Bland Weaver](#) to order nuts for the holidays. Not only are they delicious, but the proceeds support the kids and the community.

Go Nuts for the Holidays!

With Tuckahoe Kiwanis and HUBS Peanuts!



Regular Peanuts

Small.....	20 oz.	\$13.00
Medium.....	32 oz.	\$18.00
Large.....	40 oz.	\$21.00

Peanut Brittle

One Size.....	16 oz.	\$15.00
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Chocolate Covered Peanuts

Large.....	20 oz.	\$15.00
Small.....	12 oz.	\$11.00

Honey Kissed Peanuts

One Size.....	20 oz.	\$13.00
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Sweet Heat Peanuts

One Size.....	20 oz.	\$13.00
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Tuckahoe Kiwanis Service Projects

Feed More
Meals on Wheels
Henrico CASA
Mills Godwin, Deep Run, & JR Tucker Key Clubs

YMCA
Special Olympics of Virginia

Proceeds are used for Youth & Community service projects in the Richmond area. The Tuckahoe Kiwanis Club is now taking orders for early delivery!

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, 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, Annie, Sean, Mary, Bob C, Chloe, Alma, Anne, Sherry, Barry, Nick, Geoff

We are praying for:

- Svea and Nate to find help and peace in dealing with anxiety and depression.
- Lynn I. for health and happiness.
- Karen W. for health and happiness.
- John in his battle with cancer.
- Ben and Trisha as they mourn.
- Kristen and her twins who were born 2 1/2 months early.
- The Childress family as they mourn the death of their father.
- A friend's son who has stage 4 colon cancer.
- Peace in Israel and Gaza.
- The memory of Josie who taught all she met how to live every day to its fullest.
- Healing for Colin & Gloria as to be pain free.
- Michelle and her family for multiple loses.
- The life & spirit of Dr. Paul, founder of Partners in Health , a true saint.
- Katelyn, a 16 year old from New Mexico, who has 20+ blood clots in her legs.
- Freedom, peace, and return to a safe home for all who are in harms way; God be with them.
- Trish Harris as she mourns the death of her much beloved husband, Raymond Harris, of many years.
- Unity for our country.
- Sean and his family as the anniversary of his father's death approaches.
- Mary in her quest to find an affordable one bedroom apartment.
- The Bryant family for love & strength as their mother/grandmother/great-grand mother is put in hospice.
- Christine's healing for back issues.
- Lilly's older brother and wife for the passing of their dog.
- God to help all of us who need to do better work.
- Us to wait in patience for God, and live his truth, carry his light to others, and always prepare.

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. Fellowship.

[In-Person](#), [Zoom](#), and [Facebook Live](#).



Taizé Prayer Service

Wednesdays 12:30 PM

Song, silent & spoken prayer, 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**. Our current projects include Autumn, Halloween, and Thanksgiving themed paintings. We will begin exploring pencil art work. Drop in when you can. For beginners as well as for learning a new medium. 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 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 9:30AM-10:15AM - **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!

THURSDAYS 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.

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 stacydeyerle.thegaytonkirk@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

Reports

We make deposits weekly.

	NEEDED/ACTUAL
AUG	\$21,723.29/ \$15,084.69
SEPT	\$21,723.29/ \$26,770.07
OCT	\$21,723.29/ \$11,414.89
NOV	\$21,723.29/ \$11,065.00

[CLICK HERE TO MAKE AN OFFERING](#)

Attendance numbers

Celtic Worship – 20

Outside Worship – 3

11 AM Worship – 41

Jazz Vespers – 17

Taizé – 9

Facebook streaming views as of Tuesday *(Includes views of any length.)*

11 AM Worship – 67

Jazz Vespers – 217

NOVEMBER Birthdays and Anniversaries

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

- 1st Keith and Nancy Parkhouse (A)
- 2nd Lynn Izod (B); Troy and Kayla Barham (A)
- 3rd Aurea Melendez (B)
- 6th Connie Knisley (B)
- 12th Kenny Terrell (B)
- 14th Della Griffith (B)
- 18th Ben Watkins (B)
- 21st Kedrick Haller (B)
- 23rd Lyn Lunsford (B)
- 24th Zachary Hart (B)
- 25th Julia Baldwin (B); Buck Wilson & Karen Rooney (A)
- 27th Marney Titmus (B); Walter Kennedy (B)
- 28th Becca Long (B)
- 29th Suzanne Keefer (B)