

Bayside Presbyterian Church
October 1, 1963 -- October 1, 1964
Women of the Church

Officers: October 1, 1963 -- October 1, 1964

President -- Mrs. R. H. Boyce
Vice-President -- Mrs. James W. Parrett
Secretary -- Mrs. C. E. Brake
Treasurer -- Mrs. Joe E. Wyatt
Historian -- Mrs. J. E. Johnson

Church Program Chairmen

Spiritual Growth -- Mrs. Roy M. Harksen
World Missions -- Mrs. Charles E. Pond
Church Extension -- Mrs. Lee Hamrick
Christian Education -- Mrs. H. E. Newsome
Annuities and Relief -- Mrs. L. Dow Ledbetter
Stewardship -- Mrs. R. L. Motyca
General Fund Agencies -- Mrs. Virgil M. Hopkins

Circle Chairmen

I -- Mrs. E. Maxwell Stone
II -- Mrs. John A. Ingram
III -- Mrs. F. W. Hüdgers
IV -- Mrs. J. D. Smith
V -- Mrs. Paul Edgerton

Standing Committee Chairmen

Social Activities -- Mrs. Irving A. Uhlenbrock
Card Chairman -- Mrs. Alfred Duncan
Nursery -- Mrs. Earl N. Lewis
Librarian -- Mrs. H. E. Carbaugh
White Cross -- Mrs. Charles G. Monroe
Flowers -- Mrs. George W. Cogswell
Telephone -- Mrs. J. C. Clark, Sr.
Pastor's Aid -- Mrs. Roy M. Harksen
Music -- Mrs. J. E. Johnson
Publicity -- Mrs. James Armstrong
Massanetta Representative -- Mrs. R. H. Boyce
Key Woman, Friends of the Seminary -- Mrs. Wm. Graham, Jr.
Key Woman, United Church Women and Inter-Church -- Mrs. J. A. Holland

Massanetta Delegates

Mrs. R. H. Boyce
Mrs. J. W. Parrett
Mrs. D. V. Maxwell
Mrs. H. E. Carbaugh
Mrs. J. A. Holland
Mrs. Frank Sampson

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Under the able leadership of Mrs. R. H. Boyce this year has been one in which we may all rejoice and be glad!

With "Christian Worship" as the theme for the Women of the Church, the President, officers and members have found their strength and growth in worshiping together as the body of Christ and marching joyfully together toward a common goal, filled with the spirit that flows from above.

As each member joined the church she was visited and placed in a circle most convenient for her.

Nine general meetings were held.

Total budget for the year, October 1 -- 1963 to October 1, 1964 was \$800.00

Receipts from October 1, 1963 through September 30, 1964 -- \$2,111.84.

Total disbursements from October 1, 1963 -- September 30, 1964 -- \$1,402.26.

Balance on hand September 30, 1964 -- \$1,012.26.

The circle fellowship continues its service in many ways. The women have worked diligently together to serve Christ and the church of our fellowman here and abroad.

During the past year each circle adopted an orphan from the Lynchburg Orphanage, sending much-needed articles of clothing and remembering the children with gifts of clothing and toys at Christmas and on their birthdays.

Boxes of snacks and home-baked cookies were sent to international students at Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, several times during the year and cards were sent on special occasions.

Visitation with shut-ins and retired ministers, and remembering them with cards, flowers and gifts, continue to bring cheer and happiness to them.

The women assisted at the Navy Y.M.C.A. every other month. Each circle baked two cakes. One lady from each circle has gone there to help serve. At Christmas several of the ladies went to the "Y" to help wrap packages for servicemen.

At the December meeting of the Women of the Church everyone brought a new toy for our new nursery.

Nine books of stamps were collected to assist in the purchase of a new aeroplane for one of our missionaries.

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Our missionaries were sent love gifts of money during the year. Several boxes of vitamin "C" capsules were sent to Rev. John Folta in Korea.

Miss Helen Tannehill visited our church in April while she was on sabattical leave from Mexico. A coffee was given for her in the home of Mrs. E. Maxwell Stone. A lovely sweater was given to Helen.

Money was collected for "meals for millions" during the year. Soap was brought several times for "Project Handclasp." Several members went each week regularly to help pack for this worthy cause. Several boxes of clothing were sent thru "Project Handclasp" instead of "Church World Service", with a saving of eight to ten cents per pound. In this way we served overseas relief with no actual cost to the church.

Clothing was collected for the missionary closet in Richmond. Mrs. Gouch's closet received several boxes of various clothing and one large box of women's clothing.

Health kits were made and filled by each circle for the migrant workers.

The weekly church bulletin was sent to our college students and to our young men in the service.

Other activities of the circles included a visitation program, prayer group once each week, work on cancer dressings once a month with white cross quota on the same day, serving at the general meetings and at family night suppers, providing help in the nursery each Sunday during the worship service, sponsoring a girl scout troop, serving at the blood bank, sending cancelled stamps to the residents of Sunnyside Home. Greeting cards were also sent to the residents of Sunnyside Home. The fellowship in the participation in these worth while projects and activities has been most rewarding.

Our study of the Psalms was very interesting, instructive and helpful, with more of the women taking part in the discussions and being moderators of the study.

During the summer the daytime circles met together each month for a picnic. The evening circles met together also. This arrangement worked out fine.

Four of our women made the lovely velvet hanging for the choir balcony.

Fourteen of our ladies attended the annual Presbyterial meeting at Lafayette Church, October 20 and 21.

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On World Community Day, November 6, twenty-five of our women were present in the First Baptist Church of Virginia Beach. Twenty-three attended the District Meeting at Squires Memorial Church in March. Fourteen attended the May Fellowship Day service in the Eastern Shore Chapel.

Mrs. Parrett, our Vice-President, with her committee, planned a year of interesting programs for the general meetings. The Birthday party in May was a great success and enjoyed by all. We were honored by the presence of Mrs. Julia Gunn, President of the Women of Norfolk Presbytery. Mrs. Parrett has attended all meetings and has assisted the President in every way and has made a fine Vice-President during her two years in office, showing a willing and generous spirit to do whatever she was asked to do.

Our World Mission Chairman, Mrs. Charles E. Pond worked through "Project Handclasp", sending many boxes of used clothing, soap, money for "Meals for Millions." Large boxes of clothing were sent to Mrs. Gouch's closet in Richmond and to the migrant workers. Envelopes were ordered for our World Mission offering in February.

Our women, as Friends of the Seminary, sent an offering of \$46.00 to Miss Elizabeth McKnight from 42 "Friends of the Seminary." As Key Woman, Mrs. Wm. Graham, Jr., reports that she and Mrs. Holland, Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Newsome, had a wonderful trip to the seminary in Richmond on November 6, 1963. They were welcomed by Dr. James A. Jones, President of the Seminary. The 1964 emphasis is EPE, meaning, Enlistment, Preparation, Enrichment. Our delegation was joined by Thomas and Merwyn, students at the seminary.

The Secretary, Mrs. C. E. Brake, has attended or has been represented at each Executive Board meeting and General Meeting of the Woman of the Church during the year. The minutes of these meetings have been recorded, read and approved at each succeeding meeting. The Secretary's book is up to date as of October 1, 1964.

The Card Chairman, Mrs. Alfred J. Duncan, reports that 164 cards have been sent through the year.

The Telephone Chairman, Mrs. J. C. Clark, Sr., has faithfully contacted all members of the Executive Board for the meetings and for one "called" meeting during the year. She says it has been a pleasure to do this. She has also assisted the historian with the scrap book, doing beautifully the tedious work of mounting each item. Much appreciation is due her for this additional labor of love.

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The White Cross Chairman, Mrs. Charles G. Monroe, has faithfully fulfilled the duties of her office through the year. Under the quotas assigned, 156 surgical rolled bandages were prepared and 3 unbleached bed sheets.

The Women of the Church have made a big contribution to the community through the Cancer Society. The first Tuesday of each month is set aside for work on cancer dressings. The following items were turned in in 1963:

October 1, bed pads	-- 29
November 5 (4x8) pads	-- 316
December 3 (4x8) pads	-- 75

In 1964

January 7 (4x8) pads	-- 175
February 4 (4x8) pads	-- 223
March 3 (8x8) pads	-- 65
(4x8) pads	-- 226
(4x4) pads	-- 218
April 9 (4x4) pads	-- 244
May 5 bed pads	-- 26
October 6 (8x8) pads	-- 179
November 2 (4x8) pads	-- 218
December 1 (6x6) pads	-- 184

Spiritual Growth Report

October, 1963:

Helped with program for Week of Prayer and Self Denial for Church Extension.

Planned and helped set up for coffee for the Minister's family.

November:

Emphasized "Go that we may know."

Urged attendance at World Community Day.

Secured leaflets for World-Wide Bible Reading Season.

Took part in play for General Meeting on Stewardship.

Urged attendance at Thanksgiving Day Worship Service.

December:

Secured Advent Tryst leaflets.

Planned and let retreat for Christmas.

Urged Christian observance of Christmas.

January, 1964:

Set up special Bible study groups.

Took part in play for General Meeting.

Served on panel for Youth Group.

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February, 1964:

Helped with program for week of Prayer and Self Denial for World Missions.

Informed women of Universal Day of Prayer for Students

March:

Urged attendance at World Day of Prayer.

Helped set up "Go that we may know" program for General Meeting.

April:

Set up Holy Week early morning services.

Urged attendance at Good Friday Communion Service and Easter, Worship Service.

Did program for General Meeting.

May:

Secured leaflet for Christian Family Week

Urged attendance at May Fellowship Day

Attended Bible School training class and workshop

June:

Planned and set up luncheon for departing members.

July:

Set up night Prayer Group

Planned and set up coffee for new members and departing members.

August:

Called on visitors who left their names and addresses on visitors' cards in the offering plates during absence of the minister on vacation.

Helped with bulletins, flowers, sanctuary duties, etc.

September:

Planned and led program for "Circle of Prayer & Lost Coin Fellowship" dedication.

Urged use of "Day by Day"

During the year: Led weekly Prayer Group, gave devotionals at all board meetings and general meetings, made calls on ill members, shut-ins, new members and new people in the area, urged importance of attending prayer group, Sunday School, and Worship Services, sent weekly bulletin and "Day by Day" to college students and service personnel who were out of town or overseas, prepared for the celebration of the Lord's Supper and urged attendance for sharing in it, greeted congregation at entrance for Worship Service, attended Sunday School and Church regularly, all meetings, and took part in all projects and activities.

Personal Faith and Family Life Chairman -- Flora A. Harksen

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Mrs. Lee Hamrick, our Church Extension Chairman, has been an excellent chairman. She has worked with the stewardship chairman. Literature and envelopes were offered for each family in our church.

This year each of the five circles adopted a child to assist at the Presbyterian Home, Lynchburg, Va. Mrs. Frank Warren adopted a young man also.

It was a most rewarding experience and worthwhile project. Everyone gave willingly and lovingly.

Our ladies were urged to remember their shut-ins and the residents at Sunnyside with cards, cancelled stamps, small gifts and our prayers.

The 1964 birthday objective was a two-fold project which included the Evergreen Presbyterian Vocational School in Minden, La., and a scholarship fund that would enable workers in the Presbyterian Home for children and the aged to receive professional training. Church Extension assisted with Birthday Program and offering.

Under Christian Welfare, the Women of the Church made numerous ditty bags filled with much-needed personal items, such as soap, combs, toothbrushes, toothpaste, wash cloths. These were given to migrant workers.

Mrs. H. E. Newsome, Christian Education Chairman, reports that our Vacation Church School was well attended. It was held in our new church immediately after moving. Classes started with the nursery department and extended through the Pioneers.

Our church had two young men go into the minister. Thomas and Merwyn, sons of our minister, Rev. J. E. Johnson, were both ordained on the same day, August 23, 1964.

Many new books have been added to our new library. Film strips, too, are being added. People are being urged to use the library. Film strips are constantly in use.

The second year study of the Covenant Life Curriculum has been begun.

Rally Day is always observed. Plans are made for a well rounded program, with all departments participating.

In the women's work contributions are being received for the Scholarship Fund which has grown to \$110.10.

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Christmas and birthday cards have been sent to all college students in our congregation. Gifts and cards were sent to international students at Union Theological Seminary throughout the year.

This has been a great year of opportunity and service for the Women of Bayside as we have moved into our new church. The time, the efforts, the talents and the gifts of all have been given beyond anything that we could have hoped or dreamed. God has truly been working in a marvelous way through his servants in this church.

It has been a year of dedication to Christ. With grateful hearts for what has been accomplished, we thank our God for His blessings and guidance.

This History is presented

In His Name,

Lila T. Johnson

Lila T. Johnson,
Historian