BON AIR
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OUTREACH

Seeking and Serving Christ , Sharing God's Love For All Creation

December, 2025

Music Sunday

Sunday, December 21
featuring BAPC choirs
(children & adults)

One Worship Service at 11:00 a.m.

There will be regular Christian Education classes for all ages

Messiah Sing Along

Sunday, December 14
3:00 p.m.

Practice: Saturday, December 13
10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Christmas Joy Offering

Sunday, December 21

This offering provides financial assistance to current and retired church workers, while also developing our future leaders in the Presbyterian Church.

We hope that you will consider giving generously.

Blue Christmas Service

with area churches

Thursday, December 18
7:00 p.m.

at St. Luke Lutheran Church

Christmas Eve Services

Wednesday, December 24

Family Service - 5:00 p.m.

Nativity Concert - 7:30 p.m.

Candlelight, Lessons & Carols - 8:00 p.m.

Morning Worship

Sunday, December 28

One Service at 10:00 a.m.

No Christian Education on this date

12/1	**Kristin Roberts**
12/3	**Karen Harvie**
12/4	**Henry Atkins**
12/6	**Lynn Wagner**
12/7	**Pat Caulkins**
12/11	**Amy Compton**
12/13	**Mitch Olsen**
12/14	**Becky Waltenbaugh, David Caulkins, Stewart Atkins**
12/16	**Patty Ford, Frank Lawrence, Tiffany Lopez**
12/18	**Nora Narum, Jillian Peace**
12/19	**Bill Cushnie**
12/21	**Judy Clayton**
12/22	**Faye Beigbeder**
12/23	**Connor Kasten, Howitzer McFadden**
12/24	**Barbara Howson**
12/27	**Pat Clayton, Evan Bollinger**
12/28	**Wilma Johnson**
12/30	**Don Hills, Evan Smouse**

Dear Bon Air Church family,

Please accept my belated letter of gratitude to my Bon Air Presbyterian Church family. Your prayers, condolences, hugs, visits, card, and love and the many--I should say daily-- blessings that I have received from God have carried me through a most challenging time. Since Tom's hospitalization in the Cedarfield nursing home, about two years ago I have had your support and I thank you! May BAPC continue to grow and have blessings.

As a former head of what was known as the Evangelism Committee, I am thrilled to see that 17 new members are joining my church family.

When the opportunity arises, I hope to get back home to visit.

Much love to all!
Nancy Van Auken

Flute Duet on Sunday, November 9

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Prayer Ministry - To request prayer support from our church's prayer chain, or to join in this ministry, please call or email Deborah Houghton at 804-484-0153 or email debho@comcast.net, or call or email the church office at 272-7514 or office@bonairpc.org.

THE BAPC SESSION REPORTS

At the October 19, 2025 Stated Session Meeting
the following items were discussed …

A motion was made, and approved to elect K. Unterzuber as a commissioner to the Presbytery of the James (POJ) Stated Meeting on Saturday, October 18, 2025. The meeting was held at First Church, Charlottesville, VA (in person and on Zoom).

A motion was made, and approved to elect C. Barnes and J. Brebner as commissioners to the Presbytery of the James Called Meeting on Thursday, November 13, 2025. This will be a Virtual Meeting (Zoom).

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to call the BAPC Annual Congregational Meeting and the Annual Meeting of the BAPC Corporation on Sunday, February 1, 2026 following the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to welcome the following New Members during the 8:30 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. worship services on Sunday, November 16, 2025:

Amy Birkland,	Emery Birkland	G. Everett Bond
Everett Goree	Walt Goree	Julie Grimes
Gwynn Henderson	Steve Henley	Anthony Maslanka
Elizabeth DeBusk-Maslanka	Jamie Pucci	Jonathan Pucci
William Taliesin St. Clair	Dan Wiard	Lynn Wiard
Barbara A. Wright	Anne Zoeller	

A motion was made by the Church and Society Ministry Team to approve Sylvia's Sisters holding a packing event in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, January 25, 2026, immediately, after the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to identify a Search Committee (not a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) or an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC). They will begin the process of hiring a new staff member for BAPC. Rev. Dr. Rebekah Tucker-Motley, Covenant Pastor for Family Ministry, submitted her written resignation, effective December 25, 2025, to the Session.

A motion was made by the Stewardship and Finance Ministry Team to approved a Moment for Mission on Sunday, November 2, 2025 during the 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship services. The motion was approved.

Many thanks to our November 2 acolytes, Becky Ogburn and her dad Tom. On December 7, Quinn Campbell and his dad Chad will serve for the first time – thanks, guys! Then on Christmas Eve, our acolytes will be Henry and Caroline Treanor at the 5:00 service and Becky Ogburn and her dad Tom at the 8:00 service. We appreciate these faithful acolytes, along with Phillip Kennedy, his dad Phil, and Ben Treanor, all of whom have served often over the past several years. And special thanks to Becky, who has served for over 20 years now!

A big change is coming to our acolyte ministry as of January 2026. Given the small number of acolyte volunteers, we will be moving from having acolytes on Communion Sundays and holy days to having acolytes serve only on Easter and Christmas Eve. Hopefully as our youngest members get a bit older one of their parents will want to re-grow the acolyte ministry, which falls under the Worship and Music Ministry committee of BAPC. In the meantime Elaine Ogburn will be rotating off that committee next summer but will hang on to all the acolyte information for some willing parent to adapt for the future.

Let us each and all continue to carry the Light of Christ out into the world in whatever ways God give us!

for your 2026 pledge. You make it possible for us to do all the things we do.

Year-end financial matters:

1. Checks must be postmarked by December 31st to be recorded on your 2025 Giving Statement.
2. If you are planning to pay your 2025 pledge by donating stock or from your IRA required distribution (RMD), it is recommended that you do so as soon as possible to make sure your gift will be received in time to be recorded in 2025.
3. If you are planning to pre-pay your 2026 pledge, please indicate 2026 pledge in the memo line of your check.

If you have any questions on your 2026 pledge or on 2025 year-end financial matters, please contact Ted McCormack, Financial Secretary, tcmccormack@verizon.net or Marta Rowe, Assistant to the Financial Secretary, rowes09@gmail.com.

There's still time to pledge. Slip your pledge card in the offering plate, mail it to the church, drop it off at the church office during the week, or pledge online here https://forms.gle/8JNaJ8uaCjLm7rzv5.

Together we do extraordinary things.

INVESTING IN RISC….TIME + TALENT + RESOURCES = POSITIVE CHANGE FOR OUR COMMUNITY

More than 500 members from all the RISC Congregations gathered on Oct 28 for the Community Problems Assembly to renew our commitment to complete the work on **Gun Violence** and **Affordable & Healthy Homes**, AND to vote on a new issue—**MENTAL HEALTH**—about which to research and take action in 2026.

BAPC will host the **Research to Action Kickoff** on **Thursday, December 4 from 7:00–8:45PM.** If you have an interest in diving into the subject of Mental Health or would like to join in on the ongoing efforts for Gun Violence and Affordable Housing, it will be easy for you to gather with us in the Fellowship Hall. As we were reminded once again at City Council this past Monday night, it is the power of people that makes a difference!

On behalf of the RISC team leaders-Alex Creager, Carolyn Carper, Harold Houghton, Barbara Jacocks, and Rob Waltenbaugh, **thank you all for your investment of time, talent and treasure in the work of RISC!** *(we don't have far to go to meet our collective individual investment goal of $22,000 for 2025.)*

Earth Care Corner

In October the Earth Care Team of our congregation met with a group that includes other churches in our Presbytery as well as representatives of the Unitarian Church and a Catholic congregation. This group has been meeting and sharing ideas for a couple of years, and it is exciting that more and more congregations are getting involved. Together we share resources, knowledge and calendar events, helping each other to grow in our commitment to caring for God's creation. We have learned that there are many churches involved in Earth Care ministry, and we have learned a lot from each other!

One congregation is sponsoring regular "Upcycle" events where church members bring items they no longer are using to share with others. Stay tuned for more information as we hope to sponsor one of these events at BAPC in January.

We also hope to share a meal soon at the seminary and learn more about their sustainability efforts as well as their Yaupon Place project and work with Shalom Farms.

We would welcome new members on the Earth Care Team.

If you would like to get involved in this ministry, please email Deborah at debho@comcast.net.

Angel Tree

Angels will be **available**:
Sundays, November 23 & November 30

Gifts are due to church by:
Sunday, December 7

Gifts to be picked up/delivered on:
Saturday, December 13

Please be sure to **register your Angel** when you get it off of the tree.

Thank you for helping to make a child's Christmas merry and bright!

Prime Time Circle will meet

Monday, December 1
2:00 p.m.
at Barbara Howson's home

Prime Time Circle's will meet on Monday, December 1 at 2:00 p.m. at Barbara Howson's home.

If you just want to visit to learn more about us, we'd love to have you.

Questions? Contact Barbara Howson, 804-357-3087.

Sisters Circle will meet

Tuesday, December 9
10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
in the Garden Room.

Please prepare for our gathering by reading lesson #4 in our Horizon Bible Study Book "*Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ.*"

Following our study time we will enjoy our fellowship over tea and cookies.

For any question, please contact Gisela Stech.

R.O.M.E.O'S Group

R.O.M.E.O's men's group will meet on **Tuesday, December 9** at **Noon** Joe's Inn for lunch and fellowship. All men are invited.

If you plan to join us please contact Pat Clayton, 804-276-6420.

MESSIAH Community Sing-Along
Sunday, December 14th at 3:00 PM

This is a much-anticipated annual event in our community, with professional soloists and orchestra, so put it on your calendar! BAPC's *Messiah* will be directed again this year by Naima Burrs, and we will have the same phenomenal soloists that we had last year. Anyone who would like to be part of the chorus is invited to come sing! We will have plenty of music scores on hand. The full rehearsal with orchestra will be Saturday, the day before, from 10:00-12:30. Then on Sunday the chorus will warm up at 2:00 before the performance starts at 3:00. We encourage you and your friends and family to join us in this uplifting Christmas event! Attendance is free, but as the Messiah is expensive to put on, donations are very much welcomed.

POINSETTIAS TO DECORATE OUR SANCTUARY

ORDER FORM

Please print clearly

Number of Poinsettias ordered @ **$12.00 each**: _____ **(check enclosed)**

Plants will be listed in bulletin
in memory of or in honor of loved ones and friends.
Please give details below.

Please make checks payable to Bon Air Presbyterian Church
with "Poinsettia" in the memo section

Person Ordering: _____

Phone Number or email: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Deadline to order is Sunday, December 7th

Meet our New Members

Everett Bond

I moved to Richmond in October 2024 from Kingsport, TN. I have a daughter and sister living in Richmond and they encouraged me to come to Richmond. In previous years I have lived in Atlanta, London, England and Charlotte, NC. I have a son in Raleigh, NC and a daughter in Highland Park, Illinois in addition to my daughter here. There are 11 grandchildren with the youngest in Middle School.

My previous employer of 36 years was Eastman Chemical (previously part of Eastman Kodak). I also taught a marketing class at UNC Charlotte for five years following retirement from Eastman.

Schools were Princeton University and the Darden School at UVa.

My wife, Lori, died in 2015. Currently, I have a partner, Caroline, who lives in Bonn, Germany. I spend several months a year in Germany and Caroline makes reciprocal visits to the USA.

I have always been a member of the Presbyterian church, and have been a deacon and elder in a previous church.

Bon Air Presbyterian is very close to my current house so it was a natural place for me to seek a church home. I have found the church to be very warm and welcoming, and I am excited to be a member.

Steve Henley

Steve Henley is no stranger to BAPC as he has served full-time Organist & Director of Music for twenty years retiring in January 2021. Steve was an accomplished organist at the age of 17, he attended Westminster Choir College in Princeton, NJ, and the Guilmant School of Music in New York. He was one of three students of the Guildmant School selected to play in the Lincoln Center Organ Festival in 1968. In May 2007 he performed the Organ Symphony with the Richmond Philharmonic.

Steve grew up in Easton, PA and served churches in Bethlehem PA, Doylestown, PA and Philadelphia, PA. before coming to Richmond.

Steve is the oldest of seven siblings and enjoys time with them when he is in PA visiting. He has four grandchildren, three girls are in college and one grandson in high school.

Julie Grimes

Julie Grimes is the wife of long-time member Mark Fagerburg. A Georgia native, she grew up and has been active in the Baptist faith her entire life. Julie's career has always involved communications including stints at a daily newspaper, corporate communications with Fortune 500 organizations and more than 30 years in state government serving several agencies. After "retiring," Julie utilized her masters degree and worked as a librarian with Chesterfield County. for several years before really retiring. She now volunteers as the librarian with the Chesterfield Juvenile Detention Home. She and Mark are passionate about juvenile justice reform and serve on the board of Voices of Jubilee, as well as being active with Compassionate Friends, a peer-led group for parents of deceased children.

Elizabeth DeBusk-Maslanka and Anthony Maslanka

Elizabeth DeBusk-Maslanka and Anthony Maslanka came to know Bon Air Presbyterian through their daughter, Flora Jane (age 3), who attends BAPP. Elizabeth manages executive projects and communications for William & Mary's Office of the President. Anthony will graduate with his master's degree in architecture from UVA in 2026. Before attending graduate school, Anthony taught in middle and high school for 10 years. They spend their free time exploring Richmond's parks and playgrounds with Flora.

William St. Clair

Hi Folks, my name is William Taliesin St Clair, and I am grateful that I am a member of Bon Air Presbyterian Church. I pray every day through Jesus Christ because I know that daily prayer creates a strong relationship with Jesus and with Father. I encourage you to pray every day because God wants to hear from you. God loves you and wants you to grow in love and peace with hope for tomorrow. I am a writer and musician, and I am studying for a Master of Divinity Degree at Liberty University. I love playing Gospel on the banjo and acoustic guitar. It picks me up when I am feeling down. I give all glory to God for the blessings I have, and I am grateful to Jesus for his suffering on the cross for my salvation and yours. I know that for those who believe in Jesus Christ there is no need for worry or anxiety about the past when those midnight trains are rolling through because all of our sins are forgiven by Jesus Christ. Isn't that wonderful, to not be tied down by worry and anxiety? I am just an Old-time Christian who believes in following the Gospel. Here is a template of how I pray: *Through the Lord Jesus Christ I Pray. Father I am grateful for everything you have given me in my life (insert your prayer requests here) Amen.* And remember "But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved (Mathew 24:13 KJV).

Dan and Lynn Wiard

Dan and Lynn Wiard recently "retired" and moved back to Midlothian to be closer to their family and grandchildren. They served the Church for four decades in Christian Education in both local and middle governing bodies (Presbytery) of the PCUSA in Pennsylvania, Delaware, North and South Carolina, and Virginia, worked with all ages and were fortunate to "see" parts of the country and world through the lens of mission. While children's ministry has a special place in Lynn's heart and youth ministry in Dan's, they continue to be passionate about the Church and the possibilities congregations have to impact the world in which they serve. As per family, God's sense of humor is seen in their having eight children and five grandchildren, and an occasional foster child here and there! And in their spare time, Dan is an avid cyclist and toys with photography and writing and Lynn enjoys kayaking and reading.

Gwynn Henderson

Gwynn Henderson has lived in Virginia all her life, growing up in Richmond where her family belonged to First Presbyterian Church. She graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School. In College she earned a B.A. in English, and an M.S.Ed in school counseling. Daughter Catherine lives in Norfolk, and son Jay lives in Chesterfield County. She also has two grandchildren, a boy and a girl who attend Chesterfield County Schools. Among the happiest times of Gwynn's adult life (so far) were her years in Mathews County, VA where she enjoyed playing bridge, paddling with a women's kayaking group, and reading with a wonderful book club. Gwynn currently shares her home with a tortoiseshell cat.

Barbara Allen Wright was born in Raleigh, North Carolina, but was raised in the Ginter Park section of Richmond and was a member of Ginter Park Presbyterian Church. Later, she married her high school sweetheart, Charles E. Wright, while we were both students at Richmond Professional Institute (now VCU), and soon our family grew with the birth of daughter, Rebekah. Several years following my husband's RPI graduation with a business degree in accounting, he answered a call to ministry and enrolled at Richmond's Union Presbyterian Seminary. I became a Richmond Public Schools elementary teacher. During my husband's Seminary internship in Moore County, N.C., our son, Peter, was born in Pinehurst, N.C. Following Seminary, my husband served PCUSA churches in Lee and Robeson Counties, N.C., and was serving as Stated Supply at a Sanford, N.C. church at the time of his death in February 1990. During my husband's ministry in Robeson County, I earned a Master of Library Science degree from East Carolina University, and began a new career in 1980 as a medical librarian at one of the nine Area Health Education Center (AHEC) programs across North Carolina. The AHEC Libraries provided current healthcare information resources and services for the health care providers and students within their service regions. I also began writing grants to obtain computer technology resources for my AHEC service region's hospitals, public health departments, and mental health center programs, to enable access to growing online information resources of the NIH's National Library of Medicine (NLM). I also served as a NLM grant reviewer during the last four years of my 15 years' tenure at the Fayetteville AHEC. I then accepted a position in 1995 with the NLM Resource Library in Houston, TX that provided NLM services and resources to 5 states. After a year & a half, I left Texas to begin my final medical librarian position in January 1997, as a research and education librarian at VCU Health Sciences Library. I became a member of Second Presbyterian Church. I officially retired as a VCU professor in 2015, but worked 2 more years in a part-time position until September 2017. I then moved to Florida's west coast where my son's family had moved in 2015 – with my twin grandchildren. While in Florida, I joined the Peace Presbyterian Church (PCUSA) – a young church which is a Matthew 25, Earth Care, and Social Justice congregation. (**STREAM**- a DART network https://streammanatee.org) Following my younger brother's death in 2024, I moved back to my previous North Chesterfield neighborhood to be closer to my younger sister and my sister-in-law and all their children and grandchildren.

The Birkland Family: Amy, Emery, and Brendan- Amy and her husband of 23 years, Hugh, moved from Kansas City, MO to Richmond 4 1/2 years ago with their two children, Emery (17), Brendan (14), and their dog Tess. Amy, Emery, and Brendan started attending BAPC about 1 1/2 years ago. Amy has been teaching Kindergarten for almost 20 years. Emery is a Senior at James River and runs Cross Country and Track. She is getting ready for college and plans to major in Nursing and minor in Spanish. Brendan is in 8th grade at Robious Middle. He loves art and photography. We are excited to join this church family!

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OPEN TRUNK FOOD DRIVE

SATURDAY, December 6
9:30-10:30 in the parking lot.

We will be collecting food in the parking lot and taking it to the Bainbridge Food Pantry this month.

The need for food is always greater around the holidays so we would like to replenish our depleted shelves and be ready to help those who are finding it so difficult to feed their families.

We are in particular need of CANNED MEAT (chicken, Spam, etc.), CANNED FRUIT (we never have enough of this), JELLY (to go with all that peanut butter), SNACKS (particularly for families with young children), and, as always, we need TOILET PAPER, BAR SOAP and other personal care items as well as LAUNDRY SOAP!

The recipients are always so grateful for anything we're able to give them.

Thank you BAPC members for your continued generosity and caring for those in our community who are struggling.

BAPC DECEMBER 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 8:30 Friendship Café (B) 9:30 Yoga (101-103) 2:00 Prime Time Circle (Barbara Howson's home) 6:30 Cub Scouts (FH, 101,103,104, B) 7:00 Communications (Z)	2 1:30 SSSJ Committee (GR) 6:30 AA (FH/103)	3 10:30 Staff Meeting (L) 5:00 Hospitality & Welcome (L) 5:30 Cantus Choir 6:15 Dinner (FH) 6:45 Handbells (S) 7:30 Chancel Choir	4 8:30 Friendship Café (B) 6:00 Yoga (GR) 6:00 RISC (101,103, 104, B, FH)	5 6:30 AA (FH/103)	6 9:30 Food Drive
7 Communion Coffee/Chocolate Sales 8:30 Worship (S) 9:30 Education for Adults 10:00 Coffee/Conversation (P) 10:00 Children/Youth Educ. 10:30 Cherub Choir 11:00 Worship (S/Z) 1:00 Girl Scouts (FH/B/101/103/104)	8 8:30 Friendship Café (B) 9:30 Yoga (101-103) 6:30 Cub Scouts (FH, 101,103,104, B)	9 10:00 Sister's Circle (GR) 10:00 BAPP Coffee (B) Noon ROMEO's (Joe's Inn) 6:30 AA (FH/103) 7:00 CE-Youth/Children (Sr. High Room) 7:00 Church & Society (GR)	10 9:00 Angel Tree Gift Sort (B) 10:30 Staff Meeting (L) 5:30 Cantus Choir 6:00 Christmas Dinner (FH) 6:45 Handbells (S) 7:30 Chancel Choir	11 8:30 Friendship Café (B) 6:00 Yoga (101-103) 7:00 Coord. Council (B) 7:15 Pickleball (FH)	12 6:30 AA (FH/103)	13 10:00 Angel Tree Gift Distribution 10:00 Messiah Practice (S) 5:00 Tacky Light Tour
14 8:30 Worship (S) 9:30 Education for Adults 10:00 Coffee/Conversation (P) 10:00 Children/Youth Educ. 10:30 Cherub Choir 11:00 Worship (S/Z) 1:00 Girl Scouts (FH/B/101/103/104) 3:00 SSSJ "Messiah Sing-Along" (S)	15 8:30 Friendship Café (B) 9:30 Yoga (101-103) 6:30 Cub Scouts (FH, 101,103,104, B) 7:30 BAPP Board (L/Z)	16 6:30 AA (FH/103) 7:00 Property (GR)	17 10:30 Staff Meeting (L) 5:30 Cantus Choir 6:45 Handbells (S) 7:30 Chancel Choir 7:30 Stewardship (Z)	18 8:30 Friendship Café (B) 6:00 Yoga (101-103) 7:00 Blue Christmas (St. Luke Lutheran) 7:15 Pickleball (FH)	19 6:30 AA (FH/103)	20
21 **Music Sunday** 9:30 Education for Adults 10:00 Coffee/Conversation (P) 10:00 Children/Youth Educ. 11:00 One Worship Service (S/Z) 7:00 Session (B/Z)	22 8:30 Friendship Café (B) 8:30 Bridging RVA (K) 9:30 Yoga (101-103)	23 8:30 Bridging RVA (K) 6:30 AA (FH/103)	24 **Christmas Eve** 10:30 Staff Meeting (L) 5:00 Family Service (S) 7:30 Nativity Concert (S) 8:00 Candlelight Service (S)	25 **Church Closed for Christmas**	26 **Church Office Closed** 6:30 AA (FH/103)	27
28 **10:00 One Worship Service (S/Z)**	29 **Church Office Closed** 8:30 Friendship Café (B) 9:30 Yoga (101-103)	30 6:30 AA (FH/103)	31 10:30 Staff Meeting (L)		**B = Beck Room** **GR = Garden Room** **S = Sanctuary** **L = Library** **SS = Sun. School** **Z = Zoom**	