BON AIR
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OUTREACH

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

January, 2025

Music Sunday, December 15, featuring all choirs (Cherub, Cantus, Handbells, Chancel)

Joy at the annual Christmas Dinner, Wednesday, December 11

The joy of music at The Messiah Sing Along on Sunday, December 8

1st **Margy Paz**
2nd **Donald Vaughan**
3rd **Sara Cato**
5th **Joan Johnson**
6th **Darleen Cavin, Marta Rowe**
9th **Paul Rowe**
11th **Ted McCormack, Rob Waltenbaugh, Laura Peters**
14th **Becky Ogburn, Rachel Peace**
17th **Becky Harvell, Joanne Ensley**
20th **Kim Negaard**
21st **Barbara Fletcher**

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The children have been busy decorating Christmas trees, making ornaments, singing songs and oh so much more. We all want to thank you for all that you do for our preschool and the children. We wish you peace, love, and joy this holiday season.

8:00 PM
Christmas Eve Service

Fun and Festivities at the Christmas Party, Sunday, December 15

THE BAPC SESSION REPORTS

At the November 17, 2024, Stated Session Meeting
the following items were discussed…

- Motion made, seconded, and approved to elect J. Brebner and K. Sestak as commissioners to the Presbytery of the James Called Meeting on Tuesday, November 19, 2024. The meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.
- Motion was made, seconded, and approved that the wedding of Stephen Stonnell Jr. and Ellie Bryn be held at Bon Air Presbyterian Church (BAPC) on Saturday, June 7, 2024. Rev. Larry Chottiner, Pastor Emeritus at Salisbury Presbyterian Church will be co-leading the service with Rev. Alex Creager, Pastor at BAPC.
- Stewardship and Finance Ministry Team made a motion to accept a monetary gift on behalf of Bob Sieben. The motion passed.
- The Endowment Ministry Team made a motion to approve the funding of the following 2025 Grant requests:

2025 Grant Requests	Funds Approved
Adaptive Swings	$2960
New Flooring Near Kitchen	$12,080
Lifebridge Academy Grant	$2500
Mission Trip	$6000
Group Travel Subsidy	$0
Total	**$23,540**

The motion was passed.

Advent Wreath Lighting for 12/22/24 (Averette/Treanor Family)
and 12/08/24 (Phyllis Smith and Gisela Stech)

Happy New Year, everyone! The first Sunday of the New Year will be January 5, 2025, and Henry Treanor and his dad Ben Treanor will serve as acolytes at the 11:00 service on that date.

Many thanks to Lee Motley and his dad Cameron Motley for serving both on Sunday, Dec. 1 and at the 5:00 Christmas Eve service. Thanks also to Becky Ogburn and her dad Tom Ogburn for serving at the 8 pm Christmas Eve service. Only those two services and the Easter service have the beautiful candelabra with so many candles, and Lee and Becky both did a beautiful job in their roles.

We are grateful to the parents of all our acolytes, who help make this ministry possible. We welcome anyone else who is interested in serving in this ministry. Those who participate enjoy it very much, and no meetings are required! For young/small new candle-lighters we do need a parent to volunteer as cross-bearer.

Think about it for the new year! Just call or email Elaine Ogburn at 804-310-6050 or esogburn@comcast.net.

R.O.M.E.O's men's group will meet on **Tuesday, January 14** at **Noon** at **River City Diner** for lunch and fellowship. All men are invited.

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

Cantus Choir, Sunday, December 8

Prime Time Circle will meet

Monday, January 6
2:00 p.m.
In the Garden Room

Prime Time Circle's will meet on Monday, January 6 at 2:00 p.m. in the Garden Room at church.

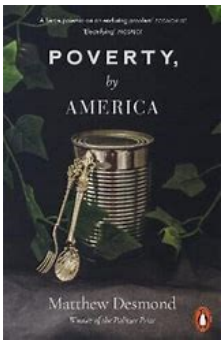
Sisters Circle will meet
Tuesday, January 14
10:00 a.m.
in the Garden Room.

Sisters Circle will meet on Tuesday, January 14 at 10 a.m. in the Garden Room. Please read lesson #5 in our study book *Let Justice Roll Down.*

Following our lesson we will have a time of fellowship.

For any question, please contact Gisela Stech.

Adult Christian Education in January 2025



In January, Adult Sunday School will be studying Poverty, By America by Matthew Desmond.

Harold Houghton says that it would be a good and impactful book to own (and read). You can typically find a copy online used from $10 to new for $17 plus shipping and tax. It may also be available locally and in the library.

Why does America have this bald scarcity amid such waste and opulence? Why are we unable to end poverty? Desmond doesn't focus on the choices of the poor or the hardships of the poor, but on those of us who benefit from the current system, and those of us who do have some economic privilege. And he says, while we need policies and movements, we also need honest self-reflection, examination, confession. We are called to refuse to live in ways that make us unwitting enemies of the poor, to extract ourselves from our neighbor's domination.

Sunday January 12 at 3:30 PM (rescheduled from November 10), **Second Sunday South of the James** presents **AYUSH PAL and FRIENDS**, an amazing quartet of 17 and 18 year-old string players who met during middle school through the Richmond Symphony Youth Orchestra and are now seeking more advanced performance opportunities. They all have years of training, and their professionalism is just astounding. Players besides Ayush are Haley Dunn, Annie Yuan, and Adam Aquilo.

We hope you will come welcome them and enjoy their incredible artistry! SSSJ concerts are free, although we rely on donations to keep the series going. We appreciate our patrons and audience members!

Sylvia's Sisters Kit Packing Event
Sunday, January 12 following 11:00 worship

On Sunday, January 12 immediately after 11:00 worship, **SYLVIA'S SISTERS** will hold a kit packing event in our Fellowship Hall. This time it's on a smaller scale than the past two events we've held. - it's an opportunity for BAPC members and friends. Bring a lunch if you would like - everything will be set up and ready to go. If you aren't familiar with Sylvia's Sisters, it's a remarkable non-profit organization that addresses period poverty, and is headed by BAPC member Brittany Averette. If you plan to attend, please sign up on this link so we can get a head count: https://secure.lglforms.com/form_engine/s/BkzlRPC7v-YHYuxsSO2ggg

BAPC JANUARY 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
B = Beck Room **GR = Garden Room** **S = Sanctuary** **L = Library** **SS = Sun. School** **Z = Zoom**			1 Church Closed for New Years Day	2 8:30 Friendship Café (B) 6:00 Yoga (101-103) 7:15 Volleyball (FH)	3 6:30 AA (FH/103)	4 9:30 Food Drive
5 Communion Coffee/Chocolate Sales 8:30 Worship (S) 9:30 Education for Adults 9:45 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) 7:00 Pickleball (FH)	6 8:30 Friendship Café (B) 9:30 Yoga (101-103) 1:30 Prime Time Circle (GR) 6:30 Cub Scouts (FH, 101,103,104, B) 7:00 Communications (Z)	7 1:30 SSSJ Committee (GR) 6:30 AA (FH/103) 7:00 Worship & Music (GR) 7:00 Refugee Com. (B)	8 10:30 Staff Meeting (L) 2:00 Congregational Care (GR) 5:30 Cantus Choir 6:15 Dinner (FH) 6:45 Handbells (S) 7:15 Fellowship Team (GR) 7:30 Chancel Choir	9 8:30 Friendship Café (B) 6:00 Yoga (101-103) 7:00 Stewardship (Z) 7:15 Volleyball (FH)	10 6:30 AA (FH/103)	11
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New Member Bios

Rob & Becky Waltenbaugh
Joined November 17, 2024

Rob and Becky Waltenbaugh are so happy to be returning to Bon Air Presbyterian after fifteen years away. They have transferred membership from Hope Presbyterian in Goochland. Becky is a retired high school librarian and Rob a retired sales and project engineer. They enjoy having their daughter, son, and four grandchildren live in the area. Rob and Becky look forward to participating in the many fellowship and service opportunities offered by the church. Rob sings in the choir and has joined the RISC team.

Robert Brehm/Margaret Tait
Joined November 17, 2024

Margaret Tait and Robert Brehm have lived in Midlothian since the fall of 2023, when they moved to Virginia from the Twin Cities metro area. Margaret is an assistant professor in the Health Studies Department at the University of Richmond and Robert is a PhD student in the Department of Politics at the University of Virginia. They are looking forward to being part of the BAPC community and getting involved with RISC.

We asked you to say **Count Me In** as we remember the past, celebrate the present and prepare for 2025 and you tangibly joined in with your pledges to the 2025 budget. Thank you for being a big part of making sure the mission of Bon Air Presbyterian Church continues.

Your generosity has allowed Session to develop a budget for 2025 that will maintain our building; offer programs of worship, music, education, and fellowship; allow our mission work to flourish; help build relationships in our community; and compensate our staff through salaries and benefits.

If you have not already pledged, it is not too late. Pledge cards can be returned to the church office (Attn: BAPC Financial Secretary) or by using the e-pledge card found here: https://forms.gle/q99C2o4NxXxWPFbv5.

Together we do extraordinary things. Thank you.

Our Prayer Shawls will be blessed on January 26!

The Prayer Shawl Ministry began at Bon Air Presbyterian Church 17 years ago when Cathy McCormack heard about the idea from her mother-in-law, Mrs. Isabel McCormack, who was active in a prayer shawl ministry at her church in Birmingham, Alabama. Today the Prayer Shawl Ministry has 8 knitters and they **need more!**

Prayer Shawls are given to members of the congregation who are ill or in need of comfort. Baby blankets came at a later time and are a special joy. Some years ago the PSM participated in a program called Prayer Shawls for Fallen Soldiers and sent shawls to family members of soldiers who were killed in action. They now take shawls to veterans at Hunter Holmes Maguire Veterans Hospital. In total they have given out about 300 shawls/baby blankets over the 17 years. They recently began knitting pocket prayer shawls to be given to new members, confirmation class members or to those who want a smaller version of the "shawl." Cathy says, "the most important part of the ministry is a card that is included with both types of shawls, with a prayer for the recipient".

This graceful ministry is a lovely addition to our array of care options for congregation members. If you are a knitter please consider joining the Prayer Shawl Ministry! It is a way to care for the congregation from the comfort of your own home, making beautiful creations with your hands. A blessing to you and to the recipient. If you are interested call Cathy McCormack at 804-370-8161 or email her at tcmccormack@verizon.net.

Time for Young Disciples - 12/22/2024

Earth Care Corner

Sometimes in the weeks following Christmas we find ourselves cleaning out old things to make room for the new. Don't forget that taking things to Goodwill or other thrift stores, or posting them on Nextdoor or other neighbors sharing with neighbors websites is a better option than just pitching things in the trash. The Goodwill on Midlothian also recycles electronics and appliances.

ScrapRVA accepts donations of art, craft, office, and other unique and creative materials. Learn more about them at https://richmond.scrapcreativereuse.org/

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OPEN TRUNK FOOD DRIVE

SATURDAY, January 4
9:30-10:30 in the parking lot.

The food collected this month will be taken to Chesterfield Food Bank.

More and more folks are turning to their local food pantries. If you are able, we hope that you will help us fill this need by contributing non-perishable food on January 4 If you are unable to come that day, please drop off your contribution to the church. We will make sure it is delivered to the food bank.

Thank you for your continued support in meeting this need in our community.