

Norfolk Presbytery  
Bayside Presbyterian Church  
Virginia Beach, Virginia  
Women of the Church  
January 1 - December 31, 1973

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Christian Community Action	Mrs. Bob Kays
Ecumenical Missions & Relations	Mrs. Harry Boyce
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Circle #12	

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Card	Mrs. Alfred Duncan
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WOMEN OF THE CHURCH  
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The Diety has blessed us with another report of devoted effort and bustling activity in our church and in our community through the Church. Our Women's Council has continued to meet once a month, and we have held General Meetings in February, April, May and September. (Our ladies have had a favorable response to our daytime General Meetings, and our attendance has improved considerably.) Our May meeting was in the form of a family night supper planned for the whole church family. At our September General Meeting, Mrs. Josephus Smith, our excellent outgoing President, was presented with an Honorary Life Membership in the Bayside Women of the Church. Our young and vibrant new President, Mrs. Donald Reid, was among our new officers installed in September. In addition to her regular presiding duties, she has attended the District Conference held at Squires Memorial, the World Community Day held at Thalia Methodist Church, and orientation classes set up by our Pastor to inform new members of the women's work in our Church.

In addition to her regular routine duties, such as preparing the monthly Newsletter for our Circles, our Vice President, Mrs. John Reed, reports the following activities:

- (1) Along with our President, represented our WOC at a Retreat at Makemie Woods.
- (2) Attended the WOC Week-end Conference at Massanetta.
- (3) As Bayside was hostess Church for May Fellowship Day, she was in charge of registration, and gave the welcome in the absence of our President.

Mrs. Donald Dahlman was faithful and highly proficient in performance of her Secretarial duties for the Council.

Our Treasurer, Mrs. William Welch, reports a balance on hand of \$612.11 as of January 1, 1974.

It should be on record that our Christian Community Action Chairman, Mrs. Bob Kays, far beyond her duties as Chairman, has devoted a great deal of her time and strength, during the past several years, to the Shore Drive Convalescent Home. Mrs. Kays reports the following activities:

- (1) SHORE DRIVE CONVALESCENT HOME - A Circle visited each month with gifts. Each patient received several small Christmas gifts, and other items requested are purchased with monies from a fund donated by individuals and Circles and taken to the Home by the Chairman.

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(2) LYNCHBURG PRESBYTERIAN HOME - An orphan boy is sponsored by some of the Circles. In addition to Christmas and Birthday gifts, at Easter a cash gift of \$38 was sent for new Spring clothing. The sum of \$90 has been donated for him since September 1973.

(3) FOOD PANTRY - Large amounts of food (mostly canned) was donated to needy families.

(4) STOP HEAD-START PROGRAM - Birthday cakes were made and gifts furnished for 10 children. Several of our ladies volunteer regularly to help the teachers.

(5) CROSSNORE SCHOOL, N. C. - Food coupons and trading stamps are collected to be used to provide milk for the students.

(6) ZUNI SCHOOL - Among other donations made to meet their needs, donations were made for the school's new farm animal program.

(7) LAUBACH EACH-ONE TEACH-ONE PROGRAM - A course was held in November in our Church, sponsored by the Ocean Park Women's Club. Instructors and students meet twice a week at the Church.

(8) VIRGINIA BEACH PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT - Our ladies are recruited to help monthly in the X-ray Clinic.

(9) CENTRAL AND EASTERN STATE MENTAL HOSPITALS - Many of the projects of the Task Force Circle are for use of the Tidewater Mental Association in supplying these two hospitals.

The devotionals of our outgoing Personal Faith and Family Life Chairman, Mrs. Everett Brickhouse, were an inspiration to us all. The spiritual welfare of our Church members and their children was supported through activities such as our Sunday school, vacation Church school, Circles, May Fellowship Day, World Day of Prayer, and the urging of prayer groups in our Circles. Our Bible Study was aided by our Pastors in the form of Bible Moderators' Classes held each month for our Circle Moderators. Our incoming Personal Faith and Family Life Chairman, Mrs. Robert Park, has already innovated many ideas for our spiritual growth. In her report, she comments that in October and November, the Stewardship Season was stressed. (A very successful dinner was given at the Church in this connection.) Notice of our Thanksgiving and Christmas worship services were printed in our WOC Newsletter.

Our Ecumenical Missions and Relations Chairman, Mrs. Harry Boyce, reports the following activities:

(1) Throughout the year our Circles have taken turns helping to pack drugs for overseas shipment through the Norfolk Sample Drug Program.

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These drugs are shipped to locations where drugs are in dire need.

(2) The Women of the Church were hostesses at May Fellowship Day. United church women from all over Virginia Beach were entertained most graciously. A luncheon was served. One hundred ten were registered in attendance.

(3) On May 20th, we celebrated the Women of the Church Birthday, carrying out the theme of Hunger Mobilization and Amazon Breakthrough. We had a covered dish supper for the whole family. Around 160 were present. Scripture was read, film shown, and an offering was taken in the amount of \$419.01.

(4) We met our White Cross quota.

Our outgoing Leadership and Resources Chairman, Mrs. Frank Warren, worked very diligently, and trusting in God to help her, managed to fill our officer, program chairmen, and circle chairmen vacancies with qualified women. Mrs. Eldon Grace, our incoming Leadership and Resources Chairman, reports a pizza party held for our college students in December. We feel that young people should be encouraged in the fellowship of our Church as much as possible.

Our faithful Card Chairman of long standing, Mrs. Alfred Duncan, reports that 196 cards were sent to the ill and bereaved of our Church Family during the year.

Our Circles were well attended, and due to the influx of new members in our Church, the membership rolls in some of our Circles have become quite large. We have eight active circles and four which we term unenlisted. The following is a summarized accounting for the major (and more tangible) accomplishments our circles made with their time, talents, and money:

- (1) Donations to Zuni School.
- (2) Student Aid Fund, monthly.
- (3) Drug Packing Program, monthly.
- (4) Cancer volunteer driver.
- (5) Visited and donated to Lynhaven Convalescent Home.
- (6) Worked with Church Bible School and prepared refreshments for Vacation Bible School.
- (7) Taught reading in the Laubach Program.
- (8) Contributed canned goods and other food to the needy.
- (9) Visited and took gifts of flowers, fruit, cigarettes, kleenex, magazines, books, Christmas gifts, Easter baskets and Birthday cakes to Shore Drive Convalescent Home. (Circles visit monthly; individuals at odd times. We check to ascertain if our visits are convenient.)

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- (10) Served as hostesses for Family Night Suppers and Church events.
- (11) Contributed to our orphan at Lynchburg Home.
- (12) Staffed the #2 Nursery during the Church Hour and are turning it into a learning hour.
- (13) Called approximately 300 families for Every Member Canvass Committee for Stewardship dinner, and took reservations. (Our budget was discussed.)
- (14) Special attention to chosen shut-ins.
- (15) Birthday cakes and gifts for STOP Program children.
- (16) Special gifts and donations for special needy families.

WHITE CROSS CONTRIBUTIONS

- (1) 2 mattress covers
- (2) 1 robe
- (3) Small boys' pants
- (4) 2 laparotomy pads (donated by Va. Beach Gen. Hospital)
- (5) 2 baby sacques

In addition to the support of the aforementioned projects, our Cancer Bandage Circle made and contributed an average of twenty bed pads per month to the Cancer Clinic, and our Task Force Circle made the following items for the Tidewater Virginia Association for Mental Health: feeding bibs, plastic lined toiletry cases, Christmas and Easter wrapped boxes, lap robes, bed socks, knitted caps, footies, and crocheted vests. Soap, nylon stockings, puzzles, paperbacks and games were also contributed. Our newest Circle is made up primarily of young mothers, with a nursery for their small children. Bayside women gave \$200 to the Massanetta-Sunnyside Sewage Expansion Fund. Circles contribute monthly to our General Fund, and Sunshine funds are kept for the individual projects of the circles and special needs of our Church. One Circle Chairman concluded her report with the following comment: "The above represents gifts one can see and touch, but the most wonderful gift is the Christian love, fellowship and unity we experience and which seems to permeate within this group."

(A final note: Our ladies delighted in making enough Chrismons to decorate two Christmas trees for our Sanctuary.)

Our Lord Jesus has indeed been very much with all of us who derive so much pleasure and satisfaction from serving as Women of the Church.

Respectfully submitted:

Jeanne M. Stewart (Mrs. F. B.)  
Historian  
Women of the Church