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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

Post Pandemic Church

When will this pandemic be completely in the rearview mirror? Only God knows. What I know is that it has been great to be with you in worship, both on-line and in person. I am looking forward to having less and less restrictions and enjoying those important personal interactions like seeing entire faces, shaking hands, and exchanging hugs. Personally, I have found it hard to be patient with the lifting of restrictions. What has helped me is the knowledge that by being safe practicing social distancing and wearing a mask, I am living into my calling to care for others.



There is some good news about where we are, and I believe great news is right around the corner. We are now allowed to venture into hospital rooms, nursing homes, and houses of shut ins. In fact, I made a few visits during Holy Week and have made a few more since returning from vacation. It is an honor and a privilege to step into the sacred space where people are worried, sick, or hurting to be visibly present to listen and pray with those connected to our community of faith. If you have a need or are aware of a pastoral care situation, please reach out and let us know.

I find it interesting and a little humorous that there are already a number of articles and a few books discussing what the post pandemic church is going to look like. Unless those writers have the gift of prophecy they don't know, none of us do. However, I can guarantee that God who brought us this far continues to walk alongside us and will guide us as we begin to gather more frequently

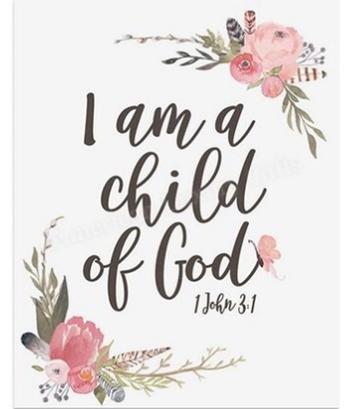
in ways that are familiar to us. There may be more people in church. There may be less people in church. Old forms of doing church work and mission service may in fact die off and give way to new expressions of the church and new ways to serve Christ

in the years ahead. I find great comfort in recognizing that the refrain, "fear not" occurs very frequently in Scripture. I can also assure you that the God who creates us and loves us, loves us still and God wants us to be in relationship with God and with each other. There will be a number of transitions in the days to come as restrictions are lessened. Transitions are part of life and I am glad we are on this journey together. I hope to see you soon.

~ David

Beloved Child of God

Recently I decided to do a DNA test on my dog Ziggy. Through the company Wisdom Panel, I was curious what breed my "pure mutt" dog is and if there are any health issues I should be watching for or concerned about. When I adopted Ziggy in 2012 I was told he was a Lab/Pitbull mix. Come to find out that he is actually a Terrier/Shepherd mix. The results blew my mind, and it has been fun to research these new breeds.



DNA and ancestry are very popular these days. From our animals to our own, society is captivated on where we come from and if there are any hidden family tree branches out there. When I did DNA on myself I found exactly what my parents have always told me; I am Polish, France and Italian. I love having conversations with friends about the surprises they found. We have a deep desire to know who we are and where we come from.

1 John 3:1 says "See what love God has for us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are." A simple sentence with a huge impact. We search for our identity in DNA test and family trees, but as Christians we start here. We start with our Creator, the giver of life. Growing up my pastor would always remind us that we are beloved children of God. He wanted us to know that no matter where life takes us, no matter what we discover in life or what we become, we are (and always will be) a beloved child of God. Those 4 words hold our identity. Those 4 words claim us and give us purpose.

I encourage each of you this month to remember the love God has for you, that you should be called a child of God....and that is what you are! What great news to hold on to. What great news to return to each day. What great news to share with others.

So while it's fun to know the history of my ancestors, or the history of Ziggy's ancestors, I know none of it is possible without first being claimed by God.

Joyfully,
Emma



From Your Treasurers

Pam & Ed Spillman

This is the last article in our series about **Funds**. Our church creates Funds as a way to separate money for specific purposes. We have many Funds. You can view them by looking at the Balance Sheet available in the Treasurer's Office. Here are the rest of our church's funds:

Educational Fund (\$4,289.77 as of 3/31/21) – this fund is used for funding things like children's Bibles, furnishings for the nursery, etc.

Library Fund (\$657.15 as of 3/31/21) – this fund was created to enable our Library to receive monetary donations to purchase Christian literature for the use of our congregants. Our Bayside Website has a Library Procedures paper which guides the choices of the types of literature which is to be stocked there. The Library is under the jurisdiction of the Christian Education Ministry.

Youth Ministries Fund (\$3,182.04 as of 3/31/21) – holds monies given and expended specifically in support of programs and activities for the church's youth. This would include ice cream socials, lock-ins, pizza, laser tag, youth Sunday teeshirts, youth conferences, retreats, youth cookouts, etc..

Youth Mission Trip Fund (\$24,773.09 as of 3/31/21) – holds monies collected/donated specifically in support named mission trips for the church's youth. The Bayside Website has a Mission Trip Planning and Funding Policy that covers both youth mission trips.

Adult Mission Trip Fund (\$2,639.00 as of 3/31/21) - holds monies collected/donated specifically in support named mission trips for the church's adults. The Bayside Website has a Mission Trip Planning and Funding Policy that covers both adult mission trips.

Property Fund (\$51,003.06 as of 3/31/21) – the Property Ministry budgets for recurring maintenance and repair costs within the General Fund budget. The Property Fund we are talking about here is different from that – it takes in bequests and donations received from our congregants given for the purpose of major maintenance beyond the scope of the

annual budget. This includes things like roof/HVAC replacements.

Music Fund (\$17,115.83 as of 3/31/21) - holds donations in support of the music ministry.

Handbell Fund (\$1,686.87 as of 3/31/21) – holds donations in support of the handbell choir.

Scholarship Fund (\$5,744.70 as of 3/31/21) – holds the funds approved and reserved by the Endowment Fund for college scholarships.

Minister Loan Fund (\$30,027.39 as of 3/31/21) – dedicated funds to provide loans to ministerial staff. Expenditures require Session approval.

Missions Fund (\$13,489.62 as of 3/31/21) – dedicated funds to support mission outreach programs. A recent example is the Clean Water initiative. Expenditures require Session approval.

Earnings Fund (\$8,910.96 as of 3/31/21) – in this fund we record interest earned associated with non-Endowment checking and money market accounts, and Certificates of Deposit. This is also where stock gains/losses are recorded as associated with stock gifts.



The **Community Service Ministry** will be collecting baby and toddler items during the month of May. Everything will be donated to Samaritan House to benefit victims of domestic violence and human trafficking.

Items needed:

- Diapers
- Crib sheets and blankets
- Full-size bath products (shampoo, body wash, powder)
- Towels and wash cloths
- Clothes – new and gently used

Donations will be collected in the atrium. 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 "Samaritan House" on the memo line.



Stop the violence. Start the healing.



Our pledge offerings continue to do well this year. We remain at 121% of predicted collections for the end of March. That continues a great start to the new year. Our non-pledge collections remain sluggish, at 50% for the month of March as compared to February's 58%. As always, we thank you for the fantastic support.

Not sure we have shared the info in this column – but, Bayside Presbyterian

Church (BPC) did apply for a Payroll Protection Program (PPP) loan last Spring – and received \$90,700. It was utilized as required for paying payroll and some utilities. The loan was applied for due to the likelihood of COVID lockdowns and restrictions having some degree of impacts on church revenues. Although we really could not know the impacts on revenues until the end of the year, we had to guess that there would be some.

Through discussions and reviews, it was determined by the end of the year, that BPC had lost about \$28,000 in 2020 due to COVID, and will have probable impacts well over \$40,000 in 2021. It is reasonable to expect some longer term impacts as well due to loss of momentum in our ability to carry out God's work, participate in that work and worship in fellowship. All these could impact future revenues in the near term.

The government provided the ability to request a grant of the loan amount if it

was utilized in accordance with the stated rules. We utilized it within those rules and applied for the grant. We have just received word that grant has been approved. We will utilize the grant to offset income losses as stated above, immediately transferring \$27,910 into the income lines to help make up for some of last year's losses. We will incorporate the remainder into our income as COVID impacts to income are determined. This money will greatly help our ability to weather the COVID storm.

BTW – we did not qualify for the second round of PPP – based on year over year quarterly income decrease. Due to outstanding support for the 2020 Vision campaign, we did not have a qualifying income decrease. That is much more a blessing than a regret. We accomplished outstanding results with that campaign – and the renovations!

Hope to see all of you soon!

Notes from the Music Wing & Worship Ministry An invitation for Upcoming Summer Worship

“Live in charity and steadfast love; Live in charity; God will dwell with you”

These words are taken from hymn 205 in the “*Glory to God*” hymnal. They are a translation of the original Latin, *Ubi Caritas et amore, ubi caritas Deus ibi est*, “Where charity and love are, there God is.” It is a simple melody the Sanctuary Choir has sung in the Maundy Thursday service or other prayer services at our church.

“Ubi Caritas” is a simple hymn tune and is one of the most familiar songs used in the daily common prayer of the Taizé community. The composer Brother Roger, as he became known, had a dream to live in community with others who would practice the essential dimensions of the gospel in a manner that would offer a response of Christian reconciliation and hope in the face of the horrors of the war in occupied France in 1940. Now Taizé is a parable of Christian charity, becoming a place of hospitality and pilgrimage for young people from around the world. The words of “Ubi Caritas” are easily sung by everyone to allow people to immediately feel part of the community.

Inspired by Brother Roger's hope that we “live in charity,” I am taking this opportunity to invite you and the members of your family to participate in our summer worship services. There

are many different scenarios as to how this could happen. The members of your family could share in reading the Bible verses during the in-person service. If you have musicians or singers in your family, they could share those talents as part of our service. You may have other ideas as to how your family might participate in an in-person service during the summer. I would love to discuss this opportunity with you and the members of your family. In order to have adequate time to prepare and perhaps select music together, we would need to meet at least two weeks prior to when your family will participate in a service.

Summer worship begins on June 6th and ends on September 5th. Your participation will inspire others and will shine a light on our faith life at Bayside! We welcome all ages for this opportunity. Please join us in giving back to our own Bayside community. Contact Chi Yi Chen Wolbrink : cwolbrink@baysidepresby.org or Lacy Schimmel: lschimmel@baysidepresby.org.



Join us for our In-Person Worship!

If you wish to join us for our In-Person Worship, look for the email early in the week to RSVP or go to our webpage and RSVP there! Please RSVP no later than 5:00 pm on Friday of each week.

Guidelines for In-Person worship will be there as well.

Child Care will be provided, but please let us know by Thursday at 5:00 pm each week, if you plan on bringing children so we can plan accordingly.

Currently we are limiting space to approximately 50 people.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to the church office.

Not Ready to return to In-Person Worship?

That's okay!

Our Sunday services will also be available to view from the comfort of your home on our Facebook and YouTube pages!

Service will be posted each Sunday at approximately 10:00 am.

Click on one of the viewing platforms below or go to our website and click on the icons there.



Let's Stay Connected!



Coffee & Conversation

Wednesday Mornings

9:30 am via Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87862353135?pwd=MGJVVdZxRUxrVkpEQms0N2pXNXh4UT09>

Meeting ID: 878 6235 3135

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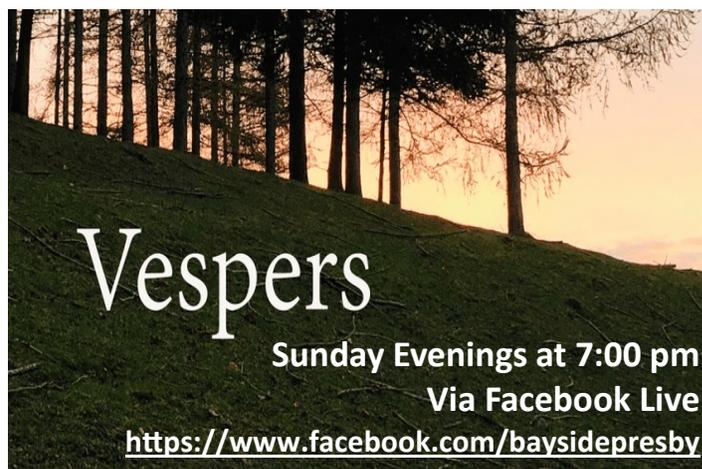
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Congratulations

The Preschool and Kindergarten classes will be celebrating the end to another great school year. Our last day of classes will be Friday, May 28th with the Kindergarten graduation at 11:30 am in the Youth Activity Room. All classes dismiss at noon.

Summer Camp Registration has begun with available openings in all 3 camps for children aged 2 ½ to 6 years old.

June Camp 1 - "Farm Animals"

July Camp 2 - "Dr. Seuss"

August Camp 3 - "Insects"

The preschool still has openings in the Toddler class, W/F 2 ½'s class, several 5-day 4's openings and one Kindergarten spot for next fall.

Happy Spring!

Kathy Armstrong

April Session Highlights

- Shared joys and concerns and opened with prayer
- Rose Ann Wehr led us in a devotional
- Approved the Treasurer's Report
- Heard a report about the PEVA meeting from Connie Schreiber.
- Distributed information about the size of effective church boards
- Learned more about the Shepherding program that is being spearheaded by Congregational Care and Emma
- Approved a scholarship for Lacy to help with her tuition.
- Heard staff reports
- Closed with prayer

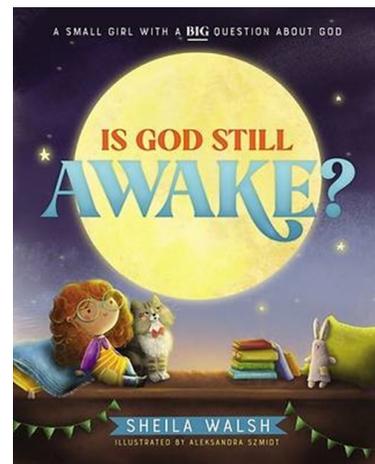
As always, once the Session Report has been approved you can view it in detail by going to our website, then follow these steps:

1. click on "Members"
2. click on Historical Session Documents,
3. click on Historical Session Documents 2021.

This month's book corner highlights the delightful children's book "Is God Still Awake?" by Sheila Walsh. The book follows a little girl named Poppy as she questions how to talk to God and whether God is listening to her. She discovers just how much God loves her and how God is always listening, always awake, and always with us even when the world sleeps. A great little book to talk with your kids about prayer and the good news that God is always with us. I hope you enjoy this book. It is also a great gift for a baptism, first communion, birthday, or just because.



BOOK CORNER



SCHOLARSHIPS

Bayside Presbyterian Church invites all high school seniors and current college underclassmen who are members of the church to apply for a college scholarship gift to aid in the cost of their college expenses. The scholarship is for one academic year and students may re-apply each year that they remain in good standing at their respective colleges.

Applications are now available and may be picked up at the church office, downloaded from the church website or simply click on the link [here](#).

Completed applications with essays and a photo must be **returned to the church office by June 1st, 2021**. You may check with the Church Administrator, Linda Vogl, to verify that your application has been received. Any questions should be directed to the Moderators of Christian Education, Michele Parker, and Cherokee Adams.



The Property Ministry schedules a “Day of Cleanup” on the grounds of Bayside Presbyterian Church (BPC) in both the Spring and Fall. This event targets the clean-up of pinecones and other yard waste, the trimming of bushes and trees when seasonally appropriate, and the elimination of weeds in the many beds surrounding the church facility and grounds.

On March 20, the first day of spring and a very chilly morning, some church members and a few volunteers from Boy Scout Troop 364 completed a cleanup of the church yards. Before and after the designated cleanup day, a few others were able to trim back some of the many overgrown bushes surrounding the church. Participating in the Spring clean-up were Property Ministry members Tom Weeks, Cliff Furedy, Steve Baker, Leslie Parr, Bob Allen, Ben Hubbard, and Rick Rudell. Other church members and guests included Bill Warden, Hank Lowery, Willard Robbins, Sue Harper, Ed Spillman, Mary Hubbard, and staff member Eugene Towler. We give a hearty thanks to these hard-working landscape enthusiasts.



*Eugene Towler, Bill Warden, Rick Rudell—
working hard or hardly working?*

This work improved the overall appearance of the landscaping and the environment of “natural surveillance” of the church. This latter concept provides the opportunity for church members and staff to observe the landscaped areas around the church in order “to see and be seen” as security professionals frame it.

Logically, the maintenance of the landscaped areas and grounds can not be performed in the 2 scheduled clean-up days. Tree service professionals make routine trips to BPC to complete the “high” work, and some members make repeated efforts throughout the year to maintain the beds and parking areas. In fact, there is a plan in place next month to trim the azalea and camellia bushes once they have finished blooming.

Last Fall, the Property Ministry distributed a “landscape plan” to target areas during the cleanup day requiring special efforts to maintain church standards. The grounds were divided into 4 cardinal quadrants to more easily identify these targets. The plan worked well and Property intends to continually update the plan to reflect the needs of the grounds for future cleanups.

The church can always use more volunteers to help with maintaining the grounds. Please join us for future spring/fall cleanup days, particularly if you have the knowledge and skill of trimming shrubs. The Property Ministry has a “master gardener” and some amateur gardeners who are happy to assist you in the “how-to” of maintaining our landscaped beds. Just give us a call and we will be happy to assist you at the church. You can then use these same skills to keep your own yards looking good!

Several years ago, BPC members were provided the opportunity to select certain beds and areas that they and/or their families would maintain and “call their own”. This program eventually faded away but recently one church member expressed interest in taking charge of maintaining the “Prayer Garden”. This area plus the Columbarium, are 2 of the more specialized landscaped areas of our church. This opportunity is available for others who are interested in “owning” a part of BPC’s grounds.



Rick, Eugene, Bill

May

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Community Services "Oh Baby" drive is happening all month! See page 4 for more details!</i></p>						
2 10:00 In-Person and Virtual Worship With Communion 5:00 Youth Grp. 7:00 Vespers	3 12:00 Circle 8 7:00 Praise Team	4 12:00 Circle 8 2:00 Bayside Ecumenical Blood Drive 7:00 Ministry Mtg	5 9:30 Coffee & Conversation 5:00 JAM	6	7	8 8:00 Men's Breakfast
9 10:00 In-Person and Virtual Worship HAPPY mother's DAY	10 7:00 Praise Team	11 8:00 Men's Breakfast	12 9:30 Coffee & Conversation 5:00 JAM	13	14	15
16 10:00 In-Person and Virtual Worship 5:00 Youth Grp. 7:00 Vespers	17 12:00 Circle 8 7:00 Praise Team	18 7:00 Session	19 9:30 Coffee & Conversation 5:00 JAM	20	21	22 8:00 Men's Breakfast
23 10:00 In-Person and Virtual Worship NO Youth Grp. 7:00 Vespers	24 7:00 Praise Team	25 8:00 Men's Breakfast	26 9:30 Coffee & Conversation	27	28	29
30 10:00 In-Person and Virtual Worship NO Youth Grp.	31 Office Closed 					

May

CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

1-May	Barbara Arado Bonnie Brown Michael Pierce	18-May	Cherie James Pati Terry Terri Wilkins
3-May	Janet Straddeck Terri Wentz	19-May	Pamela Torres
4-May	Elizabeth Touhey	21-May	Kellee Cook Jennifer Rayhill
5-May	Nancy Norton Michael O'Rourke Jackie Verburg	22-May	Matt Creekmuir Suzanne Hanley Michele Parker
6-May	Shelley Wong	23-May	Janet Baker Dot Pennypacker
7-May	Ethan Armistead Lynn Hayes	24-May	Ryan Baker Baxter Carr III Kathy Duncan
8-May	Carol Scott	25-May	Joan Hass Claire Schopen Joe Ussery III
9-May	Charles Arado Robert LeMay	28-May	Christiana Vonschimpf- Gangoy
10-May	Shirley Paul	29-May	Ellen Bell Donald Dixon Carole Anne Kerr
11-May	Steve Wilkins	30-May	Stephen Baker Elizabeth Williams
13-May	Bill Bertholf III Sandy Meredith	31-May	Alice Brase Barbara Franklin William McKinnon
16-May	Joseph Marcotte Morgan Rechkemmer Dianne Towler		
17-May	Shirley Jordan		

ANNIVERSARIES

2-May	Mary & Chester Pawlowski
4-May	Nancy & Eric Pouliquen
7-May	Lorraine & Gary Gasparovic
8-May	Dave & Emily Rudiger
9-May	Christine & John Pascuzzi
11-May	William & Stacy Saville Jr.
17-May	David & Joanne Filion Thomas & CJ McLawhorn Clifford & Katheryn Creech
21-May	Darden & Amanda Long Jeffrey & Stephanie Walters

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American Red Cross



Blood Drive
Bayside Ecumenical Churches
at Bayside Presbyterian Church

Social Hall
1400 Ewell Road
Virginia Beach, VA 23455

Tuesday, May 4, 2021
2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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Blood Drive**

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

2:00 pm—7:00 pm

Look inside for information on how you can
schedule an appointment to donate blood!

*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.*