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Bayside Presbyterian Church
*We are a community of Christ's people seeking
To do the will of God.
Changing lives.
Growing Christian disciples.
Living God's word.*

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Heartfelt thanks to each and every angel who shopped and provided Christmas gifts to those in need. You helped provide 240 gifts to children and families associated with St. Columba Ecumenical Ministries, Mile High Kids organization, and our local community and schools. It is always amazing to witness the generosity, time and beautiful package wrapping that you all provide for your chosen recipients!! Thank you so much for sharing God's love and God's blessings with so many during this Christmas season!!

Being the Church

Bayside Presbyterian Church is full of incredible disciples that share their gifts in a wide variety of ways. One of those faithful disciples Audre Cannell, has volunteered as a receptionist for many years. In fact I believe she was the first volunteer receptionist and began those duties in an effort to help cover the phones and welcome visitors during staff meetings. Way back when she began that ministry the church office was located in what is now the library. The church has changed a great deal through its history but if you are ever here on a Tuesday morning chances are you are going to be greeted by Audre.

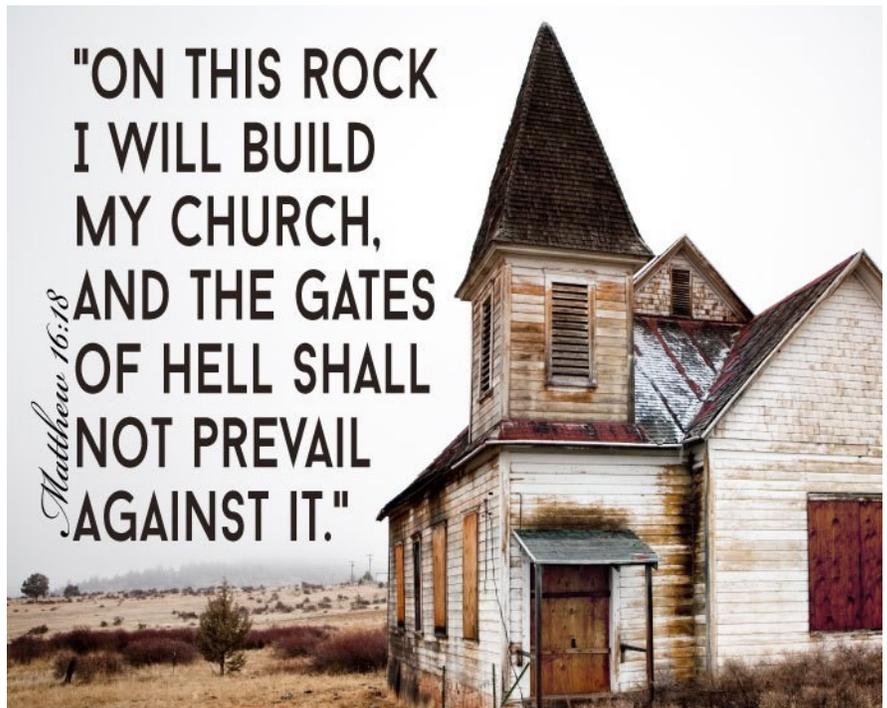
A few times each year Audre will come in my office with her bright smile and drop off the most recent copy of "Theology Matters". It is a publication that Don Cannell received and until his subscription stops I get the benefit or learning from the great church leaders whose writing fills its pages.

On the cover of the most recent addition is the question, "Does The Reformation Still Matter?" In response to the question seven different ministers representing a wide swath of Presbyterianism shared their thoughts about the current state of the church. Being an eternal optimist The Reverend Dr. Edwin Hurley's article resonated the most with me. Ed has been in ministry for more than 36 years and is currently The Senior Pastor of South Highland Presbyterian Church (PCUSA), in Birmingham, AL. Ed highlights one of the gems he found in John Leith's Warfield Lectures at Princeton Seminary. Leith's claim:

"The church lives, not by organization and

techniques, but by the passionate conviction that Jesus Christ is the Word made flesh, full of grace and truth, that in his death on the cross our sins are forgiven, that God raised him from the dead for our salvation. No technique, skill, or wisdom can substitute for this passionate conviction."

Hurley writes, "The Reformation reminds



us today that tons of clever techniques are not worth one ounce of truth. And the truth is: Jesus Christ builds the church. And He has promised that the gates of hell will not prevail against Him, and if we are rooted in Him, we will produce abundant fruit to the glory of God alone." God is not finished with Bayside. God has incredible things God wants to do through Bayside. We need to lean in and listen for the voice of God, and lean back and let the wind of the Holy Spirit fill our sails.

~ David

Happy New Year

Each New Year starts with confetti, champagne, resolutions, and cheer. We count down the last few seconds till the clock strikes midnight, and when it does suddenly we have a new chance to do things differently. I think we've all had that attitude at some point in our lives. And yet quickly the routine goes back to normal, the busyness starts again, and our new chance to do things differently slips away. We've all been there. However, each day is a new chance to do things differently. Each day is a day to continue to love yourself and embrace those around you. Each day is a day to work towards forgiveness and joy. So for 2018 instead of a new year's resolution that might slip away, let's work towards embracing each day God gives us, because each day is a gift.

I look forward to spending those days with you!

I wish you wonderful New Year's Blessings!!

Joyfully,

Emma

December Session Highlights

Some of the highlights
of the December Session Meeting:

- Examined the remaining 4 incoming elders
- Passed the 2018 budget
- Approved Clergy housing allowance for 2108
- Received reports from the ministry teams
- Heard insights and suggestions from outgoing elders

Why do we.....celebrate

Epiphany

The word “epiphany” comes from a Greek word meaning “appearance’ or “manifestation” of God. The feast of Epiphany is celebrated on January 6. In some cultures it is a day of high festivity, but in North American cultures this day has diminished in importance while Christmas has grown to be one of the most celebrated days in the Christian calendar.

Epiphany was first observed about 215 AD in Egypt. It was celebrated both as the day of Jesus’ birth and as the day of his baptism. December 25 wasn’t established as a separate celebration of the nativity until about 336 AD. Today most of the Western world only relates Epiphany to the story of the Wise Men. However, for many Christians in other parts of the world, Epiphany celebrates God’s manifestation of Jesus in three ways.

First, Epiphany focuses on the fact that Jesus came to all people. The story of the Wise Men is most often associated with Epiphany. They followed the star as it led them from the East to Jesus. The Wise Men were foreigners, bowing before the baby Jesus and thus showing that God was offering the Messiah to the whole world, not just one race or people. The symbolism of light was important: not only because of the star that guided the magi, but as it relates to the bright dawning of God’s self-revelation in Christ. This was a true epiphany – an “a-ha” moment.

The second manifestation showed Jesus’ divinity. After his baptism by John, the heavens opened and the Spirit of God descended like a dove and rested on Jesus. Then a voice came from heaven proclaiming him as God’s Son. While many still celebrate Jesus’ baptism as part of Epiphany, our liturgical calendar now places this celebration of Jesus’ baptism on the Sunday after Epiphany.



Finally, Jesus’ power was manifested at the wedding feast in Cana. It was here that Jesus performed his first public miracle, changing water into wine. While this event is still celebrated as part of Epiphany by many Christians, our liturgical calendar places this story and “celebration” on the second Sunday after Epiphany.

However it is celebrated, Epiphany brings an important message. While Christmas marks the coming of God to us, Epiphany recognizes God, manifest in the person of Jesus, who came to save all humanity and thus fulfill his promise to the world.

Stephen Ministers: The After People

People often ask, “What exactly is a Stephen Minister?” One way to put it is that Stephen Ministers are the *After People*.

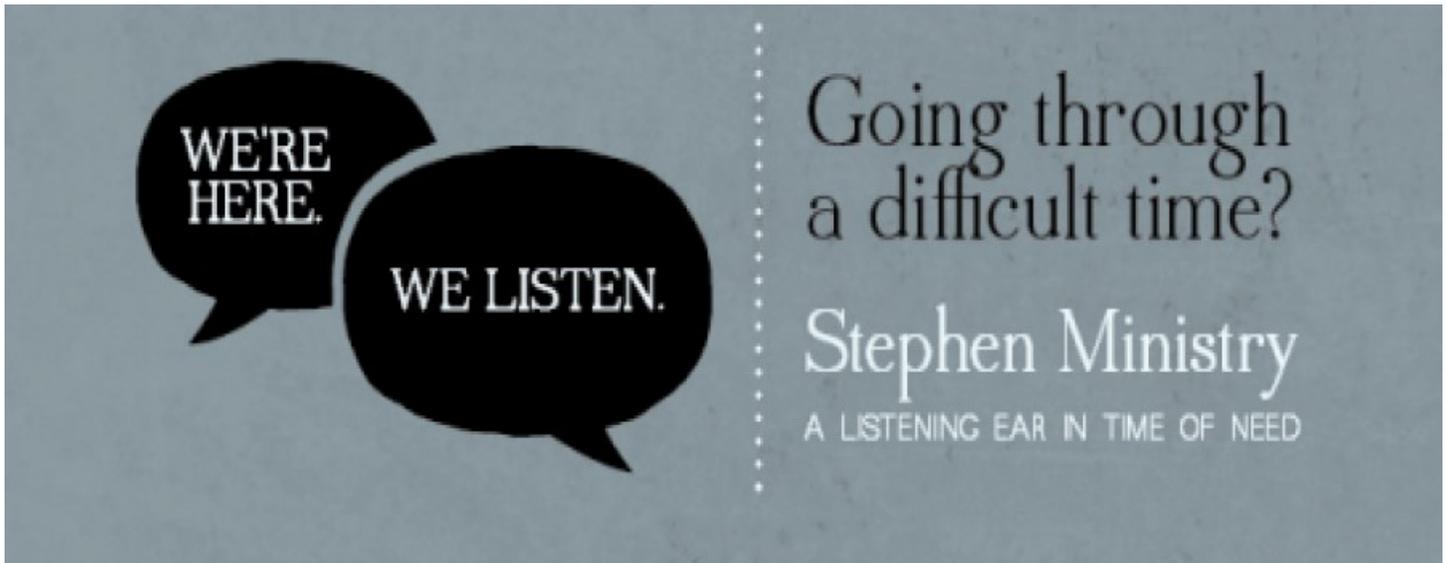
Stephen Ministers are there:

- ... *after* the phone call you hoped you'd never get.
- ... *after* the funeral, when everyone has left and the emotions you've held at bay come crashing in on you.
- ... *after* the relationship falls apart and the bottom falls out of your life.
- ... *after* the doctor says, “I'm sorry, but there's nothing more we can do.”
- ... *after* the nursing home director shakes your hand and says, “Welcome to your new home.”
- ... *after* the last child honks the horn, waves, and drives away—and the house suddenly seems empty.
- ... *after* the gavel comes down, the handcuffs go on, and your loved one is led away.
- ... *after* the baby arrives, demanding more of you than you ever dreamed possible.
- ... *after* you find a pink slip with your final paycheck.
- ... *after* your family and friends have heard your story one too many times, but you still need to talk it out.

Stephen Ministers are the After People. They are ready to come alongside you—or your friends, neighbors, coworkers, or relatives—and provide comfort and support for as long *after* as needed.

www.stephenministries.org

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Have the holidays left you feeling blue or overwhelmed?

Feel stressed and need someone to talk to CONFIDENTIALLY?

Contact Rev. Emma to set up a caring relationship with a Stephen Minister during this difficult time.

One of the most rewarding experiences a Christian can have is to walk along side someone who is hurting.

This service is FREE and CONFIDENTIAL.

Bayside Presbyterian is proud to host

**Virginia Beach Network
 of Stephen Ministers**

Saturday, February 3rd

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

A retreat for all area Stephen Ministers to exchange ideas and brainstorm methods of continuing success.

Have You Considered Becoming a Stephen Minister

Stephen Ministers are laypeople—Christian men and women—trained to provide one-to-one care to people experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, relocation, or separation due to military deployment.

Stephen Ministers come from all walks of life. Their commonality? A passion for bringing Christ's love and care to people during a time of need.

For more information on becoming a Stephen Minister, please contact Rev. Emma

Men BPMO is for you Supporting Church and Community

Men – Looking for a way to expand your personal breadth of biblical knowledge while making new friends and breaking bread? Come have breakfast with us and join the discussions and fellowship.

Our Saturday breakfasts and Bible study this month will:

Study Luke 24, with a parable-by-parable open discussion. We review what we each believe the verses meant then, and how they apply to us today. There are no wrong inputs in our safe church family environment. And, most of us take away some new thoughts.

Join us for fellowship and a sharing of ideas.

Childcare for Saturday morning breakfast and Bible study!!!

To support men with young children, BPMO is offering childcare from 0700 to 0900 on the Saturdays we meet. This helps dad take care of the kids while he attends breakfast (with lots of fellowship) and Bible study. There is a signup sheet – as we need one week's notice to make sure we have the appropriate number of caregivers. Breakfast is provided for the children (dad can help us coordinate) and they will eat and be cared for in the kids' section of the church.

So guys – want to enjoy some adult male fellowship - coupled with open biblical discussions - and **be a hero with mom?** Sign up and join us as we all support each other in our goal to make our church experience ever more vibrant and meaningful.

Stewardship/Volunteering – The Word is, you can't earn your way into Heaven. But, Faith, full belief in Christian life and following Christ, leads to Works. The saying is, Faith without works is not Faith. That may be the negative way to say it. The positive way is a life in Christ, trying to emulate Christ as best we can, inspires us to do "works."

You would be surprised to know just how far your time and talents will go and how many people those talents and some time will help. Ask about the opportunities that currently exists, or – suggest something that your are interested in. Maybe a Ministry will pick it up as a project. It's fun, and rewarding to help others.

Saturday Bible Study - Topic Luke 24

(07:00 fellowship; 07:30 breakfast; 08:00 Bible study)

6 January at 07:00 - Fellowship Hall

20 January at 07:00 - Fellowship Hall

Tuesday Morning Gathering -

Topic: Open Discussion

9 January at 07:45 - Room 514

23 January at 07:45 - Room 514

COME JOIN US!

Want to keep up with what we are doing? Log on to the church website, click on Connect and then Presbyterian Men. There is a **link** to the **calendar** at the **bottom of the page**.

And/or, contact one of our BPMO officers to join our email distribution list.

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A New Year Challenge . . .

By reading this guide's short Scripture selections each day for a year, you will gain a greater knowledge and love for God and his written Word. 30 or more days will be posted in the Binnacle each month.

A Year with the Bible

Day 1	Genesis 1.1—2.4	A Story of Creation
Day 2	Genesis 2.5-25	The Garden of Eden
Day 3	Genesis 3.1-24	The Trouble with Sin
Day 4	Genesis 4.1-16	The First Murder
Day 5	Genesis 6.1-22	God Warns Noah about a Coming Flood
Day 6	Genesis 7.1-24	The Flood Comes
Day 7	Genesis 8.1-19	The Floodwaters Dry Up
Day 8	Genesis 9.1-17	God's Promise to Noah
Day 9	Genesis 17.1-27	A Promise to Abraham and Sarah
Day 10	Genesis 22.1-19	The LORD Tests Abraham
Day 11	Genesis 32.22-32	Jacob's Name Is Changed to Israel
Day 12	Genesis 37.1-11	Joseph and His Brothers
Day 13	Genesis 37.12-36	Joseph Is Taken to Egypt
Day 14	Genesis 41.1-36	Joseph Interprets the King's Dreams
Day 15	Genesis 41.37-57	Joseph Is Made Governor of Egypt
Day 16	Genesis 42.1-24	Joseph's Brothers Go to Egypt
Day 17	Genesis 43.1-34	Joseph's Brothers Return to Egypt
Day 18	Genesis 45.1-28	Joseph Sends for Jacob
Day 19	Genesis 46.1-7,28-34	Jacob and His Family Go to Egypt
Day 20	Exodus 1.1-22	The People of Israel Suffer in Egypt
Day 21	Exodus 2.1-25	Moses Escapes from Egypt
Day 22	Exodus 3.1-22	God Speaks to Moses
Day 23	Exodus 4.1-23,27-31	Moses Performs Miracles
Day 24	Exodus 5.1—6.13	The LORD Promises To Free the People of Israel
Day 25	Exodus 12.31-42	The People of Israel Leave Egypt
Day 26	Exodus 14.1-31	The Hebrews Cross the Red Sea
Day 27	Exodus 15.1-21	Songs of Deliverance
Day 28	Exodus 16.1-36	Food from Heaven
Day 29	Exodus 20.1-17	The Ten Commandments
Day 30	Exodus 23.20-33	A Promise and a Warning
Day 31	Leviticus 25.8-34	The Year of Celebration
Day 32	Leviticus 25.35-43	Help the Poor

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Happy New Year! Office Closed	2 9:15 SIS 10:30 Staff Mtg 7:00 Ministry Mtg.	3 5:15 Wed @ Well 5:45 JAM 6:00 Adult Fellowship 6:00 MOMs Next	4	5 6:00 First Friday	6 7:30 Men's Breakfast
7 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Whole Family Of God Combined Service 5:30 Youth Groups	8 6:30 Circle 4 (508) 6:45 Circle 10 (512) 7:00 Circle 8 7:00 Praise Team	9 7:45 Men's Brkfst 9:15 SIS 10:00 Circle 6 (506) 10:30 Staff Mtg 10:30 Circle 2 (512) 2:00 Blood Drive 6:00 Stephen Ministries	10 10:00 Circle 3 (WC) 5:15 Wed @ Well 5:45 JAM 6:00 Adult Fellowship 6:00 MOMs Next	11	12	13
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JANUARY CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

01-Jan Brian Wotherspoon
03-Jan Anne Jones
George Wong
04-Jan Thomas Armistead
05-Jan Rob Allen
Anne Baker
Cathy Holloway
06-Jan Rachel Eddowes
Christine Karaoguz
07-Jan Kathryn Owen
08-Jan Kyle Golden
Janice Johnson
Thomas Mitchell
Connie Moerschell
Connie Schreiber
09-Jan Larry Lambert
12-Jan Lee Francella
13-Jan Jenny Cook
Timothy Costello
14-Jan Robert Coffey
Dana Lamade
Mary Opitz
Powell Peters
16-Jan Mike Straddeck
17-Jan Wai Wong
18-Jan Lisa Graves
19-Jan Nichole Dunstan
Andrew Peterson
20-Jan John Rayhill
21-Jan Ron Garrison
Patricia Gearhart
22-Jan Sandra Ronan
25-Jan Tyler Bonney
28-Jan Edward Gluckowski
Bruce Golden
29-Jan Bobbie DeFord III
Lita Totten
30-Jan Matthew Tignor
31-Jan Billie Hurley
Jackie Southall

Anniversaries

01-Jan Diane & Jackie Ricks
01-Jan Richard & Cathy Behrens
09-Jan Tim & Debbie Sparks
17-Jan Lin & Kim Haskins
26-Jan Hank & Nancy Lowery



I Have Come
into the world
as
light
So That No One
who believes in me
Need Remain In The
dark
John 12:46

HAPPY NEW YEAR



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