

BAYSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Virginia Beach, Virginia
Presbyterian Women
1991

Officers

Moderator	Gwen Crow
First Vice Moderator	Audrey Brun
Second Vice Moderator	Annie Mae Brickhouse
Secretary	Bobbie Brenton
Treasurer	Jennifer Brinkley
P.W. Historian	Patty Brown
Search Committee Moderator	Dianne House
Presbyterian Women Enabler	Lucy Walters

Program Chairs

Food Pantry	Carol Manning
	Eve Skinner
Personal Faith and Family Life	Laura Rhodes
Ecumenical Missions	Wendy Dees

Circle Leaders

Circle #1	Chair:	Judy Crossman
	Co-Chair:	Dorcas Lowery
Circle #2	Chair:	Georgia Tucker
	Co-Chair:	Kat Ballew
	Chair:	Sandi Warden
Circle #3	Co-Chair:	Jean Felts
Circle #4	Chair:	Ruth Tenney
	Co-Chair:	Henni MacLeod
Circle #5	Chair:	Gladys Wright
	Co-Chair:	Frances Berney
Circle #6	Chair:	Isabel Pflueger
	Co-Chair:	Dorothy Norrington
Circle #7	Chair:	Wendy Dees
	Co-Chair:	Louise Gordon
Circle #8	Chair:	Jane Lawrence
	Co-Chair:	Ellen Bell
Circle #9	Chair:	Eve Skinner
	Co-Chair:	Billy Hurley
Circle #10	Chair:	Jane Copeland
	Co-Chair:	Linda Rowland

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The Presbyterian Women of Bayside Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) had an active and rewarding year under the leadership of Moderator Gwen Crow. Our membership increased to about two hundred and twenty active members. We consist of ten circles that meet each month during the year except for July and August. Some circles meet at various times in the church and others in homes of the members. They share a Bible Study, work on various projects, enjoy Christian fellowship and support each other and members of the congregation during times of need.

The Presbyterian Women Coordinating Council, made up of the officers, program chairpersons and circle representatives, meet on the last Monday of each month with few exceptions. Reports are given, decisions are made and information gathered to pass on to circle members at their meetings.

There were several Gatherings of the Bayside Presbyterian Women during the year. The first was the Birthday Celebration in April with a Spring Brunch. Our pastor, Richard Keever, spoke about the 1991 Birthday Objective that concerns a Mothers-Toddler Program in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

A Spring Gathering was held in June. The new officers of Presbyterian Women for 1991-1992 were installed by Mary Hutcheson. Lloyd Cole, our Minister of Music, gave an interesting Presbyterian Hymnal Interpretation, and refreshments were served.

A Fall Gathering in September consisted of a lovely breakfast, the Thank Offering and a thoughtful study by the Reverend Becky Kiser-Lowrance. This was our first meeting in our beautiful new Fellowship Hall.

During the year the Presbyterian Women helped and participated in many activities. One of these being the Lenten dinners for the congregation beginning on Ash Wednesday. For six Wednesdays we had pot luck suppers followed by various studies for all ages. The Presbyterian Women Circles set up tables, provided salads and cleaned up afterward. All this was quite a feat, as our church was in the throes of renovations, additions, dust and chaos!

The Presbyterian Women purchased table clothes for the new round tables to be used in the new Fellowship Hall.

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The Presbyterian Women also participated in Friendship Sunday in September and the Anniversary Celebration and Dedication Sunday in October, as well as helping with a series of Stewardship dinners by setting up, decorating and clean-up during October and November.

During Advent, Presbyterian Women served refreshments to the cast of the Living Nativity for the five nights it was presented on the church lawn.

Several members, Marian Merchant, Louise Parrett and Emma Chapman, made wreaths of fresh greenery for our newly enlarged Sanctuary for the Advent Season.

The Presbyterian Women provided refreshments and hosted a reception after the funerals of George Vergakis and for Billie Booker, both elders at Bayside Presbyterian Church.

Circle #10 was instrumental in putting together a cookbook entitled, "Bounty by the Bayside" with the proceeds of the sales going toward housewares for our new kitchen. Over 500 recipes were submitted by church members.

Circle #8 tied yellow ribbon bows on Church signs to celebrate our patriotism and to welcome home those who have been deployed.

Louise Gordon was elected Treasurer of Church Women United who celebrates its 50th year of ecumenical service to the community this year.

Sylvia Maume was elected Enabler for Group Six of Presbyterian Women.

We regret to report that we lost several members by death during the year. Memorials have been given in memory of the following: Hertha West, Billie Booker, Cary Stone and Odina Dahlman.

The Presbyterian Women contributed to many things during the year. Some of these were: Presbyterian Home of the Highlands, the Blanket Fund, Friends of the Seminary, Migrant Ministry, Mission Court, Zuni Training School, Student Aid at Union Theological Seminary, Presbyterian School of Christian Education, Bayside's Minister's Special Benevolence Fund and Virginia Beach Church Women United.

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Circles also contributed to Sunnyside Links, the Thank Offering, the Least Coin, Birthday Offering, St. Columba Ecumenical Ministry, Makemie Woods, Scholarship Fund and Memorial Fund. The circles provide support to a Bayside College freshman and purchase gifts for a foster child at Christmas.

A very active and important ministry at Bayside is the Food Pantry which is conducted by the Presbyterian Women. The requests for food come by referral from Virginia Beach Social Services or by direct request. The congregation generously donates staple goods and money throughout the year. Volunteers help shop for groceries 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. Also, it is used to help feed the homeless when they are sheltered at our Church as part of the Winter Shelter Ministry of St. Columba Ecumenical Ministries.

The Presbyterian Women are a vital segment of Bayside Church. We had an active and productive year and feel that our participation has enriched all our lives and helped us to become stronger in our faith and Christian love.

Respectfully submitted,



Dorothy Andrews
Presbyterian Women Historian