BON AIR
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OUTREACH

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

September, 2025

Adult Education Class

The Palestine-Israel Tragedy

Sundays, September 14 – October 26, 2025
9:35–10:35 a.m. in the Beck Room

Many in our congregation and denomination are very concerned about the events that have been developing in Gaza, Israel, the West Bank, and surrounding countries. The Adult Christian Education Committee has felt the need to offer a series of classes that will provide some historical and religious context to the current crisis. We will listen to a diversity of voices which speak to this subject, both Palestinian and Jewish, examine our interpretation of events and our own Scripture, and consider how we as Christians might respond. Classes will include preliminary optional reading, PowerPoint and video presentations, outside speakers, and class discussion. Led by Rev. Dr. Peter Ford, retired missionary seminary professor in the Middle East.

Anticipated schedule:

September 14	the Palestinian experience of dispossession
September 21	visiting Palestinian speaker
September 28	the Jewish experience, Zionism, and diverse perspectives
October 5	visiting Jewish-Israeli speaker
October 12	Christian approaches to Israel and Palestine
October 19	Palestinian Christian voices
October 26	the American conversation on Palestine and Israel

Hap Robson	September 01
Joslyn Shipman	September 01
Barbara Jacocks	September 02
Dan Syrett	September 03
Peter Stech	September 06
Dorothy Seawell	September 07
Irene Caperton	September 07
Marcia Wyatt	September 07
Tom Ogburn	September 08
Kit Vaughan	September 09
Alden Peters	September 10
Pat Wilson	September 13
Kathy Kelly	September 13
Alise Anzelone	September 15
Mae Greiman	September 16
Jim Little	September 16
Katie Smouse	September 17
Judy Anderson	September 20
Tray Pankey	September 23
Kellie Olsen	September 26
Nellie Knight	September 28
Julia Gallini	September 28

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and caring on the death of my sister. I truly value your expressions of support; you have brought me much comfort. My glory is I have such friends.

With deepest thanks,
Darleen Cavin

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Dear BAPC Family,

Thank you for your kind words and prayers for my mother (and me) during her back surgery and recovery time. She is currently at rehab working at getting stronger and mobile. Your kindness has meant the world to my family.

In Christs love,
Brenda Norton

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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 272-9495 or email debho@comcast.net, or call or email the church office at 272-7514 or office@bonairpc.org.
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THE BAPC SESSION REPORTS

At the July 20, 2025, Stated Session Meeting
the following items were discussed…

- Motion made, seconded, and approved to have a Session Retreat at Richmond Hill on Saturday, September 27, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- A motion was made by the Stewardship and Finance Ministry Team to move $662.74 from the General Memorial Fund to pay for new ceiling tiles for the Beck Room. The motion passed.
- A motion was made by the Staff Relations Ministry Team to approve the contract with Suzanne Krauss (organist) during Meredith Himmelman's (Music Director) 12-week maternity leave. The motion passed.
- The Endowment Committee made a motion to rename the "Endowment Fund" to the "Cornerstone Endowment Fund." The motion passed.

With the ending of the summer service schedule, we will resume having acolytes on Rally Day, September 7. This will be the first day of our return to the 8:30 and 11:00 services in the sanctuary. Our 11:00 acolytes will be the father-daughter team of Tom Ogburn (cross-bearer) and Becky Ogburn (candle-lighter). Thanks to them both!

We'd sure like to have some more families in the acolyte ministry! Any child tall enough to manage the candle-lighter is welcome to become an acolyte. A parent will need to volunteer to handle the cross, because it is too heavy and too top-heavy for our younger children. If your family would like to participate in this program, please call or email Elaine at 804-310-6050 or esogburn@comcast.net. It will be a blessing to the church to have more children and families participating in the acolyte ministry!

Weekly dinners will start on **Wednesday, September 10**. Dinner starts at **6:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall**. Cost is $8 per adult and $4 per child.

You can sign up on the Weekly List (sign up weekly) **or the Permanent List** (sign up once for the year) by including the following information: **Last name**, **number of adults** attending and **number of children** attending.

You can also call or email the church office to be placed on either list. If you call after church hours, please be sure to leave the above information on the message along with a good phone number in case there are any questions. Church office phone number is 804-272-7514 and the email is office@bonairpc.org.

IN APPRECIATION OF YOUR GENEROSITY,
SESSION AND STEWARDSHIP ARE HOSTING A *FREE*

SHREDDING EVENT
Saturday, October 4th - 10:00 a.m. to noon
in the church parking lot on

Securely Dispose of Documents

- **PAPER ONLY**
- **3 bags or boxes per turn in line**
- (Got more than 3? Come back through the line again.)
- staples, paperclips, & rubber bands are ok
- no cardboard

The Open Trunk Food drive will also be in the parking lot from 9:30-10:30 that morning. Drop off items for the food bank and then shred documents before you leave.

Earth Care Corner

Did you know …

According to EPA.GOV, each year the average American uses about 700 pounds of paper? As a country, that adds up to over 85 million tons annually!

By recycling just 1 of those 85 million tons of paper, we can save:
17 mature trees - 7000 gallons of water - 390 gallons of oil
4200 kWh (enough to heat a home for half a year)
60 pounds of pollutants - 3.3 cubic yards of landfill space
(per MIT.EDU/Facilities/Environmental/recyc-facts)

Even **Shredded Paper** can be recycled and used to make:
Paper towels and tissues - Napkins and recycled printer paper
Cardboard boxes and packaging materials

Unfortunately, most local recycling facilities don't accept shredded paper because the small bits can clog the machinery. This is a problem, especially if you want to shred and recycle no-longer-needed documents that contain personally identifiable information (PII) like social security numbers, financial info and health data.

The solution is to use a secure shredding service that can shred AND recycle.

On **Saturday, October 4, the Stewardship Team is hosting a FREE shredding event. From 10 a.m. to noon**, a **Proshred® mobile shredder** will be in the BAPC parking lot to securely shred your documents. So start gathering up the documents you want to shred. You'll feel good about getting rid of some paper clutter, especially knowing that it will be

To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven. Ecclesiastes 3:1

The Stewardship Ministry Team is reflecting on all the times each year the congregation comes together to show how much we care.

In Winter, we seek deeper connections with God and our community as we celebrate Advent and all the wonders of Christmas.

In Spring, we engage in introspection and reflect on our faith with prayer as we rejoice in Jesus' resurrection.

In Summer, we grow closer to God through spending time in nature and putting our faith into action as we support journeys of service.

In Fall, we remember God's gifts and are thankful as we come together to learn and grow our spiritual lives.

Throughout the year we answer the call to be good stewards of all that we have and do with our time, resources, and relationships.

Stewardship season begins soon when we each consider how we can contribute to make sure BAPC's missions continue. Watch for more information on all the things that we do every year. Hear about our operating budget on 10/15/25 at Wednesday Night Dinner. Together we do extraordinary things.

At Home Communion – May We Serve You?

At the Communion Table we come together as a community to celebrate our Lord. If you are unable to come to church, we want to include you by bringing Communion to you in your home. It is a simple, short ceremony, brought to you by two members of the church on Communion Sunday or any day the week following.

Let us know if you would like us to bring Communion to you by calling the church office or emailing Julie Brebner, **juliabrebner@me.com**.

SAINTS OF THE CHURCH ENDOWMENT FUND

New, created this year – ***The Saints of the Church Endowment Fund***. This is a new endowment designed to ensure the long-term sustainability of our mission and vision. This fund will provide a permanent income stream dedicated to the support of the church's annual operating budget.

This endowment was made possible by the estate of Bob Jones, and by the estate of John West and his mother Judith R. Benedict. Both estates made donations to Bon Air Presbyterian Church in 2024 and they have become the foundation for the Saints of the Church Endowment Fund.

This new endowment fund is an opportunity for all individuals, groups, and organizations to leave a legacy and sustain our ongoing work whether economic times are good or difficult.

Bequests and donations to this Fund are invested and the income is used to support church operations. Your donations become lasting gifts which will sustain ongoing ministries and continue in perpetuity.

For additional information contact Darleen Cavin, Stewardship moderator cavind@verizon.net or Nora Narum, church Treasurer b13dixie@gmail.com.

Sisters Circle will meet

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

Please prepare for our gathering by reading lesson #1 in our Horizon Bible Study Book "*Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ.*"

For any question, please contact Gisela Stech.

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

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

CORNERSTONE Endowment Fund Grant Requests

Due September 30

We're coming up on the September 30 deadline to submit grant funds to the Endowment Fund to benefit ministries, benevolences, or facilities of Bon Air Presbyterian Church.

But first, you should know:

- It's not the Endowment Fund any more.
- With the creation of the new Saints of the Church endowment fund, a new name was needed for this general endowment fund.
- It is now called the **Cornerstone Endowment Fund**.

The Cornerstone Endowment Fund, established in 2005, continues to grow through gifts and investments, allowing for annual grants totaling 4.5% of the Fund's average value over the past 16 quarters. The available distribution amount is $23,670 for calendar year 2026.

What types of requests may be funded?

New or expanded ministries that are not budgeted or exceed annual budgeted expenses in these areas:

- Outreach ministries and benevolences
- Building and capital improvements
- New or special church programs

Grant request forms are available in the Cornerstone Endowment Fund box in the office workroom. Completed requests should be returned to the box. For more information, contact Pete Gallini or any member of the Cornerstone Endowment Fund Committee.

And remember: the deadline for ***Cornerstone*** Endowment Grant applications is September 30.

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OPEN TRUNK FOOD DRIVE

SATURDAY, September 13
9:30-10:30 in the parking lot.

PLEASE NOTE: Collection date has changed for September. This month we will collect the food on the **2nd Saturday, September 13,** not the first, **between 9:30-10:30 a.m.** This month the food will be taken to the Chesterfield Country Food Bank. The food bank distributes to thousands of households every year and can always use the food. The food goes to seniors, families, children at school food pantries and their summer programs, the homeless, and people living in motels. They appreciate all the food donated, but please no glass.

Just remember date has changed to **Saturday, September 13 between 9:30-10:30** or bring your donation to the church during the week and we will pick it up. Thank You.

BAPC SEPTEMBER 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
B = Beck Room **GR = Garden Room** **S = Sanctuary** **L = Library** **SS = Sun. School** **Z = Zoom**	1 **Labor Day** BAPP & Office Closed 9:30 Yoga (101-103) 7:00 Communications (Z)	2 1:30 SSSJ Committee (GR) 6:30 AA (FH/103) 7:00 Worship & Music (GR)	3 10:30 Staff Meeting (L) 5:00 Hospitality & Welcome (L) 7:00 Fellowship Team (GR) 7:30 Chancel Choir	4 8:30 Friendship Café (B) 6:00 Yoga (101-103) 7:15 Pickleball (FH)	5 6:30 AA (FH/103)	6 11:00 Boots Memorial
7 Communion Coffee/Chocolate Sales 8:30 Worship (S) 9:45 Rally Day Breakfast (FH) 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) 7:00 Endowment (GR)	9 6:30 AA (FH/103) 7:00 CE-Youth/Children (Sr. High Room) 7:00 Church & Society (GR)	10 10:30 Staff Meeting (L) 2:00 Congregational Care (GR) 5:30 Cantus Choir 6:15 Dinner (FH/K) 6:45 Handbells (S) 7:00 Stewardship (Z) 7:30 Chancel Choir	11 8:30 Friendship Café (B) 6:00 Yoga (101-103) 7:15 Pickleball (FH)	12 6:30 AA (FH/103)	13 9:30 Area Food Drive
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