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Bayside Publication Deadlines

Weekly Bulletin - Wednesdays by 9:00 am

Minutes for Mission, Announcements, Flowers, Ushers

Weekly Helmsman - Thursdays by 9:00 am

Events, announcements, calendar updates

REVO or Electronic Bulletin Board - Thursdays by 9:00 am

Events, announcements

Monthly Newsletter - Binnacle - the 15th of each month.

Events, Ministry Notes, calendar updates, articles

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Pastor's Corner

As you know, our Nominating Committee is meeting regularly & faithfully to discern our next class of elders. Some of us are familiar with this process, and others are not. For those who are wondering what in the world it means to be an elder, this month's Pastor's Corner is for you.

I'm new to the Presbyterian denomination. What is an elder anyhow?

An elder is someone who knows it all. KIDDING. Of course not!

For starters, the root word of Presbyterian comes from a Greek word that translates as **elder**. Our denominational identity is deeply rooted in the leadership of elders.

An elder is a member of a local Presbyterian congregation who **serves** the congregation in a position of leadership. Leadership in a local congregation involves—but is not limited to—a commitment to the gospel ethic, practices of spiritual discernment in the decision-making process, and a servant-heart to give time, talents, and treasures.

Say more. In fact, tell me what the Book of Order says. I hear the Book of Order is important in the PCUSA denomination.

Yes, the Book of Order is one part of our denomination's constitution (the other part being The Book of Confessions). The Book of Order offers this understanding when considering elders:

"Persons of wisdom & maturity of **faith**, having demonstrated skills in leadership & being **compassionate in spirit**. Ruling elders are so named not because they 'lord it over' the congregation (Matt. 20:25), but because they are chosen by the congregation to discern & measure its **fidelity to the Word of God**, and to strengthen and nurture its faith & life. Ruling elders, together with ministers of the Word and Sacrament, exercise leadership, government, spiritual discernment, and discipline and have responsibilities for the life of a congregation as well as the whole church, including ecumenical relationships."

That's a lot to ask for. When it comes to being an elder at Bayside, what is our Nominating Committee considering?

In addition to the guidance above, your Nominating Committee is considering the following qualities in a person to serve Bayside:

- Participation in church life
- Worship participation
- Faith in action & commitment to growth
- Leadership temperament
- Openness, patience, compassion
- Spiritually-grounded
- Approachability for others
- Adaptability & wisdom

Why should I prayerfully consider serving in this way?

The best response would come from an elder who is either currently serving or has served before. As Emma shared during a Sunday morning announcement, the names & photos of the current class of session members are in the hallway adjacent to the Fellowship Hall. Please do consider reaching out to one of them! Contact your pastors or call the church for an email. Your current session members are:

<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>
Cherokee Adams	Betsy Davis	Rita Dunning
Annette Conley	Nancy Guy	Peggy Hayes
Amanda Long	Paula Jesberg	Bob Liebau
Chris Pascuzzi	Lynne Owen	Jay Muscatello
Karyn Simonelli	Wayne Pollock	Powell Peters
Rose Ann Wehr	Marshall Miller	Mark Schreiber

What are the responsibilities & expectations?

The commitment involves one term of three years, serving on a ministry team, participation in worship leadership (such as serving communion), participation at monthly session meetings (currently the third Tuesday evening of every month), and a faithfulness towards the larger vision of Bayside. Serving as an elder is a gift. One that is full of joy & grace, and one that involves being on a team.

What next?

Prayerfully consider folks—including yourself—who come to mind & heart. We welcome self-nominations. Share that name(s) with the Nominating Committee through the hardcopy form OR email.

Forms for recommendations are available in the office & in the atrium.

You may also email the Nominating Committee chair Janet Baker at jmbaker523@gmail.com

Anything else to consider?

The Spirit moves in areas of our lives even when we think those areas are dormant. Keep paying attention to the ways in which the Spirit is moving within our congregation, including your own mind & heart. Again, we welcome self-nominations. Talk to a friend, reach out to an elder or two, and connect with a pastor. It takes a village to raise up leaders, and Bayside is part of your village.

Also, check out the link for a story:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/what-we-believe/elders/>

Love & prayers,
Aram & Emma

PS: For each month's Binnacle, there will be a **Pastor's Corner** as per usual. Sometimes the note will be from Aram, other times from Emma, and a few times from both of us.

Children's Sunday School

Youth Group

Have ideas of how to nurture and grow children and youth?

Want to be a family ministries assistant at Bayside?

Volunteers Needed

Email Summer
smoore@baysidepresby.org

UPDATE

YOUR MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Directory Updates: If you have any updates or changes to your phone number, email address, or mailing address, please contact Linda in the office. Congregational Care is preparing for an up-to-date directory to go out this year, and we want your information to be correct. Contact Linda at lvogl@baysidepresby.org or 757-460-1188 no later than May 1st. You can also stop by the welcome center on Sunday mornings and fill out an update form. We appreciate your help.



PRESCHOOL

Spring is here with all of its wonderful sights and warmer weather. The Preschool will be closed starting Friday, March 29th for Good Friday and continuing through Friday, April 5th for Easter and Spring Break. Classes will resume on Monday, April 8th. Happy Easter!

Summer Camp Registration has begun! There are still openings in all camps!

June Camp 2 1/2 to 6 Years Old	July Camp 2 1/2 to 6 Years Old	August Camp 2 1/2 to 6 Years Old
Weather Fun Week 1: June 4 - 6 Week 2: June 11 - 13	Wild Animals Week 1: July 9 - 11 Week 2: June 16 - 18	Science Fun Week 1: August 6 - 8 Week 2: August 13 - 15
July Camp 6 to 9 Year Olds		August Camp 6 to 9 Year Olds
Ecology Fun Week 1: July 9 - 11 Week 2: June 16 - 18		Science Fun Week 1: August 6 - 8 Week 2: August 13 - 15

Fall Registration for September 2024 is still ongoing. There is availability in our 2 ½’s class, 2-day 3’s class and in our 5-day 4’s classes. All other classes including Kindergarten are full with a waitlist at this time. Please email at preschool@baysidepresby.org or call (757) 464-0292 to inquire about school registration or summer camps.

Happy Spring! Kathy Armstrong

Bayside Presbyterian Church

Montreat 2024

July 7th-13th

**Join us in the Blue Ridge mountains at
Montreat Conference Center, NC
for a week of adventure, Christ
centered community, and
relaxation!**

**Who: entering 9th grade-exiting 12
graders**

**Cost: \$550 (includes food,
transportation, and conference
activities)**

**Turn \$100 deposit in to Summer Moore
(smoore@baysidepresby.org) to secure spot!**

Community Service Ministry

COMMUNITY SERVICE MINISTRY'S APRIL SPOTLIGHT

SAMARITAN HOUSE



Stop the violence. Start the healing.

Since 1984, Samaritan House has helped individuals and families free themselves from domestic violence, human trafficking, sexual assault and homelessness in Hampton Roads.

Samaritan House's 24-hour crisis hotline continues to be an entry point for those that are escaping violence and struggle with stable housing. Hundreds of calls come each month from victims of violence needing safe shelter and advocacy services.

Over the past year, Samaritan House:

- Provided safe housing to 156 families, including 108 children
- Helped 84 families move to permanent housing
- Provided advocacy to 504 individuals
- Assisted 36 victims of human trafficking
- Completed construction of The Hallow – a group home for underage trafficking victims

Website: samaritanhouseva.org

24-House Crisis Hot Line: 757-430-2120

Thrift Shop 757-583-7211

(call to schedule a pick-up)

Samaritan House is supported by Bayside Presbyterian Church and the Community Service Ministry through quarterly financial support and an annual drive for baby/toddler supplies.



FOR SAMARITAN HOUSE VICTIMS

Sunday April 28 through May 12 (Mothers' Day!)

The Community Service Ministry will be collecting baby and toddler items to be donated to Samaritan House to benefit victims of domestic violence and human trafficking.

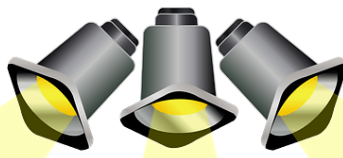
Items needed:

- Diapers
- Crib sheets and blankets (NEW!)
- Full-size bath products (shampoo, body wash, powder)
- Towels and wash cloths
- Crib toys, rattles, board books (NEW!)
- Baby and Toddler Clothes – new and gently used

Donations will be collected in the atrium and the preschool wing. For those who can't get out to shop, donations and gift cards can be dropped off at the church office. If you write a check, please write "Samaritan House" on the memo line.

Note: Due to continued COVID restrictions, Samaritan House only accepts NEW bedding. No used toys will be accepted.





MARCH SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- Thanksgiving for the collaborative work involved with the **intergenerational Mr. Rogers activity** between the services on March 17. Gratitude for Summer's leadership, and ministry involvement from Christian Education & Evangelism ministries as well as all those who volunteered with energy & love.
- Global Witness Ministry shared about an opportunity to join Great Bridge Presbyterian Church's **summer mission project in Nicaragua**. Dates are Aug 3-10. Details about an interest meeting to come. (Contact Global Witness Ministry co-leaders Karyn Simonelli or Mark Schreiber for more information).
- Commended to God the faithfully departed: Alice Brase, Donna Place, and Fred Irvis.
- Approved **four motions**: 1) \$6,000 from Cannell restricted fund for St. Columba; 2) \$3,500 from Endowment for Rise Against Hunger event in April; 3) \$3,000 from Cannell restricted fund for the 2024 Living Nativity; 4) Up to \$1,000 from Cannell unrestricted fund for new outside banners to communicate widely & publicly Bayside's worship services & major reoccurring events.

Deep gratitude for Audre & Don Cannell's witness of faith, legacy of compassion, and inspiring love for Bayside. Encouraging gratitude expressed for session members in the ways they connected with and had loving friendships with the Cannell's.



Pizza with Global Witness Ministry

On Sunday April 7, gather in Room 508 to hear about an opportunity to serve in **Nicaragua** (summer mission project with Great Bridge Presbyterian) and to learn about the **Global Witness ministry**. We'd LOVE to have you! *(If you cannot join but are interested, contact either Karyn Simonelli or Mark Schreiber.)*

Welcome TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

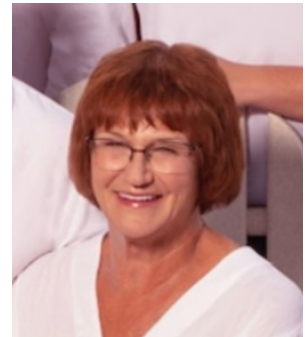


Jay Brewster

After attending Bayside for a while, Jay is excited to become a member and get more involved. He is a Landscape Architect, Horticulturist, and Planner, currently working in the Planning, Design & Development Division of the Virginia Beach Parks and Recreation Department. Jay is a graduate from The Ohio State University, Eagle Scout and have lived in Virginia Beach for 5 years.

Cathy Lee Grissom Brugger

I am a Virginia Beach native. I have been happily married for 36 years to John Brugger, and have 2 adult children, Alex and Jessie. My pride and joy is my grandson Evan who is almost three.



Bob and Marie Johnson

I am a born-again Christian who trusts Jesus Christ only for my salvation and I am a child of God who enjoys His forgiveness and grace. I have been baptized in London Baptist church by immersion. We were last members of Hope Presbyterian Church in Fredericksburg, Virginia. We moved back to Tidewater 2 1/2 years ago to be closer to our son's family. We moved to Old Donation Apartments in June 2023 and sought a local church to obey Christ's commandment to Glorify God and spread the Gospel. I am looking for a place to grow my eternal perspective and my spiritual wellbeing. I have joined the men's Tuesday and Saturday group. I believe Bayside Presbyterian Church provides opportunity for growth and ask to be admitted to membership.

I was born in Washington, D.C. and moved to Virginia when I was 11 ½ years old. I met Bob when we were public school students in Arlington County, VA. Since that time, as the years passed, we married and have lived in Virginia our whole married life (63 years +) and have traveled extensively with business. We have three “children” and three grand-children. Having raised our kids in Northern Virginia, we attended Idylwood Presbyterian Church where I was ordained a Deacon in the Class of 1983. We moved to Virginia Beach in 1984 – 1990 and attended Wycliff Presbyterian Church. Our youngest, Tom, attended Cox High School and ODU and he and his family live on Kemps Lake.

Welcome TO OUR NEW MEMBERS



Kim and John Mayo

John is a native of Portsmouth, VA, Kim Massachusetts. He works in Financial Services and we have one child Cora, a proud graduate of Bayside Presbyterian preschool and children's choir member.

Holly Odom

Holly has known the Lord since she was a child, she learned from an early age from a strong Christian woman, her mother. She's a proud single mom of two boys, Monroe, age 6, and Quinn, age 5... They are her pride & joy. Holly enjoys yoga, concerts, and anything outdoors with her boys. She's blessed and honored to be welcomed into the Bayside Presbyterian Church... Such a magical place to call home. She's blessed to be here.



Steven and Gayle Ratajczyk

Steve and Gayle Ratajczyk have been married for 39 years and have 3 grown children (1 daughter and 2 sons) and 8 grandchildren. Having lived off and on in the Virginia Beach area since 1982, we could think of no better place to retire than back in the 757 when we both retired from federal civil service positions in the D.C. area. We love our Witchduck Point neighborhood and all the friends we have here.

Steve is a retired Naval aviator, high school teacher and federal civil servant. Gayle is also a retired federal civil servant, having spent the majority of her career with the Naval Audit Service, where she served as Deputy Auditor General. We enjoy traveling, having been to all 7 continents, and spending time with family and friends.

Tyler and Heather Stefkovich

Tyler and Heather Stefkovich have 3 beautiful children, Luke, Nathan and Nora. Their family has been attending Bayside Presbyterian since 2019 and all three children attended the preschool at Bayside Presbyterian. They have enjoyed the community feel of this church and how it has been such an important part of their children's lives from a young age. The Stefkovich Family looks forward to many more years of activities and fellowship as new members of the Church!





CELEBRATIONS

1-Apr	Janet L Baker	18-Apr	Lorraine Gasparovic
4-Apr	Rob Costello		Mary Hubbard
	Judy Crossman	21-Apr	Dave Covington
	Lee Fisher		John Williams
	Mindy Liebau	23-Apr	Carolyn Walsh
7-Apr	Tori Noon	24-Apr	Deanna Rumney
8-Apr	Bridget Herron	26-Apr	Jenevra Davis
	Mary O'Rourke		Richard Harris
	William Saville Jr.	27-Apr	Penny Brown
9-Apr	Saul Fox		Abby Fedorowicz
	Bob Liebau		Missy Ludwick
11-Apr	Zeke Wojcikowski		Thomas McLawhorn
13-Apr	Roger Damuth		Nikki Salamon
14-Apr	Jon Stough	28-Apr	Terri Fish
15-Apr	Paula Davis	30-Apr	Lanelle Hawa
17-Apr	Susan Futch		Rob McCarthy IV
	Guy Rawls		Donald Staub

ANNIVERSARIES

5-Apr	Joseph & Angela Marcotte
	Jennifer & Jon Porciuncula
7-Apr	Bob & Linda Allen
	William & Donna Davis
	Ed & Pam Spillman
10-Apr	Daniel & Betsy Touhey
	Seth & Dana Lamade
16-Apr	Sperry & Betsy Davis
22-Apr	Michael & Lynn Hayes
23-Apr	Caroline Rawls - Perry & John Perry
24-Apr	Charles & Ruth Tenney
	Jane & Theodore Storer

April

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Church Office Closed 7:30 Praise Team	2 8:00 Men's Brkfst 9:15 SIS 9:30 Staff Mtg. 2:00 Book Club 7:00 Ministry Mtg.	3 NO Jam NO Kids Choir 6:15 Handbells 7:00 Choir	4 4:00 MOPS	5	6 8:00 Men's Brkfst
7 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Combined Worship 12:00 Global Witness Gathering 5:30 Youth Group & Confirmation	8 11:30 Circle 8 7:30 Praise Team	9 9:15 SIS 9:30 Staff Mtg. 6:00 Nominating Committee	10 5:45 Kid's Choir 6:15 JAM 6:15 Bells 7:00 Adult Choir	11 10:00 Circle 6	12 8:00 Taizé Service	13 11:00 Circle 10
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Great News!
Beginning April 7, 2024,
worship services will be live streamed via



Starting Sunday, April 7th, all our worship services will be streamed to our YouTube channel.

To find the YouTube channel you can follow the link below or google:

“Bayside Presbyterian Church YouTube.”

There is also a link on our website and facebook page.

It's important to know that **you do not need** a YouTube account to view the live stream.

If you have any questions or issues please contact the church office.

[Youtube.com/baysidepresbyterianchurch](https://www.youtube.com/baysidepresbyterianchurch)



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Come Worship with Us!

ALL are Welcome!

Contemporary Worship

9 am

Sunday School for All ages

10 am

Traditional Worship

11 am

Communion is celebrated on the 1st Sunday of each month at the 11 am service and on the 3rd Sunday of each month at the 9 am service.

*We are a covenant community of Christ's people seeking to know and do the will of God.
Changing lives. Growing Christian disciples. Living God's word.*



Bayside Presbyterian Church

Sunday, April 28
2:00-4:00 pm

***Scan to
register
and
donate!***



***Help us package
15,120 meals to
fight global hunger!***

or go to:

events.riseagainsthunger.org/BaysidePres2024