

JANUARY 5, 1982

The regular monthly meeting of the church council of the United Church of Christ was held Tuesday Jan. 5, 1982 at 8:00 P.M. The meeting was called to order by President Mrs. Grace Fadar.

Council persons present were: Grace Fadar, Florence Gundlach, Margaret Myrick, Clara Wise, Louis Parker Sr., Ruth Beckwith, William Single, Dorothy Jones, Sam Jones, William Voelker, and Pastor Hengen.

Pastor Hengen opened the meeting with a prayer.

Mrs. Fadar announced that she had asked Mr. Tuerk and Mr. Oberlander to sit on the council as committee chairman for the duration of one year.

The minutes from the last meeting were read, corrected, and approved.

A list of the new council committees were passed out. Everyone was satisfied.

It was brought to our attention that oil was delivered at the end of the year and has not been paid for at this time. Also we have an insurance bill that is outstanding.

Millie has written to Upper Room to send us 150 copies instead of 250. Dec. 3rd. reduced the cleaning of windows from 4 times a year to twice a year.

We receive 500 bulletins per week. Shipment has been held on this until further notice.

Our annual installment is due on Insurance. This will run about \$5,000.00 dollars. This is being withheld upon re evaluation of ~~the~~ Blding. Also to consider a clause about the janitor, who works on a contract basis. This will also have insurance on people in the congregation, who might get hurt in this building.

George Tuerk made a motion to hold a special meeting on Jan. 26, 1982 to speak with Mr. Cover the Insurance agent. This was agreed upon by all.

Mrs. Fadar talked to Mr. Gross about the heat. We are using 55 ~~gals.~~ of oil to heat the Sunday School Building at 55 degrees.

Mr. Gross told Mrs. Fadar he would reduce the cost of the oil as much as he could until the church is in good standing or more self-supporting. He also agreed to come down and discuss how the system works, so that we could understand how it works. A date was set for Saturday Jan. 9, 1982 or Jan. 16, 1982. The Property committee will attend this meeting.

Pastor again brought up the subject of the garbage disposal in the parsonage. It will cost \$125.00 plus \$25.00 installation fee to put a replacement of the garbage disposal in. It was decided that Pastor Hengen will order this and it will be put in and the finances will be discussed later.

A meeting has not been scheduled for School 230.

Mr. Jones brought up subject of a new vacuum. We need one badly.

Mr. Jones made a motion to buy a new vacuum, it was seconded by Mr. Single. Motion carried.

Margaret Myrick read her report of the celebration of First United's anniversary. It was a good report and told how all of us, including the choir enjoyed themselves.

Pastor's Report:

A: Stastictics-- see next page

B: Accomplishments

- 1--Pastor met with Youth group to help them set new priorities and plans.
- 2-- Christmas Eve Services well attended. Visitors present
- 3-- Participated in the 130th Anniversary celebration of First United Evangelical Church.
- 4-- Group Christmas ~~parties~~ parties held.
- 5-- Christmas Baskets prepared and delivered by Canton Christian Council.

- 6-- Choir gave special party to patients at Fort Howard Hospital  
7-- Tinsel Sunday a pleasant success--Church School presentation during worship service.  
8--Gretchen Van Utt (Chaplin at Goucher) and Chester Wickwire (Chaplin at Hopkins) willing to come and speak-- dates to be determined, probably after Easter.

C: Concerns:

- 1--Letter of transfer for Kathleen Audrey Young to St. Michael's Lutheran Church, 9534 Belair Rd.  
2-- New Bulletin order- present order cancelled- UCC on trial basis  
3-- Pastor's Jury Duty Summons - Jan. 21  
4-- Workshop and Installation of Pastor at Newark, Del. on Jan.31 at 3:30 P.M. Advance registrations due Jan. 18.  
5--- Council Committee communication process and notebooks in Church Office for use.  
6-- Letter from John Frendenberger, V.P. of Chesapeake Association Pastor's response  
7-- Request from Thelma Toyfner (wheel chair shut-in) for help to attend worship.  
8-- Description of Project Locate(Canton Christian Council)- Need for trained volunteer visitors  
9-- Lenten Plans:  
a-- Free books for use by study group  
b-- Order copies of Fellowship of Prayer by Dr. and Mrs. Allen O. Miller, Eden Seminary 500 plus at 28 cents each-- to be sent with Lenten newsletter.  
c-- Midweek worship fellowship hour, etc.  
10-- Johns Hopkins Hospital Institute On Ministry to Sick- April 26-28--50.00.  
11-- Appointment to Board of Springvale Terrace still pending.  
12-- OGHS promotion materials-- Envelopes with newsletter.

Pastor Hengen further stated on his meeting with the Youth Group, that he advised them on future plans, to go to Youth work shop in Silver Springs. Jan. 24th.

The transfer of Kathy Young was tabled until Mrs. Fadar can talk to her and find out why she wants to transfer.

Mr. Voelker gave us a paper showing the decline of membership from 1973 until the present time. We are open to suggestions on how to improve our attendance, also what can we do to entice members to come back to church. What kind of projects can we have for children, youth, young adults, and the older groups. Of course, its a sorry day when you have to use enticement to get people to go to church.

The choir rehearsals were approved for ~~May 7th and 14th~~ Sunday's from 2 P.M- until 5 P.M.

The choir show dates were approved for May 7th and 14th.

Mr. Single made a motion to have two services on January 31, 1982. The congregational meeting will follow the late service.

Pastor Hengen brought up the matter of getting delegates for the conference meeting in June. This was tabled until later.

Mr. Jones motioned to adjourn and Mr. Voelker seconded the motion.  
Meeting adjourned until Feb. 2, 1982.

Pastor Hengen closed the meeting with a prayer, followed by the Lord's  
prayer.

Respectively submitted,  
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Secretary