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ACTIVITY REPORT TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL  
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January 1, 1991 - January 31, 1991

### SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Church has made substantial progress over this last month. Attendance for January was up 9.2% over that during the month of January in 1990. The morale of the congregation seems positive judging from the substantial attendance at the Annual Meeting and the up-beat nature of the meeting. On January 28th the Dance Class had about 110 participants in a very happy occasion in the life of the church. These persons signed up for the eight week class. January brought the addition by baptism of Anna M. Beaver to the membership of the church and the baptism of her daughter Tina Marie. Two families brought children to celebrate the Anniversary date of their baptism. Recruitment has gone well for the Committee on Alcohol Policy for the Church and the Fund Raising Strategy Committee. The Church Directory has been completed and will be sent to the printer. Members have received their copies of the photographs which were taken during the process of creating the Directory. This Directory is essential to any approach to fund raising since we need to know who are our members and friends. This has been a monumental task which Harvey Jacob and Bill Voelker made possible.

New programs designed to aid persons in financial need are being developed in cooperation with the South East Emergency Committee (SEEC). These are important, especially in the light of the current recession. One of these, the SUPERPANTRY looks promising and will involve our church as the site. The twelve week program will help twelve persons to get off welfare and find jobs. It will contribute to our overhead costs and speak to the need of many of our members and will be reviewed by our Council in this meeting.

Members of the church and their relatives in the armed forces in the middle-east will be remembered in prayer each week. We hope to establish an honor role listing their names. It will be placed in the narthex of the church.

To do justice to our mission and to meet our budget, we must push for continued new growth of our membership and develop, as quickly as possible, a planned program for strengthening and enhancing our income. These are top priorities for 1991.

PROGRESS NOTES (These notes summarize progress in following a

program recommended by the Pastor and presented to the Council in September 1990)

### 1. Systematic Approach to Ministry to the Shut-Ins

January brought an increase in visits to shut-ins from seven in December to eleven in January. Hospital visits increased from five in December to eight in January. Paul Bauersfeld and I are starting back through our list of shut-ins so as to try to maintain a pace of one visit to each shut-in in each quarter of the year.

### 2. Preaching Planned in Advance

We have been able to maintain a schedule of preaching planned in advance and to change the bulletin board regularly. When you compare attendance in January 1990 to January 1991, we show an increase of 9.2% in church attendance. The focus of the preaching seems to have proved acceptable.

### 3. Implementation of Faith is Alive

The faith is alive program honored Paul Bauersfeld for his work in pastoral visitation and Lillian F. Walsh in appreciation for her years of loyal support to the church. On Sunday January 27th, we gave a Faith is Alive rose to Anna M. Beaver following her baptism and reception into the life of our congregation.

### 4. Developing a Marketing Plan

The draft of the marketing plan needs to be reviewed by the New Members Committee early next month so it can be formally presented to the Council in the March meeting. Copies of the plan have been prepared for the new Council members. The marketing effort has been put into completing the membership directory and into developing a brochure for new members and prospects. This work was completed in January.

### 5. Pastoral Support of All Church Groups and Activities

The Pastor and Priscilla attended the Dance Class and became members for eight sessions beginning on January 28th. 110 persons from the church and community showed up for the eight sessions. He attended a meeting of the Senior Citizens group in December. He is scheduled to attend a Cub Scout meeting on Monday February 4th.

### 6. Confirmation Class

The Confirmation Class continues. We have eight Confirmands. They are being trained to participate in the worship service as Junior Acolytes. An organized approach to scheduling both the Junior Acolytes and Senior (confirmed members) Acolytes

has been established through the month of February. This involves a call to remind acolytes who scheduled prior to the Sunday service in which they serve.

#### 7. Deepening the Spiritual and Prayer Life of the Church

The Prayer Group, led by Priscilla, is now combined with the mid-week Bible Class and is holding at around eight members. The Sunday morning Bible Study led by Marty Clement 'is, holding at five members. We have moved both classes to Friendship Hall downstairs so they can have privacy but also provide for those who are disabled.

In order to strengthen our recruiting for the Sunday morning Bible class, we need to contact parents of Sunday School children to offer them an opportunity to attend while their children are in church school. We may need to brain-storm other approaches to Bible study and spiritual development such as a once a month Bible movie or panel discussion group.

#### 8. Developing More Practical Assistance to Members and Neighbors Needing Assistance with Food, Clothing, and Shelter:

The Pastor has been working with SEEC (Southeast Emergency Committee) to insure more efficient use of our resources in helping those in need. He has spearheaded the development of a brochure which will be printed and distributed by SEEC to all members of our congregation and the Pastors and members of 35 churches serving our area. This will provide emergency telephone numbers for those in need of help on weekends, at night, as well as during the day. It is being developed for those who have the literacy of a third grader. With it we can by sharing information stop persons who are "bleeding" the available community welfare assistance, through screening identify those truly needing help, help each other in getting help to needy persons, and have access to various parts of the welfare system to offer more service. More and more persons are turning to the community for emergency assistance. We expect the need to increase substantially in the next six months.

We have been asked to serve as a site for the development of a Super-Pantry. This project will be funded on a grant by the Maryland Food Committee. It is designed to provide twelve training sessions in order to help welfare mothers to get off welfare and to secure employment. These sessions include training by a nutritionist in maximizing your food budget, a program to enhance the "self-esteem" of the participants, assistance in planning a job search, assistance in obtaining employment, assistance in using available welfare and health resources, etc. John Spencer of the Baptist Center asked if he could list us as the site for the program. If the grant application is successful and we do this, the nutritionist

would like to use our kitchen each week. The grant will include a donation to the church for the use of space twice a week. It is better to teach a person in need to fish than to give a fish. A number of our own people desperately need this help.

### 9. Developing a Community "Think-Tank":

The Pastor is currently developing a "think-tank" group of key Pastors, Social Workers, and Administrators, which will give us input concerning the program planning of churches and community organizations in the area. This group will meet once a quarter and over lunch explore "what's happening" in our community and the social, health, and church organizations in Canton-Highlandtown.

### OBSERVATIONS

#### 1. Church Attendance

Church attendance statistics indicate that we are increasing our attendance at Sunday Morning Worship. In January 1991 we showed an increase of +42 for the month or 9.2% compared with January 1990.

We need to continue to work at building our approach to the single young adults and to families who have children and who fall in the age range of 20 to 60 years of age.

#### 2. Church Issues

During January at three services we recruited members for the Committee on the Study of the Use of Alcohol in Church Sponsored Activities and for a Committee to Develop a Fund Raising Strategy for United. Below you will see the members of these two Committees.

##### Committee on Alcohol Policy

Sharon Daniloski  
Art Jones-Council  
Fred Long-Council  
Lena Manning  
Lynn Sanders  
Lori Stinchcomb

##### Committee on Fund Raising

Ruth Beckwith  
Grace Fader  
George Hammerbacher  
Harvey Jacob-Council  
Sam Jones-Council  
Bill Single  
Jim Talagsen  
Bill Voelker

These Committees will meet beginning in February.

##### Junior Council

The recruitment for the Junior Council has gone slowly. The Pastor and Pam Georgiadis need to meet with the Intermediate Young People to discuss this issue and see if there is any interest. Gina Long has indicated an interest in serving on

this Council.

### 3. Assisting Older Members to Remain at Home

The Pastor is trying to get a program underway to provide technical information for those interested in using potential resources of the city, state, and the hospital systems. This project was slowed up by work on the current projects of the Church undertaken in November. We have, however, been able to assist Elois DeLong in getting a professional assessment of her mother Margaret Waltimeyer. Such an assessment will lead to an appropriate referral. As most members of the church are aware, Mrs. Waltimeyer is suffering from mental confusion.

### 4. Recruiting Youth Group Leaders

In various conversations, it is apparent that we have a need for leadership for a young adult group. We need to develop a plan for a Lock-In program in the Spring. If we are successful this program will include a spiritual lesson, physical activity, games and some self development programs.

### 5. Acquiring a Computer

Harvey Jacobs is leading us in thinking about the use of a computer to enhance the administration of our church. A Computer fund has been begun. At the Annual Meeting, we received a much appreciated gift of \$500 from the Sunday School to be used for this purpose. With Harvey Jacob's assistance, we are continuing the study of this project and working on fund raising for it.

### 6. Church Directory

Bill and Harvey have done a major piece of work in getting the layout and theme of the brochure as well as the mailing list together for this undertaking. This work was completed in January.

### 7. Membership on the United Chesapeake Center Board:

You approved my serving on the Board of the United Chesapeake Center. This organization started by the Zion Church at Golden Ring is interested in building some low cost housing for the aging on the Zion campus. The Board has done a marketing study, owns the land necessary to build the project and has a developer. I will be assisting in raising a small amount of seed money for the project. My understanding from my first meeting of the Board is that this project is now funded.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Complete the review of the marketing plan at the next

meeting of the New Members Committee.

## 2. Time for Testing.

The Faith is Alive program, Celebration of the Anniversary Date of Baptisms, and more intensive baptism counselling sessions seem to be working. These need more time for testing. The new focus will be in recognizing those who teach Sunday School. We need to build a closer working relationship between the Sunday School and the Church and find new ways to teach children the importance of Sunday worship in the church.

## 3. Strengthening Our Youth Program.

Effort needs to be made to recruit a new youth leader for the young adult group and to interpret the Junior Council to our young people through Pam.

A written program for the spring Lock-In program will be prepared so that we can prepare to do a more effective job with such a program next year. Planning for such a program will be done with a committee of participants and counselors. The presence of three adult leaders is essential.

## 4. Establish meeting times for our two study groups:

A. To review the issue of the servicing of alcoholic beverages in the church itself as well as in programs sponsored by the church.

B. To review our present fund-raising strategy and to develop a strategy for new method of fund-raising at United.

## 5. SUPERPANTRY.

Get clarification and approval from the Council regarding the participation of United in the SUPERPANTRY Project of SEEC. I recommend that we participate since this project is in the interest of our members and that of the community and will provide additional income to our church.

## 6. Think-Tank

Develop a "think-tank" to help us in understanding changes in the community, the program of neighborhood churches, and new emerging needs which will impact our ministry and the survival of United Evangelical Church.

## 7. Should United Host the Marketing of the Low Income Project Across from the Can Company in Canton?

This project is being developed by the Wallace Campbell Co. The developers wish to use our Fellowship Hall for four hours

STATISTICAL REPORT  
January 1991

Total

VISITS TO SHUT-INS

11

Mildred Grunberg 1-3 Call re condition  
Julius Will 1-9  
John and Jackie Bond 1-9  
Edna Miller 1-16  
Howard Jenkins 1-18  
Margaret Walthimeyer 1-23  
Al Dunne 1-23  
Helen Bogucki- call-1-25  
Margaret Hannon 1-30  
Ed Bollers 1-30  
Augusta Davis 1-30

VISITS TO HOSPITALS

8

Lillian Walsh 1-2 Johns Hopkins  
Lillian Walsh 1-5 Johns Hopkins  
George Tuerk 1-2 Good Sam  
Marcella Surdel 1-15 Church Home  
Marcella Surdel 1-16 Church Home  
Grace Martin 1-23 St. Joseph  
Marcella Surdel 1-24 Church Home  
Andrew Ruppalt 1-30 Key Medical

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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COUNCIL MEETINGS

1

Fifth Meeting 1-8

ADMINISTRATIVE MEETINGS

11

William Gonce SEEC-Publicity 1-3  
Pat Levie-Home Call 1-3  
William Gonce -Call re Board SEEC 1-5  
Pam Georgedadis - Call re Junior Council 1-13  
Harvey Jacob - Bill Voelker Directory 1-15  
Donna Hanks re Matress Gift 1-23  
Howard Jenkins re Faith Alive 1-24  
Ed Meyers re Scout Sunday  
Millie-review set up for Lent 1-23  
Congregational Meeting 1-27  
United Chesapeake Ctr 1-24  
World Day of Prayer 1-30

COUNCIL MEMBER INTERVIEWS

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on Thursday April 11 and four hours on April 12th. They will donate \$200 to the church for this purpose. 125 persons will be signing up for 85 apartments in the project. By participating, we will meet those 125 new families and individuals, welcome them to Canton, and introduce them to our Church, and be able in the future to refer older persons to this project. Some of our people may be interested in applying to these apartments. I recommend that we become the host for this effort.

GROUP MEETINGS

Confirmation Class 1-2  
 Ladies Aide Luncheon 1-2  
 Conklin Club 1-13 re George Hammerbacher  
 Confirmation Class 1-9  
 Ladies Guild Installation 1-16  
 Confirmation Class 1-16  
 Clipper Club 1-20  
 Sewing Group 1-22  
 Confirmation 1-23  
 Dance Class 1-28  
 Confirmation 1-30

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BAPTISMS=2, Counselling=3

Anna M. Beaver 1-13, Counselling  
 Anna M. Beaver & Tina 1-15 Counselling  
 Anna M. Beaver & Tina Baptisms 1-27

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WEDDINGS=0, Counselling=4

Frampton Counselling  
 Baker-Patricia Cannap 1-15 Counselling  
 Young 1-17 Counselling  
 Izvbebski-Willis 1-22 Counselling

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FUNERALS=3, Visit to Funeral Home=2

Charles John Blimline 1-4 Johnson Bros.  
 Joyce Mills 1-4 Visit to Mathews's Funeral Home  
 Joyce Mills 1-5 Mathews Funeral Home  
 Richard R. Pritchard 1-14 Visit to Skarda Home  
 Richard R. Pritchard 1-16 Skarda Home

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COUNSELLING SESSIONS

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CONFERENCE MEETINGS

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE - JANUARY 1991

8:00AM	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	Total Net
1990	56	49	48	50	00	203
1991	56	60	53	66	00	235
Net	00	11	5	16	00	+32
10:30AM	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	Total Net
1990	66	95	60	98	00	319
1991	55	95	60	119	00	329
Net	-11	0	00	21	00	+10
Net 1990-1991	-11	11	5	37	00	+42