

Bayside Presbyterian Church
Virginia Beach, Va.
Women of the Church
1974

OFFICERS

President Mrs. John E. Reed
Vice-President Mrs. Morris Bell
Secretary Mrs. Roy Brun
Treasurer Mrs. William Welch
Historian Mrs. Franklin Stewart
Mrs. James P. Morgan

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Personal Faith & Family Life Mrs. William Tucker
Christian Community Action Mrs. T. S. Williams
Ecumenical Missions & Relations Mrs. Gaston Aycock
Leadership & Resources Mrs. Eldon Grace

CIRCLE CHAIRMEN

Circle #1 Mrs. L. Dow LedBetter
Circle #2 Mrs. R. Everett Brickhouse
Circle #3 Mrs. Lawrence Conner
Circle #4 Miss Theresa Tubbs
Circle #5 Mrs. Charles Hicks
Circle #6 Mrs. Alvin Holland
Circle #7 Mrs. Charles Speight
Circle #8 Mrs. Don Damuth
Circle #9 Mrs. Jack Humberstone, Jr.
Circle #10 Mrs. Edward Borchers
Circle #11 Mrs. David M. Childress, Jr.
Circle #12 Mrs. Reuben Lebo

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Card Mrs. Alfred Duncan

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In these busy and demanding times, divine guidance and support has enabled us, as Women of the Church, at Bayside, to take humble pride in the success of our hard working year.

Mrs. Donald Reid served as our President from October 1, 1973 to October 1, 1974. She conducted the WOC Council meetings during this period, and along with the Program Chairmen, passed along information to the Circle Chairmen to take back to their respective circle meetings. She reports the following: "I attended the Annual Presbyterial Meeting March 27th at First Presbyterian Church in Va. Beach, at which time Dr. Frank Harrington from Atlanta spoke. I conducted the General Meeting in April at which time we had an inspirational speech by Doris Neil from the St. Columba Family Center. Officers for the coming year were elected. Our Birthday Celebration May 15th was held as a family night supper with all members of the church invited. Our birthday objective film was shown, and good fellowship was had by all. The women of the church also held a reception for our assistant minister, Mr. Robert Park, and his family, before they left to accept a call in North Carolina." Mrs. Reid's enthusiasm, humor, and gentle but effective leadership will be missed. She was unable to serve the second year of her term as President due to the birth of a child.

Mrs. John E. Reed, our incoming President, possesses a rare combination of high proficiency, a gracious manner, and extreme kindness. In addition to presiding over our Council meetings, Mrs. Reed has attended our WOC Presbytery Council Meeting, Presbyterial District Meeting, and World Community Day. She works in close contact with our beloved Pastor, Mr. Hutcheson, on our projected programs and activities. She never fails to visit the ill, bereaved, and lonely of our Church, and renders aid in every possible way.

The general duties of the Vice President of our WOC are to preside in the absence of the President, plan monthly projects together with the President and officers and chairmen, and compile the monthly Newsletter of the WOC from information given by the President and Program Chairmen (distributed to Circle Chairmen). The Vice President also assigns new members to circles and shifts members when requested to do so. She compiles the WOC Directory.

Mrs. John E. Reed, our Vice President from October 1972 to October 1974, reports these additional activities: (1) attended May Fellowship, United Church Women, and was appointed to serve on the Staff Committee of the Church as representative from the WOC, and has attended all meetings, and, (2) met with the Budget Committee in August to draw up the Budget.

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Our incoming Vice President, Mrs. Morris Bell, is young, and is most eager to serve. She is affable, which is vital to this office in my opinion. Mrs. Bell reports that she attended the joint meeting of the three Elizabeth River districts, which meeting included a training workshop for officers. She also reports that she coordinated the effort of our circles to contact all members of the Church to secure reservations for our Every Member Canvass dinner.

Our Treasurer, Mrs. William Welch, completes her term of office this year, and we will be most sorry to lose her. She reports our balance on hand as of December 31, 1974, in the amount of \$438.20. Our proposed budget was approved at the September General Meeting.

Our outgoing Secretary, Mrs. Donald Dahlman, reports correspondence with the Session, along with her faithful recording of the minutes of the Council and our General Meetings. Our incoming Secretary, a very active worker in our Church, is Mrs. Roy Brun.

Mrs. Robert Park, who took office in October 1973, as Personal Faith and Family Life Chairman, was unable to complete her term due to her husband's call to a church of his own. (He was our Assistant Pastor.) Mr. and Mrs. Park were well liked and are missed.

Mrs. William Tucker, our incoming Personal Faith and Family Life Chairman, has assumed the duty of conducting monthly classes for our circle moderators. This task is most demanding on Mrs. Tucker's time and energy. She has also made her services available to fill in as Circle Moderator when no volunteers are forthcoming in the respective circles. I might mention also that Mrs. Tucker's spiritual thoughts and poems in our monthly Newsletters have been inspiring.

For the most part, our new Christian Community Action Chairman, Mrs. T. S. Williams, is continuing the major projects promoted by her predecessor, Mrs. Bob Kays. Said projects are hereby listed:

- (1) STOP Headstart Program Circles provided birthday cakes and small gifts for the children, on a monthly basis. Several members helped regularly in the classrooms.
- (2) Lynchburg Presbyterian Home Circles were very generous in giving gifts and substantial cash donations to help support Stormy Kinzer, our orphan in the Home.
- (3) Food Pantry Throughout the year, our supply has been given to St. Columba Family Center, with the exception of Christmas time, when several individual families were generously supplied with food.

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- (4) St. Columba Family Center In addition to food donations, our ladies collected books, magazines, fabrics, yarns, games and toys for use at the Center. The Center was also supplied with a sewing machine and a guitar.
- (5) Crossnore School We collected and sent many savings stamps and coupons to the school to help purchase a van. Collections continue.
- (6) Shore Drive Convalescent Home Circles are responsible for visiting the Home on a monthly basis, taking along appropriate gifts. Mrs. Bob Kays, among others, makes frequent visits to the Home, doing shopping errands, etc. for the patients.
- (7) Virginia Beach Public Health Dept. Several ladies gave their time each month to help in the various clinics.
- (8) Central Eastern State Mental Hospitals The Task Force Circle performed various services throughout the year. (Details are listed in this report under "Circles".)
- (9) Zuni School Several donations were sent for the school farm animal project.
- (10) Laubach Each One Teach One Program Instructors and students meet at the Church twice a week. (Note: Our women are not involved in this program to the same extent as in the past.)

Mrs. Williams reports that material was ordered for our circles to enlighten our women about the Presbyterian position on the E.R.A. amendment.

Our outgoing Ecumenical Missions and Relations Chairman, Mrs. Harry Boyce, underwent surgery several times during her second term of office, and her duties were carried out by others. (Our Birthday Celebration has already been mentioned in this report.) We were periodically reminded in our Circle Newsletters to remember our missionaries with gifts of money, magazine subscriptions, books, and of course, prayers. We met our White Cross quota. Our circle ladies participated in helping to pack drugs to be sent to undeveloped countries, on a monthly basis, as usual.

Our incoming Ecumenical Missions and Relations Chairman, Mrs. Gaston Aycock, reports that we have a sufficient number of volunteers for our Sample Drug Program again this year; in November, we had three circle women packing drugs for a total of twelve hours. Our circles will continue to recruit at least two ladies for this work, on a monthly basis. Mrs. Aycock also mentions a clothing drive sponsored by the Va. Beach Church Women United, in which Bayside women participated. The clothing was to be sent to the needy in Appalachia.

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Mrs. Eldon Grace, our Leadership and Resources Chairman, has performed an outstanding job in supplying our WOC with well qualified officers and chairmen. We pray for equal success for her and her committee this year! Mrs. Grace sponsored our annual get-together for college students of the Church, during the Holiday Season.

CIRCLES: We have eight active circles, night and daytime, including our Cancer Bandage Circle and Task Force Circle. Our ladies have a preference as to the circle to which they are assigned, if they so desire. Church women who have declared they cannot attend circle meetings are placed in what we term "unenlisted circles". There are four. Unenlisted circle members are contacted by their circle chairmen and asked to participate in church activities wherever and whenever it is possible for them to do so. As a result of increased contact with our inactive women this past year, their circle chairmen have reported an impressive number of unenlisted women have moved to active circles.

Our active circles are well attended, and we have enjoyed full participation by circle members in our programs. In addition to active participation in all the projects of our WOC previously mentioned in this report under the Program Chairmen reports, our Circles list these additional activities:

- (1) Hostesses for WOC General Meetings and WOC Birthday dinner; also Every Member Canvass Dinner.
- (2) Monthly cash contributions to Seminary Student Aid.
- (3) Contributions to start a fund to push the procurement of railings for the Church steps.
- (4) Contributions for "Least Coin" Fellowship (monthly).
- (5) Volunteered drivers for "Meals-on-Wheels" program for the elderly and ill.
- (6) Provided refreshments for Bible School children.
- (7) Donated cakes for Cerebral Palsy victims.
- (8) Donated to Girls' Camp Fund.
- (9) Donated flowers for Easter Service and took them later to shut-ins.
- (10) Visits and gifts to shut-ins.
- (11) Contributions to Meals for Millions.

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- (12) Contribution to Camp Hope Haven.
- (13) Supported Youth Group's Family Night Supper, and aided in the kitchen.
- (14) Provided food and served luncheon for STOP teachers and volunteers.
- (15) In case of death of a member's family, Circles have provided meals for these families.
- (16) Contributed canned goods to the Church pantry on a monthly basis.
- (17) Called all Church membership to secure reservations for the Every Member Canvass Dinner.

Three of our circles are distinctive in that they have special projects over and above the regular Bible Circles mentioned.

Our Task Force Circle has made knitted caps, slippers and lap robes for the Tidewater Mental Health Center. They also covered 200 milk cartons to be filled for the patients at the Center for Easter. They covered 71 shoe boxes for Christmas and delivered them to the Center.

Our Cancer Bandage Circle tore sheets for use in making bed pads; rolled bandages for White Cross quota for our Church, and helped Task Force Circle cut and wrap milk cartons. They voted in July and August to make bed pads because of the fact that the supply at Cancer Society was depleted. An average of 25 bed pads per month has been made for the American Cancer Society. They assisted in X-Ray Clinic at Bayside Health Department; also voted to use their Sunshine funds to buy disposable diapers to be used to make bed pads, as cellulose was unavailable most of the year.

A relatively new circle in our Church, the circle designed for young mothers, provided teachers to the 4 and 5 year old Nursery during the 11 A. M. church service, and used their remaining Sunshine Fund to buy some supplies for this teaching program.

I wish to mention that I have only listed what I considered to be the major projects and accomplishments of our officers, chairman and circles.

Mention should be made that Mrs. Alfred Duncan, our Card Chairman, sent 277 cards to the ill and bereaved of our Church Family, during the year 1974.

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In conclusion, I'd like to state for the Record, that I am deeply gratified to have had the opportunity to witness WOC women working together so harmoniously and conscientiously for our Church and community, and most of all, for the glory of our Lord. I feel fortunate to serve in a minor part, as Historian and Council Member, in this loving effort.

(Mrs. Franklin B. Stewart (Jeanne)
Historian
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