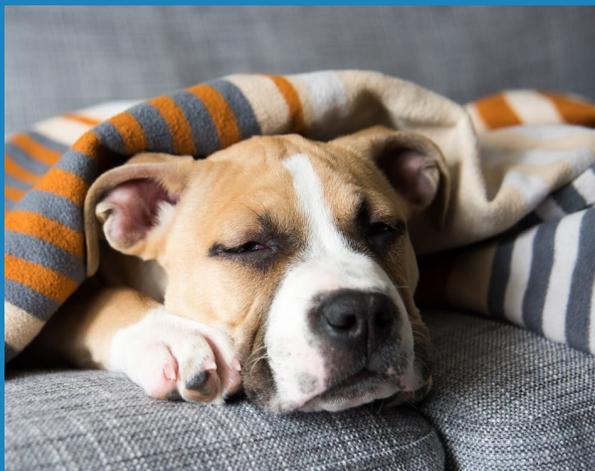




*Binnacle - January 2023*

*Time for a long winter's nap!*



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### Staff Time Off in January

David - 1/15 - 1/27 CE

Emma - 1/3 - 1/6 CE

Chi Yi - 1/3 - 1/18 V

Linda 1/12 - 1/31 V

### 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

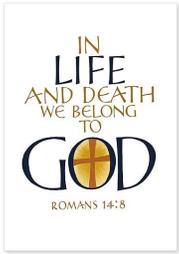
**Monthly Newsletter - Binnacle** - the 15th of each month.

Events, Ministry Notes, calendar updates, articles

# 2023 Now What?

We have journeyed together through another year. As we flip the calendar to 2023 it is perfectly normal to reflect on the year that has passed and to think about the possibilities the year in front of us holds. While I am not a prophet, I am certain the year in front of us holds both positive experiences and problematic encounters. We will encounter both good and bad. As the days pass by and the weeks and months unfold, we will probably share moments of joy and celebration as well as seasons of sadness and grief. The ups and downs, the good times and the bad times are part of life.

The brief statement of faith found in our Book of Confessions begins this way; "In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of

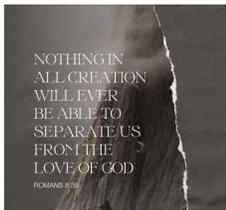


Israel, whom alone we worship and serve." As we look out onto the landscape of a new year, I believe we would all do well to spend some time reflecting on how we have worshiped and served God in the past and how we will worship and serve God in the year ahead.

How and where will you worship and serve God in 2023? Did in-person worship become less frequent for you during and following the Covid-19 restrictions? Is regular in-person worship attendance in your plans? Will 2023 be the year that you partner with somebody to launch a new mission endeavor? Would you like to serve Christ by teaching Sunday School or helping with children's ministry? There are countless ways to serve both inside and outside the walls of Bayside. May we all be open to responding to God's call whenever and wherever that takes us.

Well, no matter what happens in the year ahead I take comfort in how our brief statement of faith concludes, "with believers of every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." As people of faith, we know that as the journey unfolds, we walk together supporting each other with God in Christ beside us guiding us.

~ David



# STAR WORDS EPIPHANY SUNDAY

You may remember over the past couple of years, Bayside has taken part in a spiritual practice done on the first Sunday of January. This Sunday is the day we usually remember the star that brought the Magi to Bethlehem. The spiritual practice has been called "Star Words." Before, during, or after worship, star cutouts are passed out to the whole congregation. On each star is a word. That word is to give you spiritual direction for the year.

You find words like balance, confidence, empathy, flexibility, and perseverance. Last year I picked the word "Confidence." This is a spiritual practice I have difficulty with, so it was very fitting for 2022. As the year progressed my Star Word took meaning in a lot of unexpected ways. It helped me center around Christ and my call to ministry. It reminded me that I am equipped



with gifts from God to share with the world. And this little word helped me have the courage to pursue something major in my life that I have been putting off for a long time. I am excited for 2023 to see how it plays out. Through this process, I've felt closer to God and more aware of God's presence in my life.

This year we will continue this practice at Bayside. So, on Sunday, January 1, and January 8, before and after worship, I will be handing out Star Words. My prayer is you will keep your star all year, reflecting on its meaning, and letting it guide your spiritual path. If you aren't going to be in worship either of those Sundays, I will have star words available for the whole month of January. I can also mail a star word to you upon request. Let's look for unexpected new ways God may reveal God's self to us.

Joyfully,

Emma



**Card Ministry**

Congregational Care would like to send a huge thank you to Linda Wallace for many years of dedicated service as our Card Chairman. I am sure each and everyone of you have been on the receiving end of one of her Birthday or Anniversary calls to celebrate your special day or the countless cards sent to our Bayside members -sympathy, get well, birthday and thinking of you. We want to thank her for the outstanding service to Bayside over the years -if you see her in church on any given Sunday – please make sure to thank her for her many years of service to our church.

We love you Linda and will try to fill your shoes and continue this very worthwhile ministry that you have taken care of over the years. Job well done my friend!!!

Love in Christ,  
RoseAnn Wehr  
Moderator of Congregational Care Ministry

**Thanksgiving Baskets**

Thank you to everyone that contributed to the Thanksgiving Baskets! The gift cards and cash donations were plentiful and people were blessed with being able to buy a turkey and whatever else they needed from the store. The 4,129 pounds of food collected by the Scouts from the neighborhood and the food donated by church members provided the staples for the Thanksgiving meal, at least 14 full boxes for the Food Bank and a full to overflowing food pantry for our church! What a blessing on the day of the event to meet and work with so many members of our church. The people here work so well together and did a great job of training me for this fun experience! It was a busy day but at the end we were able to provide a plentiful Thanksgiving meal to 41 families!

Holiday blessings, Mindy Liebau

**Christmas Decorating and Living Nativity Set Up**

A huge thank you to all of the Christmas Elves that helped make Bayside as festive as it was this season.

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|---------------|----------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Steve Baker   | Ron & Paula Garrison | Wayne Pollack   | Eugene Towler       |
| John Danneman | Mary Hubbard         | Martha Rudell   | Caroline Williamson |
| Peggy Damuth  | Mary Jo Kennedy      | Janet Straddeck | Joy Wotherspoon     |
| Sperry Davis  | Chris Pascuzzi       | Thom Sare       |                     |

If we missed anyone, we're sorry - just know everyone's hard work and dedication is very much appreciated!

**Bayside Angels**

Thank you to all the wonderful angels at Bayside who picked up angel tags, shopped, wrapped and returned gifts to the church! We supplied a total of 353 gifts to St. Columba Ecumenical Ministries, to three area schools, and to additional Bayside Community families in need. You have all helped brighten the lives of these children and parents who would not have been able to have presents under their Christmas tree without your help. Thank you so much for your excitement and your generosity! Our Community Service Ministry is so fortunate to have all of you in our Bayside family always ready to lend a helping hand!

**Youth Group** - Virginia Diner Peanut Sale was a success!

We have made over 1k in profit to benefit youth mission trips and community building events in the community!

The generosity of this community, and the commitment to our youth, will have a tremendous impact on young lives in the near future. Thank you for supporting youth activities at Bayside, and for being crazy about peanuts!

Summer Moore

**Called Congregational Meeting**  
**January 8th just prior to the 11:00 am service - approximately 10:50 am**  
**This meeting is being called to act on a motion from the nominating committee**  
**to elect Cherokee Adams to fill an unexpired term.**

**Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2023**

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# **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

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**IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE COMBINED 11:00 SERVICE**

Join us for a potluck lunch following the meeting.  
Fried chicken will be provided - please bring a dish to share.  
A sign up sheet will be in the atrium to indicate what dish you are bringing.

## **December Session Highlights**

- Shared joys and concerns and opened with prayer.
- We were led in an inspiring devotional by Amanda Long that invited us to consider how we might follow the faithful patterns of Mary and Joseph after they knew Jesus was on the way.
- We met with and examined the incoming elders hearing from each of them their understanding of faith and their Christian journey.
- We accepted the treasure's report with thanksgiving and offered praise to Pam and Ed Spillman as they completed their service as treasurers.
- We turned down a request from the Boy Scouts to house firearms on the church property.
- Approved having a congregational meeting on January 8, 2023 prior to the 11:00 service to act on a motion from the nominating committee to elect Cherokee Adams to fill the unexpired term of Ellie Velasquez.
- Passed the budget for 2023.
- Reminded everyone of the annual meeting scheduled for February 5, 2023, after the 11:00 (combined) worship service. There will be a fellowship luncheon after the meeting.
- Reminded everyone about Bayside's week to host the winter shelter January 18-25.
- Received written staff reports.
- Heard from Emma about her returning to school to pursue a master's degree in counseling.
- Session heard report from Ad Hoc Committee charged with looking at membership and contact information. The committee's work is ongoing but are making amazing progress.
- Closed with prayer.

# JANUARY

## CELEBRATIONS

3-Jan Cathy Johnson  
Anne Jones  
Caroline Tetschner  
George Wong

4-Jan Thomas Armistead

5-Jan Rob Allen  
Anne Baker

Cathy Holloway

6-Jan Rachel Eddowes

7-Jan Kathryn Owen

8-Jan Kyle Golden  
Janice Johnson  
Sandy Meyers  
Thomas Mitchell  
Connie Moerschell  
Connie Schreiber

9-Jan Larry Lambert  
Lenora Welch

12-Jan Lee Francella

13-Jan Jenny Cook

14-Jan Robert Coffey  
Dana Lamade  
Powell Peters

16-Jan Mike Straddeck

17-Jan Walter Dollahon

Wai Wong

18-Jan Lisa Graves

19-Jan Nichole Dunstan

Joe Hayes

Andrew Peterson

20-Jan John Rayhill

21-Jan Ron Garrison

22-Jan Sandra Ronan

25-Jan Tyler Bonney

28-Jan Edward Gluckowski

Bruce Golden

29-Jan Bobby DeFord III

Laura Scott

Lita Totten

31-Jan Lianne Jesberg

Jackie Southall

Paul Verburg

1-Jan Michael & Mary O'Rourke

1-Jan Richard & Cathy Behrens

26-Jan Hank & Nancy Lowery



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### Preschool & Kindergarten News

The Preschool and Kindergarten classes would like to welcome in the New Year of 2023 with lots of joy to share with everyone. We return to school on Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> ready to get back to school after our Christmas break. We are excited to perhaps get some snow for the month of January.

Our 2023-2024 School year Registration begins in February this year. The Preschool and Kindergarten classes will be closed on Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup> for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Happy New Year!

Kathy Armstrong, Preschool Director



# JANUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat			
1 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Combined Worship 	2 <b>Office Closed            In Observance of            New Year's Day</b> 7:30 Praise Team	3 9:30 Staff Mtg 12:00 Book Club 2:00 Bayside Ecumenical Blood Drive 7:00 Ministry Mtg	4 NO JAM 6:15 Handbells 7:00 Choir	5 3:30 MOPS	6	7			
8 <b>Installation of            Elders</b> 9:00 Contemporary 10:00 Sunday School 10:50 Called Congregational Meeting 11:00 Traditional 5:30 Youth Group	9 11:00 Circle 8 7:30 Praise Team	10 ELECTION DAY 8:00 Men's Brkfst 9:15 SIS 9:30 Staff Mtg	11 5:45 Kid's Choir 6:15 JAM 6:15 Handbells 7:00 Choir	12 10:00 Circle 6	13	14 8:00 Men's Brkfst 11:00 Circle 10			
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HAPPY NEW YEAR  
2023!



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We hope you will join us Sunday Mornings!

*All are welcome!*

Contemporary Worship 9 am

Sunday School for All 10 am

Traditional Worship 11 am

1st Sunday of each month

Communion Sunday 11 am

*Our Worship Services stream live on our Facebook page  
each Sunday morning.*

*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.*