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ACTIVITY REPORT TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL
ROBERT M. ARMSTRONG, PASTOR
December 1, 1991 - December 31, 1991

SUMMARY AND HIGHLIGHTS

The Church showed a decrease in attendance at regular services in December. Attendance for December was 6% under that during the month of December in 1990 and must be watched closely. Some of this was due to illness (flu) in December and last year's program for Mrs. Witlif on the third Sunday in December. That drew 219 persons at the 10:30 service. If we included the Interfaith Music Festival this year, however, we show an increased attendance of some 25% for December. Our list of severely ill people is growing and that also has some effect on our attendance. The Parish Visitor Training Program, developed by Priscilla has enabled us to make more visits to meet this expanding need. Ten persons are now involved in this program.

The computer has been purchased and plans for the redesign of the office are still in the formative stage.

50 Entertainment Books have been sold. This was a very easy way to make some money for the church. Ruth Beckwith made this possible.

Fred Long, Bucky Carrigan, and Pam Georgiadis have formed a new team for teen agers on Sunday. They will begin their work on January 5, 1991. Lois Long, Linda Schneider, and Rob Gundlach are providing leadership for the Youth Group which is now made up of last year's Confirmants and this year's. Connie Fischer has indicated her desire to join the leadership. This group was organized, elected officers, approved a dues structure, and decided to work with Rob Gundlach to create a Youth Choir. On December 24th, with the help of Rob Gundlach, and the Directorship of Linda Schneider, we had our first performance as a Youth Choir at the Christmas Eve Service. Plans are to sing in one church service per month in 1992.

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At our Church on December 8th, we held the largest Interfaith gathering in the history of Canton-Highlandtown. Twelve Churches participated. While the program was a little long, it was enthusiastically received. \$2000 was raised to fund the SUPERPANTRY at the church this Spring.

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The faith alive program has included recognition of the contribution of Mutz Surdel, on December 1st, Emma Essel and Charlotte McGovern on December 15, Hillard and Dorothy Young on December 22nd and Frank Klima on December 29th.

4. Pastoral Support of Church Groups and Activities

The Pastor was involved in attendance at the following parties - Young Women's Guild, Canton Friendship Circle, Sewing Group, Choir Dinner, Bowling Group Party, the Ladies Aid, the Interfaith Music Festival on December 8th at our church and involving 12 neighborhood Churches, and a joint Caroling program with Sacred Heart on Saturday evening December 14th.

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The Prayer Group, Bible Study Groups, and Community Forum led by Priscilla and Marty continued into the first week of December. Marty will convene the Community Forum with the help of Henry Schneider and the Committee on Alcohol of our Council. They will hold a Forum on Sunday January 19th at 9:15 AM. to begin our study of the Guideline Statement on Use of Alcohol by Church Members. Materials in preparation for this will be distributed to our members on Sunday, January 5th and 12th.

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7. Developing a Community "Think-Tank":

The "think-tank" group of Pastors, Social Workers, and Administrators will be meeting in January.

St. Brigid's and Sacred Heart have asked if we would be interested in participating in a census of the neighborhood sometime in March of 1992.

On December 14th, we joined Sacred Heart and St. Brigid's in Caroling thru the neighborhood. About 100 persons were involved. We stopped at Holy Evangelists to sing, at St. Brigid's and at United to get warm. All participants came into the church to sing and get warm. The church bells rang and we sang "O Holy Night" and "Joy to the World". The group ended up at Sacred Heart for coffee, tea, and Hot Cocoa and a real live Santa for the children. For many Sacred Heart people, it was their first experience inside United.

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9. Getting Better Media Exposure

In spite of the good coverage in the Guide which we had for our SUPERPANTRY graduation in November, there was no follow up for the Caroling Service with Sacred Heart or for the Interfaith Music Festival on December 8th. We need to study this situation and discover why. It may have been that in the interest of spreading coverage around, our event was not written up since SUPERPANTRY was the front page story in November.

OBSERVATIONS

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

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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 met on October 18, 1991 at 7:30 PM. 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 and approved by the Council in the October meeting. A meeting of the Committee was held on November 14, 1991 and focused on implementing the procedure as approved by Council. The Guideline for Church Members along with the scriptures for study will be distributed on January 5th and a Community

Forum Meeting is scheduled for Sunday January 19th at 9:15AM.

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 met on Tuesday, December 10th at 7:30PM. We reviewed the Dinner Dance proposal for Valentines Day, February 16th and decided that in light of the scheduled Sour Beef Dinner to be put on by the Ladies on February 29th, we would defer the Dinner Dance idea to Spring 1992. "Pennies for Heaven" is going very well and in December we sold 50 Entertainment Books. In reviewing the budget, we agreed that a Capital and Equipment Budget needs to be developed for next year. The Pastor suggested that we develop an addition to the bulletin reminding members to REMEMBER THE CHURCH IN YOUR WILL. The Committee decided to invite Bill Single to our next meeting and devote this to exploring the idea of selling Insurance which can be left to the church in the form of a capital gift.

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

With Harvey Jacob's leadership and approval of Council at its last meeting, we acquired a computer to enhance the administration of our church. Harvey has been comparing a variety of programs for our use. I have been involved in this process. He is donating a piece of office furniture to hold the computer. The plan is to take three to six months to complete the installation. Members of the office re-design committee include Harvey Jacob, Millie Slecta, Grace Fader, Sam Jones, and George Hammerbacher.

4. Communication to the Members re the Deficit

Cal Gundlach, Fred Long, and Harvey Jacob planned reporting to the congregation about the deficit. These reports have been continued each Sunday and have proved helpful.

5. Our Youth Program

Fred Long and Bucky Carrigan have indicated their willingness to teach the Confirmands on Sunday. They will be joined by Pam Georgiadis whose schedule now permits her to continue her work as a Church School teacher. Lois Long is providing leadership for the Youth Group which is now made up of last year's Confirmands and this year's. She now has been joined by Linda Schneider. This group has organized, elected officers, approved a dues structure, and decided to work with

Rob Gundlach to create a Youth Choir. With the leadership of Rob Gundlach, they presented their first piece to the Church on Christmas Eve and will perform each month for the Church.

6. Soundings

We participated in the Soundings Program of the United Church of Christ at our last Council meeting. This program includes 500 churches. You received the material describing the program. The Rev. Bruce Swanson met with our Council for about an hour as part of our Council Meeting. One of the interesting things we learned was that our church is considered on the the larger U.C.C. churches in the country.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Rehabilitation of the Office

With Sam Jones leadership, we will be completing the reorganization of the office as Millie gets past her medical problems. We must go thru the desk and files and rebuild these so our office can be more efficient.

2. Complete Record Retention Policy for Review and Approval by the Council.

3. Approval by the Congregation of Targets for 1992 following and presentation to the Congregational Meeting (see attached). Request approval by Council of presentation of Targets for 1992 to the Congregational meeting in January 1992. Council approved the Targets at our last Council meeting.

4. Approval of Council to participate in a neighborhood census project in cooperation with the Think Tank, Sacred Heart, and St. Brigid's.

5. Approval of Council to participate in the meeting on mission strategy to be held on January 27, 1992 at St. Matthew's United Church of Christ at 7:30 PM. (See attached)

STATISTICAL REPORT
December 1991

	Total
VISITS TO SHUT-INS 16; Calls=0	<u>16</u>
Ed Boller 12-13	
Edna Oberlander 12-13	
Howard Jenkins 12-13	
Al Dunn 12-14	
Edna Miller 12-17	
Shirley Kellner 12-17	
Marianne Carrigan 12-18	
Grace Martin 12-18	
Julius Will 12-18	
John Bond 12-18	
Grace and Andrew Rupalt 12-19	
George Tuerk 12-22	
Lillian Schaller 12-22	
Madeline Scheufel 12-22	
Herman Berends 12-23	
 PARISH VISITOR'S CALLS (not reported this month)	 <u>0</u>
VISITS TO HOSPITALS= 3;calls=0	<u>3</u>
Ed McGovern Mercy 12-4 9:00-12:30PM	
Millie Slechta Franklin Sq 12-4	
Millie Slechta Franklin Sq 12-6	
 COMMITTEE MEETINGS	 <u>1</u>
Fund Raising Committee 12-10	
 COUNCIL MEETINGS	 <u>1</u>
Fourteenth Meeting 12-3	
 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING 12-1	 <u>1</u>
ADMINISTRATIVE MEETINGS =2 ; Calls=1	<u>3</u>
SEEC at Sacred Heart 12-6	
Carolyn Rodgers 12-5 Call	
Bill Gonce 12-31	
Cindy Meyers SUPERPANTRY 12-12	
Sally Daily SUPERPANTRY 12-9	
 COUNCIL MEMBER INTERVIEWS	 <u>0</u>
 GROUP MEETINGS	 <u>20</u>
Confirmation Class 12-4	
Confirmation Class 12-11	
Confirmation Class 12-18	
Youth Group 12-4	
Youth Group 12-11	
Youth Group & Choir 12-4	
Youth Group & Choir 12-11	
New Creations 12-4	

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 Ladies Aid Party 12-4
 Interfaith Music Festival 12-8
 Christmas Eve Services 12-24 7:30 and 11:00PM.
 Sewing Group at Eastern House 12-17
 Women's Guild 12-18
 Choir Dinner 12-12
 Sacred Heart Caroling 12-14
 Tinsel Sunday 12-15
 Exchange Club 12-18
 Canton Senior Friendship Circle 12-10

BAPTISMS=0, Counselling=0 0

WEDDINGS=3 Counselling=7 Renewal of Vows=1 11
 Susan Savage-Robert Landis 12-2 Counselling
 Susan Savage-Robert Landis 12-5 Counselling
 Robin Rohlfing-Lance Edwards Rehearsal 12-6
 Robin Rohlfing-Lance Edwards Wedding 12-8
 Charles and Lillian Hammerbacher - Renewal of Vows 12-7
 Kathy Ryan-Bernard Closing Counselling Call 12-12
 Susan Savage-Robert Landis Counselling 12-17
 Susan Savage-Robert Landis Counselling 12-20
 Savage-Landis Wedding 12-21
 Godwin-Bohrer Rehearsal 12-27
 Godwin-Bohrer Wedding 12-28

FUNERALS=4, Visit to Funeral Home=3; Counselling=5 12
 Mc Govern Schimminek Visit 12-6
 Mc Govern Schimminek Funeral-12-9
 Anna Beaver & Gloria Bishop Counselling 12-7
 Tina Beaver & Darrel Bishop Counselling 12-7
 Anna Beaver Counselling 12-10
 Barry Beaver Skarda Funeral 12-11
 Charles Robbins Skarda Visit 12-11
 Alice Robbins Skarda Funeral 12-13
 Frank Dill Skarda Call 12-26
 Linda Dill Counselling 12-27
 Frank Dill Visit Skara 12-29
 Frank Dill Skarda Funeral 12-30

COUNSELLING SESSIONS 3
 Shirley Kellner 12-16 Call
 Shirley Kellner Visit
 Sandra Chewing 12-4 Call

CONFERENCE MEETINGS 0

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE - December 1991

<u>8:00AM</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>	<u>5th*</u>	<u>6th</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Net</u>
1990	51	55	46	66	264	42	524	

1991	51	41	44	60	250	35	481	
Net	+ 0	-14	- 2	- 6	-14	- 7	- 43	

<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	83	96	219	92	73	85	648

1991	82	90	185	108	59	87	611
Net	- 1	- 6	- 34	+ 16	-14	+ 2	- 37

* Christmas Eve

Net 1990-1991

- 1 - 20 - 36 + 10 -28 - 5 - 80

*or +300 if we count the Interfaith Music Festival on Dec 8.
(Interfaith Festival, approximately 380 persons)

1990-1991 % Change December

% Change in Sunday attendance for December = - 6% or +25%
if we count the Interfaith Music Festival on Dec 8th.

COMPARISON JANUARY TO NOVEMBER -1990 AND 1991

	<u>TOTALS 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>	<u>DEC</u>
1991	+112	+19	+15	-26	-34	-80
%	+24%	+ 4%	+ 2%	- 4%	- 4%	*-6%

* or +25% if we count the Interfaith Music Festival.

For the period January - December 1991, with the exception of April, October, November, and December we show a consistent increase in monthly attendance to date in 1991. The drop in attendance at regular services in December is partially the result of the flu. Also the attendance of 219 on the third Sunday last year was stimulated by the special program for Mrs. Witliff, our former Choir Director. The trend is difficult to measure since we show a substantial increase in income, the number of young people involved in the church; for example in the Youth Choir, Community involvement, Funerals, and Weddings. It may be that the Pastor needs to watch the balance of time spent on these activities in comparison with that spent on getting people to come to church. It may also be that we may need to look at the content of the sermons or the worship services to see if we are we meeting the needs of our members. We may need to have the Parish Visitors interview some of our members at random in order to evaluate the effectiveness of our preaching and worship services and asking them "Are we effective in providing worship services and preaching to our membership?".

COMPARATIVE INCOME IN THOUSANDS
TO DATE 11-30-91

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR</u>			<u>CUMULATIVE</u>		
	<u>86</u>	<u>87</u>	<u>88</u>	<u>89</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>91</u>
JAN	6.9	3.8	6.8	6.5	5.0	5.4
FEB	11.2	9.5	12.1	13.2	10.0	12.1
MAR	23.4	17.1	19.4	21.6	14.7	23.3
APR	36.0	27.1	27.0	33.5	27.1	33.4
MAY	41.2	36.9	43.0	36.7	32.0	43.0
JUNE	47.2	41.6	50.5	39.7	38.2	50.0
JULY	50.6	45.5	57.3	48.6	44.3	60.8
AUG	55.1	50.8	66.5	53.0	50.1	66.3
SEPT	62.5	59.1	76.9	59.7	63.4	77.9
OCT	77.4	77.0	98.4	80.9	80.3	97.4
NOV	86.9	87.3	102.1	91.1	88.8	106.9
DEC	104.5	99.1	114.8	108.5	112.6	

NUMBERS FOR EACH MONTH ARE TOTALS UP TO AND INCLUDING THAT MONTH I.E. 91.1 POSTED FOR NOVEMBER 1989 INDICATES THE TOTAL FOR ALL SOURCES OF INCOME TO THAT POINT OR FOR \$91,000.

TARGETS FOR 1992

In addition to maintaining our current program we need to focus on the following new targets.

- * Building a sense of the church as a family. This is based on Jesus teaching that "whoever does the will of my Father in Heaven is my mother, sister, and brother." The Unity Candle is a key symbol to teaching this concept. This emphasis will meet the needs of the large number of widows, widowers, and single person heads of household in our congregation in addition to providing security for married couples. Through this program we will emphasize mutual support, sharing the good things that happen to people (as you would in a family), and the provision of mutual support in facing illness, hospitalization, death, and economic recession.
- * Building a Young Adult Group to provide a support group for the single mothers and young couples
- * Continued strengthening of the spiritual life of our members through Bible Study, Prayer Group, and Community Forum (relating the faith to practical concerns), and a Support Group for our members and new persons called "New Creations".
- * Resolving our conflicts regarding the use of alcohol through participation and discussion of this issue.
- * Complete the building an installation of a ramp for disabled persons.
- * Purchase and install a computer to improve our efficiency and our capacity to do more work in less time.
- * Exploring the possibility of becoming a teaching center for seminary candidates interested in the Urban Ministry.
- * Continuing to strengthen our funding of the operating budget by adding a "Dinner Dance" on Valentine's Day in 1992 and a capital budget for replacement of plant and equipment. *may 16*
- * Building the visibility of United in the community so as to attract new persons to the membership, to work cooperatively with other churches in joint ministry so as to make our mission dollars go further, and to continue to relate to those of any denomination who can contribute to the support of the larger Church in this community.

ROSES PRESENTED IN 1991*

Jesus reminds us that "You are the Light of the world. A city set on a hill can not be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house."
Matt 5:14 Each of our members is that light!

These presentations are made to recognize that while faith comes in many sizes and shapes and is different for each person, the fact is that for all of these persons **FAITH IS ALIVE** today!

*(We have included presentations made in the beginning of the program in 1990)

October 1990

Millie Slechta, Church Secretary
John Bond, Member

November 1990

Colleen Carrigan, Member
Herman and Angela Fischer

December 1990

Mrs. Witliff, our former Choir Director in the 1940's
Clarence Rowell, Council President

January 1991

Lillian Walsh, Member
Anna M. Beaver, following her baptism

February 1991

Marty Craig, Member
Grace Fader, Member
Howard Jenkins, Member (30 yrs of Scouting leadership)
The Rev. Steven Anderson, Homewood Homes

March 1991

Margaret Myrick, Member
Elizabeth Erdman, Member
William Voelker, Member
Helen Weininger, Member
Florence Gundlach, Member

April 1991

Edna Miller, Member
Lillian Bushman, Member
Church as a Whole
Jo Uncapher, Guest from Peace and Justice Task Force in D.C.

May 1991

Ronald Carrigan, Member (Policeman)
Robert and Calvin Gundlach, Members
George Hammerbacher, Member

June 1991

Lillian Sauer, Member and Marie Ickrath, guest
leader of Community Forum
The Rev. David Cockcroft, guest worship leader
Carol Borkman, Member
Etta Kahler, Member and William Gonce, guest SEEC
Gina Long, Member

July 1991

Arthur Jones, Member
Harvey Jacob, Member
Wayne Schaefer, Member
John Strong, Member

August 1991

Henry Will, Member
Sam Jones, Jim Talagsen, and Helen Bogucci,
Members
Rosemary Clapin, Member

September 1991

Marcella Surdel, Member
Carol Rowell, Member
Pam Georgdiadis, Member
Dorothy Green, Member

October 1991

Fred Long, Member
Clara Wise, Member
Lois Jones, Member
William and Joan Hoffman, Members

November 1991

Lynn Sanders, Member
John Cain, guest, Councilman, 1st District
Edward Meyers, Member (60 years in Scouting)
Ella Brooks, Member (50 years teaching Sunday
School)

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Mutz Surdell, Member
Emma Essel, Member and Charlotte McGovern, Member
Hillard and Dorothy Young, Members
Frank Klima, Member (in 1991 the roses were his gift
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The Fundraising Committee met and planned a "Spring Fling" (Dinner Dance) for May 17, 1992 along with the selling of Christmas Balls for the tree in the fall of 1992. Effort will be made to encourage "Remembering the Church in your Will" and to develop an insurance approach to raising capital funds for repair of the building and replacement of capital equipment.

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Fred Long and Bucky Carrigan have indicated their willingness to teach the Confirmands on Sunday. They will be joined by Pam Georgiadis whose schedule now permits her to continue her work as a Church School teacher. On Wednesday, January 22nd, we began to promote the Sunday School classes to the Youth group. Lois Long is providing leadership for the Youth Group which is now made up of last year's Confirmands and this year's. She now has been joined by Linda Schneider, Denise, and Connie Fischer and Scott. This group has organized, elected officers, approved a dues structure, and worked with Rob Gundlach to create a Youth Choir. With the leadership of Rob Gundlach, they presented their second piece to the Church on January 26th at the 10:30AM service.

6. Targets for 1992

These were presented and approved by the Congregation at the Congregational meeting on January 26, 1992. Council approved the Targets at our December 1991 Council meeting.

7. Neighborhood Census

Approval of Council was given at the December meeting to participate in a neighborhood census project in cooperation with the Think Tank, Sacred Heart, and St. Brigid's.

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5. Placement of two Lenten ads (see attached) to replace the weekly listings in the Guide.

6. Approval of lay readers to assist in the Lenten program for 1992.

STATISTICAL REPORT
January 1991

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Eula May Jones re Roy Call 1-3	
Howard Boller re Ed & Edna Boller Call 1-3	
Howard Boller Call 1-3	
Edna Boller 1-8	
August Davis Call 1-8	
Margaret Hanna Call 1-8	
Margurita Spliedt 1-10	
May Getz Manor Care 1-22	
Ruby Lambert 1-22	
Roy Jones 1-24	
 PARISH VISITOR'S CALLS (not reported this month)	 <u>0</u>
 VISITS TO HOSPITALS= 7;calls=1	 <u>8</u>
Helen Weininger Church Home 1-4	
Robert Craig Church Home 1-4	
Helen Weininger Church Home 1-8	
Ed Boller Church Home 1-8	
Howard Boller Call re Ed 1-18	
Ed Boller Church Home 1-19	
Elizabeth Erdman Key Center 1-28	
George Tuerk Good Sam 1-29	
 COMMITTEE MEETINGS	 <u>1</u>
Fund Raising Committee 1-21	
 COUNCIL MEETINGS	 <u>1</u>
Fifteenth Meeting 1-7	
 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING 1-26	 <u>1</u>
 ADMINISTRATIVE MEETINGS =7; Calls=1	 <u>8</u>
Bob Bishop Call 1-11	
Henry Schneider 1-15	
SUPERPANTRY 1-15	
Denise Fischer 1-16	
Pat Kelly 1-16	
Sam Jones 1-22	
Heather Lynch 1-24 No Show	
 COUNCIL MEMBER INTERVIEWS	 <u>0</u>
 GROUP MEETINGS	 <u>17</u>
Confirmation Class 1-8	
Confirmation Class 1-15	
Confirmation Class 1-22	
Confirmation Class 1-29	
Youth Group & Choir 1-8	

Youth Group & Choir 1-15
 Youth Group & Choir 1-22
 Youth Group & Choir 1-29
 New Creations 1-8
 New Creations 1-14
 New Creations 1-22
 New Creations 1-30
 Ladies Aide 1-8
 CLEO 1-9
 SEEC 1-10
 Ihab Maurice Abdow 1-11
 Ihab Maurice Abdow 1-13

BAPTISMS=0, Counselling=1 1
 Charlotte Comeau Counselling 1-16

WEDDINGS=0 Counselling=4 Renewal of Vows=0 11
 Luther Tyre Call 1-9
 Luther Tyre Call 1-10
 Cynthia Goff Counselling 1-20
 Cynthia Goff Counselling 1-28

FUNERALS=4, Visit to Funeral Home=3; Counselling=5 12
 Tom Skarda Call 1-10
 Delma Hendrix Counselling 1-11
 Richard Reynolds Funeral Home 1-12
 Richard Reynolds Funeral 1-13
 Charles Baker Last Rights Key Center 1-13
 Charles Baker Funeral Home 1-15
 David Baker 1-16
 Charles Baker Funeral 1-17
 Baker Family 1-17

COUNSELLING SESSIONS 3
 Heather Lynch 1-22
 Mary Lynch 1-22
 Mary Lynch 1-23

CONFERENCE MEETINGS 0

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE - January 1992

<u>8:00AM</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>	<u>5th</u>	<u>6th</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Net</u>
<u>1991</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>219</u>
<u>1992</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>182</u>
Net	-15	- 4	+ 1	- 19	0	0		- 37

<u>10:30AM</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>	<u>5th</u>	<u>6th</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Net</u>
<u>1991</u>	<u>84</u>	<u>98</u>	<u>93</u>	<u>119</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>394</u>
<u>1992</u>	<u>108</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>99</u>	<u>106</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>392</u>
Net	+ 24	- 19	+ 6	- 13	0	0		- 2
Net 1991-1992	+ 9	- 23	+ 7	- 32	0	0		- 39

1991-1992 % Change January

% Change in Sunday attendance for January = - 6%

COMPARISON JANUARY TO JANUARY -1991 AND 1992

	<u>TOTALS FOR THE MONTH</u>					
<u>1991-</u>	<u>JANUARY</u>	<u>FEBRUARY</u>	<u>MARCH</u>	<u>APRIL</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>
<u>1992</u>	-39 %					
%	- 6 %					
<u>1991</u>	<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUGUST</u>	<u>SEPT</u>	<u>OCT</u>	<u>NOV</u>	<u>DEC</u>
<u>1992</u>						

It may be that the Pastor needs to watch the balance of time spent on community activities in comparison with that spent on getting people to come to church. It may also be that we may need to look at the content of the sermons or the worship services to see if we are we meeting the needs of our members. It may be helpful to have the Parish Visitors interview some of our members at random in order to evaluate the effectiveness of our preaching and worship services and asking them "Are our worship services effective in meeting your needs as a member?"

**COMPARATIVE INCOME IN THOUSANDS
TO DATE 1-31-92**

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR</u>		<u>CUMULATIVE</u>				
	<u>86</u>	<u>87</u>	<u>88</u>	<u>89</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>91</u>	<u>92</u>
JAN	6.9	3.8	6.8	6.5	5.0	5.4	
FEB	11.2	9.5	12.1	13.2	10.0	12.1	
MAR	23.4	17.1	19.4	21.6	14.7	23.3	
APR	36.0	27.1	27.0	33.5	27.1	33.4	
MAY	41.2	36.9	43.0	36.7	32.0	43.0	
JUNE	47.2	41.6	50.5	39.7	38.2	50.0	
JULY	50.6	45.5	57.3	48.6	44.3	60.8	
AUG	55.1	50.8	66.5	53.0	50.1	66.3	
SEPT	62.5	59.1	76.9	59.7	63.4	77.9	
OCT	77.4	77.0	98.4	80.9	80.3	97.4	
NOV	86.9	87.3	102.1	91.1	88.8	106.9	
DEC	104.5	99.1	114.8	108.5	112.6	136.2	

NUMBERS FOR EACH MONTH ARE TOTALS UP TO AND INCLUDING THAT MONTH I.E. 91.1 POSTED FOR NOVEMBER 1989 INDICATES THE TOTAL FOR ALL SOURCES OF INCOME TO THAT POINT OR FOR \$91,000.

LENTEN SERIES - 1992 Each Wednesday Evening at 7:30PM

AMAZING GRACE - PRAYER AND HEALING IN THE NEW TESTAMENT "Very truly I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do, and, in fact, will do greater works than these because I am going to the Father" John 14:12

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SCRIPTURE</u>	<u>SERMON TITLE</u>	<u>PREACHER</u>
Mar 4	Mark 2:1-12 ASH WEDNESDAY	Healing the Paralytic Lay Reader	Pastor
Mar 11	Luke 11:5-13 Luke 18:1-8	Perseverance in Prayer Lay Reader	Priscilla
Mar 18	John 9:1-11	Jesus Heals a Blind Man Lay Reader	Pastor
Mar 25	Mark 11:20-25	The Prayer of Faith Lay Reader	Priscilla
Apr 1	Acts 3:1-10	Peter and John Heal a Lame Man Lay Reader	Pastor
Apr 8	Acts 5:12-16	Even Peter's Shadow Heals Lay Reader	Priscilla
Apr 12		PALM SUNDAY - 8:00AM and 10:30AM	
Apr 15		TABLEAU- A re-enactment of the Last Supper by members of the Congregation	
Apr 16		HOLY COMMUNION - 7:30PM	
Apr 17		GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE - 9:00AM	
Apr 18		EASTER - HE IS RISEN! 8:00AM and 10:30AM -CONFIRMATION - 10:30AM	

One third of the content of the Gospels is devoted to healing. If you have always wanted to understand the healing power of prayer, or have a very personal reason for needing healing at this time, for yourself or a loved one, you will find these services exciting opportunities for growth. During the series we will look at the importance of prayer in support of the work of doctors, nurses, psychiatrists, and other medical personnel. This series on prayer and healing will be given by our Pastor and Priscilla. Each Wednesday evening worship service will include an opportunity for members of the worshipping congregation to experience the healing love of Christ -through the laying on of hands. Each service will conclude with the Lord's Prayer and the singing of AMAZING GRACE!

DO YOU KNOW PEOPLE WHO ARE OUT OF WORK, SEEKING A JOB,
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INVITE YOUR FRIENDS TO OUR LENTEN SERIES

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REUNION - NEXT STEPS:

1. Set a time for Planning Meeting of five to seven people
2. Obtain Mailing Lists
3. Set date for event
4. Plan Program
5. Send out invitations ASAP

PARISH VISITORS JANUARY, 1992

Name	visits	phone visits
Fitzburger (included others at Greenery, singing, etc.)	1	
Crawford	1	
Betz (non-member)	1	
Becker, L	3	
Getz	1	
Reimer	1	
Eckes, A	1	
Kraft	2	2
Dunn	5	5
Oberlander	1	
Hannan	1	
Davis	1	1
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	19	8

This does not include figures for Nov. Dec. 1991 during which 10 visits and 3 phone calls were reported.

Priscilla W. Armstrong

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ACTIVITY REPORT TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL
ROBERT M. ARMSTRONG, PASTOR
FEBRUARY 1, 1992 - FEBRUARY 29, 1992

SUMMARY AND HIGHLIGHTS

The Church showed an increase in attendance at regular services in February. Attendance in February was 16% above that during the month of February in 1991.

Plans for the redesign of the office are still in the formative stage.

The Pastor spent much time with groups and special events in February including the Scout Recognition Dinner, the Youth Group Dance and the Sour Beef Dinner. He also spent time in support of persons involved in major surgery.

While the group called "New Creations" and designed to address problems of people needing personal support proved to be effective for those who participated, it did not grow in spite of much effort to interpret it. It may be that it is too threatening to participants who do not want to share problems with strangers and too sophisticated for people in the neighborhood. A one to one approach may be what most people expect from the Pastor even in dealing with those who are unemployed.

The Fundraising Committee is planning a "Spring Fling" (Dinner Dance) for May 24, 1992. In our next meeting on March 10, we will look into the development of an insurance approach to raising capital funds for repair of the building and replacement of capital equipment.

On March 11, the THINK TANK will meet to discuss Blessing of the Palms on Palm Sunday, a combined Good Friday Service, and a cooperative approach to a neighborhood Religious Census.

In February, thanks to our Property Chairman, Sam Jones, we had six new ceiling fans installed in Friendship Hall and the new wheelchair ramp installed. This latter project should allow us to serve more disabled people. The new ceiling fans in Friendship Hall work well and made the room very comfortable for the Sour Beef Dinner on February 26th.

The Sour Beef Dinner went well. We had the biggest luncheon crowd in our history and served about 800 meals including

take-outs. Lots of church members cooperated and Grace Fader, Marti Craig, Jim Talagsen, and Art Jones did a great job of coordinating this event.

PROGRESS NOTES (These notes summarize progress in following a program recommended by the Pastor and presented to the Council in October 1990)

1. Systematic Approach to Ministry to the Shut-Ins

VISITS TO SHUT-INS = 5;calls=5	January	10
VISITS TO SHUT-INS = 6;calls=0	February	6
VISITS TO HOSPITALS= 7;calls=1	January	8
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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 at our regular services increased by 16% during the month of February when compared to February 1991.

3. Implementation of Faith is Alive

The faith alive program has included recognition of the contribution of Rob and Janice Jackson on February 2, Dale and Joanne Sanders Sr. on February 9, Chuck Rohlfing on February 16, and Chris and Lorraine Woolferman on February 23rd.

4. Pastoral Support of Church Groups and Activities

The Pastor made a contact with the Jr. Girl Scouts and Brownies to set up Girl Scout Sunday at the Church in March.

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 continued. Marty will convene the Community Forum on February 16th to review the Guideline Statement on Use of Alcohol by Church Members. 4 persons attended. Materials in preparation for this were distributed to our members on Sunday, January 5th and 12th. We question hold further Community Forums on the issue of the policy statement but believe that there may be interest in looking at aspects of treatment for those who abuse alcohol.

6. SUPERPANTRY

The SUPERPANTRY will continue on Friday March 20th with the help of the Maryland Food Committee. Sessions will run until the May 15th. Members will be referred to Project Independence for vocational training and placement. Efforts

to recruit candidates for this program are underway.

7. Developing a Community "Think-Tank":

The "think-tank" group of Pastors will meet on March 11, 1992 at St. Brigids. We will review three programs. "Blessing of the Palms, Good Friday Services, and a Religious Census.

8. New Creations - a support group for Adults

To address the problems of people needing personal support, the Pastor has put together a group called "New Creations." The method focuses on "dealing with stuckness". This is an attempt to provide a ministry to adults and in very powerful. It shows promise in helping those who are experiencing unemployment. Sometimes that is where people are stuck. While the first attendees were enthusiastic and did resolve some key issues, we believe that the use of a group approach may be too threatening for people in our church and neighborhood and that a one on one approach may still be the best method of helping people in our neighborhood. Therefore we agreed to disband this program until or unless there is a more obvious response.

We are continuing to work on the building of a Young Adult Group in our Church. To boot such an idea, we have asked Lynn Sanders to Chair a meeting of a planning group to honor Fred Long and Otts Block. We now have a group of the old Youth Group who would be very interested in working with Lynn on this project.

9. Getting Better Media Exposure

We got an ad for our Lenten Series in the Guide Issue on February 27th and have one planned for the Tableau the week before Holy Week. Our hope is that we can save money by not running our small ads each week and in this way pay for the ads promoting activities. It will be worth it if these bring new people to the church.

OBSERVATIONS

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

a. Attendance

Church attendance statistics indicate that in February our attendance at Sunday Morning Worship increased by 16%.

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. We received the Jackson family back into the church on February 2nd.

While we have some new people interested in the church they were not ready to be received on February 23rd at 10:30AM.

c. New Members Committee

The Committee met on October 26, 1991 and approved a "Bring A Friend to Church Program" for Sunday, October 27th. This program was promoted in the bulletins for October, and succeeded in attracting at least two new families to church. One key to our recruitment effort is a New Member Survey Form in which we try to identify the skills of new members and put them to work. Necessary for this is the computer so that we can record the interests of all members of the church including new members. Harvey informed the Committee that we can obtain the Stewart Directory at the local Library and obtain all the Real Estate Transfers (Rusks) into our neighborhood.

In previous meetings the Committee suggested 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".

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With the leadership of Sam Jones and the support of Jim Talagsen, the ceiling fans were installed in the Friendship Hall and are now in working condition. This installation was accomplished as a result of gifts given by the Monday Evening Dance Group. During the last week in February, the Ramp for the Disabled was completed and dedicated. Sam worked hard in getting the contract negotiated and the ramp was dedicated on March 1, 1992 at both services. Marti Craig and the Ladies Aide were the key to raising the funds to complete this project.

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5. Approval of Lock-In on March 13-14 1992

6. Approval of Invitation to Guideon Bible Society for March 22, 1992 Services

7. The Pastor will follow up with Robert Bishop to see that the lights are installed in the bell tower.

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February 1992

	Total
VISITS TO SHUT-INS=6 ;Calls=0	<u>6</u>
Kelly Hoeck-Dan Weber 2-2	
Kelly Hoeck-Dan Weber 2-3	
Chris and Lorraine Woolferman 2-12	
Margaret Fitzberger Greenery 2-21	
Magdeline Oeh Greenery 2-21	
Minnie Crawford Greenery 2-21	
PARISH VISITOR'S CALLS (not reported this month)	<u>0</u>
VISITS TO HOSPITALS= 8;calls=0	<u>8</u>
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Ruth Voelker Hopkins 2-13	
Ruth Voelker Hopkins 2-16	
Colleen Parker North Arundel 2-19	
Ruth Voelker Hopkins 2-19	
Ruth Voelker Hopkins 2-24	
COMMITTEE MEETINGS	<u>0</u>
COUNCIL MEETINGS	<u>1</u>
Sixteenth Meeting 2-4	
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING	<u>0</u>
ADMINISTRATIVE MEETINGS =6; Calls=3	<u>9</u>
Sour Beef Committee 2-2	
John Spencer 2-3	
Ministerium 2-4	
Dale Sanders Sr. 2-4	
Dale Sander 2-3 Call	
Ed Meyers 2-3 Call	
Pat Kelly 2-17 Call	
Florence Gundlach 2-21	
Sam Jones 2-27	
COUNCIL MEMBER INTERVIEWS	<u>0</u>
GROUP MEETINGS	<u>23</u>
Confirmation Class 2-5	
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CLEO 2-6
Confirmation Make Up 2-7 George Fischer-Ray Thompson
SEEC 2-7
James Hawkes 2-12
Dan Weber & Kelly Hoeck 2-14
Scout Recognition Dinner 2-15
Dance Group re B- Blood for Ruth Voelker 2-17
Confirmation - Heather Becker & Amanda Fischer 2-21
Youth Group Dance 2-22
Sour Beef Luncheon and Dinner 2-26

BAPTISMS=1, Counselling=1 2
Kevin and Rachael Williams Counselling 2-11
Kimberly Dawn Williams Baptism 2-23

WEDDINGS=0 Counselling=4 Renewal of Vows=0 4
Francine Radditz-John Lasher Counselling 2-2
Tracy Holland-Robert Swan Counselling 2-6
David Woodruff-Loretta Davis Counselling 2-13
Cynthia Goff-John Maykrantz Counselling 2-25

FUNERALS=3, Visit to Funeral Home=0; Counselling=4 7
George Tureck Funeral United 2-7
Fred Canitz Counselling 2-10
Canitz Counselling 2-10
Canitz- Mark Strovel Counselling 2-10
Canitz Connelly Funeral 2-11
Mitchell Counselling 2-27
Mitchell Skarda Funeral 2-29

COUNSELLING SESSIONS 3
Linda Schneider 2-20
Richard Picarello 2-20
Amanda Fischer 2-27

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SUNDAY ATTENDANCE - February 1992

<u>8:00AM</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>	<u>5th</u>	<u>6th</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Net</u>
<u>1991</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>225</u>
<u>1992</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>233</u>
Net	- 4	+ 3	+ 3	+ 6	0	0		+ 8
<u>10:30AM</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>	<u>5th</u>	<u>6th</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Net</u>
<u>1991</u>	<u>101</u>	<u>93</u>	<u>106</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>400</u>
<u>1992</u>	<u>110</u>	<u>160</u>	<u>112</u>	<u>119</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>501</u>
Net	+ 9	+ 67	+ 6	+ 19	0	0		+101
Net 1991-1992	+ 5	+ 70	+ 9	+ 25	0	0		+ 109

1991-1992 % Change January

% Change in Sunday attendance for January = +16%

COMPARISON JANUARY TO JANUARY -1991 AND 1992

	<u>TOTALS FOR THE MONTH</u>					
<u>1991-</u>	<u>JANUARY</u>	<u>FEBRUARY</u>	<u>MARCH</u>	<u>APRIL</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>
<u>1992</u>	-39	+109				
%	- 6%	+ 16%				
<u>1991</u>	<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUGUST</u>	<u>SEPT</u>	<u>OCT</u>	<u>NOV</u>	<u>DEC</u>
<u>1992</u>						

**COMPARATIVE INCOME IN THOUSANDS
TO DATE 1-31-92**

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR</u>		<u>CUMULATIVE</u>				
	<u>86</u>	<u>87</u>	<u>88</u>	<u>89</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>91</u>	<u>92</u>
JAN	6.9	3.8	6.8	6.5	5.0	5.4	6.9
FEB	11.2	9.5	12.1	13.2	10.0	12.1	
MAR	23.4	17.1	19.4	21.6	14.7	23.3	
APR	36.0	27.1	27.0	33.5	27.1	33.4	
MAY	41.2	36.9	43.0	36.7	32.0	43.0	
JUNE	47.2	41.6	50.5	39.7	38.2	50.0	
JULY	50.6	45.5	57.3	48.6	44.3	60.8	
AUG	55.1	50.8	66.5	53.0	50.1	66.3	
SEPT	62.5	59.1	76.9	59.7	63.4	77.9	
OCT	77.4	77.0	98.4	80.9	80.3	97.4	
NOV	86.9	87.3	102.1	91.1	88.8	106.9	
DEC	104.5	99.1	114.8	108.5	112.6	136.2	

NUMBERS FOR EACH MONTH ARE TOTALS UP TO AND INCLUDING THAT MONTH I.E. 91.1 POSTED FOR NOVEMBER 1989 INDICATES THE TOTAL FOR ALL SOURCES OF INCOME TO THAT POINT OR FOR \$91,000.