

Bayside Presbyterian Church
1400 Ewell Road
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Church History - January 1, 1982 through December 31, 1982

The year 1982 began with the Reverend Mrs. Susan Haugh continuing to serve very ably as the interim supply pastor.

The first Adult Fellowship event was a "Hillbilly Jamboree" featuring beef barbecue and square dancing led by Ike Booker on January 16th.

Following the morning worship service on Sunday, January 17, a soup, salad and sandwich lunch was enjoyed by all who attended.

The Sunday Church School began a six-week series on "Marriage Enrichment" for adults during the regular church school hour. The class was led by the Rev. Dr. William C. Hedrick, Director of Tidewater Pastoral Counseling Services. There were over 100 who attended the class.

The Pastor Nominating Committee presented an update on their work through January. Ben Hamilton, chairman, reported that they had traveled over 5,000 miles, met weekly for about 3 hours and reviewed over 100 pastor information forms. They requested that the congregation be patient and pray that God would lead them to the right person for Bayside church and that the minister would also feel God's leading.

A weekly Bible study led by Susan Haugh on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. The study began on February 3 using the Gospel of Mark. The group met each Wednesday except on circle meeting days.

The congregation rejoiced with Bob Parker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Parker, who received the Eagle award at a Boy Scout Court of Honor, Sunday, February 7, 1982 at three o'clock in the church social hall. Robert is a member of Troop Number 39.

Mr. R. K. Robinson, who has served as a missionary in Korea for 25 years was the speaker at the church family dinner sponsored by the Witness Committee. The dinner was held on Sunday, February 14, at 6:30 p.m. Those who attended bought a can of food (meat) to contribute to the food bank.

A prayer chain was organized on February 21st. Sandi Warden, Lib Conner and Sylvia Maume served as coordinators. Annie Mae Brickhouse, Peggy Reed, Martha Bender, and Mildred Sellers were leaders for the four prayer chains.

Over 35 of our young people participated in the "lock-in" at the church on Friday, February 26th. A fun time and a sleepless time was had by all including the leaders, Lynn and Steve Walls, and Diane Garrison.

The Women of the Church Council started a Food Pantry Fund to be used to buy perishable items to add to the non-perishable foods we contribute the first Sunday in each month. The food pantry is mainly used to answer calls for help from the Virginia Beach Social Services Department.

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The Women of the Church again sponsored classes on making chrismons to replace damaged ornaments for our sanctuary trees at Christmas. The ladies gathered together on the first and third Wednesday afternoons of each month to make the chrismons. They also shared the how-to of other handwork such as, tatting, quilting, etc. Glenda Williams served as the leader and teacher. She deserves a great big thank you for the many hours she contributed and the joyous way in which she gave of her time and talents.

The circles of the Women of the Church continue their ministry to others as they visit the Shore Drive Convalescent Home with a different circle responsible each month. They celebrate residents' birthdays, take fruits and other goodies, play games, lead sing-alongs, etc. to entertain those living there. White elephant items were contributed along with other gifts and articles for the patients' Rock-N-Roll Jamboree auction.

The circles also collect and send magazines to the Camelot Nursing Home.

The college students were assigned to each of the circles to remember with cards, notes, stamps, goodies, etc. each month.

The Bayside Presbyterian Church continues to serve the Meals on Wheels program by delivering meals as well as our budgeted financial commitment.

A confirmation class began on February 28th led by the interim supply pastor, Susan Haugh.

The Red Cross Bloodmobile sponsored by the Bayside Ecumenical Council was at our church on March 7th.

The Session renewed the Every Family Plan of the PRESBYTERIAN SURVEY.

The Session participated in a Communication/Visitation Skills Workshop led by Dr. William C. Hedrick. Forty attended the evening session on Friday from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. and 30 attended the Saturday session from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., March 19-20.

Our second soup, salad and sandwich lunch was held after the morning worship service on March 21st and was very well attended.

The same afternoon the Career and Personal Counseling program for high school students began and culminated in a visit to Synod's Career and Personal Counseling Center, Waynesboro, Virginia.

The church secretary, Margaret Shanks, and our cooperative office education (COE) student, Lisa Mason, attended the Virginia Beach School Board's Twelfth Annual Employer/Employee Appreciation Night on March 24th.

Several of our young people attended the Folk Dance Weekend which was held at Makemie Woods, March 26-28.

Our quota of White Cross supplies was over-subscribed which consisted of baby dresses, aprons, and a large amount of pharmaceutical, medical supplies, etc. They were turned in by the women well in advance of the March 29th deadline.

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Six of our ladies attended the annual meeting of the Women of Norfolk Presbytery at the Lafayette Presbyterian Church, Norfolk, on March 30th.

The Handbell Choir presented a program on March 30th for the Senior Citizen Adult Group at Jackson Memorial Baptist Church, Portsmouth, Virginia.

Palm Sunday, April 4th, was celebrated with a message in music as the chancel choir presented "The Passion According to Mark."

Following the presentation a congregational meeting was held at which time plans for renovation of the choir loft were approved. It was also voted to use funds from the Mae Allen Estate Fund in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.

William Cary McMullen, PSCE student from Fort Worth, Texas, was approved at the session meeting, April 18th. The session voted also to designate the Rev. and Mrs. Lyle Peterson, missionaries to Japan, as the recipients of our missionary support. They adopted Guidelines for Sponsoring Elders assigned to new members.

Mary Hutcheson (Mrs. Fletcher C.) was presented an Honorary Life Membership in the Women of the Church, Presbyterian Church in the United States, at the April General Meeting of the Women of the Church. The presentation was made by Carolyn Walsh and the Bible lesson was taught by Lynn Walls. New officers for the 1982-83 term were elected.

The Strengthening of the Church Committee sponsored a church family dinner at the church on April 25th. The program recognized the church school staff and church school teachers. Each one was recognized and presented with a potted azalea.

Annie Mae Brickhouse and Fletcher Manning attended the spring meeting of Norfolk Presbytery in the Simonsdale Presbyterian Church, Portsmouth, Virginia on April 27th.

On Monday, May 3rd, our first softball game of the season was played at PA Field No. 6 against the Kempsville Church of Christ.

At the May session meeting Standing Rules for Sessional Procedure were adopted. Louise Wombolt and Margaret Bobst were approved as directors of the Vacation Church School to be held June 16-23, 1982.

The Adult Fellowship enjoyed a Theater/Dinner event as they attended the five o'clock performance of Gemini at the Wells Theater followed by dinner at the Harbor Club.

Don Brickhouse, son of Everett and Annie Mae Brickhouse, and candidate for the ministry from Bayside church, graduated from Erskine Seminary, Due West, South Carolina, on May 16th. He has accepted a call from the First Presbyterian Church, Olanta, South Carolina. He was given a stole and ledger as tokens of our love and best wishes to him in his ministry.

The Women of the Church celebrated the birthday of the Women of the Church, Presbyterian Church in the United States, with a church family dinner at 6:30 p.m. in the social hall on May 16th. The Youth Fellowships presented the program based on the children's television program, "Mister Rogers Neighborhood."

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A congregational meeting was held at the close of the morning worship on May 23rd to elect a nominating committee for church officers for the class of 1985 and to fill vacancies. Those elected were: Bill Anderson, chairman; Bill Chapman, Larry Conner, Edna Etheridge, Lyn Hamilton, Ann Hipps, Dorcas Lowery, Lucius Steere, and Carolyn Walsh.

We were hosts again to the Red Cross Bloodmobile, sponsored by the Bayside Ecumenical Council, Tuesday, June 1st, with a record number of donors.

On Sunday, June 6th, the high school graduates were recognized by the pastor as they sat together wearing the academic robe of their school. It was quite a colorful procession as they left the sanctuary and were honored at a reception immediately following the worship service.

Sandi Warden was appointed Sunday Church School superintendent for the 1982-1983 church school year, succeeding Nancy Hamilton.

Billie Childress, Louise Parrett, Cary Stone, and Carolyn Walsh responded to the call to Bible study, fellowship, and inspiration as they packed their bags and headed for the Women's Enrichment Conference, Massanetta Springs, Harrisonburg, Virginia, June 14-18.

A progressive dinner was the program for the Adult Fellowship on June 18th.

Martin Sunderland, our organist/choir director, attended the Virginia Music Camp, June 21-27, at Massanetta Springs. He served on the staff as assistant to the conductor for the junior high mixed chorus.

After a fun-filled Vacation Church School, the children presented a closing program for their proud parents, grandparents, other relatives, and friends on June 23rd.

On June 25th, the Session participated in a retreat during which time they evaluated their work and discussed future goals.

The long-awaited day, June 27, 1982, finally arrived--the day that the session had called a congregational meeting to hear the report of the Pastor Nominating Committee and to act on their nomination. It was with bated breath that we listened to their report; and with great joy that we beheld the brochure prepared for us, complete with pictures and biographical information; and with thanksgiving to God that we voted to call Dr. Richard Jenkins Keever as the pastor of Bayside Presbyterian Church.

On July 11th, the congregation elected Joseph Clark and Louise Parrett to fill vacancies in the Class of 1984 and William H. Chapman, P. Lawrence Edmonds, Aundrea H. Edwards, Robert S. Hamilton, C. Edward Hipps, Sidney L. Lawrence, Walter S. Lowery, Louise Robinson, George O. Tyner and William B. Warden to serve as elders in the Class of 1985 during a meeting called for that purpose.

At the July Session meeting Ellen Bell and Audrey Brun were approved as Assistant Church School Superintendent and Elementary Division Chairman, respectively.

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The Adult Fellowship enjoyed a cook-out and swim party at the Wombolts on July 16th.

Following the morning worship service on Sunday, July 18th, a lemonade social was held on the lawn.

Chellie Phillips and Brum Tefft served as representatives to the summer meeting of Norfolk Presbytery July 27th at the Denhigh Church, Newport News. Alicia Benham and Lyn Hamilton attended as our Youth delegates. Our new pastor, Dick Keever, was examined and received at this meeting.

A Church School Strengthening event led by Cary McMullen was held Saturday, July 31st, 9:15 to 1:00.

The session adopted a resolution of thanks, tribute and love to God for Fletcher Campbell Hutcheson to be included in the Minutes with copies to his wife, children and to Norfolk Presbytery.

Majestic Marketing Company was approved as the processor and publisher for our Church Pictorial Directory. White Photographic Studio was selected as the photographer.

Training for new officers was planned for 4 sessions; 2 in August led by Susan Haugh, and 2 in September led by Dick Keever.

An evening on the "Miss Virginia Beach Tour Boat" followed by refreshments at the home of Larry and Lib Conner was enjoyed by the Adult Fellowship.

On Sunday, August 22nd, the congregation expressed their appreciation to Susan Haugh for her service of more than a year as our interim supply pastor. Following the luncheon, presentations of gifts were made by Jeff Warden for the Church School and Oz Edwards for the congregation.

Dr. Keever and his family were honored and welcomed as our new pastor on his first Sunday at Bayside at a reception following the morning worship service on September 5, 1982.

The Sunday Church School expressed their appreciation to the summer teachers and those who were to teach the fall and winter series at a coffee and Hymn Sing on the 5th of September.

The WOC contributed food for the Loaves and Fishes program at St. Columba. The program feeds approximately 60 persons a day 5 days a week. The women also volunteered as baby sitters to allow the women in the area of St. Columba to attend classes in homemaking, sewing, health care, etc.

We were hosts again on September 14th to the Red Cross Bloodmobile.

The 1982-84 WOC officers were installed at the General Meeting on September 15th. Peggy Reed, District Chairman, conducted the installation service. Aundrea Edwards was presented an Honorary Life Membership in the Women of the Church, Presbyterian Church in the United States, by Susan Haugh. The meeting closed with lunch.

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Dr. Keever was installed as pastor of Bayside during the morning worship service, Sunday, September 19th. Dwight Christenbury, associate pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Virginia Beach; Lena Clausell, staff associate for nurture/witness, Norfolk Presbytery, and elder, First Presbyterian Church, Portsmouth; Ben Hamilton, chair of Bayside Pastor Nominating Committee; Susan Haugh, former interim supply, Bayside Presbyterian Church; James L. Mays, professor of Biblical Interpretation, Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va.; and Elaine Witty, chair of the Department of Education, Norfolk State College, and elder, Covenant Presbyterian Church served as the installation commission appointed by Norfolk Presbytery. Dwight presided. Lena charged the pastor; Susan charged the congregation and James Mays preached the sermon.

On Thursday, September 30th, Bayside was host to Elizabeth River District 1, 2 & 3. Dr. William Pauley, Synod's Communicator, was the speaker and introduced the 1982-83 Circle Bible Study, "Christ, the Peacemaker."

Get-to-know-you Coffees were held in the homes of members to enable Dick to informally meet members of the congregation and for them to get to know him and for us to think together about some of our hopes and dreams for Bayside. Twenty-five Coffees were held with approximately 300 people attending. It was an especially beneficial time of fellowship and helped to unite us in a real church family.

The ordination and installation of new church officers took place during the morning worship service on Laity Sunday, October 10th.

Members of the Adult Fellowship whooped it up at an old fashioned Hayride followed by dessert at the home of Bob and Bobbie Brenton.

The Commitment Committee sponsored a Work Day to improve the church property both inside and outside on October 23rd. A hearty breakfast served at the church fortified volunteer workers for their task.

Roy Brun and Louise Parrett attended the fall meeting of Norfolk Presbytery on October 26th at Gloucester.

A monthly class for Circle Bible Moderators was begun on October 27th led by the pastor.

On October 31st the Adult and Youth Classes were privileged to hear Lt. Tom Harper, U.S.N., a nationally renowned speaker for the American Cancer Society, relate his experiences of personal faith and his fight against cancer. The program was sponsored by the Young Adult Class.

A Communicants Class for Young Adults was begun on November 7th.

The Fine Arts Weekend at Makemie Woods was attended by a group from the Youth Fellowship November 14-15.

The Adult Fellowship presented an evening of information and inspiration on November 19th when Dr. and Mrs. Charles Iver shared experiences from their 2-week work/visit to Honduras, performing general surgery for indigents. The visit was sponsored by the Christian Medical Society.

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On November 21st a reception was given by the Commitment Committee following the morning worship service. The reception honored the members who had joined Bayside during the past year.

In the afternoon Bayside hosted for Norfolk Presbytery a meeting of congregations and Sessions in Norfolk and Virginia Beach to discuss the Plan of Union.

We joined with other churches in the Bayside Ecumenical Council for the annual Thanksgiving Eve Service held at the Bayside Baptist Church. Dick Keever preached the sermon with ministers from the other churches leading in other parts of the worship service.

Families of the congregation participated in the lighting of the candles on the Advent Wreath as a part of the worship service during the four Sundays in Advent.

A congregational meeting was held on December 5th to elect a nominating committee to search for an associate pastor for nurture and witness. Those elected were Larry Conner, Sandi Warden, Audrey Brun, Hank Lowery, Doris Neil, George Vergakis and Don Merchant.

On the evening of December 5th we gathered for a family night supper followed by a program of the Chrismon trees.

The WOC adopted 6 foster children for Christmas remembrances as their project for 1982. The names were provided by the foster care program of the Virginia Beach Social Services Department.

A Christmas decorating work party was held on December 11th at 9:30 a.m. to make wreaths, swags, etc. to complete the Christmas decorations for the church and sanctuary.

The 80-voice Kempsville High School Choral Group presented a Festival of Joy in our sanctuary on December 12th.

During the morning worship service on December 19th, "Lessons and Carols," a message in music was presented by the chancel choir.

The Church School presented a pageant that evening followed by a birthday party for Jesus and our annual plum pudding festival.

Joy and inspiration was the theme as we shared in a Christmas Love Feast at two candlelight communion services held at 7:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve.

The final event of the year was a Social for college students in the library from 10:00 to 10:45 a.m. on December 26th. We were delighted to have them home for the holidays.

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Statistics are sometimes boring but they help us to see
How our membership has changed since our beginning with 1983.
Twelve new members by profession of faith there were
And 36 by certificate or letter of transfer,
Our other gains gave us an increase of two more
Which netted us 50 new members as our total gain score.
By certificate of transfer we lost 34
And by death our membership decreased 4 more.
Our church rolls were reviewed by a committee
And we lost 207 more members you see.
That brought all of our losses to 245
Leaving a total of 768 members all well and alive.
Six infant and 5 adult baptisms made a total of eleven
And our Church School enrollment was 237.
For all of our blessings we thank our Father above,
And pray that our congregation will keep on witnessing
to His love.
We rejoice this year for the many paths we have trod
Striving with each step that we make to glorify God.
It is with great joy that we look forward to the new year
Under the leadership of Dick Keever, our pastor so dear.

*Louise Robinson,
(Mrs. Raymond C.)*