

BAYSIDE WOMEN  
BAYSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1990-1991

Officers

Moderator  
First Vice Moderator  
Second Vice Moderator  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
P.W. Historian  
Search Committee Moderator

Gwen Crow  
Alice Lescault  
Julie Simpson  
Bernice Damuth  
Jennifer Brinkley  
Dorothy Andrews  
Dianne House

Program Chairpersons

Food Pantry Chair  
Personal Faith and Family Life  
Ecumenical Missions

Marjorie Clark  
Louise Gordon  
Colleen Switts

Circle Leaders

Circle #1  
Circle #2  
Circle #3  
Circle #4  
Circle #6  
Circle #7  
Circle #8  
Circle #9  
Circle #10

Judy Crossman  
Dorothy Andrews  
Brum Tefft and Martha Sorensen

Frances Speight  
Carolyn Weems

Audrey Brun and Helen Fisher  
Jane Copeland

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The Presbyterian Women of Bayside Church of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) had a busy and rewarding year under the leadership of Moderator Louise Wombolt the first six months with Gwen Crow assuming that position in June for the rest of the year.

The Presbyterian Women of Bayside Church consists of nine Circles with about one hundred eighty active members. They meet each month during the year except during July and August in homes or at the church. They share a Bible study, Christian fellowship and support each other and members of the congregation during times of need.

The PW Coordinating Team, made up of the General Officers, Program Chairpersons and Circle Representatives meet the last Monday of each month except June and July to plan for the Circle meetings the following month. Reports are given, decisions are made and information gathered to pass on to the Circle members.

The Birthday Celebration Gathering of the Presbyterian Women of Bayside Church was held at the Church in the Fellowship Hall on April 24th. The new officers of Presbyterian Women were elected at this time and the Bible lesson was given by Becky Kiser-Lowrance, wife of our Associate Pastor. The Birthday Offering was given, totaling \$338.50. The interpretation of the offering was given by Claire Schopen, Ecumenical Missions Chairperson, and the proceeds used for Africa's children, abused women and children and the Menaul School of Rendon Hall Project in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The General Gathering of Presbyterian Women was held June 2nd at 9:00 a.m. with the Circle members furnishing a delicious breakfast. The Bible study was given by Will Kiser-Lowrance, Associate Pastor. The officers for 1990-1991 were installed by Jean Felts and Nitta Carson.

The Annual Gathering of Presbyterian Women of Bayside Church was held at 9:30 a.m. on September 8th with a potluck brunch. The Bible study was given by our minister, Richard Kever.

The Honorary Life Membership pin and certificate was presented to Louise Wombolt at the June Gathering. Louise has been a vital part of the Bayside Church family since she joined the Church in December 1970. She taught Sunday School, was Assistant Superintendent of Sunday School 1977-1978; Superintendent of Sunday School 1979; Secretary of Church School Council 1985-1986. She also helped with Vacation Bible School. She has been on several Nominating Committees for Elders. She has also been on several Search Committees, including the one which brought Richard Kever to Bayside. Louise was ordained an Elder in September 1986. In the work of Presbyterian Women, she was a Circle Leader 1972-1973; Chairman of Christian Community Action 1978-1979; Chairman of Leadership and Resources 1987-1988; and Moderator 1988-1989 and 1989-1990. She has been a shopper for the Food Pantry, helped with the Winter Shelter Program and even helped make the draperies for the Fellowship Hall. She is presently serving on the Witness Committee and on the Finance Committee for Vision III, our Building Fund Campaign.

A very important and on-going ministry at Bayside is the Food Pantry which is supported by the Presbyterian Women with Marge Clark as Chairperson. The requests for food come by referral from Virginia Beach Social Services or by direct request. Approximately 500 adults and children were helped during 1990. The congregation generously furnishes staple goods and money throughout the year. Volunteers help shop for groceries, select and bag them for the families. The Food Pantry is also used to supplement meals served by our Church to the homeless at the Fire Escape in Virginia Beach, a project of Virginia Beach Christian Outreach Group. Also, it is used to help feed the homeless when they spend nights at our Church as part of the Winter Shelter Ministry of St. Columba Ecumenical Ministries.

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It has been a custom at Bayside to have weekly dinners following a prayer service during the Lenten Season beginning on Ash Wednesday and then followed by Studies for all the congregation. This year they began on February 28th. The dinners were catered and the Presbyterian Women Circles set up tables, decorated, heated the food, sliced meats, provided salads and cleaned up afterward.

During Advent, Presbyterian Women served cookies and punch at one of the Sunday night activities. We also provided refreshments to the cast of the Living Nativity for the five nights it was presented on the Church lawn.

Presbyterian Women helped furnish refreshments and hosted a wedding reception on October 21st for Tricia and Will McKee. Tricia Freshney McKee is our Director of Christian Education for Bayside Church.

We regret to report that we lost five members of Presbyterian Women by death during the year. Memorials of new hymnals and contributions to Vision III and the Church have been given in memory of the following:

Edna Hubbard  
Virginia Bowen  
Doris Stubbs  
Lee Tyner  
Christine West

Lucy Walters attended a four-day training program for Enablers at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa during July.

Mary Hutcheson was appointed by the Session of Bayside in June as the Key Friend for Union Theological Seminary in Richmond.

The Circles contributed to many things during the year. Some of these were:

Friends of the Seminary  
Presbyterian School of Christian Education  
Zuni Presbyterian Training Center  
Bayside Ministers' Special Benevolence Fund  
Organ Fund  
Food Pantry  
New Hymnals  
Kitchen Housewares Fund  
Sunnyside Presbyterian Home for Elderly  
Mission Work in Overseas Projects

The Circles participated in various projects including sewing cancer pads, sending cards and cookies to college students, donating a gift to a student at International House, sponsoring the Hope Haven Children's Home throughout the year and sending International Christmas Boxes.

Each Circle provided presents for a specific child at Christmas. This was done for eight foster children through Social Services of Virginia Beach.

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The Presbyterian Women of Bayside Presbyterian Church had an active and productive year. Each of us have become stronger in our faith and Christian love by our participation in these caring activities.

Respectfully submitted,

*Norathy Andrew*

Presbyterian Women  
Historian