



OUTREACH

Seeking and Serving Christ to Make a Difference

July, 2022



Introducing

Beverley Edwards

next Music Director of
Bon Air Presbyterian Church



The Music Director Search Committee, on behalf of the session of Bon Air Presbyterian Church, is delighted to introduce to you our next Music Director of BAPC, Mrs. Beverley Edwards.

Beverley is a graduate of Barton College (Bachelor's in Music Education), Campbell University (Master's in Mental Health Counseling), and East Carolina University (Master of Music, with concentration in Sacred Music).

A music director, organist, and choir director since 1998, Beverley has served churches throughout North Carolina and the Richmond area. From 2012-2021, she served as the Director of Music and Organist for Christ the King Lutheran Church, our neighbor congregation on Huguenot Road. Most recently, she has served as Principal Organist at First Presbyterian Church of Richmond. Beverley is also the Director of Choirs at Powhatan Middle School, in Powhatan County where she lives with her family.

Beverley is married to Rev. Michael Edwards, Pastor of May Memorial Baptist Church. Beverley and Michael have three daughters: Anna is a junior at Campbell University; Sophie enters Longwood University this coming fall; and Laura is a rising eighth grader at Powhatan Middle School.

The committee is thrilled to be welcoming such a talented and accomplished music director, choir leader, bell choir director, organist, and pianist to our church community. At her audition in the BAPC sanctuary, Beverley blew us away with her organ and piano pieces. But what really won us over was when she taught us to sing a brand new song. Leading us to sing in multiple parts, she guided us with trust, energy, joy, and connection. We know that Beverley will be a huge gift to our congregation, our choir, our bell choir, our strong music community, and the wider community here in Bon Air, Virginia.

Beverley is also excited for this next calling, sharing,

"I am looking forward to getting to know the Bon Air Presbyterian community, working with the wonderful staff, and continuing the excellent musical tradition established there."

Beverley will be starting as Music Director of Bon Air Presbyterian on Tuesday July 5th. Her first Sunday leading us in worship will be Sunday July 10th. We so hope you will join us in welcoming Beverley with joy, excitement, and great hospitality here at Bon Air Presbyterian Church.

Sincerely,
The Music Director Search Committee
Judy Andersen, Rev. Alex Creager, Deborah Houghton,
Glenn Hurlbert, Ken Miller, Leslie Pankey, and Marta Rowe



Birthdays:

1st Charles Blades
 3rd Harvey Morris, Tina Wong,
 Elizabeth Britton
 5th Steve Sherfey, Bennet Bullock
 6th Ann Bowling, Ann Shannon,
 Nancy Finch, Joan Jackson
 9th Dave Berg, Cathy McCormack
 13th Jan Jones
 14th Bettie Church, Linda Huffine
 16th Debbie Billingsley, Kaete Unterzuber
 18th June Pankey, Linda Johnston,
 Bruce Miller, Calvin Hurlbert
 19th Thomas Ensley
 23rd Betty Myers
 24th Margaret Perko, Lee Skimin
 25th David Anderson
 26th Joe Turner
 28th Connie Marcev, Jennifer Smouse
 31st Ann Niemeier, John Rupp,
 Henry Treanor

Anniversaries:

1st Randy & Mary Copeland
 5th Noah Percy & Mindy Peters
 11th David & Linda Huffine
 Harvey & Nikki Morris
 16th David Barnes & Barbara Gregory
 18th Bob & Kathy Andes
 22nd John & Nellie Knight

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>S = Sanctuary L = Library SS = Sun. School</p>	<p>Z = Zoom B = Beck Room GR = Garden Room</p>				1 6:30 AA (FH/103)	2
<p>3 Communion 10:00 Worship (S/Z) Coffee/Chocolate Sales</p>	<p>4 Independence Day Church Office Closed 9:30 Yoga (101-103)</p>	<p>5 10:30 Staff Meeting (GR) 6:30 AA (FH/103) 7:00 Worship & Music (GR)</p>	<p>6 7:00 Fellowship Team (GR)</p>	<p>7 8:30 Friendship Café (B) 6:00 Yoga (101-103)</p>	<p>8 6:30 AA (FH/103)</p>	<p>9 9:30 Food Drive 3:00 Wedding Dollings/Glenn</p>
<p>10 9:00 Worship in the Woods 10:00 Worship (S/Z)</p>	<p>11 8:30 Friendship Café (B) 9:30 Yoga (101-103) 7:00 Endowment (GR) 7:00 CE-Youth/Children (Sr. High Room)</p>	<p>12 10:30 Staff Meeting (GR) 1:00 Memorial Garden Com. (GR) 6:30 AA (FH/103)</p>	<p>13 7:00 Church & Society (GR/Z)</p>	<p>14 8:30 Friendship Café (B) 6:00 Yoga (101-103) 7:00 Stewardship (Z)</p>	<p>15 6:30 AA (FH/103)</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17 9:00 Worship in the Woods 10:00 Worship (S/Z) 7:00 Session (Z/B)</p>	<p>18 8:30 Friendship Café (B) 9:30 Yoga (101-103) 7:00 Communications (Z)</p>	<p>19 10:30 Staff Meeting (GR) 6:30 AA (FH/103) 7:00 Property (GR)</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 8:30 Friendship Café (B) 6:00 Yoga (101-103) 7:15 Staff Relations (Z)</p>	<p>22 6:30 AA (FH/103)</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24 9:00 Worship in the Woods 10:00 Worship (S/Z)</p>	<p>25 8:30 Friendship Café (B) 9:30 Yoga (101-103)</p>	<p>26 10:30 Staff Meeting (GR) 6:30 AA (FH/103)</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>
<p>31</p>	<p>High School Youth to MONTREAT 24th-30th</p>					

BAINBRIDGE COMMUNITY MINISTRY/FOOD PANTRY

“In the beginning”...there was Sister Ligori, a nun at Sacred Heart Church in Bainbridge who developed a ministry in the 1970’s to help meet the needs of neighborhood residents. Bon Air church first became involved there when members of a Circle helped sort donated clothing at a “clothes cottage”. During the ensuing years, our members prepared hot lunches for a group of elderly citizens, purchased and wrapped Christmas gifts for members of that community and had members of our congregation serve on the Bainbridge Board. Harold Greer has been a board member for many years and Martha Singdahlsen is also a member of the board. For many years we collected food in the sanctuary until the church closed during the pandemic . A year and a half ago we started the Open Trunk Food Drive in the parking lot. Throughout the years, Bainbridge has been one of the local ministries supported financially through our benevolence budget.

Today the main thrust of the ministry is the food pantry. Last summer the pantry moved from their trailer at the Perry Street location to a brick and mortar building in the 360 West shopping center on Hull Street. The new location has a great deal more space for stocking food, numerous refrigerators/freezers, parking availability and a waiting room for recipients.

Currently, the food pantry is having difficulty in all three areas of operation: volunteers, food donations and monetary donations. With the ever increasing cost of food, it is understandable that donations are down and a couple of churches have ceased to bring in food completely. Unlike some other food banks, Bainbridge does not have the financial resources to purchase food and does not receive government grants so it relies on a small number of churches for food donations along with some donations that it receives from Publix. Bon Air has continued to be very generous in this area and Bainbridge is extremely grateful for the food that we deliver every other month.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED! The food pantry lost a number of long time volunteers at the start of the pandemic. Most of the regular volunteers were older adults who feared getting COVID. Many food banks are having a difficult time recruiting volunteers and Bainbridge has been down to two volunteers (both from Bon Air) each week in recent months and the director has been working every day to keep serving the clients. At a recent Board Meeting, the board members made the difficult decision to reduce the pantry hours from five mornings a week to three days from 9 - 12 in the morning.

If you have any questions about the operation at the food pantry and would be interested in learning more about volunteering, please contact Martha Singdahlsen (804-272-0733) or Sidney Whitlock (804-248-2043) and we would be more than happy to talk with you about the ministry.





OPEN TRUNK FOOD DRIVE

Date **MOVED TO THE**

SECOND SATURDAY, JULY 9

9:30-10:30 in the parking lot.

Supply chain issues and higher food costs are affecting the Chesterfield Food Bank Outreach Center food distribution. Nationally, all food banks are confronted with this challenge now, and CFBOC is no exception.

Chesterfield Food Bank's Kids' Summer Food Program officially began June 4 and they could use our help in packing children's nonperishables. These children would normally be receiving breakfast and lunch at school, so CFBOC wants to ensure no child goes hungry this summer. Some of the suggested food donations are FRUIT CUPS, OATMEAL PACKETS, RAISINS AND CANNED PASTA MEALS.

Below are other suggested food donations. Please NO GLASS containers.

Canned or dry beans,
vegetables and fruits,
apple sauce,
soups, stews, chili,
rice, Ramen noodles,
instant mashed potatoes,
pasta and pasta sauces,
coffee,
Pop-Tarts,
boxed cereal, instant oatmeal,
breakfast and granola bars
pancake mix, syrup, ,
box, can or powdered milk,
canned meat (tuna and chicken).
And, can openers are always helpful too.

We so appreciate your support of this outreach mission and we hope you will continue to make it a priority. Both Chesterfield Food Bank and Bainbridge need these donations and appreciate the support of the our church community. Thank you. See you on the 9th.



Ed Callear, Ruling Elder Class of 2025, Statement of Faith

I believe God provides forgiveness of our sins and provides us with an everlasting life. God listens to us through prayer and meditation. God responds to us through messages in the Scripture, the word proclaimed, acts of kindness, and miracles. God grants us grace through understanding, forgiving, and peace. We are then enabled to lead more positive lives of goodness allowing us to profess the Christian lifestyle. We must support justice and truth through our actions to show love to others and this world.

The sacrament of Baptism through the water claims us and protects us. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper reminds us Christ gave his life for the sins of the world. The bread is the Bread of Life, and the cup is the Cup of Salvation. We are called to demonstrate unity as the family of Christ. We need to keep God's commandments and take care of our planet. Our greatest hope for this world and life everlasting is to seek what is right and do what is good through the work of the church.

Pam Cato, Ruling Elder Class of 2025, Statement of Faith

I believe in the triune God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. I am fortunate to have had a relationship with Jesus Christ since I was a child. I know because of God's grace, my faith journey and personal relationship continues to evolve, change, and grow.

Looking back on the most challenging and the most joyful days of my life I can easily see God's hand affirming that I do indeed belong to Him. It is a great comfort to know that Jesus walks constantly by my side and that nothing will ever separate me from His love. My daily prayer is for God to fill me with His Spirit and to always guide my thoughts and actions.

I believe that Jesus lived on earth, fully human and fully God and because of this He can uniquely understand and empathize with all my concerns and worries. He also understands my mistakes, my fears, and my sins. I know because of His sacrifice, I am forgiven, loved, and blessed with the gift of eternal life. Glory always to God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Henry Jacocks, Ruling Elder Class of 2025, Statement of Faith

Several years ago, I had the privilege of making a corporate call for RISC with Rabbi Ben Roamer. Rabbi Roamer made a statement that has stuck with me. He said, the main message of all religion is "Love thy neighbor". All the rest, he said is "fluff" and I would add some mythology. Unfortunately, sometimes we get consumed by the "fluff" and forget the main message of Love Thy Neighbor.

I believe every individual is born with a spark of God within them. How else would God know the hairs on your head? Then how is there so much evil in the world? For too many people, that spark never grows or is extinguished. It is our responsibility and duty to nurture that spark within ourselves and others.

Doug Paz, Ruling Elder Class of 2025, Statement of Faith

Faith? Faith is a funny and mysterious thing and honestly something I have struggled with my entire spiritual journey.

You see I am a tangible guy. I like to see things and feel things to know they are real. I can't see Jesus and some of the stories in the Bible are a little outrageous.

With that being said I have had instances where I have felt or seen things that seem to be out of the grasp of reality. Is that divine intervention?

Being a Christian to me means to be kind, caring and compassionate. To help and be understanding of others. To share wisdom and receive wisdom.

Love your neighbor as you love yourself. Mark 12:31

I still have some questions and some apprehension. But I believe with the help of others and some spiritual guidance, I will be a good Christian.

With God All Things Are Possible Matthew 19:26. Is that Faith? I certainly hope so!

Laura Peters, Ruling Elder Class of 2025, Statement of Faith

I believe that the most important messages that God gives us are those of grace and compassion. These ideals are the foundations for living as a human on this Earth and are demonstrated by God and Jesus throughout the Bible. Without grace, we cannot understand or connect with others, which is foundational to living in a society. Without compassion, God would not have sent Jesus to die for our sins and to save us by that sacrifice. These two form the backbone of God's messaging through Jesus and the prophets and we can aspire to incorporate them into our lives.

God is in all things; in the kindness of an interaction with a stranger, in the beauty of nature, in the love between two people, and in the creation of life. In these things, God tells us of his love for us. God listens to our needs and puts things in our path to help us know his presence and to help guide us through challenges. We can better know and understand God by looking for the blessings in our lives and by accepting the grace He provides through the experiences in our lives.

Grace is understanding and empathy. It is acceptance and peace. Grace is recognizing the divine and the humanity in others and accepting them as they are.

We are called to love others and this world through our passions and our occupations, through our families and our experiences. We have others who enter our lives in order to show us love so that we may show love to others. We also have those who enter our lives who are meant to give us opportunities to recognize the need for love and grace and to practice giving those unreservedly. We are called to love the world we live in because it is an irreplaceable gift, and we should honor and love it as a physical representation of God's grace to us.

I believe that Baptism was a practice given to us by Jesus to help us become closer to God. It is a way that God promised us He would accept us and forgive our sins. The Lord's Supper gave us a way to remember Christ and always know his presence in our lives. Baptism and the Lord's Supper have evolved to become important rituals of the church, which we practice regularly to help us know the love of God and Jesus.

Laura Peters continued...

As a church, we are a powerful body for service, and a compelling voice for sharing the gospel with the world around us. We depend on each other to maintain the life of the church so that we can be a force for good within the immediate and global community. Through prayers, service, gifts, and fellowship, we create a sacred space where we can positively impact those around us.

My greatest hope for this life is to raise my son with love and strength so that he can grow to be a man who knows love and who creates a positive impact on the world. He is my life's work. If I can help to shape his development through my service and my example, that is the driving force in my decision making. My greatest hope for the afterlife is that all those who have loved may be reunited in love and may know the love of God.

John Rupp, Ruling Elder Class of 2023, Statement of Faith

As a youth, my parents belonged to a Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, which, in hindsight was very conservative. I was baptized in it; attended Sunday School, two years of confirmation, and was a member of youth groups. However, in college, law school, and my first years of working, I did not attend church. When I met Liz, my wife to be, we did not attend church at first. However, there truly was a sign of things to come - her family used the same mealtime prayer that my family used as long as I can remember— ...It was such a surprise that a family in Ohio used the same prayer as my family in Illinois.

After marrying and moving to Richmond in 1975, we decided to visit churches - all were Presbyterian. None of those we visited on the north side of the river did much for us. KWT and wife, Eve, invited us to attend BAPC - that was it!

I'm not a bible scholar but love and try to live by the Golden Rule - "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." That has been our and my focus since we joined in 1977. As years and then decades passed, that guiding principle became more and more important to us and then to me. Liz set such an example - "ladies in black"; marching literally around the Pentagon; working to get birthday parties at BAJCC; fair trade coffee; serving as foster parents many times; supporting BAPC's preschool program; working for Habitat; organizing blood drives at BAPC, RISC, etc. All of these and many more were as a result of Jesus' directive to us. We and now I, have gotten so much out of practicing/following our faith. BAPC has brought all of this to the forefront for me. It is what I live by.

Joslyn Shipman, Ruling Elder Class of 2024, Statement of Faith

GOD: I articulate my personal Statement of Faith first stating there is one GOD who is sovereign and Creator of all that is in heaven and on earth. This God is omnipotent, omnipresent, and infallible. God has a Triune nature being God (Godhead/Mother and Father God), Jesus Christ (God Incarnate/Son of God), and the Holy Spirit (Paraclete/Advocate).

JESUS CHRIST: I believe God incarnate on earth is Jesus Christ, fully Divine and fully human. God became human and through Jesus, died for the sins of humanity providing atonement for sin and offering redemption to humanity, because of God's love for humanity and God's grace. After dying on the cross Jesus was resurrected and indeed sits on the right hand of (Mother/Father) God becoming the Jesus Christ.

Joslyn Shipman continued...

HOLY SPIRIT: I believe the Holy Spirit is the bond that unites us with God through Christ. The Holy Spirit is God's gift through Jesus Christ that humanity shall have an ever-present spiritual connection with God. The Holy Spirit is humanity's Paraclete/Advocate, our source of conviction of God in the world, of regeneration (creating a desire to live as God commands and Jesus directs through his ministry and teachings, and sanctification (the actions of striving to be morally right/ acceptable to God), through prayers, works and deeds.

SALVATION: I believe in God's desire for the salvation of humanity and this work of salvation is God's free gift of grace and mercy. It is God's love of creation and humanity that is the force behind this work of God.

SCRIPTURE: My belief is based upon scripture/the sacred text of the Holy Bible, Hebrew text and New Testament gospels and epistles. The Holy Bible is the inspired word of God given to humanity through prophets, and scribes, and interpreted through the ages in accordance with humanity's developing knowledge and understanding of God and self.

THE CHURCH: The church is to be grounded in scripture as the authority of scripture is from God. The Church is universal, and all are responsible to live in conformity with the first and second greatest commandments uttered by Jesus.

SACRAMENTS: I believe the Sacraments of Baptism and Communion are signs of God's covenants given to us for our benefit. The Sacraments feed us spiritually just as God feeds us bodily providing food.

DOCTRINE: I believe any doctrine sanctioned by humans that separates from the church universal, any individual made in God's image, according to race, color, ethnicity, creed, religion, or sexuality is in direct opposition to the purpose of the life, ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and God's love of all humanity and creation.

Sandy Thornburg, Ruling Elder Class of 2025, Statement of Faith

I grew up attending a Presbyterian church, active in worship, Sunday school and youth fellowship. I attended a Presbyterian college. Both of my parents were active in the church, with my Mom being the most active and holding just about every role except Pastor. She was a role model for the Christian life.

My faith starts with a belief in the Trinity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

I believe in God the Father, the Creator and the Father of us all. He is love and through his Grace we are forgiven of our sins.

I believe that God sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to earth to reveal himself as fully human and fully God. Jesus lived among us as human and taught us how we are to live as Christians serving God and sharing his love throughout the world.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, that it comes to us through God. We cannot earn salvation but receive it through faith and the Holy Spirit.

God speaks to us through the Holy Spirit, the Bible and through prayer. He calls us to share his word and love and to do unto others as we would have them do unto us.

I believe in the sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper. Baptism cleanses us and through it we know that we are children of God. The Lord's Supper is symbolic of the meal Jesus shared with the disciples prior to his death and resurrection. In it we renew our faith and dedication to God and give thanks that he is in our lives.

This is not to say we do not have doubts and questions from time to time, but through our faith we lean on God and know that he is with us throughout our journey here on earth. Our life on earth is a continuing process of growth in our faith as we prepare for the life hereafter with God.

Stewardship Ministry Update

Last fall's stewardship campaign was two-fold: the Annual Mission & Ministry Operating Campaign and the Capital Campaign. Through your generous donations, both were successful. The Annual Operating Budget is balanced and provides additional resources for a variety of ministries, such as youth conference attendance at Montreat (High School) and Massanetta Springs (Middle School) this summer.

The Capital Campaign was a three-year campaign covering 2022 – 2024. Not only did pledges for the Capital Campaign exceed the target (with a total over \$328,000), just over a third of that total has been received in just the first six months of 2022. These early gifts have allowed BAPC to get a head start on loan repayment and offer a welcoming facility and grounds for all members and visitors.

The goals of the Capital Campaign over the three-year period were to:

- retire the loan from the Welcome Corridor Project,
- repave/seal the parking lot, and
- renovate a music suite to combine the small music library and bell rooms together resulting in a more functional space.

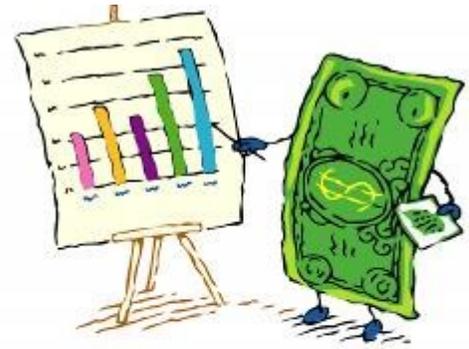
Due to the tremendous response with early giving, the parking lot has been repaved and sealed, increasing the curb appeal, and most importantly, the safety of our parking and driveway areas. In addition, a loan payment (\$50,000) was recently applied to the principal of our outstanding loan, which leaves a balance of approximately \$110,000 from the Welcome Corridor Project. Additional principal payments will be paid on the loan until it is retired, thus reducing the amount of interest paid.

Now that our new Music Director, Mrs. Beverley Edwards, has joined BAPC, initial planning on the music suite project can begin. This project is anticipated to be completed after the original loan is retired. This will allow for the project scope to align with available funds so that no additional debt is incurred.

The Stewardship Ministry Team would like to thank those who pledged to one or both 2022 campaigns for being “generous and ready to share.” Please contact Ted McCormack, Financial Secretary, if you have any questions on fulfilling your pledge.

**They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share,
thus, storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future,
so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.**

1 Timothy 6: 18-19



Stewardship Update

Welcome New Members!



Barbara Fletcher has been a member of the PCUSA all her life. Barbara is joining by transfer of membership from Asheville Presbyterian Church. She, her brother, and her sister were raised in Miami, Florida, and were very active in youth groups until we finished high school. I have always enjoyed and been active in choirs and Sunday school, and later served twice as moderator of Presbyterian Women in a local North Carolina church. My husband, John, and I were also very active in church life and were married for 53 years. Sadly he passed away in early 2018 after a long illness. I am a retired RN, a BS graduate of Chapel Hill School of nursing. My specialties were in pediatrics and, much later, geriatrics.

We have three wonderful daughters, two of who reside in Richmond and one in Kernersville, NC. I moved to Richmond in late 2018 and am blessed to be closer now to my daughters. I have been a member of a local Bible Study group which has been such a blessing and has reminded me of the need for a home church. I have missed being active in church and asked God to lead me and show me where I need to belong. Bon Air has been an answer to prayer. My daughter Karen and I have been attending for some time, and the gracious and caring way your members have reached out has been wonderful.

I look forward to all that is ahead!



Karen Harvie has lived in Midlothian for the past 27 years and most recently attended Salisbury Presbyterian Church. Karen is Barbara Fletcher's daughter, and she has two daughters, Alyssa and Blair, who live and work in Washington DC and Pittsburgh, PA. She has been involved in a community Bible Study for 12 years serving as a facilitator in the same study for the past seven years. She enjoys cooking, entertaining family and friends, book club, bird watching, and working in her yard.





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