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

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Church continues to make progress during this last month. Attendance for July was 24% over that during the month of July in 1990.

Plans for the redesign of the office and the purchase of a computer are in the formative stage.

We began to share the deficit with the membership each Sunday. Cal Gundlach and Fred Long made presentations during the first two weeks of this month. Harvey and I began to think about the plan for the Dinner Dance for the fall and set the tentative date for Saturday November 2, 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

VISITS TO SHUT-INS =6;calls=4	JUNE	10	VISITS
TO SHUT-INS =2; calls=3	JULY	<u>5</u>	
VISITS TO HOSPITALS=16;calls=4	JUNE	20	
VISITS TO HOSPITALS= 8;calls=0	JULY	<u>8</u>	

Paul Bauersfeld and I were unable to maintain our schedule of visits in July partly because of the holiday and vacation schedules and partly because of the intense heat.

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. Attendance increased by 24% during the month of July when compared to July 1990. Judging by church attendance, the focus of the preaching seems to have proved acceptable.

3. Implementation of Faith is Alive

The faith alive program has included recognition of the contribution of Arthur Jones on July 7th, Harvey Jacob on

July 14, Wayne Shaefer on July 21, and John Strong on July 28.

4. Pastoral Support of Church Groups and Activities

The Pastor attended the Choir Party at the home of Paul Bauersfeld on July 4th and the Birthday Party for Henry Will on Saturday July 6th.

5. Deepening the Spiritual and Prayer Life of the Church

The Prayer Group, Bible Study Groups, and Community Forum led by Priscilla and Marty have prepared a promotional brochure which you reviewed and approved in preparation for the fall season.

6. 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. The brochure developed by the Pastor and the "Bugs Committee" of SEEC was distributed to our members at the July 7th church service to enable them to refer those who need help with food, clothing, or shelter. Referrals are made to the SEEC office for screening. Note that an emergency number is provided. A number is also provided to help those who request help on weekends or after 4:30 PM.

We are part of a grant from the Maryland Food Committee for a SUPER PANTRY. On Sunday July 7, we announced the availability of a job for a Child Care Worker and a Facilitator/Coordinator on Fridays in the Fall beginning October 4, 1991 (9:00-2:30 PM). We also inserted an ad in the Guide announcing the availability of this position.

7. Developing a Community "Think-Tank":

The "think-tank" group of Pastors, Social Workers, and Administrators was unable to meet on meet on July 3rd for the day long retreat at St. John's Church which had been planned. Four of the five Pastors had funerals.

OBSERVATIONS

1. Church Attendance, New Members Class, New Members Committee

a. Attendance

Church attendance statistics indicate that in July our attendance at Sunday Morning Worship increased by 24%.

b. New Members Class

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. This summer we formed a new members class. The first meeting is on August 7th. New members will be received on September 22, 1991 at 10:30 AM.

c. New Members Committee

The Committee has recommended a "Bring A Friend to Church" Sunday and that we develop more imaginative advertising in the "Guide". It also recommended that we find out about new people moving into the community, and develop an "Ask the Pastor" column in the "Guide". Other ideas are also being explored and will be reviewed at subsequent meetings. In the absence of our chair, Harvey Jacob, our work has been delayed until August.

2. New Committees

a. Committee on the Serving of Alcoholic Beverages:

The Committee on the serving of alcoholic beverages in the church itself as well as in programs sponsored by the Church was going to meet again on July 24, 1991 at 7:30 PM but was unable to do so. This Committee developed a GUIDELINE FOR CHURCH MEMBERS ("Followers of the Way") on the use of alcohol in order to see if we can get a consensus on this matter in the church. To accomplish this a Guideline for Church Members was prepared and studied by committee members. Next steps include the development of a method by which we can involve the congregation in both the study of the scriptures regarding this matter and the study of the suggested guideline developed by the members of the committee.

b. Committee on Fundraising

The Committee to review our present fund-raising strategy and to develop a strategy for new methods of fund-raising at United was not able to meet this month. Work is proceeding on our brochure re Memorials and Love Gifts and will be completed over the summer. In our June meeting, our Council agreed to the following new fundraising projects - a Dinner Dance, Collect "Pennies for Heaven", and Sell Entertainment Books at Christmas time. In reviewing the budget, we agreed that a Capital and Equipment Budget needed to be developed for next year.

These two groups are made up of Council members and ad-hoc members including interested persons from the congregation as a whole. They are limited to about seven persons each.

The Church has been informed about the membership of the

Committees and members from the congregation have been invited to serve.

3. Acquiring a Computer and Office Re-design

Harvey Jacob is leading us in thinking about the use of a computer to enhance the administration of our church. While this project was put on a back burner because of the development of the Church Directory, we are now ready to move forward with it as a part of the redesign of the office. Members of the committee include Harvey Jacob, Millie Slecta, Grace Fader, Sam Jones, and George Hammerbacher.

4. Church Directory

Directories were received and distributed in July.

5. Church Repair Projects

With the leadership of Sam Jones, a plan is underway to reorganize the office during Millie Slecta's vacation.

With the help of Jim Talagsen, we have secured four large barrels which can be used to grow flowers and plants in front of the parsonage to continue to add color and life to the front of the church. These will be permanent installations. The heat in the middle of July slowed up this work but it is now in process.

6. Communication to the Members re the Deficit

Cal Gundlach, Fred Long, and Harvey Jacob planned reporting to the congregation about the deficit. The first report was made on June 30th at the time of concerns.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Results of Program

The Faith is Alive program seem to be working and should be continued. We have added the Unity Candle lighting to celebrate the wedding anniversary of members, a reaffirmation of wedding vows, their affiliation with the church as members, the anniversary date of their baptism, or other celebrations of their unity with our household of faith. This program also shows promise. The celebration of the Anniversary Date of Baptisms, and more intensive baptism counselling sessions do not seem to be productive. These will now be dropped.

3. Strengthening Our Youth Program

Pam Georgiadis has set up a Lock-In for August 23rd. This program has been advertised in our Bulletin in July.

4. Rehabilitation of the Office

With Sam Jones leadership, we will be reorganizing the office during Millie's vacation as a first step in its development.

5. Approval of the Fall Program on Deepening Our Spiritual Life

The brochure announcement of the fall program designed to deepen the spiritual life of our church is being completed and unless there are any objections will be printed for distribution. To save money, we will use paper supplied by Art Jones and our own copier. The program called "New Creations" -designed to help those who have suffered woundedness in the course of living and to reach out to new persons who may be interested in joining our church is being developed.

7. Approval of Use of Building for a SEEC Seminar on Conflict Management August 2, 1991. Council approved a similar program for July 12, 1991.

8. The formation of a parish visitors group is underway.

STATISTICAL REPORT
July 1991

	Total
VISITS TO SHUT-INS =2; Calls=3	<u>5</u>
Edward McGovern 7-4	
Charlotte McGovern 7-5 Call	
George Tuerk Manor Care 7-24	
Andrew Rupalt 7-30 Call	
Ody Doering 7-31 Call	
 VISITS TO HOSPITALS=8;calls=0	 <u>8</u>
Henry Neubert Franklin Sq 7-3	
Sadie Zinn St. Joseph's 7-19	
Kim McNeal Franklin Sq 7-21	
Ed Mc Govern - Mercy 7-24	
David Jones - Sinai 7-24	
Wil Myrick - Key 7-26	
Kim McNeal Franklin Sq 7-28	
David Jones - Sinai 7-31	
 COMMITTEE MEETINGS	 <u>0</u>
 COUNCIL MEETINGS	 <u>1</u>
Ninth Meeting 7-2	
 ADMINISTRATIVE MEETINGS	 <u>6</u>
Sipple's Electrical Repair-Parsonage 7-2	
Bruce Swanson - Association 7-5 Call	
Superpantry 7-9	
Pat Kelly 7-18 Call from Florence Gundlach	
Shanna Main, Franklin Sq 7-23	
Pat Kelly 7-23	
 COUNCIL MEMBER INTERVIEWS	 <u>0</u>
 GROUP MEETINGS	 <u>5</u>
Cancel Think-Tank Retreat 7-2	
Choir Party at Paul Bauersfeld 7-4	
Party for Henry Will 7-6	
Prayer for Healing - Carrigan 7-10	
SEEC SEMINAR 7-12	
 BAPTISMS=2, Counselling=0	 <u>2</u>
Price, Jillian Marie 7-7	
Price, Alexa Margaret 7-7	
 WEDDINGS=0, Counselling=9	 <u>9</u>
Tina Oppel-Earl Hall 7-3 Counselling	
Tracy Shaw-Joe Barnhardt Counselling 7-8	
James Weatherstein-Marie Peterson Counselling 7-10	

Tracy Shaw-Joe Barnhardt 7-18 Counselling
Pat Carrigan Counselling 7-23
Shelly Bielski-Frank Short-Counselling-7-23
Robbin Rohlfing Counselling 7-23
Cynthia Goff Counselling 7-24
Stacy Pomphrey & family- Counselling 7-27

FUNERALS=4, Visit to Funeral Home=0; Counselling=5 9
Linda Loudermilk re Danny 7-2 Counseling
Carolyn Thompson re William 7-4 Counseling
Skarda Home re Thompson Counseling 7-4
Danny Loudermilk Zeiler's Home 7-5
William Thompson -Skarda Home 7-8
Henry Neubert - Connonly 7-20
Mildred Causey - Skarda Home 7-27
Carolyn Thompson Call 7-12
Linda Loudermilk Call 7-12

COUNSELLING SESSIONS

3

CONFERENCE MEETINGS

0

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE - July 1991

<u>8:00AM</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>	<u>5th</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Net</u>
1990	45	47	50	47	00		189
1991	53	60	50	49	00		212
Net	+ 8	+13	+ 0	+ 2	00		+ 23
<u>10:30AM</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>	<u>5th</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Net</u>
1990	77	70	57	66	151*		270
1991	76	84	118	81	00		359
Net	- 1	+ 14	+61	+ 15	00		+ 89
Net 1990-1991	+ 7	+ 27	+ 61	+ 17	00		+112

* Trial Sermon in 1990

1990-1991 % Change July

% Change in Sunday attendance for July = +24%.

<u>COMPARISON JANUARY TO JUNE - 1990 AND 1991 TOTALS</u>						
	<u>FOR THE MONTH</u>					
<u>1990-</u>	<u>JANUARY</u>	<u>FEBRUARY</u>	<u>MARCH</u>	<u>APRIL</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>
1991	+42	+77	+118	-232	+84	137
%	+9.2%	+14%	+19%	-19%	+15%	+30%
<u>1990</u>	<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUGUST</u>	<u>SEPT</u>	<u>OCT</u>	<u>NOV</u>	
1991	+112					
%	+24%					

For the period January - July 1991, with the exception of April, we show a consistent increase in monthly attendance to date in 1991.