

Bayside Presbyterian Church
October 1, 1964 - October 1, 1965
Women of the Church

Officers:

President	- Mrs. R. H. Boyce
Vice-President	- Mrs. Irvin Uhlenbrock
Secretary	- Mrs. Lee Hamrick
Treasurer	- Mrs. Luther Howell
Historian	- Mrs. J. E. Johnson

Program Council

President - Mrs. R. H. Boyce

Faith and Family Life - Mrs. Roy Harksen, chairman
Christian Community Action - Mrs. Donald Maxwell, chairman
Ecumenical Mission and Relations - Mrs. Ruth Wyatt, chairman
Leadership and Resources - Mrs. Douglas S. Murray, chairman

Circle Council

Chairman	- Mrs. Irvin Uhlenbrock
Circle I	- Mrs. John Ingram
Circle II	- Mrs. J. D. Smith
Circle III	- Mrs. H. E. Newsome
Circle IV	- Mrs. M. A. Graham
Circle V	- Mrs. F. W. Hudgins
Circle VI	- Mrs. Lois Spivey

Massanetta Delegates

Mrs. R. H. Boyce
Mrs. J. D. Smith
Mrs. J. W. Parrett
Mrs. J. E. Johnson

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President's Report

The September Board Meeting was a joint meeting of the outgoing Executive Board and the new Women's Council.

The budget of \$1,200.00 for the year 1964-1965 was approved at the September meeting and submitted to the Session for their approval and to be carried to the General Meeting for adoption.

Committees were appointed by the Executive Board to go to the Session to take up business that needed the Session's approval, including a list of names for new officers.

All books and materials were ordered after approval of the Executive Board.

Mrs. Gunn, Presbyterial President, was invited to install the new officers and present the program at the annual meeting of the Women of the Church.

Twelve Women's Council meetings and three General meetings were held during the year.

Our emphasis was "For the Future, not the Past". Our goal is "What is going to happen in the light of what we have done and are doing".

Outstanding accomplishments this year have been the meeting of Norfolk Presbytery in our church on April 6, with the women preparing and serving the meal for about 200 people. The meeting of the District Conference in our church on March 23, was both inspirational and informative.

Mrs. Sampselle, President of the Women of Norfolk Presbytery, spoke on "Healing and Education in Korea". She also came on a Sunday evening to show us films on this subject. So inspiring was she that we nearly tripled our birthday offering this year.

On May 7, May Fellowship Day, was held in our church. We thank God for this opportunity to worship with christians of other denominations. Many clothes were brought to this meeting for the needy.

We have had more contact with the Session and working with the church as a whole, with women serving on committees of the Session.

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Our Senior High Fellowship brought us an inspirational program at the General Meeting in April.

Our big project of tiling the Fellowship Hall was completed.

We have started use of envelopes for our offering in the Circles.

As your President, I have attended all meetings that were required of the President.

In this first year of reorganization, we know this has been a year of learning and that some improvements might be made in meetings, activities, duties and goals.

I thank God that we have been laborers together with God. We can sow the seed but only God can give the increase.

Martha Boyce, Pres.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance on hand October 1, 1964	\$ 92.15
Balance on hand October 1, 1965	\$108.57
Total receipts	\$ 1,222.59
Balance on hand January 1, 1965	<u>188.41</u>
	\$ 1,411.00
Total disbursements	<u>1,302.43</u>
Balance - October 1, 1965	\$ 108.57

Wida Howes, Treas.

We thank the donor, Mrs. Florence Armstrong, for the generous gift of \$1,000.00 that she gave to the Women of the Church to be used for kitchen equipment in our new church. It was requested that a plaque be inscribed and placed in the proper place: "In Honor of the Women of the Church For Their Faithful Service".

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My first job as Vice-President was the shifting of Circles. One new Circle was added making a total of six Circles. Ninety-four women were placed in the various Circles. We have two Tuesday morning Circles, two Wednesday morning Circles, one Tuesday evening Circle and one Wednesday evening Circle. Over half of these women are very active and attend the meetings regularly.

The Circle Council met at the beginning of the year to plan our Circle projects together. This year plans were made for the Circles to work more closely together. We planned to have one orphan from the Lynchburg Home, and one missionary, Miss Helen Tannerhill, who is serving in Mexico. As our project, the women decided on the tiling of the Fellowship Hall floor. We felt that if we all worked together on all of these things we could accomplish more, and we have so far.

I have been visiting new members and placing them in a desired Circle, and have made changes in the Circles at the request of a person who might decide another Circle would be more convenient for her.

In the absence of our President, I presided at the November meeting.

Louise Ahlenbrock
Vice Pres.

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Personal Faith and Family Life Chairman Report

Set up church calendar for rest of year. Set up visitation program for volunteers from Circles. Helped with Loyalty Dinner for Every Member Canvass. Stressed stewardship of time, talents, and money, and contacted a person to represent women on Stewardship at Sunday Worship Service.

Informed members of guide in Presbyterian Survey for World Wide Bible Reading Season. Urged attendance of World Community Day. Stressed importance of attending Thanksgiving Day Worship Service. Urged Christian observance of Christmas and New Year's Eve. Planned and led Christmas Retreat. Planned and set up Christmas coffee. Planned and set up Family Night Supper. Set up church calendar for first part of year.

Distributed World Missions envelopes and leaflets to Circles. Helped plan and set up easel in church entrance for monthly emphasis of church. Planned and led prayer service for Week of Prayer and Self Denial for World Missions.

Stressed "Go That We May Know" program. Urged attendance on World Day of Prayer. Helped plan and set up district meeting for the Women of the Church. Set up early morning pre-Easter services and urged attendance at Good Friday Communion Service and Easter Sunday Worship Service.

Helped plan and set up for Presbyterial (Ministers and Elders) luncheon meeting. Helped plan and set up for May Fellowship Day. Introduced silent prayer group in sanctuary. Set up trading stamp collection program for needs of church.

Planned and set up social hour following Bible School commencement. Urged ladies to learn the issues and vote at polls at all elections. Secured prayer book for narthex. Urged Circles to call on their shut-ins and inactive members and remember them in prayer.

Flora Harkness, chm.

Christian Community Action Chairman Report

This has been a year of trial and error under the new plan of Women's Work for this committee. We have reached out in many channels but have not accomplished the full task as set forth in the Manual of Women's Work. We are hoping that in the

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year 1965 even greater things may be done by the Christian Community Action Committee. This can only be accomplished with the help of the entire congregation.

Helped Circle chairman in the presentation of Church Extension emphasis in the Circles and throughout the church. Planned Loyalty Dinner with cooperation of the men and women of the church. Hope to reach out and bring more members of the community into the church.

Helped promote "Homes" Sunday. Women of the Church adopted an orphan from Lynchburg - remembering her with prayer, clothing, money and mail. Sunny-Side Home was also a project - collecting stamps, Christmas cards and greeting cards. Lynnhaven Home - visitations and gifts.

Planned for presentation of Ministerial Relief Emphasis in Circles and throughout the church. Promotion of Joy Gift Program planned with help of the Session. Special children's program in the church with cooperation of entire Sunday School staff and social hour that followed.

Remembered retired ministers in area with love gifts and mail. Special music was also shared with the Lynnhaven Rest Home by the Junior Department. Special emphasis in Circles of the Christian Community Action. Family Night Supper with cooperation of the Women of the Church.

Friends of the Seminary was emphasis also. Promoted Race Relation Sunday, February 14. World Day of Prayer emphasis. Helped publicize May Fellowship Day. Worked on committee with Women of the Church.

Notified Circle leaders and church members of Montreat Sunday and plans of coming training schools - Montreat, Massanetta, Junior Camps. Encouraged attendance at the Open House for Migrant Workers. Stressed Citizenship Sunday.

Many other activities were planned and executed by the Christian Community Action Committee. The women on this committee were always ready to help in any way. Such function as Social Committee - flowers, nursery, family night dinners. Also voting information, PTA and community projects, support of Scouts (both boy and girl), YMCA project and Friends of the Seminary.

A great deal has been accomplished throughout the year but there is much more to be done. With the new year we can bring Christ into the community activities more and more with the full support of all the congregation.

Barbara Maxwell, Chmn.

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Ecumenical Missions and Relations Chairman Report

Representatives were selected to represent Ecumenical Missions and Relations in each Circle.

World Community Day, November 6, 1964, was attended by 20 women from this church. School bags were contributed by each Circle to be used in Africa and Brazil.

The Circle of the "Least Coin Fellowship" was established in each Circle with 34 participating members.

During October and November, a special drive was conducted for good used clothing. Three boxes of clothing of various types, and one large box of women's suits were sent to Mrs. Gouch's Closet in Richmond, Virginia. Six large boxes of clothing were sent to project "Handclasp". Volunteers work on the fourth Thursday of each month at "Project Handclasp" at the Naval Base. Our White Cross quota was completed and 855 cancer dressings have been made.

Efforts were made through representatives in each Circle for the Women of the Church to remember the true meaning in their observance of Christmas.

A poster on the monthly emphasis in January was placed on an easel so it could be displayed in the entrance to the church. The week of prayer and self-denial was observed with good attendance.

Mrs. Junkins, a missionary from Tiawan spoke to the Women of the Church on World Missions. World Day of Prayer was observed at Haygood Methodist Church with good attendance.

Through written information and printed phamplets given to each Circle and the showing of a film on the Birthday Objective, we more than doubled our offering this year.

Christian fellowship followed our program with a birthday party in the Fellowship Hall.

Our clothing drive was again very successful. Three boxes of clothing were sent to "Handclasp". Six boxes of very good clothing and eight men's suits were sent to Mrs. Gouch's Closet.

Mrs. Flo Holland was the key woman representative of the United Church Women.

Ruth Wzatt, chrm.

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Leadership and Resources Chairman Report

Our committee met as a group the last week in September for the purpose of getting acquainted with each other and for outlining the work of the committee. To date we have begun to accomplish the following:

1. Library
 - a. Made an author card catalogue
 - b. Made a title card catalogue
 - c. Advertised for donations through various media:
 1. Sunday School classes
 2. Women's meetings
 3. Posters on the walls
 4. Pulpit
2. Purchased the following for the library
 - a. Two volumes of Interpreter's Bible-Volumes I and VIII.
 - b. Five volumes of the Layman's Bible Commentary - thus completing the set for the church.
3. Catalogued film strips and records and records and again advertised the availability of these through the media of the Sunday School teachers and classes. Furnished each Sunday School teacher with a brochure of all films available in the library.

Yet to be done:

1. Category catalogue for the books in the library.
2. Complete the securing of leaders for the Women of the Church.

Mrs. Gladys Cogswell, our flower chairman, who is a member of this committee has done excellent work for our church in this capacity for the past two church years.

Beanie Murray, Chrm.

Circle Chairman Report

The members of the Circles have given generously of their time, effort and money towards furthering the work of the church.

During the year most of the women participated as Bible moderators. The monthly meetings were held in the homes. During the summer months the night Circles combined their meetings. Some of the day Circles also met together.

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The Circles have carried out many worthwhile projects:

Working in operation "Handclasp", making cancer dressings the first Tuesday of each month, assisting in taking care of the nursery, making choir robes for the church choir, contributing trading stamps which were used to secure coffee makers for the kitchen, helping to meet the budget by contributions over and above pledge toward tiling the Fellowship Hall, assisting in Vacation Church School during June, sample medicines were given to Mrs. Howard by Dr. Holland, and Circles contributed toward buying a new set of tires for our adopted missionary, Miss Helen Tannerhill. All the Circles adopted Helen and combined their efforts in one project for her - tires for her jeep.

Many calls were made on prospective and new members. Baking cakes and serving every other month at the Y.M.C.A.

Baking and serving at the meetings of the Presbytery, the District Conference of the Women of the Church and May Fellowship Day which all met in our church, as well as serving at all church night suppers.

By remembering our shut-ins with cards, visits and gifts on holidays and special days.

All Circles combined to care for one orphan at the Lynchburg Home. In order to be a more forceful working group at Christmas, all Circles, instead of exchanging "pollyannas", took money and bought toys for our nursery.

Some of the Circles bought Bible commentaries to be used in their Bible Study for the moderators. These books were placed in the library at the end of the year. Volunteers helped wrap Christmas gifts for the boys at the Navy "Y". In all of these projects each one has received something more precious than she gave.

Used postage stamps were collected and sent to Sunny-side Presbyterian Home. Also, clothing was collected for Mrs. Gauth's Closet, Migrant Workers and "Handclasp".

Each and every report ends with the words of joy for the year in which they have shared in the Bible studies, the many projects and in the Christian Fellowship. A year they shared together graciously and generously in every area of the overall program of the church at Bayside. A year of opportunity to serve our church and our God. An experience never to be forgotten, they all agree!

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In September, Circle IV lost one of our most beloved members, Mrs. Ann Jones. Ann had a collection of items that had a real meaning in her life. She shared these with us by sending one each month to each Circle as the thought of the day. They were always appropriate and uplifting to all. We miss her very much but we know that the Church Triumph is richer because she is there.

Mrs. Flora Harksen gave her time graciously and generously to be a very fine Social Activity Chairman. She was also the pastor's aide and was a great help to him.

Mrs. Ruby Duncan, Card Chairman of the Women of the Church, sent a total of 112 cards to the sick, and sympathy cards to those who had lost their loved ones.

Mrs. Earl Lewis, as Nursery Chairman, was faithful and stayed in the nursery when she was unable to get other help. She rendered a great service to the church.

Mrs. Inez Monroe worked with Mrs. Wyatt as White Cross and Cancer Dressing Chairman. The record speaks for itself. She did an excellent job.

Mrs. Sallie Clark kept us on the alert by telephoning to remind us constantly of important meetings and occasions. She was faithful and dependable in this capacity.

Mrs. Glenn Graham represented us as key woman of the Friends of the Seminary. We had 28 "friends" this year and we sent \$35.00 to the "Friend of the Seminary".

One of the highlights of the year was presenting Martha Boyce, President for the past two years, with an honorary life membership certificate and pin into the Women of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. For two years Martha gave her all to the office of the President of the Women of Bayside Presbyterian Church, with her supreme effort in every part of the women's work. Her dedicated and radiant christian life was a shining light to each one of us.

Another year is dawning and we hope and pray that with our new tasks and projects before us, we shall go forward to meet the challenge. As the opportunities come our way, may we strive to do our best to serve our Master and our fellowman through Jesus Christ, Our Lord.

Lila Johnson
Lila Johnson,
Historian, 1965