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ACTIVITY REPORT TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL
ROBERT M. ARMSTRONG, PASTOR
October 1, 1990 -October 31, 1990

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

We have continued to implement the plan which was suggested in the August Report. Significant progress has been made in building the Confirmation Class, Bible Study, Prayer Group, and now the New Members Class. Attendance at Worship increased by +57 in the last three months. The Sour Beef Dinner was very much appreciated by the community and the church members. It was very well led by Grace Fader and Arthur Jones as Co-Chairs. Marty Craig did her usual good job in coordinating the waitresses and waiters. We had more support there this year. Under Harvey Jacob's leadership, October brought the cleaning of the Bell Tower and the lighting of the four faces of the Clock. In addition, the Church Directory project of the New Member's Committee has been begun and interpreted to the Church. This is a major public relations event. Lois Long has volunteered to help develop our Youth Group.

PROGRESS NOTES

1. Systematic Approach to Ministry to the Shut-Ins

Because of a trip to Vermont during the second week in October and the extra responsibilities of the Sour Beef Dinner and the work on the Bell Tower, visits to Shut-Ins were limited to 8 in comparison to 22 in September. However, visits to Hospitals increased from 8 in September to 11 in October. We still have people in the community and nursing homes to visit. Our plan has been to serve communion to shut-ins and persons in the hospital each Wednesday afternoon. Time has been put into counselling persons being baptized and into the baptisms themselves. These sessions increased from 3 in September to 8 in October. They have involved considerable time but have been productive of an increase in confirmands from two to seven.

2. Preaching Planned in Advance

In spite of the trip to Vermont and the Sour Beef, preaching has been able to be planned in advance and the bulletin board changed regularly. Beginning on October 4, the sermon will be cut down in time by 25%. This is necessary because of the

extra events included in our calendar.

3. Implementation of Faith is Alive

This program has been very effective. It has resulted in our increasing church attendance and has opened up a number of significant conversations with parents requesting baptism of children.

4. Developing a Marketing Plan

The draft of the marketing plan is presented tonight for your study and review. The title of the plan is "Good Trees Bear Good Fruit".

5. Pastoral Support of All Church Groups and Activities

In October, the Pastor has made an effort to support the Sour Beef Dinner and to assist Ben Long and Harvey Jacob in getting the faces of the Clock lighted. The Sour Beef Dinner brings many guests to United Evangelical and so it is important for the Pastor to meet and welcome these guests as well as members of the church and their friends. This month the Pastor and Priscilla attended the Bowling Group and next month the Plan is to attend the Dancing Class, Cub Scout meeting, and Senior Citizen Group. Priscilla provided support to the ladies and gentlemen preparing the Sour Beef Dinner.

6. Confirmation Class

Confirmation class has grown from one in September to seven at the end of October. The book "My Confirmation" has proved to be an effective tool in getting the class underway. Confirmands will assist the acolytes and provide an extra person to support this important task in morning worship. In this way we will be training a whole new group of helpers.

7. Deepening the Spiritual and Prayer Life of the Church

The Prayer Group, led by Priscilla, has grown from four participants on October 2, 1990 to ten on October 31, 1990. This is a group for those interested in exploring the power of prayer and its use in healing. Marty Clement has had a steady attendance of five or six adults each Sunday morning at 9:15AM. This class is designed to read and discuss the Lectionary Readings and those passages of scripture which will be used in the worship services each Sunday.

Priscilla's Wednesday evening Bible class has not been as effective. We need to wait on the Lord for guidance in the building of this opportunity to study the Gospel of Mark. If the Lord wants this, it will happen.

OBSERVATIONS

1. Church Attendance

Our church attendance statistics indicate that we are increasing our attendance at Sunday Morning Worship. In August we showed an increase of +31 for the month, in September +7, and in October +19 for a total increase of +57 for the quarter. This is in spite of the lengthening list of shut-ins. We need to continue to work at building our approach to the single young adults and to the families who have children and who fall in the age range of 20 to 60. Much of this growth has to do with activities such as confirmation class, Faith is Alive, and the Celebration of the Anniversary Date of Baptism of children baptized last year.

2. The Bowling Group Issue

The Council's negative decision regarding the serving of beer at a Christmas Party for the this group was badly received by the young adult members of the group. As your Pastor, I did not realize the import of the decision. These folk are persons raised in the church and who have intense loyalty to it. They are the leaders of the future. We need to seriously reexamine this policy in the next meeting of the Council.

3. Chesapeake Association Meeting

United Evangelical had its largest delegation in recent years to the Fall Meeting of the UCC Association. Led by our Council President, Clarence Rowell and his wife Carol, the church had Francine Raddatz (Youth Representative), and Ben and Lois Long as well as your Pastor. Dr. Hamilton, Associate Conference Minister and Executive of the Association was very pleased. He came to the Sour Beef Dinner and will preach at the Pastor's Installation. We are building a much stronger relationship between the Church and the Conference and Association.

4. New Members

Six new members will be received in November and a seventh by transfer back to our church. This is indicative of a beginning momentum.

5. 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. The

project was slowed up by work on the current projects of the church undertaken in November.

6. Recruiting a Youth Group Leader

Lois Long has indicated an interest in being the leader of a youth group for teen agers, 12-16 years of age. We need to get this group underway and build one for persons 17-22 years.

7. Acquiring a Computer

Harvey Jacob is leading us in thinking about the use of a computer to enhance the administration of our church. This month the Pastor, with Harvey's support, looked at software available for church programs.

8. Church Directory

The Church Directory is under way. The development team led by Chairman, Harvey Jacob includes Ruth Beckwith, Telephone, Fred Long, Public Relations, and Bill Voelker, Lay-Out. Initial sign-up is very encouraging.

9. Sour Beef Dinner

Grace Fader and Art Jones share credit along with Marti Craig and Jim Tallegesen for giving outstanding leadership to this event. No one left without complimenting the food. More waiters and waitresses helped this year and the participation of men in the dinner increased. There was almost no conflict in the entire six days of preparing the dinner. This was a first rate job accomplished by our church.

10. Bell Tower Project

The re-lighting and cleaning of the Bell Tower under Harvey Jacob's leadership and with the cooperation of Robert and Darrell Bishop, Ben Long, and the Pastor was a major event in October. The tower was completely cleaned and vacuumed. All dust and dirt was removed and dumped. New bulbs were inserted and the four faces of the Clock lighted.

Well Done Jim Tallagsen

Only those of us who have watched Jim work on the building can appreciate the talented leadership job done by Jim. This member of our church is blunt, sometimes gruff, and often tells it like it is. But he is a very warm, loving, person, with a real sense of humor. His life has been dedicated in these last months to lifting up the buildings of the church, solving major mechanical problems, saving the church money, and making the parsonage a very wonderful place to live. Jim, we love you and admire your dedication and devotion and thank

you not only for your work but also for your leadership and vision in these last months. And the voice of God will not be silent in calling you to continue to serve His Church.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Complete the review of the marketing plan. At the next meeting of the New Member's Committee, the marketing plan should be presented and reviewed prior to presentation to the Council. Current focus of the New Member's Committee is on the Church Directory.

At this meeting of the Council the Order of Worship should be reviewed and subsequently implemented.

The Faith is Alive program, Celebration of the Anniversary Date of Baptisms, and more intensive baptism counselling sessions seem to be working and need more time for testing them out.

The new focus of Faith is Alive 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.

We need to proceed in building the Youth Group for young people 12-16 with the leadership of Lois Long.

STATISTICAL REPORT
October 1990

	Total
PHONE CALLS ON BEHALF OF MEMBERS OR PERSONS FROM THE COMMUNITY (estimate)	_38
VISITS TO SHUT-INS	_8
William Richards 10-3	
Naomi Wachter 10-3	
Anna Eckes 10-3 Riverview N.H.	
William Reimer 10-3 Riverview N.H.	
Carrie Dickson 10-2 Eastpoint N.H.	
Madeline Scheufel 10-17	
Richard Francis 10-17	
Colleen Rutman 10-26	
VISITS TO HOSPITALS	<u>11</u>
Cora Miller 10-1 Maryland General	
Ruth Pierce 10-4 Harbor	
George Will 10-4 Church Home	
Kitty Weitzel 10-18 Church Home	
Kitty Weitzel 10-19 Church Home	
Julius Will 10-19 Good Sam	
George Turek 10-23 Sinai	
Julius Will 10-31 Good Sam	
Henry Ellick 10-31 Church Home	
Margaret Myrick 10-29 Key Medical	
Margaret Myrick 10-29 Key Medical	
COMMITTEE MEETINGS	0
COUNCIL MEETINGS	_1
Second Meeting 10-2	
ADMINISTRATIVE MEETINGS	_7
Marion Flood 10-3 Girl Scouts	
Visitation Committee 10-16	
Harvey Jacob 10-17 Directory	
Susan Hanon VNA re Turek 10-15	
Gail Warren Hopkins re Turek 10-15	
Tom Friedel Boy Scouts 10-25	
David Casey Jubilee Housing 10-15	
COUNCIL MEMBER INTERVIEWS	<u>0</u>
GROUP MEETINGS	_14
Sewing Group 10-3	
Confirmation 10-3	
Girl Scouts 10-3	
Sour Beef Team Luncheon 10-18	
Fix Clock 10-20 w Ben & Harvey	

Bowling 10-19
Sour Beef Team Luncheon 10-20
Confirmation 10-17
Weininger re Rydock-Confirmation 10-16
Sour Beef Dinner 10-23
Sour Beef Dinner 10-24
New Member Directory 10-25
Confirmation 10-24
New Members 10-29

BAPTISMS=2, Counselling=6 _8
Robert & Eileen Francis 10-7 Counselling
Ruth Hunt & Rose Carrigan 10-7 Counselling
Marina Francis 10-14
Ruth Hunt 10-18 Counselling
Brittany Hunt 10-21
Carolyn P. Hines Counselling 10-18
Carolyn Hines & brothers Counselling 10-27
Rose Carrigan re baptism 10-16

WEDDINGS=0, Counselling=3 _3
McNeil-Hensley Counselling 10-4
Deasal-Richardson 10-16
Lambert-Bishop 10-25

FUNERALS=1, Visit to Funeral Home=1 _2
Cora Miller 10-26
Cora Miller 10-25 Visit to Funeral Home

COUNSELLING SESSIONS _10

CONFERENCE MEETINGS _1
Chesapeake Association 10-14

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE - OCTOBER 1990

<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>
1989	64	51	57	49		221	

1990	57	54	50	48		209	
Net	-7	3	-7	-1		-12	

<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>
1989	77	94	103	106		380	

1990	80	110	105	116		411	
Net	3	16	2	10		31	

Total Net - 4 19 - 5 9 * + 19
1989-1990

* Four Sundays in October 1990 compared to five Sundays in October 1989. Comparison is made for four Sundays in October (first four in 1989). We may be comparing apples and oranges since we are comparing the first Sunday in October 1989 (October 1) to the first Sunday in October 1990 (October 7).

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November 1, 1990 -November 30, 1990

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Church attendance is up significantly in November and the enthusiasm and morale of the congregation high. The Church Directory project success has played a major role in involving more people in the work of the church and in giving members a chance to share their pride in membership. The Shut-In program needs to be sustained until all such persons are visited and the planned program of preaching needs to be sustained. The addition of seven new members reflects the beginning momentum of our church's growth. Preaching which enables our people to understand their faith as it is practiced at United is important. Members of the congregation need tools of understanding in order for their Faith to be Alive. Some attention needs to be given to laying a background in understanding church giving and to resolve the issues (which effect our adult members) in the serving of alcoholic beverages and in new methods of fund raising. Both need to be studied.

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

Paul and I have continued our Wednesday afternoon visits to Shut-Ins. We missed visiting the Wednesday before Thanksgiving because both of us were involved in delivering Christmas baskets. We are completing the visits to the Nursing Homes and to those on our list whom we have yet to visit. We made 17 visits to Shut-Ins in November compared to 8 in October. There were 3 hospital visits compared to eleven in October. Counselling increased to 26 contacts in November compared to 14 in October. These include telephone contacts. Wedding counselling and weddings increased from three in October to nine in November and baptisms and baptism counselling dropped from eight in October to five in November.

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. Judging by the increased church attendance, the educational focus of the preaching seems to have proved acceptable. Staff need to review the changes in the order of worship which we approved at our last meeting so that the bulletin reflects those changes in the order for the Lord's Supper and includes provision for a General Prayer in each order. The order for Communion will be the same as that for normal Sunday morning worship except for the changes impacted by the Communion Service and the use of the Nicien Creed in place of the Apostle's Creed.

3. Implementation of Faith is Alive

The faith alive program has been limited to baptisms in November. However, Frank Klima is so enthusiastic that he is giving us a memorial gift to insure a rose on the altar each Sunday in 1991.

4. Developing a Marketing Plan

The draft of the marketing plan needs to be reviewed by the New Members Committee early next year so it can be formally presented to the Council in the January or February meeting. Copies of the plan have been prepared for the new Council members.

5. Pastoral Support of All Church Groups and Activities

The Pastor and Priscilla attended the Dance Class and will become members for eight sessions beginning in February. The Pastor will attend a meeting of the Senior Citizens group in December. He needs to attend a Cub Scout meeting.

6. Confirmation Class

Confirmation Class continues to grow. We have now eight Confirmands. A Youth Group has been formed and will have its first meeting on December 4, 1990 at 8:30PM. Confirmands are being trained to participate in the worship service as acolytes. Enthusiasm for this Class is high and parental support strong.

7. Deepening the Spiritual and Prayer Life of the Church

The Prayer Group, led by Priscilla, is holding at around five to six members. Wednesday evening Bible Study led by Priscilla now has two regular students and the Sunday morning Bible Study led by Marty Clement is holding at five to six members. We need to seek another place for the group to meet if at all possible so that they have privacy but also provide

for those who are disabled.

OBSERVATIONS

1. Church Attendance

Church attendance statistics indicate that we are increasing our attendance at Sunday Morning Worship. In August we showed an increase of +31 for the month, in September +7, in October +19, and in November +223 (not counting the installation of the Pastor). 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. On the day of the congregational meeting attendance was 148 compared with 97 during 1989. The church seems to be starting to move forward in a steady growth pattern.

2. The Bowling Group Issue

Tonight we agreed to listen to a presentation of the representatives of the young adult membership regarding the issues of the serving of alcoholic beverages on the premises and some concerns about new methods of fund raising for the church.

3. New Members

In November we received six new members and a seventh by transfer back to our church.

5. 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.

6. Recruiting Youth Group Leaders

Lois Long met with the Confirmands and they expressed great interest in a Youth Group. She will meet with them on December 4, 1990 at 8:30PM so as to plan their first trip. In various conversations it is apparent that we have a need for leadership for an intermediate age group and a young adult group. We had a Lock-In program on November 23rd. Led by Susan Rowell, it proved to be an exciting activity. However, I was not able to give Susan proper support and we did not properly prepare for this program with pre-planning. There were 22 persons who participated. This is amazing. Without the necessary support and planning the program went reasonably well and, as I observed it, shows much promise for the future. Members have requested that we plan another program. While we had the cooperation of myself and a youth

group leader from the Presbyterian Church, and had the support of Ben Long and his son Ben, we need at least three full time leaders for a group of this size. Our next task is to recruit two more youth group leaders.

7. Acquiring a Computer

Harvey Jacob is leading us in thinking about the use of a computer to enhance the administration of our church. This project was put on a back burner because of the development of the Church Directory.

8. Church Directory

This project was very successful. Harvey Jacob and his Committee consisting of Ruth Beckwith, Fred Long, and Bill Voelker had lots of support for calling and for assisting in the administration of picture taking. Members participating seemed enthusiastic. I worked with Bill Voelker to get the planning going for the layout for the Director.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Complete the review of the marketing plan at the next meeting of the New Members Committee.

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 out. 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.

The Confirmation Class needs to be limited to its present size so as to keep the quality of teaching and the individual attention necessary for our reaching the class. Effort needs to be made to recruit new youth leaders for an intermediate age youth group and one for the young adults.

Establish two study groups:

1. To review the issue of the servicing of alcoholic beverages in the church itself as well as in programs sponsored by the church. The many concerns of members of our congregation need to be resolved regarding this issue.
2. To review our present fund-raising strategy and to develop a strategy for new methods of fund-raising at United. The increase in our 1991 budget gives us a mandate to look at this area of our mission.

These two groups should be made up of Council members, one of whom would be Chair and ad-hoc members including interested persons from the congregation as a whole. They need to be limited to no more than seven persons each. Each of these groups should have a deadline for the preparation and submission of a written report for review by the Council.

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

STATISTICAL REPORT
November 1990

	Total
PHONE CALLS ON BEHALF OF MEMBERS OR PERSONS FROM THE COMMUNITY (estimate)	_45
VISITS TO SHUT-INS	_17
Kim McNeal 11-2	
Kim McNeal 11-6	
May Getz 11-7	
Kim McNeal 11-15	
Myrtle Eckes 11-14 (was not at Meridian, at St. Joseph's)	
Mariana Carrigan 11-13	
Lillian & Charles Bushman 11-13 Clinic Trip	
Wil Mac with Fred Long 11-15 Notchcliff	
Kim McNeal 11-20	
Ruth Hunt 11-20	
Wrzesien 11-21 Thanksgiving Basket	
Howard Froelich 11-28	
Lillian Shaller, Belair Convalescent Home	
Julia Pezold, Heritage Nursing Ctr	
Kim McNeal 11-29	
Margaret Myrick 11-27	
Will Myrick 11-27	
VISITS TO HOSPITALS	3
Margaret Myrick 11-13 Key Center	
George Turek 11-24 Franklin Square	
George Turek 11-28 Franklin Sq (George not there)	
COMMITTEE MEETINGS	0
COUNCIL MEETINGS	_1
Third Meeting 11-6	
ADMINISTRATIVE MEETINGS	_22
William Voelker 11-6	
Harvey Jacob 11-6	
Jim Tallagsen 11-4	
Sharon Daniloski 11-8	
Millie Slecta 11-5	
Grace Fader 11-6	
Millie Slecta 11-7	
PIP Printing 11-6	
Church School 11-13 Eastern House	
Harvey Jacob 11-15	
Ruth Beckwith 11-15 Review Directory on phone	
Ruth Beckwith 11-21 Review Directory progress	
Bill Voelker, Harvey Jacob, Fred Long, Directory Design 11-20	
Millie 11-21 bulletin content	
Bea Geddy 11-21 re preparation of 8000 thanksgiving meals	
Congregational Meeting 11-25	
Keys at Hardware Store 11-26	

Rev. Rich Poetzel, Sacred Heart 11-27 (luncheon with Fathers)
 Photos for Directory 11-25
 Gary and Mattie Benton 11-27
 William Voelker 11-28 Directory
 Carol Borkman 11-29 re Youth Groups

COUNCIL MEMBER INTERVIEWS 0

GROUP MEETINGS 10

Membership Class 11-6
 Confirmation Class 11-7
 South East Emergency Committee 11-9
 Confirmation Class 11-14
 Women's Guild 11-14
 Confirmation Class 11-21
 Lock-In 8:00PM and 11:00PM 11-23
 Lock-In 8:00AM 11-24
 SEEC at Urban Center 11-30
 Confirmation Class 11-28

BAPTISMS=3 ,Counselling=2 5
 Lisa Novak 11-4 Counselling
 Herman Fischer 11-8 Counselling
 Herman & Melinda Fischer 11-10 Baptism
 Joshua Raymond Hines 11-12 Baptism
 William Carrigan 11-18 Baptism

WEDDINGS=2,Counselling=7 9
 Lemmon-Blunt 11-1 Rehersal
 Lemmon-Blunt 11-3 Wedding
 Deasel-Richardson 11-9 Rehersal
 Deasel-Richardson 11-0 Wedding
 McNeil-Hensley 11-8 Counselling
 Collins, Kathleen 11-8 Counselling
 Collins, Kathleen 11-9 Counselling
 Bishop-Lambert 11-15 Counselling
 McNeil-Hensley 11-25 Counselling

FUNERALS=0, Visit to Funeral Home=0 0

COUNSELLING SESSIONS 26

CONFERENCE MEETINGS 0

INSTALLATION SERVICE 6
 Preparation 11-2 PIP Bulletin
 Preparation 11-6 PIP Bulletin
 Preparation 11-14 PIP Bulletin
 Rehersal 11-11
 Service 11-18
 Preparation 11-16 Instructions

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE - NOVEMBER 1990

<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>
1989	63	64	60	00	50	237	

1990	54	57	00	00	50	-161	
Net	-9	-7	-60	-00	00	-76	

<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>
1989	82	75	80	53*	97	387	

1990	106	111	152	93*	148 *	610	
Net	24	36	72	40*	51*	223	

Installation 138

Total Net	15	29	150	40*	51 *	285	
1989-1990							

* Four Sundays (1,2,3, and 5) November 1990 compared to four Sundays in November 1989. The Thanksgiving Service is recorded on the 4th Day (*). On the third Sunday we had one morning service in 1990 at 10:30AM and a service of Installation for the Pastor at 2:00PM on that same day. We may be comparing apples and oranges on that Sunday. Therefore the valid comparison is to be found in the monthly totals.

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December 1, 1990 -December 31, 1990

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Church attendance continued to rise in December. It reached an increase of +289 for the month and even when you allow for one Sunday in 1989 at an average of 130 total attendance, we show an increase of about one whole Sunday's attendance for the month of December. The "Shut-In" program showed a drop for the month because of the intensity of Christmas activities. We must continue to work at deepening the spiritual life of our people so that a good educational base will be laid to solidify our membership gains.

Focus in program development must be on continuing to realize the gain from new initiatives underway such as continuing the "Faith is Alive" program, celebrating the anniversary dates of the baptism of children, completing the Membership Directory, building the Youth Groups, and sustaining the confirmation program.

The Pastor is continuing to build relationships in the community with Pastors such as those at All Angels and at Sacred Heart. He is also involved in improving the ability of our church to minister to those needing emergency food assistance, clothing, and housing as he works with the SEEC program. Such efforts will insure our ability to respond to these needs and to have a more efficient system to insure maximum use of help for the poor. Soon a brochure will be ready to assist our members to help others get assistance to those neighbors and friends who may be in need.

We must be sure the Council supports the efforts of the Pastor in his participation in SEEC, the United Chesapeake Center Board, building the "think-tank", and clarifying policy issues involving our support of the programs in neighboring churches such as St. Brigid's.

Getting our own Committees going on the issue of alcohol at United and on fundraising strategy are priority items for the Church.

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

Christmas reduced the effectiveness of our ministry to "shut-ins" because it involved both Paul Bauersfeld and me in a variety of Christmas activities. These involved whole groups of our church members. There was no way that we could have kept the pace in December. Some effort was spent on Christmas baskets and one major call to George Tuerk. Three hospital visits of considerable duration were spent in helping Margaret Myrick to get the medical help she has needed. One of these involved a whole day. These were effective, however, in getting that help and in supporting these key members at a crisis time in their lives. Visits to "shut-ins" dropped from 17 in November to seven in December and hospital visits increased slightly from three in November to five in December.

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. Judging by the increased church attendance, the educational focus of the preaching seems to have proved acceptable.

3. Implementation of Faith is Alive

The faith alive program has been limited to baptisms in November and has been limited in this month. However, Frank Klima is so enthusiastic that he is giving us a memorial gift to insure a rose on the altar each Sunday. The faith alive rose was used in December to express our appreciation to Mrs. Witliff, our former Choir Director in the 1940's and to Clarence Rowell, our President in appreciation of his leadership.

4. Developing a Marketing Plan

The draft of the marketing plan needs to be reviewed by the New Members Committee early next year so it can be formally presented to the Council in the February 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.

5. Pastoral Support of All Church Groups and Activities

The Pastor and Priscilla attended the Dance Class and will become members for eight sessions beginning in January. He attended a meeting of the Senior Citizens group in December. He needs to attend a Cub Scout meeting.

6. Confirmation Class

Confirmation Class continues. We have eight Confirmands. A Youth Group for them has been formed and had its first trip on December 29, 1990 at 10:30AM to the Science Center. Confirmands are being trained to participate in the worship service as acolytes. Enthusiasm for this Class is high and parental support strong.

7. Deepening the Spiritual and Prayer Life of the Church

The Prayer Group, led by Priscilla, is holding at around five to six members. Wednesday evening Bible Study led by Priscilla now has two regular students and the Sunday morning Bible Study led by Marty Clement is holding at five to six members. We have moved the class to Friendship Hall downstairs so as 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 and 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 aid to needy persons, and have better access to various parts of the welfare system in order to offer more effective 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.

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 August we showed an increase of +31 for the month, in September +7, in October +19, and in November +223 (not counting the installation of the Pastor). In December the attendance showed a total increase of +289. If you say that we averaged 50 persons in the 8:00AM service in 1989 and 80 in the 10:30AM service, then even making allowances for the extra Sunday (5) instead of (4) in 1989, the increased attendance in December 1990 showed an increase of +159 (or approximately one whole Sunday's attendance)

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. The Church seems to be starting to move forward in a steady growth pattern.

2. The Bowling Group Issue

Our Council listened to the concerns of three members of the church in the December meeting. The Council approved the creation of two committees. The first is to study the position of our church regarding the use of alcohol in church sponsored activities and the second committee is to develop a strategy for fundraising for our church.

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.

4. Recruiting Youth Group Leaders

Pam Georgeadis has agreed to be the Intermediate Youth Group Leader joining Lois Long who now meets with the Confirmands. In various conversations, it is apparent that we have a need for leadership for a young adult group. We are working on a plan for a Lock-In program in the Spring. Susan Rowell and I will spend time evaluating this program and planning for the next event. This will involve Lois Long and Pam Georgetadadis as well as myself. Our 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. While this project was put on a back burner because of the development of the Church Directory, Harvey has made a contribution to a computer fund which is about equal to 40% of what it would take to get the program and equipment.

6. Church Directory

Plans have continued to get pictures of the Shut-Ins for this directory. I worked with Bill Voelker and Harvey to complete the lay out and the members are receiving their invitations to come and to see the prints of their pictures in January. 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.

7. A Day at the Races:

The Pastor had a request for a five dollar donation to St. Brigid's Day at the Races. This is a fund raising event for that church. He made the decision to make a personal contribution of an ad wishing St. Brigid's well in this event (see attached). This is shared with you in order to get your feedback as to the appropriateness of such a gift. We need to have a policy regarding such requests from our friends and neighbors.

8. Membership on the United Chesapeake Center Board:

Your Pastor has been asked to serve 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. Do the members of the Council support our participation on this Board?

RECOMMENDATIONS

Complete the review of the marketing plan at the next meeting of the New Members Committee.

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 out. 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.

Effort needs to be made to recruit a new youth leader for the young adult group.

Establish two study groups:

1. To review the issue of the servicing of alcoholic beverages in the church itself as well as in programs sponsored by the church.
2. To review our present fund-raising strategy and to develop a strategy for new method of fund-raising at United.

These two groups will be made up of Council members and ad-hoc members including interested persons from the congregation as a whole. They will be limited to no more than seven persons each. Each of these groups will have a deadline for the preparation and submission of a written report for review by the Council.

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.

Get clarification from the Council regarding our contribution to A DAY AT THE RACES at St. Brigid's.

Clarify with the Council whether they support participation of the Pastor on the Board of the United Chesapeake Center.

Get clarification and approval from the Council regarding the participation of the Pastor in SEEC. *SOUTHEAST EMERGENCY COMMITTEE (Canton + Highlastown)*

Get clarification and approval from the Council regarding the participation of the Pastor in developing 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.

STATISTICAL REPORT
December 1990

	Total
PHONE CALLS ON BEHALF OF MEMBERS OR PERSONS FROM THE COMMUNITY (estimate)	_45
VISITS TO SHUT-INS	_8
Kim McNeal 12-11	
Michael Cerko 12-11	
Marianna Carrigan 12-13	
Margaret Danowski 12-19 re Christmas Basket	
Julius Will 12-19	
Kim McNeal 12-21	
Pomela Henning 12-22	
George Tuerk 12-30 telephone contact	
VISITS TO HOSPITALS	5
Margaret Myrick 12-4 Key Center	
Margaret Myrick 12-10 Johns Hopkins	
Margaret Myrick 12-18 Key Center	
Mildred Gronberg 12-21 Mercy	
Lillian Smith 12-25 Franklin Square	
COMMITTEE MEETINGS	0
COUNCIL MEETINGS	_1
Fourth Meeting 12-4	
ADMINISTRATIVE MEETINGS	_8
William Voelker 12-11	
United Chesapeake Center 12-11	
William Wood 12-13	
Peter Constantino 12-13	
William Voelker-Harvey Jacob 12-21 Directory	
Rev. Carol Flanagan All Angels Episcopal 12-20	
William Wood 12-19	
William Voelker-Harvey Jacob 12-27 Directory	
COUNCIL MEMBER INTERVIEWS	0
GROUP MEETINGS	_9
Confirmation Class 12-4	
Ladies Aide Trip 12-5	
Sewing Group Christmas Party 12-12	
Choir Christmas Party 12-13	
Bowling Group Christmas Party 12-14	
Tinsel Sunday 12-16	
Canton Friendship Circle Party 12-17	
Guild Christmas Party 12-19	
Confirmand Trip to Science Center 12-29	
BAPTISMS=0, Counselling=0	0

WEDDINGS=0, Counselling=1 Frampton Counselling	_1
FUNERALS=2, Visit to Funeral Home=1 Henry Ellick 12-4 Call Henry Ellick 12-7 Funeral Zeilers Margaret Kelly 12-12 Call Tom Kelly 12-13 Visit to Moran's Sophia Hendley 12-14 Call Sophia Hendley 12-15 Call Sophia Hendley 12-17 Funeral Zeilers	_3
COUNSELLING SESSIONS	12
CONFERENCE MEETINGS	_0

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE - DECEMBER 1990

<u>8:00AM</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>	<u>5th</u>	<u>Total Net</u>
<u>1989</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>00</u>	<u>00</u>	<u>173</u>
1990	51	55	46	66	42	260
<u>Net</u>	<u>-18</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>-8</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>87</u>

<u>10:30AM</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>	<u>5th</u>	<u>Total Net</u>
<u>1989</u>	<u>83</u>	<u>195</u>	<u>110</u>	<u>00</u>	<u>00</u>	<u>388</u>
1990	83	96	219	92	85	575
<u>Net</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>-99</u>	<u>109</u>	<u>92</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>187</u>

Net 1989-1990	-18	-94	101	158	127	274
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<u>7:30PM</u>	<u>12-24</u>
<u>1989</u>	<u>251</u>

1990	265
<u>Net</u>	<u>14</u>

<u>11:00PM</u>	<u>12-24</u>
<u>1989</u>	<u>70</u>

1990	73
<u>Net</u>	<u>3</u>

12-24	15
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Total Net	-18	-94	101	158	15	127	289
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* Three Sundays (1,2,3, and 12-24) in December 1989 compared to four Sundays and 12-24 in December 1990. The 12-24 Service is recorded separately. On the first Sunday in December 1990 we had a major bus tour which created a net deficit of -18. Therefore the valid comparison is to be found in the monthly totals.

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MEMBERS OF THE UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH (KNOWN TO SOME
NEIGHBORS AS ST. BATZ' CHURCH) WISH OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS
IN CHRIST GOOD FORTUNE AND A GREAT DAY AT THE RACES!

ROBERT M. ARMSTRONG, PASTOR