

Bayside Presbyterian Church

October 1, 1965 - October 1, 1966

Women of the Church

Officers:

President	- Mrs. Roy Harksen
Vice-President	- Mrs. Irvin Uhlenbrock
Secretary	- Mrs. Lee Hamrick
Treasurer	- Mrs. C. E. Brake
Historian	- Mrs. John E. Johnson

Program Council

President - Mrs. Roy Harksen

Faith and Family Life - Mrs. John E. Ferguson, Chairman  
Christian Community Action - Mrs. Donald Maxwell, Chairman  
Ecumenical Mission and Relations - Mrs. Joe W. Wyatt  
Leadership and Resources - Mrs. J. D. Smith

Circle Council

Chairman	- Mrs. Irvin Uhlenbrock
Circle I	- Mrs. G. C. Hudgins (Home Circle)
Circle II	- Mrs. Earl Sellers
Circle III	- Mrs. Lee Morgan
Circle IV	- Mrs. Loren Humphrey
Circle V	- Mrs. Jackson Hill
Circle VI	- Mrs. Lois Spivey
Circle VII	- Mrs. Wm. Graham, Jr.
Circle VIII	- Mrs. Betty Marlowe
Circle IX	- Mrs. Doris Harper

Standing Committee Chairman

Social Activities	- Mrs. Elmo Newsome
Nursery	- Mrs. R. H. Boyce
Flowers	- Mrs. George Moore
Telephone	- Mrs. B. Jesse Davenport
Cards	- Mrs. Alfred Duncan
Publicity	- Mrs. Douglas Murray
Cancel Dressings	- Mrs. A. H. Young and Mrs. Folk Young

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Massanetta Delegates

Mrs. R. H. Boyce  
Mrs. Sydney Brenner  
Mrs. J. W. Parrett  
Mrs. J. D. Smith  
Mrs. Donald Reid  
Mrs. H. E. Carbaugh  
Mrs. B. Jesse Davenport  
Mrs. Frank Warren  
Mrs. Lawrence Cruser  
Mrs. John C. Ferguson  
Mrs. Wm. Anderson  
Mrs. Donald Maxwell

President's Report

The Women of Bayside Presbyterian Church have continued their good work in all areas of the needs of the church under the leadership of Mrs. Roy Harksen, with the cooperation of officers in love and harmony.

There were nine circles, including a home circle for members who were unable to attend the circle meetings.

Four ladies attended the annual meeting of the Friends of the Seminary in Richmond for luncheon and visited the Seminary, Mrs. Gooche's Closet and P.S.C.E. It was a most rewarding and informative day.

The President has presided over many meetings and attended both sessions of the annual meetings of the Women of the Church. Six ladies attended World Community Day.

The Women have worked diligently to carry out our theme for the year - "Do everything with love and understanding".

Our big project was completed - twelve tables and carrying truck were purchased for the church.

The circles bought books to use in their Bible study and later donated them to the library. Our college students were honored by a brunch during their Christmas vacation.

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The ladies served all family night suppers, which were always delightful. Mrs. Engle spoke at one of the suppers on "Our Birthday Objective", and we were all informed about the conditions in the Appalachia region, and are more aware of the importance of giving to this worthy objective. The scholarship fund is growing through the circle contributions. One of the high lights of the year was the fact that Bayside was represented by twelve women at Massanetta.

A visitation Committee was set up with a chairman and many calls were made. The Nursery program was revised and we now have one of the ladies teaching the children during the church hour - after attending the preliminaries and the Children's Moment in the sanctuary.

The district workshop was held at our Church. It was a very successful and worthwhile meeting. It was well attended by all Churches in the district.

Mrs. Sampsel, our Presbyterial President was invited to install our officers and chairman in October for the coming year.

All in all, the cooperation of the Women of the Church made it possible to carry out the theme for the year, "Do everything with love and understanding".

Flora Harksen, President

Treasurer's Report:

Balance on hand October 1, 1965	\$ 108.57
Total receipts	<u>1,455.86</u>
	\$1,564.43
Total disbursements	<u>1,005.33</u>
Balance on hand <sup>note</sup> SEPTEMBER 1966	\$ 559.10
Tables and building fund to be paid later.	
Scholarship Fund	\$ 157.53

Martha Brake, Treasurer



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Personal Faith and Family Life Chairman Report

All women have been urged to subscribe to "Day by Day".

It was decided to continue Prayer and Least Coin Fellowship, using prayer and depositing a coin each month.

All circles purchased and are using Barkley and the Layman's Bible commentary in preparation for the Bible Study by the Circle Moderators.

Leaflets and books on Stewardship have been ordered and offered so that they may be used by Circle Members.

Each Circle is asked to be a prayer group, particularly when meeting together and individually each Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock as they go about their daily tasks.

A Christmas retreat was held December 7, at 10:00 a.m. for the Women of the Church.

Our family night supper was December 5, at 6:00 p.m. to emphasize the Advent Season by having each family make an advent wreath, using the scripture and devotional as each candle is lighted, beginning the fourth Sunday before Christmas Day.

A program was given to help interpret the season of Christian witness at home and abroad, by a speaker, a film and exhibits from overseas and from our mission fields.

World Day Of Prayer was observed with five of our women attending.

The leaflet "The Call to Repentance and Expectancy" was distributed and the congregation was asked to study these for personal commitment and outreach. "The prayer calendar" and "The Call to Self Examination and Commitment" were also given members to use in their personal devotions and used at Council meetings.

The Women of the Church Birthday Observance was well attended and the offering was \$109.15.

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Each one was reminded to continue their personal meditations and that stewardship continues through the summer months - each person a good steward.

Lucille Ferguson, Chairman

Christian Community Action Chairman Report

The activities and services of our women as listed will relate some of the activities promoted by "Christian Community Action".

Every other month on a Sunday, we served at the Navy YMCA - baking cakes and serving coffee and cake to our boys in the service.

Gift wrapping for the servicemen during December at the YMCA.

During the months of October, November, December and January, our monthly emphasis was stressed and carried out with the help of the entire congregation.

The Blood Donor Program has started in our church. Information on blood type and willingness to donate is being placed in a register for use when needed by any member of our church or community.

Contacts were made with neighboring colleges, inquiring about foreign students and the possibility of inviting these young people to our church and homes.

In November, we helped promote "Home's" Sunday by visiting our shut-ins and visiting in the convalescing homes in the area.

We adopted two orphan boys at the Lynchburg Presbyterian Home - with plans during the month of December to send cards, gifts and clothes to meet their needs. Sunnyside Presbyterian Home is being supported by saving of stamps, greeting cards and materials.

Many projects were accomplished during December.



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Planned Ministerial Relief through the Circles and entire church. Promotion of the "Joy Gift" planned with help of Session. Special children's program with cooperation of entire Sunday School staff. Visitation program sponsored by Junior Department. Visiting Lynnhaven Home, singing carols and taking gifts.

Gifts and clothing were collected and distributed to the Eastern State Hospital and the Municipal Hospital. This committee has tried to familiarize the congregation with the problems in our community and the need of Christian witness.

Such problems as delinquency among our youth. Volunteer workers for different organizations, such as the Red Cross, Mentally Retarded Foundation and others. The importance of voting and taking an active part in community affairs.

Contacts were made with college students and servicemen with a view to being aware of educational facilities and the need of higher educational standards. All of these things have been emphasized by our committee.

Letters of appreciation were received from the Lynchburg Presbyterian Home thanking the women for the many gifts and money sent the two boys. Many cards and letters were sent to the boys from each Circle during the year.

In April 1966, "Operation Easter Bonnet and Easter Basket for Eastern State Hospital took place. The Circles contributed six Easter baskets, 19 hats, and small money donations for loose candy.

A request was made in April from the Florence Crittendon Home for new fabric - for the making of maternity tops - a total of eight yards of material, thread, zippers and buttons were sent.

The Navy YMCA volunteer cake and service committees continued every other month through October 1966. An average of 10 or 12 cakes were taken and two or three volunteers went to serve. This service was greatly appreciated by the servicemen and the directors of the YMCA.

The Birthday Objective for 1966 was for the poverty stricken area in Eastern Kentucky, and especially emphasized during the months of April and May. The May Fellowship Day

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program helped the women to act more effectively on this objective. Mrs. Engle, wife of the Rev. Engle of Lafayette Presbyterian Church was guest speaker. She showed film strips and gave us first-hand information about the great need in this area of our country.

Many community projects were also accomplished during the year.

Collection of clothing, newspapers and magazines were made weekly from the members of the church and turned over to the Union Mission.

Volunteer drivers from our church were enrolled to take cancer patients to and from various hospitals.

On several occasions disaster struck in our community. Fires occurred leaving families without shelter, food or clothing. Many members of our congregation along with others in the community collected hundreds of pounds of clothing, over 25 boxes of food and \$2,000.00 in cash. This was a real community service performed by all.

In social service - visitation to shut-ins and to send cards to them was stressed through the Circles with great response. Magazines and different articles were taken to the juvenile home in the area.

The World Literacy Program - "each one teach one" was emphasized, material given out and posters displayed. Stemming from this, some of our women helped with "The Headstart" program during the summer months.

Each Circle was encouraged to undertake some social service action during the year. Our women work daily with other christians in their community to bring about needed community reforms.

The district conference and other training sessions were attended throughout the year by the CCAC. The CCAC has tried to cooperate with our minister and members of the Session throughout the year and serve in any way needed.

It was a wonderful year and we give thanks to God for the privilege of serving.

Barbara Maxwell, Chairman



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Ecumenical Missions and Relations Chairman Report

In October, blankets and warm clothing was collected for Korea and sent to Church World Service. A poster was placed in the church telling of this need.

We were represented at the meeting of Princess Anne Council of Churches. Two missionaries were chosen by the WOC. They were: Miss Helen Tannehill, Mexico, and Rev. and Mrs. John Folta, Korea.

We were given information about World Community Day held at Good Shepherd Church November 5.

Our Circles turned in "sewing kits". This was attended by several members from our church. The December 2 workshop at Bow Creek Presbyterian Church was attended by representatives from our church.

Christmas greetings were sent to our two missionaries, chosen by the WOC. Christmas packages were sent to International Students at Union Theological Seminary.

In January, a request was made for warm clothing and material for refugees in Korea. One hundred and twenty-five pounds were collected and sent to Church World Service for distribution.

Nine of our ladies attended the World Day of Prayer, February 25, at St. Marks Church.

A large box of clothing was sent in March to the Missionary Closet in Richmond.

We had seven to join the Friendship Circle. We hope to increase this membership as the women become more aware of this worthwhile undertaking.

Easter boxes were sent to our International Students. These boxes were packed by the Sunday School class of Glen Graham and Vivian Carbaugh. Thank you cards were received from the students.

Our Birthday Objective party was held on May 17, with 38 attending.



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May Fellowship Day was held May 6, at First Baptist Church, Virginia Beach. Eleven of our women attended.

We were able to send three boxes of good used clothing to the Missionary Closet in May, and again in July, four boxes and two coats.

Nine boxes of clothing were packed for Handclasp, also, soap and Sunday School materials. Working for Handclasp was discontinued during the summer months but will start again in October.

Our White Cross quota for 1966:

12 wrapper pads  
2 mattress covers (which were donated by Mrs. May Allen)

For the American Cancer Society with Clydie and Carrie Young as co-chairmen, the following were made:

October	-	4 x 4's	--260
November	-	4 x 8's	--175
December	-	4 x 8's	--178
January	-	4 x 8's	--221
March	-	Bed pads	-- <u>23</u>

Total - 851

Also, they made the <sup>12</sup>~~two~~ pads for White Cross.

This is a wonderful report of our faithful and dedicated workers.

Ruth Wyatt, Chairman

Leadership and Resources Chairman Report

Our Leadership and Resources Committee chairman, Wanda Smith, reports the outstanding things that have been accomplished this year.

In October we had four ladies to attend "Friends of the Seminary Day" in Richmond, which they all enjoyed very much.

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December 5, five boxes were prepared for the International students.

A brunch was given for our college students while home for Christmas vacation.

In January the nominating committee started to work on new officers for the year - with meetings in February and March. A slate of officers were presented at the April general meeting. Our refusals were few and we felt each woman should fill that particular position.

In June, two women attended the Women's Training Session at Massanetta - 10 attended in August. The largest delegation yet from our church. This was certainly one of the great events of the past year.

Our ladies were asked to "put on" the party for the Norfolk Presbyterial which was quite an honor and was very successful from all reports.

We hope we shall continue to have more and more ladies take in this wonderful experience of training to serve our church enriched in wisdom, knowledge and above all, spiritually. This all comes as we study, grow and learn together.

Wanda Smith, Chairman

Circle Chairman Report

"An effort has been made to provide spiritual enrichment through study, prayer, and fellowship to bring to the attention of the various phases of the work of the Women of the Church. It is hoped that emphasis in the Circles will provide the strength and desire to carry Christianity into our everyday lives and out into the world in which we live". Mrs. Virginia Hill's statement at the end of her report.

As I have read the reports and the wonderful deeds of kindness you have done for those near and far - you have



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carried your Christianity into your everyday lives, the spiritual enrichment through the Bible study, prayer and fellowship speaks through your actions - the Circles will continue to provide this strength and desire as long as the effort is made to provide spiritual enrichment through the Bible Study, prayer and fellowship in the Circles of Christian love.

Now, the reports from our nine Circles:

I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX

The chairman visited all members.

Kits for World Wide Community Day.

All Circles baked cakes and had members to serve at Navy YMCA.

Four members of one circle volunteered as blood donors.

Assisted at Family Night suppers.

Visits have been made - gifts, cards, baskets of fruit and cookies for our "shut-ins", assisted in furnishing refreshments for general meetings of the Women of the Church.

Two boys were adopted by all the Circles from the Lynchburg Presbyterian Home. Contributed shoes, needed clothing, gifts and cards.

Volunteered for nursery duty.

Contributed to Operation Reindeer. Gifts for men, women and children were sent to Eastern State Hospital.

Each Circle gave to the brunch for our college students during Christmas holidays.

Members are rotating in acting as Bible Moderators.

Cloth, zippers, buttons and thread were donated to the Florence Crittendon Home.

Contributions were made to Easter boxes for International students.

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Donations of soap, tooth paste, band aids, wash cloths, shoe polish were given to supplement the sample medicine program.

Members volunteered to help in visitation program.

Gifts to State and Municipal Hospitals at Christmas.

Materials for Vietnamese women.

Elderly patients visited once a week at Municipal Hospital and gifts were taken by the chairman of Circle I, the Home Circle.

Cards were sent, visits made to the sick and aged.

Volunteer drivers to take those to hospitals for care or to visit loved ones in convalescing homes.

Donated books to church library: Barclay's, Acts of the Apostles and the Layman's Bible Commentary.

Cards were sent to missionaries, clothing to Mrs. Gooche's Closet and overseas relief.

Gift wrapping at Christmas for the boys at the Navy "Y".

Money was sent to Mrs. Dickson in Taiwan.

Contributions were given for the Meals to Millions, and to the scholarship fund and a gift for Rev. Thomas L. Johnson.

All were reminded to remember Helen Tannehill with cards and our prayers, our missionary to Mexico.

Some Circle members have attended all meetings held in the area. All Circles helped to buy the tables for the Social Hall - our main project for the year, and the building fund.

Toys were bought for the Nursery.

For the past several months all the Circles have taken turns preparing food for the week-ends for Mrs. Frances Hicks and her family. Frances has three small boys. She was one of our faithful teachers and Circle members. Her illness was very serious but she is making a wonderful recovery.



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Many other kindnesses and good deeds have been done for others and for each other throughout the year.

During the summer months the day Circles combined for cover dish luncheons and fellowship together. The evening Circles met together during the summer months also.

It has been a most rewarding year. "From this study, our faith is strengthened and good works must surely follow as we perform our daily work, whether it be a "high place or a low place". Doris Harper.

A comment from one of our Circle chairmen, who feels that our Bible study must take first place in our Circle meetings. Let us all strive for this goal and we shall be richly blessed through the spiritual enrichment that comes with Bible study, our prayers, our fellowship and the good deeds that follow - this is the mission of the Circles.

*Lila T. Johnson, Historian*  
1966

The Social Activities committee has been busy throughout the year, and they deserve a hearty thanks from all who have enjoyed the Christian Fellowship - "Food a plenty" and good programs.

Five family night suppers were held during the year - over six hundred people enjoyed these occasions. The attendance was good at each one - fun and a wonderful opportunity to get to know each other within the church.

In December the Adult Christian Fellowship Sunday School Class held their annual party in the Social Hall with 30 members attending.

Coffee and cookies were served on the second Sunday mornings in October, November and December between church school and the morning worship service for the purpose of the members becoming better acquainted.

Two wedding receptions were held in the Fellowship Hall in December.

Our sincere thanks again for a wonderful year to Kitty Newsome and her committee and all who helped to make this part of our church life joyous and happy.

*Lila T. Johnson*

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Our flower chairman, Mrs. George G. Moore, wishes to express deep appreciation to all those who were most gracious and generous in the giving of flowers for the beautification of our sanctuary. These flowers have extended much warmth and happiness not only in the sanctuary but to those who have been unable to attend church services with the congregation in the fellowship of Christ. Mrs. Moore has been a fine chairman of the flower committee and we are grateful to her for this service she has rendered faithfully to the church.

*Lila T. Johnson*

Lila T. Johnson,  
Historian, 1966

Our Nursery chairman, Mrs. R. H. Boyce and her co-chairman, Mrs. Ruby Ingram and Mrs. Jackson Hill have shared in this great task and service to our congregation. Serving in the nursery was put on a church-wide basis and gave everyone who was willing, the opportunity to serve.

Mr. Paul Jones made four new cribs for the nursery. The cost of material was paid for by the Women of the Church. Our deep appreciation and thanks to Mr. Jones for all the wonderful things he has made for our church.

We have two dedicated members who have consented to teach the older children after they attend the preliminaries and Children's Moment in the sanctuary. The children go to the class during the last hymn before the sermon, quietly and reverently. This has been a great success. Mrs. Reid and Mrs. Maxwell have been faithful in this wonderful service and opportunity for the children. This project is not a task when it is done in the name of the One who said "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not for such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

Our sincere and deep appreciation to all who have helped in this great service to the church.

*Lila T. Johnson*

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Last but not least is the District Chairman of Elizabeth River Dist. I, our own Martha Boyce. She is also a member of the Presbyterial Board.

Martha has attended many District and Council meetings, made many telephone calls and has written many notes as she has helped to plan and arrange the conferences and training classes for the Women of the Presbyterial. She has entertained the other Chairmen in her home several times.

Four districts met for a training conference at Bayside, September 11, 1966 - 250 women were present - 90 from Bayside.

We are proud to have had Martha represent our church on the Presbyterial Board.

*Lila T. Johnson*

Lila T. Johnson,  
Historian, 1966

Our card chairman, Mrs. Ruby Duncan sent 330 cards during the year - sympathy cards, get well cards and other types bearing cheerful greetings.

*Lila T. Johnson*

Lila T. Johnson,  
Historian, 1966

As Historian for the past four years, I would like to express my appreciation and gratitude to all the Women of the Church for their assistance and wonderful reports. Especially to Mrs. Sallie Clark who has faithfully worked with me on our "scrap book". It would not have been possible without the hours she has so generously given in this part of the History of our Church. It has been a very exciting time to be Historian for the church - as we have grown in members and were able to build a church to the Glory of God!

In His Name,

*Lila T. Johnson*

Lila T. Johnson,  
Historian, 1966