BON AIR
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OUTREACH

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

November, 2025

No one in this world should be hungry. That's why groups from BAPC have participated in the annual CROP Hunger Walk since the 1980s. It is a chance to help families who are struggling with hunger and concerned about where they'll find their next meal. The Walk is how we take action to make sure that one more person has enough to eat.

We will join with other Bon Air & Midlothian congregations on Sunday, November 9 at 1:00PM for the Chesterfield CROP Walk. Register to walk with the BAPC Team and/or donate online using this link: https://events.crophungerwalk.org/crophungerwalks/team/bon-air-presbyterian-church-3. Donations will also be collected before and after Worship on November 9th.

The steps we take - and the funds we raise - support programs that provide meals and other immediate support, as well as long-lasting solutions to hunger. Please contact Linda Jackson (jacksonlc67@gmail.com) if you have questions.

Calvin Murney	**Nov. 01**
Nancy Moritz	**Nov. 03**
Pam Cato	**Nov. 04**
Robert Brehm	**Nov. 05**
Morgan Kaufman	**Nov. 06**
Norah Syrett	**Nov. 10**
Julia Brebner	**Nov. 11**
Robert Brett	**Nov. 11**
Pat Lindsey	**Nov. 12**
Phil Kennedy	**Nov. 14**
Kathryn Copeland	**Nov. 17**
Erick Kasten	**Nov. 19**
Leslie Pankey	**Nov. 19**
Carolyn Carper	**Nov. 23**
Joan Collins	**Nov. 23**
Lorna Anzelone	**Nov. 27**
Marshall Wright	**Nov. 27**
Terri Perkins	**Nov. 29**
Nicole Gallini	**Nov. 29**
John Norton	**Nov. 29**
Mitchell Pearcy	**Nov. 29**
Ryan Torbey	**Nov. 29**
Debbie Caparoula	**Nov. 30**
Edie Smith	**Nov. 30**

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for all that you did during my recent recovery. Your thoughts, prayers, cards and the lovely flowers brightened each day. I'm so grateful to be a part of such a thoughtful and caring group of people.

Love, *Dorothy Seawell*

Grounds Clean-up

Saturday, November 22
8:30-noon.

Bring your work gloves and join in the fun.

Questions? See Pete Gallini.

Combined Children's Choirs
Sunday, October 12

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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 September 27, Stated Session Meeting
the following items were discussed …

- A motion was made by the Staff Relations Ministry Team to hire Joslyn Shipman as a Parish Associate, with focus on Congregational Care. The terms, duties and responsibilities are included in the Parish Associate Covenant between Joslyn Shipman and Bon Air Presbyterian Church. The motion passed.
- A motion was made by the Church and Society Ministry Team to approve the Peace Group's request to display two small signs (8-1/2" x 11") in our church. The signs state that, "We Support Immigrant Families". One sign will be put on a window in the Welcome Center (facing outward) and the other sign will be put on an internal bulletin board. There are no logos on the signs. The motion passed.
- The Stewardship and Finance Ministry Team made a motion to approve Mark Fagerburg as a Teller. The motion passed.
- The Stewardship and Finance Ministry Team made a motion to addend our Saints of the Church Endowment Fund Investment Policy statements to include this recommendation from Jeff Chapman, our RBC investment manager:
  - **Concerning Investment Company Holdings**
    Investment Manager will abide by the divestment list on an individual security basis. Investment Manager is permitted to own Investment Companies (Mutual Funds, Exchange Traded Funds, Closed End Funds, etc.) that may hold one or more positions appearing on the divestment list, as long as the security in question is deemed to be of de minimis proportion. A two percent position or smaller will be considered de minimis. Investment Manager shall make client aware of these occurrences in a timely manner.
- The motion passed.
- The Worship and Music Ministry Team moves that, as in 2024, the following changes in our worship service schedule be approved:
  - Sunday, December 21, 2025: 11:00 service only, to be the Christmas Music Service with all ensembles.
  - Sunday, December 28, 2025: 10:00 service only following Christmas.
  - The motions were passed.

We appreciate Phillip and Phil Kennedy serving as our acolytes on October 5. On November 2 Becky Ogburn and her dad Tom will serve.

We need some new young acolytes, each with a parent to participate. This is an opportunity that all our young acolytes over the years have enjoyed, and also a way for our younger members to actively take part in our worship service. Parents help by carrying the cross. If your child is old enough to handle the candle-lighter (usually by about second grade), please contact Elaine Ogburn at esogburn@comcast.net or 804-310-6050.

Earth Care Corner

Avoiding the high energy cost of AI. When you do an online search, you will often see a summary of all the information found. It is generated by Artificial Intelligence. This comes at a very high energy cost. The data centers where AI is done have a big demand for energy and can use as much cooling water every day as a town of 50,000. A question like "What is the capital of France" would use 23 times as much energy using AI. A question like "How many gummy bears would fill the Pacific Ocean" would use 210 times as much with AI.

What can we do about it? Luckily, there is an easy way to search without AI. Just add "-ai" to your search query without the quotes. i.e. *Why is the sky blue -ai*

There is also an alternative to Google called Ecosia. Ecosia uses efficient algorithms and uses profits to plant trees. The writer of this article found the Ecosia experience very satisfying.

Turning off AI is not going to save the planet, but it is a small step we can take. 85% of the energy consumed by data centers is data collection from social media platforms and cryptocurrency.

This information is from an Associated Press article in the Times Dispatch which appeared on 9/21/2025.

Prime Time Circle will meet

Monday, November 3
2:00 p.m.
in the Garden Room

Prime Time Circle's will meet on Monday, November 3 at 2:00 p.m. in the Garden Room at church.

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, November 11
10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
in the Garden Room.

Please prepare for our gathering by reading lesson #3 in our Horizon Bible Study Book "*Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ.*"

For any question, please contact Gisela Stech.

Combined Children's Choirs
Sunday, October 12

R.O.M.E.O's men's group will meet on **Tuesday, November 11** 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.

On Sunday, November 9 at 3:30 p.m., ***Second Sunday South of the James*** will host the **BeSides Jazz Quartet -** who have had an upgrade since we first booked them, from a trio to a quartet! The group delivers a unique blend of the traditional jazz songbook and cutting originals that define the BeSides' distinctly original brand of jazz. The group features Jack Byrnes on bass, Dan Young on alto sax, Stephan LaRue on drums & Garen Dorsey on piano. The BeSides have become a mainstay of Richmond's vibrant jazz scene, earning fans among audiences and musicians alike.

BAPC's Second Sunday concert series is self-supporting - although the concert is free, donations are encouraged!

BAPC Shredding Event - Saturday, October 5

2026 Stewardship Campaign

Commitment Sunday is 11/9/25

Join together on November 9th and place your pledge card in the basket, or pledge now online at https://forms.gle/8JNaJ8uaCjLm7rzv5. If you pledge online, you can still participate in the Commitment Sunday dedication. When pledge cards are collected during the service, turn in your blank card or an online giving card which can be found in the fellowship pad.

Pledge cards can also be mailed to the church or dropped by the church office during the week.

Together we do extraordinary things one pledge at a time.

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OPEN TRUNK FOOD DRIVE

SATURDAY, November 1
9:30-10:30 in the parking lot.

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

If you are able, we hope that you will help us fill this need by contributing non-perishable food on November 1. If you are unable to come that day, please drop off your contribution to the church during office hours. We will make sure it is delivered to the food bank.

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

BAPC NOVEMBER 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 9:30 Food Drive
2 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)	3 8:30 Friendship Café (B) 9:30 Yoga (101-103) 2:00 Prime Time Circle (GR) 6:30 Cub Scouts (FH, 101,103,104, B) 7:00 Communications (Z)	4 1:30 SSSJ Committee (GR) 4:00 Sabot School (FH) 6:30 AA (FH/103) 7:00 Worship & Music (GR) 7:00 Refugee Com. (B)	5 10:30 Staff Meeting (L) 5:00 Hospitality & Welcome (L) 5:30 Cantus Choir 6:15 Dinner (FH) 6:45 Handbells (S) 7:00 Fellowship Team (GR) 7:30 Chancel Choir	6 8:30 Friendship Café (B) 6:00 Yoga (101-103) 7:15 Pickleball (FH)	7 6:30 AA (FH/103)	8 9:30 Girl Scouts (B) 11:00 B. Gregory (GR)
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23 **Angel Tree** 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)	24 8:30 Friendship Café (B) 9:30 Yoga (101-103) 6:30 Cub Scouts (FH, 101,103,104, B)	25 4:00 Sabot School (FH) 6:30 AA (FH/103)	26 10:30 Staff Meeting (L) 5:30 Cantus Choir 6:15 Dinner (FH) 6:45 Handbells (S) 7:30 Chancel Choir 7:30 Nominating Com. (GR)	27 **Church Closed** **Thanksgiving Day**	28 **Church Closed** 6:30 AA (FH/103)	29
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