

Kirk Happenings

Week of January 16, 2022

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"The good news of the Gospel is that the triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—creates, redeems, sustains, rules, and transforms all things and all people. This one living God, the Scriptures say, liberated the people of Israel from oppression and covenanted to be their God.

By the power of the Spirit, this one living God is incarnate in Jesus Christ, who came to live in the world, die for the world, and be raised again to new life. The Gospel of Jesus Christ announces the nearness of God's kingdom, bringing good news to all who are impoverished, sight to all who are blind, freedom to all who are oppressed, and proclaiming the Lord's favor upon all creation.

The mission of God in Christ gives shape and substance to the life and work of the Church. In Christ, the Church participates in God's mission for the transformation of creation and humanity by proclaiming to all people the good news of God's love, offering to all people the grace of God at font and table, and calling all people to discipleship in Christ.

Human beings have no higher goal in life than to glorify and enjoy God now and forever, living in covenant fellowship with God and participating in God's mission."

from THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH USA BOOK OF ORDER

Friends,

Please join me in extending a welcome to our newly ordained and installed officers. Accepting God's call to lead and care for the Kirk is a great honor and a huge responsibility - especially during these times. There was tremendous pressure last year on the elders and deacons to keep us together and they did an excellent job of holding us together during the difficult ups and downs of the pandemic.

As we met for the Officers' Training Retreat, we discussed our hopes for The Kirk and learned about The Presbyterian Church USA. Each time I read the beginning of the PCUSA Book of Order, I am grateful for the way our denomination is set up to worship God and show the love of God to the world.

Please pray for our elders as they make decisions that guide the direction of our congregation. Please pray for the deacons as they provide care for us and as they invite us to work with them to care for each other. Pray for our congregation and the congregations along our street and in our neighborhoods that we might all be a light to the world, safe and trusted spaces to worship and learn about God, people who reach out to love and heal the world.

Pray for me that I might be open to the Holy Spirit, follow Jesus rightly, and lead the church into a faithful witness of God's power and love.

Janet

P.S. Please see page 6 for ways you may assist the deacons in their call to care for our congregation.

THE GAYTON KIRK WEEKLY CALENDAR WITH LINKS

SUNDAY JANUARY 16

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](#)
5:00 PM Jazz Vespers **in-person** and [Live Streaming](#)
5:45 PM [ZOOM](#) Jazz Vespers hosted by Marilyn Johns.

MONDAY JANUARY 17

10:00 AM [ZOOM](#) Wisdom Class hosted by Linda S.
11:00 AM [ZOOM](#) Coffee & Scripture
6:30 PM [ZOOM](#) Session Meeting
7 PM Art by Hand – **in-person**

TUESDAY JANUARY 18

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.
7 PM [ZOOM](#) Faith and Film- “Doubt” – hosted by Bob Chesnut

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 19

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 – “MOUNT VERNON” from a docent - [zoom only](#)
7 PM Taize – **in-person**

THURSDAY JANUARY 20

1:30 PM A Study of the Gospel of MARK **in-person** hosted by Hunter Hill
7 PM [ZOOM](#) Theology & Dance with Glorify Performing Arts group

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 only at 7 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Theology on Tap

Invigorating discussions about current topics!

**NEXT MEETING:
Wednesday – February 8th
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](#)

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](#)

FAITH & FILM DISCUSSION TUESDAY JAN 18 7PM [ZOOM](#)

"Doubt" is a 2008 film based on a Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award winning film set in an urban Catholic parish and school in 1964 and featuring outstanding performances from a stellar cast of Phillip Seymour Hoffman, Meryl Streep, Amy Adams, and Viola Davis. It tackles tough issues of sexual orientation, race, and a possibly predatory priest without offering any clearcut answers. You can get it on Amazon Prime and possibly elsewhere. Join us on Tuesday, January 18 at 7 PM to discuss this thought-provoking film.



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

a variety of speakers and topics of interests

Wednesdays 1:30 - 3:00 pm

The Gayton Kirk gaytonkirk@gmail.com 804-741-525

January 19 at 1:30PM

MOUNT VERNON from a docent

presentation by Susan Wong

[CLICK TO join us on 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 in 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.*

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

The Kiwanis Club of Tuckahoe volunteers at Feed More two Tuesdays each month from 9:00 to 12:00.

The next volunteer date is 1/25/2022.

Contact [Bland Weaver](#) for details if you want to volunteer.



The ministry of the deacons
Is the ministry of friendship.

Deacons encourage us and
help us develop our friendship skills.

Deacons help with
transportation to medical appointments,
spiritual support through prayers,
visits, and written messages,
and food for fellowship,
meals for a family during difficult times,
and meals for celebrations and feasts.



Please contact the Kirk office 804-741-5254
if you think the deacons can be of help.

Deacons need your help.
Are you able to drive someone to an appointment?
Fix a meal?
Bring food for a celebration?



Please respond with a click to send
your name to gaytonkirk@gmail.com.
We will create a resource list to
assist us with befriending each other.

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

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 -**No class 1.17.22**

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 On hold until Feb. 3rd

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

Prayers for Carol 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

The 2022 Gayton Kirk Officers Session

Janet James – Moderator
Marilyn Johns – Clerk of Session
Carol Woodcock – Treasurer
Marney Titmus – Administration
Bland Weaver - Administration
Sally Wambold - Building & Grounds
Marion Brown - Building & Grounds
Patti McCloskey - Christian Education
Rusty Deyerle - Communications
John Barnett - Communications
Linda Smiley - Missions
Jim Collins - Missions
Betty Doll - Worship
Lynn Dowdy - Worship

Diaconate

Lavinia Johnson-Moderator
Leah Viar
Aurea Perez
Aurea Melendez
Mary Horsley
Janice Baldwin

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/
\$5,713.96

[CLICK HERE TO MAKE AN OFFERING](#)

Attendance week of 1/9/2022

Celtic Worship – 17
Outside Worship – N/A
11 AM Worship – 39
Jazz Vespers – 14

Facebook Jazz Vespers Views
1/2 – 39
12/26- 90