

PRESBYTERY III
BAYSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA
1989

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
COORDINATING TEAM
OFFICERS
1988-1989

MODERATOR	Louise Wombolt (Mrs. Duane)
FIRST VICE MODERATOR	Marian Merchant (Mrs. Donald)
SECOND VICE MODERATOR	Peggy Reed (Mrs. John)
SECRETARY	Dorothy Andrews (Mrs. Leroy)
TREASURER	Sandi Warden (Mrs. William)
P. W. HISTORIAN	Isabel Pflueger (Mrs. Paul)
SEARCH COMMITTEE MODERATOR	Carolyn Walsh (Mrs. Robert)

PROGRAM CHAIRPERSONS

FOOD PANTRY	Jennifer Brinkley (Mrs. David)
PERSONAL FAITH AND FAMILY LIFE	Becky Rawls (Mrs. Robert)
ECUMENICAL MISSIONS	Bernice Damuth (Mrs. Donald)

CIRCLE LEADERS

CIRCLE #1	Louise Robinson (Mrs. Raymond)
CIRCLE #2	Martha Miracle (Mrs. James)
CIRCLE #3	Margaret Bobst (Mrs. Larry)
CIRCLE #4	Lucy Walters (Mrs. Robert E.) and Henrietta MacLeod (Mrs. Kenneth)
CIRCLE #5	Peggy Koball
CIRCLE #6	Martha LeRoy, Dorothy Norrington (Mrs. Charles), Mary Lehr (Mrs. Charles)
CIRCLE #7	Barbara Borson (Mrs. Alan)
CIRCLE #8	Representatives
CIRCLE #9	Betty Steere (Mrs. Lucius) and Eve Skinner (Mrs. Glenn)
CIRCLE #10	Claire Schopen (Mrs. Joseph)

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This year the women prayed, studied, worked and played as Presbyterian Women of Bayside Church of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). This was the first full year of this entity. Under the leadership of Moderator Louise Wombolt, we had a very busy, rewarding and successful year.

The PW of Bayside Church consists of ten Circles. The Circles meet once a month, except for the months of July and August. Some meet in the daytime, two meet at night. Some are large, some are small. Some meet at homes, some meet at church. There are approximately two hundred active members, who have chosen to participate in or be supportive of PW. The women share a Bible study, fellowship, service, tears, joys and God's love.

The PW Coordinating Team, made up of the General Officers, Program Chairpersons and Circle Representatives, meet the last Monday evening of the month, August to May. At these meetings, reports are given and decisions are made. Annie Mae Brickhouse substituted for Second Vice Moderator, Peggy Reed, in January, February and March while Peggy was on vacation.

A few members of Bayside PW are on the Coordinating Team of PW Presbytery III. Dorothy Jones (Mrs. Hugh) was Treasurer, Jean Felts (Mrs. Rudy) and Nitta Carson (Mrs. Richard) are the Enablers. Presbytery III is now part of the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia.

New By-Laws were drawn up by Louise Wombolt, Martha Sorensen and Margaret Bobst for Bayside PW. The By-Laws were voted on at the General Meeting in June and accepted. The decision was made to stick to two-year terms for the members of the Coordinating Team, to provide continuity for the team.

This Spring, there was a PW Conference at Montreat concerning the announced closing of Massanetta Springs. There was a Synod Task Force meeting at King's Grant Presbyterian Church in Virginia Beach, March 1st and 2nd to discuss the closing.

In October, there was a very sad time in the life of the church. Emma Elizabeth Kiser-Lowrance, infant daughter of Associate Pastor, Will Kiser-Lowrance, and his wife, Becky, died. The funeral was at the church and the PW helped with the reception in the Fellowship Hall.

PW attended the Presbytery III Spring Gathering at Royster Memorial on April 8, 1989.

The Birthday Celebration Gathering of the PW of Bayside Church was held April 18, 1989 in the Fellowship Hall. Martha Sorensen spoke about Bayside Presbyterian Church's Vision III campaign (building program). Carolyn Walsh, Search Committee Chairperson, presented the slate of new officers and chairpersons for 1989-1990, which was accepted, voted upon and duly elected. Bernice Damuth, EMC, presented an inspirational Birthday Celebration Program. A total of \$366.25 was collected for the Birthday Offering. The offering was to help prostitutes in the Philippines, minister to the poor in Austin, Texas, and to further the advocacy of children in the U.S.

The General Gathering of the PW was held Tuesday evening, June 13, 1989. Patricia Freshney, our Director of Christian Education, gave the Bible lesson and installed the new officers. The officers for 1989-90 are listed on the first page of this report.

The Annual Gathering of the PW was a combined Circle Meeting held Saturday morning, September 9, 1989, in the Fellowship Hall. Evie Keever, chaplain at Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters and wife of our minister, Dick Keever, told of her work at the hospital.

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On November 3, 1989 the PW were hosts for the World Community Day of Church Women United held at our church. PW responsibilities were registration, child care, a light lunch and elders to serve communion. The committee to plan this was Claire Schopen, Sandi Warden and Bernice Damuth. Eve Skinner, of Circle #9, was on the nominating committee for the officers of Church Women United.

One of the Presbyterian Women's most important ministries at Bayside is the Food Pantry. Marge Clark is the chairperson. Approximately 45 persons were helped each six weeks. The requests for food came by referral from Virginia Beach Social Services, or sometimes by direct request. The congregation is generous throughout the year, both with staple goods, disposable diapers and money for the Food Pantry. Volunteer help is given to select, bag and shop for the groceries. The Food Pantry Fund is also used to supplement the meals served by our church to the homeless at the Fire Escape in Virginia Beach. This is a project of the Virginia Beach Christian Outreach Group. Money from this fund was also used to help feed the homeless the weeks of March 1-8 and November 22-28 when the homeless stayed overnight in our church. This was part of the Winter Shelter Ministry of St. Columba Ecumenical Ministries.

The Bible Study is an important part of the Circle meetings. This year the study was I Peter. To assist the Bible moderators, a preparation lesson is given by one of the Pastors.

The PW treasurer of Bayside is Sandi Warden. Sandi receives all the monies from the Circles. She pays the bills and distributes funds to the many benevolences we support. We were assessed \$2.30/member this year by Presbytery.

The PW of Bayside are encouraged to make pledges to the general fund. This is completely voluntary. Other money collected is for the Least Coin Offering and the Sunshine Fund. Circles use their money from the Sunshine Fund to contribute to the Food Pantry, Sunnyside Links, child care for Circle #7, flowers for the Sanctuary at Christmas and Easter, for Christmas gifts to Foster Children requested by Virginia Beach Social Services, and for gifts and flowers for members who are sick or bereaved.

This is the second year a Thank Offering has been collected. This is an offering for the many blessings we have received in the year. The offering is collected at the November meeting. It is a two-fold opportunity. Thirty-three per cent goes to hospital and health care in the U.S. and overseas. Sixty-seven per cent is used for new creative areas of mission, undesignated in advance. The total collected was \$173.55.

During the special time of Lent, starting February 8th, the church had a dinner catered the six Wednesday nights of Lent. The Circles set up tables, sliced meats, heated rolls and vegetables, provided salads and cleaned up.

During Advent, the PW served cookies and punch at one of the Sunday night activities. The PW also served refreshments to the cast of the Living Nativity for the five nights it was presented.

The PW save Campbell Soup labels for Davis-Stuart Presbyterian Home.

Each Circle sponsors a freshman college student from the membership of the church. Cards were sent and cookies baked.

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The PW also participated in the program, Sewing for Missions, requested by Norfolk Presbytery. Many Circles made receiving blankets, baby gowns and caps. A three-year request list was received and each Circle chose from that list what they would make or buy for this one year.

Listed are some of the Circle activities:

Circle #4 is sending small gifts, such as tapes and magazines, to a missionary couple Mary Hutcheson met during her trip to Kinshasa, Africa.

Circle #6, which sews cancer pads, received a Certificate of Appreciation from the American Cancer Society for help in their "Crusade to Conquer Cancer."


Circle #7 is known as the "Young Mother's Circle." Their third annual retreat was held, Mother's Day weekend, May 1989, at a cottage in Sandbridge. The moderator was the Associate Pastor's wife, Becky Kiser-Lowrance.

Circle #7 provided transportation for a member of our church, Christine West, to church each Sunday until she was no longer able to come. She died January 1990 at the age of 90.

Circle #7 sponsored a drive for the women of the Circles to fill Christmas shoe boxes to be shipped to Friends of the Americas for delivery to needy children in Latin America. The boxes are filled with items suggested by the organization. Seventeen boxes were sent.

This report does show that the PW of Bayside Presbyterian Church are an active and caring group. By doing God's work we are strengthened in our faith and Christian life.

Respectfully submitted,



Presbyterian Women
Historian