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ACTIVITY REPORT TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL
ROBERT M. ARMSTRONG, PASTOR
MARCH 1, 1992 - MARCH 31, 1992

SUMMARY AND HIGHLIGHTS

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The Pastor spent much time with the Confirmation Class in preparation for their examinations in April and in the work with the Youth Group and Youth Choir. He also spent time in preparation for the special Lenten Services in March.

Parish Visitors met on Tuesday, March 31 for the purpose of training, coordination, and sharing of information.

The Fundraising Committee abandoned its plans for a "Spring Fling" (Dinner Dance) for May 24, 1992 due to lack of interest. In our meeting on March 10, with the help of Bill Single, we looked into the development of an insurance approach to raising capital funds for repair of the building and replacement of capital equipment. This exploration continues.

On March 11, the THINK TANK planned its Lenten Program including Blessing of the Palms on Palm Sunday at O'Donnell Square led by Holy Evangelists, a combined Good Friday Service led by Patterson Park Baptist Church, and a Good Friday Processional led by St. Brigid's including the erecting of a replica of Christ's cross. The processional will include carrying the cross through the neighborhood. Patterson Park could not get support from their congregation for the combined Good Friday Service so we cancelled this event. On April 14th, we will meet to discuss our cooperative approach to a neighborhood Religious Census.

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VISITS TO HOSPITALS= 8;calls=0 February 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 9% during the month of March when compared to March 1991 but attendance at Lenten Services dropped by 15%..

3. Implementation of Faith is Alive

The faith is alive program has included recognition of the contribution of Hattie Dieteman on March 1, Roy Jones on March 8, Harriet & Ellen Smith on March 15, Ernie Young on March 22, and Francine ~~Raddatz~~ on March 29th.

RADDATZ

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. The leader did not follow up so I must take a more aggressive stance in persuing this after Lent.

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The Prayer Group & Bible Study Groups led by Priscilla and Marty have continued. Attendance in the adult class on Tuesdays holds at about five. Sunday's Class is still about two to three members. After Easter, we will give some attention to another Community Forum.

Parish Visitors met on Tuesday, March 31st for sharing information, for training, and for coordination.

6. SUPERPANTRY

The SUPERPANTRY continued on Friday March 20th with the help of the Maryland Food Committee. Sessions will run until the May 15th. A full compliment of ten members was enrolled. These persons are a cut above those first five in terms of experience and education. This reflects the impact of the recession on employment in the general population. Members will be referred to Project Independence for vocational training and placement.

7. Developing a Community "Think-Tank":

The "think-tank" group of Pastors met on March 11, 1992 at St. Brigids. The Report of this meeting is attached.

8. Developing a Young Adult Group:

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 and will move on this after Easter.

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 on Thursday April 9th, 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 March our attendance at Sunday Morning Worship increased by 3%. Lenten Services showed a drop in attendance of 15%.

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 have a number of new people who seem to be interested in the church and will follow them after Easter.

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".

2. 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 participated in a Forum on Alcohol on February 16th at 9:15 AM. the Forum will reviewed the Guideline Statement on the use of alcohol (entitled a GUIDELINE FOR CHURCH MEMBERS ("Followers of the Way")) which was developed 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 1991 meeting. The Guideline for Church Members along with the scriptures for study was distributed on January 5th. Only four members of the church attended this Forum. We believe that this says to us that our members do not want to discuss this issue further and so we recommend that following a review by the Committee, this issue be dropped. The Committee needs to meet one more time to ratify this action.

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, March 10, 1992 at 7:30PM. Based on George Hammerbacher's feedback and that of the Committee, we abandoned the idea of the Dinner Dance proposal scheduled for May 24th. Lack of interest in the congregation.

Bill Single introduced Jon Greif representing Berkshire Life Insurance Company. Jon distributed material describing the idea of selling Insurance which can be left to the church in the form of a capital gift. Members were enthusiastic about his presentation and will meet with him to look at a specific plan for presentation to the next meeting of the Council.

3. Acquiring a Computer and Office Re-design

With Harvey Jacob's leadership and approval of Council we acquired a computer. John Price has been of great service in installing programs so that the computer can be used. He and his son have made possible the installation of two Bible Concordances' for our use. We will soon need other persons to help input data. 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. We need to meet with this group to move forward on our plans for office development as the computer comes on line.

4. Communication to the Members re the Deficit

These reports have been continued each Sunday.

5. Our Youth Program

On April 7th, at 7:00PM, we assembled the first meeting of our Jr. Council. Members of the Council have been invited to attend this meeting. My recommendation is that we install members of the Jr. Council for a two year term.

A Lock-In was held on Friday and Saturday, March 13-14. 34 young people attended. This was too many. We believe that future Lock-Ins must be restricted first to Church members and friends and must have a leadership ratio of one adult to five young people.

The Church Youth Group made candy and conducted a sale on Wednesday, April 25th. They sang in the Worship Service on Sunday, March 22, 1992 and with Rob Gundlach's expert leadership did a creditable job.

6. Completion of Installation of Ceiling Fans in Friendship Hall and Ramp for the Disabled

The Ceiling Fans in Friendship Hall and the Ramp have proved very helpful in our ministry. Not only is the Friendship Hall more comfortable but the ramp has made possible the attendance of disabled persons in our church.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Rehabilitation of the Office

With Sam Jones leadership, we will be completing the reorganization of the office. We must go thru the desk and files and reorganize these so our office can be more efficient.

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

3. Convene a meeting of our Jr. Council on April 7th and invite members to the April 7th meeting of the Senior Council.

4. Proceed with a reunion of the Youth Group led by Otts Block and Fred Long as subject to a plan presented by a planning committee and presented to Council at the March meeting.

5. Review Plan for examination of Confirmads on April 9, 1992 at 7:30PM.

6. Approval of Invitation to Gideon Bible Society for May 17, 1992 Services

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

STATISTICAL REPORT
March 1992

	Total
VISITS TO SHUT-INS=5 ;Calls=0	<u>5</u>
Roy Jones 3-6	
Ruth Voelker 3-13	
Naomi & Julius Will 3-25	
Ruth Voelker 3-25	
Edna Miller 3-26	
 PARISH VISITOR'S CALLS (not reported this month)	 <u>0</u>
VISITS TO HOSPITALS= 6;calls=0	<u>6</u>
Chris Hertzfelt St. Josephs 3-5	
Rosemary Clapin Church Home 3-8	
Herman Fischer Jr. Hopkins 3-12	
Herman Fischer Jr. Hopkins 3-24	
Dave Miller Falston Hosp 3-26	
Thelma Kirk Key Ctr 3-31	
 COMMITTEE MEETINGS	 <u>0</u>
Fund Raising Committee 3-10	
 COUNCIL MEETINGS	 <u>1</u>
Seventeenth Meeting 3-3	
 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING	 <u>0</u>
ADMINISTRATIVE MEETINGS =4; Calls=0	<u>4</u>
Ministerium 3-3	
Interviews Superpantry 3-10	
Interviews Superpantry 3-11	
Youth Group Leaders 3-8	
 COUNCIL MEMBER INTERVIEWS	 <u>0</u>
GROUP MEETINGS	<u>17</u>
Confirmation Class 3-5	
Confirmation Class 3-12	
Confirmation Class 3-19	
Confirmation Class 3-26	
Youth Group & Choir 3-5	
Youth Group & Choir 3-12	
Youth Group & Choir 3-19	
Youth Group & Choir 3-26	
Ash Wednesday Services 3-4	
Lenten Services 3-11	
Lenten Services 3-18	
Lenten Services 3-25	
SUPERPANTRY 3-20	
SUPERPANTRY 3-27	
SEEC 3-6	
Christening Party - Joshua Jackson 3-8	

Heather Lynch-Confirmation-3-13

BAPTISMS=4, Counselling=1 5
James and Daniele Foster Baptism 3-1
Joshua Jackson Baptism 3-8
Susan and Robert Landis Counselling 3-11
Robbin Foster Baptism 3-22
Catherine Jeanne Landis Baptism 3-29

WEDDINGS=1 Counselling=6 Renewal of Vows=0 7
Francine Radditz Counselling 3-29
Tracy Holland-Robert Swan Counselling 3-5
Cynthia Goff-John Maykrantz Rehearsal 3-6
Cynthia Goff-John Maykrantz Wedding 3-7
David Woodruff-Loretta Davis Counselling 3-12
Tracy Holland-Robert Swan Counselling 3-19
James Weatherstein-Marie Petterson Counselling 3-24

FUNERALS=0, Visit to Funeral Home=0; Counselling=0 0

COUNSELLING SESSIONS 2
Bret Rydock - Helen Weininger 3-19
Bret Rydock - Helen Weininger 3-26

CONFERENCE MEETINGS 0

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE - March 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>68</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>252</u>
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Net	+ 1	- 6	+ 6	- 24	+ 66	0		+ 43
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Net	- 4	+ 16	+ 2	-104	+117	0		+ 27
*Palm Sunday								
Net 1991-1992	- 3	+ 10	+ 8	=128	+183	0		+ 70

1991-1992 % Change March

% Change in Sunday attendance for March = + 9%

COMPARISON JANUARY TO JANUARY -1991 AND 1992

	<u>TOTALS FOR THE MONTH (SUNDAY ONLY)</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	+70			
%	- 6 %	+ 16%	+ 9%			
<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 2-29-92

<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	14.9
MAR	23.4	17.1	19.4	21.6	14.7	23.3	26.9
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.

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LENTEN SERVICES BEGINNING WEDNESDAY MARCH 4TH

<u>7:30PM</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>	<u>Total</u>	
1991	96	61	76	72	305	
<u>1992</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>258</u>	
Net	- 11	- 3	-27	- 6	-47	+ 23

Total -14 + 7 -19 -132 +136 -22 (March -Five Sundays Plus four Wednesdays in Lent -excludes Tableau, Holy Thursday, and Good Friday and Easter - see below)

% Change in Sunday attendance for March = +9%

% Change in attendance for Lenten services in March =-15% first four weeks.

COMPARISON OF EASTER AND PALM SUNDAY 1990-1991 (Two Services)

<u>Palm Sunday 1991 = 288</u>	<u>Easter 1991 = 248</u>
<u>Palm Sunday 1992 = 000</u>	<u>Easter 1992 = 000</u>
Net	
(or) (or 0%)	

COMPARISON OF HOLY THURSDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY 1992-1991

<u>Holy Thursday 1991 = 87</u>	<u>Good Friday = 65</u>
<u>Holy Thursday 1992 = 00</u>	<u>Good Friday = 00</u>
Net	
(or %)	(or %)

COMPARISON OF TABLEAU 1990-1991

<u>Tableau 1990 = 134</u>	
<u>Tableau 1992 = 000</u>	
Net	(or %)

COMPARISON LENT SERIES ATTENDANCE IN 1992 - 1991
SIX WEEKS

	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>	<u>5th</u>	<u>6th</u>	<u>Total</u>
1991	96	61	76	72	41	64	410
<u>1992</u>	85	58	49	56	48		
	-11	-3	-27	-6	+7		

Net

% Change in Series = %

**COOPERATIVE PALM SUNDAY & GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP EVENTS
SPONSORED BY THE CHURCHES OF CANTON-HIGHLANDTOWN
The Rev. Robert M. Armstrong, Chair**

In our meeting of the THINK TANK on Wednesday, March 11, 1992, at St. Brigid's Church, we agreed to sponsor the following up-coming events. Our purpose is to present a visible sign of our unity in Christ as we involve ourselves and our people in these opportunities.

PALM SUNDAY - BLESSING OF THE PALMS

This celebration will take place at 10:00AM on Palm Sunday at O'Donnell Square. Churches will bring their own palms and will be involved in worship, scripture reading, prayer, and singing. Please wear vestments, choir robes, acolyte robes and bring banners, crosses, and other Christian symbols representing your church. Following the short service, we will process to our churches for worship singing "All Glory Laud and Honor". This was a very successful event last year.

The Rev. Carol Flanagan of Holy Evangelists (732-0718) will lead this event. Call her should you need more information or wish to participate. She will produce the Order of Worship for those who attend and as the need arises will be in touch with all those who desire to participate as final details are firmed up.

GOOD FRIDAY PROCESSIONAL

At Christmas, with the leadership of Sacred Heart, over one hundred Christians joined in singing carols throughout the neighborhood. This was a very moving event for all who participated. This year we are initiating a Good Friday Processional. Children and adults will gather at St. Brigid's at 10:30AM and process for about one hour through the neighborhood. Here is an opportunity to alert neighborhood people to know something of the way of the cross by actually carrying a replica of the cross on which Jesus died. Participants will pause at each of four churches for prayer and meditation. A new group will carry the cross to the next church. All who come with us will have that honor. This is a wonderful opportunity for the participation of children and adults in pointing all of us to the importance of Good Friday and for Pastors to join with parishioners in symbolically carrying the cross of Christ. At noon time we will return to St. Brigid's (Hudson & S. East Ave.) to erect the cross in remembrance of Christ's crucifixion. This event will conclude our combined Good Friday service.

Father Bochenek of St. Brigid's (563-1756) will lead this event. Call Father Joe or Betty should you need more information or wish to participate. You will be hearing more details about this from St. Brigid's.

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

While we have had many requests from persons in the community for a combined Good Friday Worship Service, we were unable to do that this year.

NEIGHBORHOOD RELIGIOUS CENSUS

On Tuesday, April 14, 1992 at 1:00PM at St. Brigid's, the THINK TANK will meet to review a proposal for a joint religious census of the neighborhood.

CHURCHES INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE THINK TANK MEETING
ON MARCH 11, 1992 AT 1:00PM AT ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH AT 911
S. ELLWOOD AVENUE

<u>NAME OF CHURCH</u>	<u>PASTOR</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Bethel UCC	Rev. Rodgers	3033 E. Baltimore	484-0431
Canton Baptist	Rev. Spencer	3302 Toone St.	563-1177
Canton United Methodist	Rev. Leitzel Dorothy Krausz	1000 S. Ellwood 3113 O'Donnel	342-8885 522-0711
Highland Assembly of God	Rev. Rice Melody Cole, Secretary	3930 Fleet St.	675-5432
Holy Evangelists	Rev. Flanagan Rev. Villar	Potomac & Dillon Potomac & Dillon	732-0718 732-0718
Messiah Lutheran	Rev. Hudson Rev. Rosa	Potomac & O'Donnel Potomac & O'Donnel	342-4543 342-4543
Nazareth Lutheran	Rev. Behnke	3401 Bank Street	732-3125
Our Lady of Pompei	Rev. Esposito	3600 Claremont St.	675-7790
Patterson Park Baptist	Rev. George	Eastern & Elwood	675-8309
St. Casimir's	Rev. Grybowski Scot Hennigan, Organist	Kenwood & O'Donnel	276-1981 321-1984
Sacred Heart	Rev. Poetzel	600 S. Conkling	342-4336
St. Brigid's	Rev. Bochenek Pat Skarupa PA Betty Brocato	911 S. Ellwood Ave 911 S. Elwood St. 911 S. Elwood St.	563-1756 563-1756 563-1756
Salem Methodist	Rev. Brookman	3403 Gough St.	522-3493
United Evangelical	Rev. Armstrong	945 S. East Ave.	276-0621
Director, SEEC	W. Gonce	2639 Fait Ave.,	396-9093

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Confirmation of nine Confirmands took place on Palm Sunday, April 12th. Eric Hertzfeld could not be there. He had chicken-pox. He will be confirmed as soon as possible.

We have had a request from a community group near the church to use our facilities to talk about the current rash of car thefts and vandalism. The Pastor indicated to this group that we would be open to such a request (see attached invitation).

During the week of April 19th -April 27 we had five funerals and a total of six for the month. Each of these was very costly in time and energy of the Pastor but all were extremely worthwhile in serving our people and impacting the community.

On May 17th, at the 10:30AM service, we are going to receive new members interested in officially affiliating with the church.

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The SUPERPANTRY continued its weekly meetings on Fridays. This project involves our working with the Maryland Food Committee and Canton Baptist Church. Sessions will run until May 15th. A full complement of ten members was enrolled. These persons are a cut above those first five in terms of experience and education. This reflects the impact of the recession on employment in the general population. Members will be referred to Project Independence for vocational training and placement. Our technical skill in helping these women has improved. Our question is how to raise money to continue the program in the fall.

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OBSERVATIONS

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7. Receive New Members on May 17, 1992 at 10:30AM.

8. Approval of the invitation to neighbors to meet at the church to discuss car theft and vandalism to cars.

9. Approval of participation in the Religious Census Program of the THINK TANK.

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April 1992

	Total
VISITS TO SHUT-INS=14;Calls=0	<u>14</u>
Ruth Voelker 4-1	
Naomi & Julius Will 4-1	
Roy Jones 4-10	
Al Dunn 4-10	
Herman Berends 4-14	
August Davis 4-14	
Margaret Hannon 4-14	
Andrew Rupalt 4-14	
Edna Oberlander 4-14 (not home)	
Marianne Carrigan 4-16	
Shirley Kellner 4-16	
Ruth Voelker 4-16	
Michael Cerko 4-17	
Sadie Zinn 4-22	
PARISH VISITOR'S CALLS (not reported this month)	<u>0</u>
VISITS TO HOSPITALS=17;calls=0	<u>17</u>
Chris Carrigan Hopkins 4-10	
Marcella Surdell Church Homes 4-7	
Marcella Surdell Church Home 4-9	
Marcella Surdell Church Home 4-13	
John Price Franklin Sq 4-15	
John Price Franklin Sq 4-17	
Roy Jones - Key 4-16	
Roy Jones - Key 4-17	
Roy Jones - Key 4-19	
Thelma Kirk Key 4-19	
Roy Jones Key 4-23	
Mrytle Eckes - Good Sam 4-23	
Roy Jones - Key 4-24	
Kathrine Borkman Church Home 4-26	
Kathrine Borkman Church Home 4-28	
Edna Lee James Key 4-29	
Helen Weininger Church Home 4-29	
COMMITTEE MEETINGS	<u>2</u>
Spiritual Life-Ben Long-4-8	
Harvey Jacob 4-9	
COUNCIL MEETINGS	<u>1</u>
Eighteenth Meeting 4-7	
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING	<u>0</u>
ADMINISTRATIVE MEETINGS =2; Calls=0	<u>2</u>
John Cain's Kitchen Cabinet 4-25	
THINK TANK 4-28	

COUNCIL MEMBER INTERVIEWS

0

GROUP MEETINGS

18

Confirmation Class 4-2
Confirmation Class 4-9
Youth Group & Choir 4-2
Youth Group & Choir 4-9
Youth Group & Choir 4-22
Youth Group & Choir 4-29
Lenten Services 4-1
Lenten Services 4-8
Blessing of the Palms 4-12
Tableau 4-15
Maundy Thursday 4-16
Good Friday 4-17
Good Friday Processional 4-17
SUPERPANTRY 4-3
SUPERPANTRY 4-10
SUPERPANTRY 4-24
SEEC 4-3
Robbie Palmer Confirmation Test 4-3

BAPTISMS=0, Counselling=0

0

WEDDINGS=2 Counselling=13 Renewal of Vows=0

15

Radditz-Lasher Counselling 4-1
David Woodruff-Loretta Davis Counselling 3-12
Holland-Swain Rehearsal 4-3
Holland-Swain Wedding 4-4
Sacks-Cobbs Counselling 4-7
Hayes - Gardner Counselling 4-8
Weatherstein-Petterson Rehearsal 4-10
Weatherstein-Petterson Wedding 4-11
Woodruff - Davis Counselling - 4-14
Radditz-Lasher Counselling 4-14
Woodruff-Davis Counselling 4-18
Radditz-Lasher Counselling 4-21
Stichcomb-Betch Counselling 4-23
Gardner-Hayes Counselling 4-28
Radditz-Lasher Rehearsal 4-30

FUNERALS=6, Visit to Funeral Home=1; Counselling=0 7
Frederick DeBloom Zeiler Home (Funeral at DeBloom's) 4-9
Thelma Kirk Zeiler Home 4-22 Funeral
Julia Pezold -United - Funeral 4-22
Donald George Cemetery Internment 4-25
Lillian Kraft Skarda Visit 4-26
Lillian Kraft Funeral at United 4-27
Mary Ann Loosemore Skarda Funeral 4-30

COUNSELLING SESSIONS

1

Bret Rydock - Helen Weininger 4-2

CONFERENCE MEETINGS

0

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE - April 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>
1991	41	54	48	54	0	0		197
1992	60	72	59	55*	0	0		246
Net	+19	+18	+11	+ 1		0		+ 49
<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>
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1992	80	226	95	211*	0	0		612
Net	- 51	+142	-10	+ 121	0	0		+202
*Easter Sunday								
Net 1991-1992								
	-32	+160	+ 1	+122	0	0		+ 251

1991-1992 % Change April

% Change in Sunday attendance for April = 41%

COMPARISON JANUARY TO JANUARY -1991 AND 1992

	<u>TOTALS FOR THE MONTH (SUNDAY ONLY)</u>					
<u>1991-</u>	<u>JANUARY</u>	<u>FEBRUARY</u>	<u>MARCH</u>	<u>APRIL</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>
1992	-39	+109	+70	+251		
%	- 6 %	+ 16%	+ 9%	+ 41%		
<u>1991</u>	<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUGUST</u>	<u>SEPT</u>	<u>OCT</u>	<u>NOV</u>	<u>DEC</u>
1992						
%						

**COMPARATIVE INCOME IN THOUSANDS
TO DATE 3-31-92**

<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	14.9
MAR	23.4	17.1	19.4	21.6	14.7	23.3	26.9
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 SUMMARY FOR APRIL 1992
SUNDAY ATTENDANCE - APRIL 1992

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% Change in Sunday attendance for April = +41% increase

% Change in attendance for Lenten Services in 1992 = -17%
(Wednesday Evening)

COMPARISON OF EASTER AND PALM SUNDAY 1992-1991 (Two Services)

<u>Palm Sunday 1991 = 288</u>	<u>Easter 1991 = 249</u>
<u>Palm Sunday 1992 = 300</u>	<u>Easter 1992 = 266</u>
Net +12	+ 17
(+12 or +4% Increase)	(+17 or +7% increase)

COMPARISON OF HOLY THURSDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY 1992-1991

<u>Holy Thursday 1991 = 87</u>	<u>Good Friday = 65</u>
<u>Holy Thursday 1992 = 62</u>	<u>Good Friday = 65</u>
Net -25	0
(-25 or -28%) decrease	(or 0 %) Same

COMPARISON OF TABLEAU 1990-1992

<u>Tableau 1990 = 134</u>	
<u>Tableau 1992 = 202</u>	
Net + 68	(or +50% Increase)

COMPARISON LENT SERIES ATTENDANCE IN 1992 - 1991

SIX WEEKS
WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES BEGINNING WEDNESDAY MARCH 4TH

	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>	<u>5th</u>	<u>6th</u>	<u>Total</u>
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<u>1992</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>339</u>
Net	-11	- 3	-27	-16	+ 7	-21	- 71

% Change in Series = -17% decrease

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ACTIVITY REPORT TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL
ROBERT M. ARMSTRONG, PASTOR
MAY 1, 1992 - MAY 31, 1992

SUMMARY AND HIGHLIGHTS

The Church showed a decrease in attendance at regular Sunday services for the first four Sundays in May. Sunday attendance for these four services in May was 1% below that during the month of May in 1991. However, we still have a fifth service to go and that should give us a substantial increase for the month.

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

Work with the Youth Group and Youth Choir continues. The final performance of the Youth Choir will be on Father's Day.

The Fundraising Committee will involve the Council in our meeting today in looking into the development of an insurance approach to raising capital funds for repair of the building and replacement of capital equipment.

The THINK TANK is continuing to formulate plans for a neighborhood census. Final plans will be made on June 10th.

The computer installation continues. John Price has been of enormous help to Harvey Jacob in installing the program.

We have had a request from a community group near the church to use our facilities to talk about the current rash of car thefts and vandalism. The Pastor indicated to this group that we would be open to such a request but to date we have had no response. However, the Highland Park Assembly of God convened a meeting on May 21st to express their concern about violence in the cities. Their concerns will be discussed in the meeting of our THINK TANK on June 10, 1992 at St. Brigid's.

On May 17th, at the 10:30AM service, we received 13 new members. At the 8:00AM service we received one new member. This was our greatest response to invitation to membership in the recent history of the church. If we add the ten confirmands it means we have received 24 members since January 1992.

The Pastor was on vacation from May 25th to June 4th. This impacted some of the statistics for May in hospital visits, home visits, counselling etc.

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 =14;calls=0	April	14
VISITS TO SHUT-INS = 4;calls=0	May	<u>4</u>
VISITS TO HOSPITALS=17;calls=0	April	17
VISITS TO HOSPITALS= 0;calls=2	May	<u>10</u>

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 first four regular services decreased by 1% during these first four services in month of May when compared to May 1991. However, we still have a fifth service which should substantially increase our attendance for the month.

3. Implementation of Faith is Alive

The faith alive program has included recognition of the contribution of Pomela Henning on May 3, Savina Rossmark on May 10, Ruby Lambert, on May 17, and John Hamer, on May 24th. No Rose was given on March 31, 1992.

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. The leader did not follow up so I must take a more aggressive stance in pursuing this. While I have talked with her about the closing program for Girl Scouts in June, I still have not nailed down this invitation. This is still a piece of incompleting business.

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The Prayer Group & Bible Study Groups led by Priscilla and Marty have continued. Attendance in the adult class on Tuesdays holds at about five. Sunday's Class is still about two to three members. We have not been able to come up with a Community Forum partly because of Marty's changing job situation. She is moving to another hospital. Priscilla's group has mentioned the need among our people to deal with the problem of fear in view of the violence in our city.

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Ruth Voelker 5-3	
Wil Mac 5-4	
Roy Jones 5-6	
Roy Jones 5-22	
PARISH VISITOR'S CALLS (not reported this month)	<u>0</u>
VISITS TO HOSPITALS=8;calls=2	<u>10</u>
Helen Weiniger Hopkins 5-6	
Natalie Moran re Helen Weiniger (call)	
Cathrine Borkman Church Home 5-8	
Helen Weiniger Hopkins 5-8	
Helen Weiniger Hopkins 5-9	
Robert Willingham Hopkins 5-9	
Helen Weiniger Hopkins 5-13	
Loretta Clapin Mercy 5-19	
John Hamer Shock Trauma 5-21	
Mrs. Hamer call re John 5-21	
COMMITTEE MEETINGS	0
COUNCIL MEETINGS	<u>1</u>
Nineteenth Meeting 6-3	
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING	<u>0</u>
ADMINISTRATIVE MEETINGS =7; Calls=0	<u>7</u>
John Cain's Kitchen Cabinet 4-25	
THINK TANK 5-12	
Linda Schneider 5-6	
Mary Lynn Lynch 5-7	
Mary Lynn Lynch 5-11	
John Spencer 5-13	
Theresa Grambling Key Center SEEC	
Computer to Towson for Repair MRS 5-19	
COUNCIL MEMBER INTERVIEWS	<u>0</u>
GROUP MEETINGS	<u>9</u>
SUPERPANTRY 5-1	
Ministerium 5-5	
SEEC 5-1	
Jr. Council 5-5	
Youth Group and Youth Choir 5-7	
Mother-Daughter Banquet 5-6	
SUPERPANTRY 5-8	
THINK TANK 5-12	
SUPERPANTRY 5-15	
BAPTISMS=0, Counselling=0	<u>0</u>

WEDDINGS=2 Counselling=4 Renewal of Vows=0 6
Radditz-Lasher Wedding 5-2
Ryan-Classing Counselling 5-12
Woodruff-Davis Rehersal 5-16
David Woodruff-Loretta Davis Wedding 5-17
Stichcomb-Betch Counselling 5-20
Edmond-Maynard Counselling 5-21

FUNERALS=3, Visit to Funeral Home=1; Counselling=4 8
Joyce Hammerbacher re Bonomo Funeral 5-11 Counselling
Alex Michael Bonomo Funeral Franklin Sq 5-13
Skarda re Richard Johns 5-18 Counselling
Nancy Spirko re Richard Johns Counselling 5-19
Richard Johns Visit to Skarda 5-19
Richard Johns Funeral Skarda 5-20
Marlene Hager re Henry Hager Counselling 5-21
Henry Hager Funeral Bruzdzimski 5-23

COUNSELLING SESSIONS 2
George Fischer 5-1
Anna McGuinen 5-16

CONFERENCE MEETINGS 0

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1992	60	68	52	59	0*	0		239
Net	- 8	+15	- 3	+ 1		0		+ 5

<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>
1991	103	97	122	93	0	0		415
1992	86	95	122	100*	0*	0		403
Net	- 17	- 2	0	+ 7	0	0		- 12
*Excludes Sunday March 31								
Net 1991-1992	-25	+ 13	- 3	+ 8	0	0		- 7

1991-1992 % Change May

% Change in Sunday attendance for May = -1%
for the first four Sundays only

COMPARISON JANUARY TO JANUARY -1991 AND 1992

	<u>TOTALS FOR THE MONTH (SUNDAY ONLY)</u>					
<u>1991-</u>	<u>JANUARY</u>	<u>FEBRUARY</u>	<u>MARCH</u>	<u>APRIL</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>
1992	-39	+109	+70	+251	-7	
%	- 6 %	+ 16%	+ 9%	+ 41%	-1%*	
<u>1991</u>	<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUGUST</u>	<u>SEPT</u>	<u>OCT</u>	<u>NOV</u>	<u>DEC</u>
1992						
%						

* For the first four Sundays of May only. When we add the fifth Sunday, we will have a substantial increase for the month of May 1992.

**COMPARATIVE INCOME IN THOUSANDS
TO DATE 4-30-92**

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR</u>		<u>CUMULATIVE</u>			<u>91</u>	<u>%act</u> %	<u>92</u> act	<u>%bud</u>	
	<u>86</u>	<u>87</u>	<u>88</u>	<u>89</u>	<u>90</u>				a	b
JAN	6.9	3.8	6.8	6.5	5.0	5.4	4	6.8	5	8
FEB	11.2	9.5	12.1	13.2	10.0	12.1	9	14.0	10	16
MAR	23.4	17.1	19.4	21.6	14.7	23.3	17	25.9	19	24
APR	36.0	27.1	27.0	33.5	27.1	33.4	25	38.4	28	33
MAY	41.2	36.9	43.0	36.7	32.0	43.0	32			42
JUNE	47.2	41.6	50.5	39.7	38.2	50.0	37			50
JULY	50.6	45.5	57.3	48.6	44.3	60.8	44			58
AUG	55.1	50.8	66.5	53.0	50.1	66.3	49			66
SEPT	62.5	59.1	76.9	59.7	63.4	77.9	57			75
OCT	77.4	77.0	98.4	80.9	80.3	97.4	72			83
NOV	86.9	87.3	102.1	91.1	88.8	106.9	78			91
DEC	104.5	99.1	114.8	108.5	112.6	136.2	100			100

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.

UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH
3200 DILLON STREET,
BALTIMORE, MD 21224
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ACTIVITY REPORT TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL
ROBERT M. ARMSTRONG, PASTOR
JUNE 1, 1992 - JUNE 30, 1992

SUMMARY AND HIGHLIGHTS

The Church showed a decrease in attendance at regular Sunday services for the Sundays in June. Sunday attendance for these services in June was 7% below that during the month of June in 1991.

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

Work with the Youth Group and Youth Choir continued in June. The final performance of the Youth Choir was on Father's Day, June 21, 1992.

The Fundraising Committee will involve the Council in our meeting today in looking into the development of an insurance approach to raising capital funds for repair of the building and replacement of capital equipment.

The THINK TANK is continuing to formulate plans for a neighborhood census. The letter of agreement to participate is attached for your review. Final plans will be made on July 1, 1992. Churches in the area propose a meeting on August 9, 1992 at the Korean Memorial Park at 5:00PM to protest violence in our neighborhood and in the city. We need Council approval for this participation.

The computer installation continues. John Price has been of enormous help to Harvey Jacob in installing the program. We need to give serious attention to coordinating this work in the light of Millie's current disability.

June brought 6 funerals of persons important to the life of the church. These included Roy Jones, Martin Walsh, and Robert Willingham. During the month the Pastor spent considerable time, 40 contacts, on these funerals and 16 on the visits to the hospital. We had three weddings in June and 15 counselling sessions.

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 = 4;calls=0	May	4
VISITS TO SHUT-INS = 1;calls=1	June	2
VISITS TO HOSPITALS= 0;calls=2	May	10
VISITS TO HOSPITALS=16;calls=0	June	16

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 decreased by 7% during these first four services in month of June when compared to June 1991.

3. Implementation of Faith is Alive

The faith alive program has included recognition of the contribution of Eula May Jones on June 7, Curtis Helms, on June 14, George Nassner, on June 21, and Martha Hoffman on June 28.

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. The leader did not follow up so I must take a more aggressive stance in pursuing this. While I have talked with her about the closing program for Girl Scouts in June, I still have not nailed down this invitation. This is still a piece of incompleting business.

5. Deepening the Spiritual and Prayer Life of the Church

The Prayer Group & Bible Study Groups led by Priscilla and Marty closed up for the summer in the month of June. These will begin again in September.

Parish Visitors need to meet again to coordinate their work.

6. SUPERPANTRY

The SUPERPANTRY has raised \$2200 to continue the program in the fall of 1992. With the help of Mark Strovel we were able to raise \$250 for the fall program from the Exchange Club and another \$200 from the Dr. Frank C. Marino Foundation.

7. Developing a Community "Think-Tank":

The "think-tank" group of Pastors met on May 12, 1992 at St. Brigids. The group reviewed the detail of doing a religious census for the entire neighborhood. Father Phillip, a computer expert with the Archdiocese agreed to be our consultant and to provide computer services (see attached). This project will give us specific benefits listed in the letter (for review) by THINK TANK members.

On August 9, 1992, the THINK TANK proposes holding a meeting at the Korean Memorial Park at 5:00PM on that Sunday evening. The purpose is to protest violence in the neighborhood and city. The meeting will begin with testimony of those who have suffer injury or loss. We hope to have some who represent families where a death has occurred. This will be followed by a brief word from the police and then a joint worship service in which we reaffirm our faith commitments and sing hymns together.

8. Developing a Young Adult Group:

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 and will move on this after Easter. We have not been able to do much with this due to the pressures of five funerals following Holy Week and three more in May. We will make every attempt to get some planning underway for this in the fall of 1992.

9. Getting Better Media Exposure

We need to plan our next large ad in the Guide.

10. Councilman Cain's Kitchen Cabinet

I met with the Cabinet on June 25th and introduced our concern about violence in the neighborhood and city. John Cain indicated his support for our meeting on August 9th. He will help us with the permits for use of the Korean Memorial Park.

OBSERVATIONS

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

a. Attendance

Church attendance statistics indicate that in June for the Sundays our attendance at Sunday Morning Worship decreased by 7% when compared to June 1991.

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 must continue to work on building the membership class for the fall.

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 can be promoted in the bulletins for the last Sunday in October 1992. 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 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". So far we have been unable to implement this. This report is included because it reminds us of unfinished business.

2. Committees

a. Committee on the Serving of Alcoholic Beverages:

Our members do not want to discuss this issue further and so we recommend that following a review by the Committee, this issue be dropped. The Committee needs to meet one more time to ratify this action.

b. Committee on Fundraising

Bill Single will introduce Jon Greif representing Berkshire Life Insurance Company. Jon will distribute material describing the idea of selling Insurance which can be left to the church in the form of a capital gift. Members were enthusiastic about his presenting a plan for presentation to the next meeting of the Council.

3. Acquiring a Computer and Office Re-design

We will soon need other persons to help input data. 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. We need to meet with this group to move forward on our plans for office development as the computer comes on line.

4. Communication to the Members re the Deficit

These reports have been continued each Sunday.

5. Our Youth Program

On April 7th, at 7:00PM, we assembled the first meeting of our Jr. Council. Because of my absence, members of the Council have not been invited to attend this meeting. They will be invited to attend the July meeting. My recommendation is that we install members of the Jr. Council for a two year term. This needs to be done in July.

The Church Youth Group sang in the Worship Service on Sunday, June 21st and with Rob Gundlach's expert leadership did a creditable job. The group will meet again on Thursday, September 3, 1992 at 6:30PM.

6. Hiring a New Maintenance Man

Ben Long was hired and began his work on Thursday, June 18, 1992. With Ben's work we have made remarkable progress in getting the building in shape and especially the Christian Education Building. I have secured a plaque to honor Jim Slechta for his ten years of work 1982-1992. We need to think about how to present this expressing to Jim our appreciation of his work and our best wishes for his recovery from his surgery.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Rehabilitation of the Office

With Sam Jones leadership, we will be completing the reorganization of the office. We must go thru the desk and files and reorganize these so our office can be more efficient.

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

3. Convene a meeting of our Jr. Council on July 7th and invite members to the July 7th meeting of the Senior Council.

4. Proceed with a reunion of the Youth Group led by Otts Block and Fred Long as subject to a plan presented by a planning committee and presented to Council at the March meeting. Because of the press of church activities, we will try to schedule this program for the fall.

5. Get approval of our Council for participation with other churches in Canton-Highlandtown in the meeting of August 9, 1992, in Korean Memorial Park at 5:00PM to protest violence in our neighborhood and the city.

6. Approval of check for \$150 for St. Brigid's to cover our participation in the Vacation Bible School.

7. Approval of Council of letter of agreement re THINK TANK Census.

STATISTICAL REPORT
June 1992

	Total
VISITS TO SHUT-INS=1;Calls=1	<u>2</u>
Ruth Voelker 6-26	
Margaret Kelly 6-23 Call	
 PARISH VISITOR'S CALLS (not reported this month)	 <u>0</u>
VISITS TO HOSPITALS=15;calls=1	<u>16</u>
Robert Willingham Union 6-5	
Jim Slechta GBMC 6-5	
Roy Jones Stella Maris 6-5	
John Ermer St. Joseph's 6-7	
Robert Willingham Union 6-8	
Roy Jones Stella Maris 6-12	
Jim Slechta GBMC 6-12	
John Ermer St. Joseph's 6-12	
Bob Willingham Union 6-12	
George Hamer GBMC 6-14	
Roy Jones Stella Maris 6-14	
Rose Carrigan Hopkins 6-15	
Roy Jones Stella Maris 6-18	
Eula May Jones 6-19 Call	
Robert Willingham Hopkins 6-21	
Mt.Sinai re David Jones 6-24	
 COMMITTEE MEETINGS	 0
COUNCIL MEETINGS	<u>1</u>
Nineteenth Meeting 6-3 (away on vacation)	
 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING	 <u>0</u>
ADMINISTRATIVE MEETINGS =9; Calls=6	<u>15</u>
City Council Invocation 6-8	
MRS Computer Printer 6-9	
Call Fred Long 6-9	
Call Mark Strovel 6-9	
THINK TANK 6-10	
THINK TANK 6-24	
Bonnie Brobst, Mt. Sinai re David Jones 6-11 Call	
Cathy Jones re David 6-11 Call	
Sarah Carter Dept Family Medicine U. of Md 6-16 Call	
MPTV Morgan State 6-17	
Highland Park Assembly 6-19 Call	
Highland Park Assembly 6-26	
Holy Evangelists 6-26	
Messiah Lutheran Church 6-26	
John Cain's Kitchen Cabinet 6-27	

COUNCIL MEMBER INTERVIEWS	0
GROUP MEETINGS	<u>5</u>
Curtis Helms and family, Luncheon 6-14	
Youth Choir 6-18	
Vacation Church School 6-26	
Vacation Church School 6-30	
Choir Dinner 6-25	
BAPTISMS=0, Counselling=1	<u>1</u>
Pat Spore Counselling 6-26	
WEDDINGS=3 Counselling=15 Renewal of Vows=0	<u>18</u>
Stichcomb-Betch Rehearsal 6-5	
Stichcomb-Betch Wedding 6-6	
Edmond-Maynard Counselling 5-21	
Dill-Netzer Counselling 6-9	
Dill-Netzer Counselling 6-10	
Gardner-Hayes Counselling 6-11	
Edmond-Maynard Counselling 6-16	
Dill-Netzer Counselling 6-17	
Gardner-Hayes Rehearsal 6-19	
Gardner-Hayes Wedding 6-20	
Pomphrey-Plymel Counselling 6-21	
Dill-Netzer Counselling 6-23	
Dill-Netzer Counselling 6-24	
Edmond-Maynard Counselling 6-25	
Dill-Netzer Rehearsal 6-26	
Pomphrey-Plymel Counselling 6-27	
Dill-Netzer Wedding 6-28	
Jackie Williams Counselling 6-30	
FUNERALS=6, Visit to Funeral Home=6; Counselling=10	<u>22</u>
John Foehrkolb re Helen Foehrkolb 6-5 Call	
Lilly & Zeiler re Helen Foehrkolb 6-5 Call	
Helen Foehrkolb Lilly & Zeiler Visit 6-5	
Helen Foehrkolb Lilly & Zeiler Funeral 6-6	
Tom Skarda re Funeral Robert Ball 6-14 Call	
Agatha Ball re Robert Ball 6-15 Call	
Robert Ball Funeral 6-16	
Dipple Funeral re Mrytle Eckes 6-14 Call	
Charlotte Hopkins re Mrytle Eckes 6-15 Call	
Mrytle Eckes Funeral Dipple 6-16	
Skarda re Marty Walsh 6-19 Call	
Eileen Walsh re Marty Walsh 6-19 Call	
Marty Walsh Skarka 6-21 Visit	
Roy Jones Duda-Ruck 6-21 Visit	
Willingham Family 6-21 Visit	
Pam Willingham re Robert 6-21 Call	
Martin Walsh Skarda Funeral 6-22	
Roy Jones Church Funeral 6-22	
Roy Jones Reception Funeral 6-22	
Shirley Willingham re Robert 6-23 Call	
Robert Willingham Funeral 6-24	

Funeral Reception Robert Willingham 6-24

COUNSELLING SESSIONS

3

Pauline Miller 6-28

Charlotte McGovern 6-29

CONFERENCE MEETINGS

0

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE - June 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>
1991	50	58	55	47	63	0		273
1992	55	72	49	55	41*	0		272
Net	+ 5	+14	- 6	+ 8	-22	0		- 1
<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>
1991	92	98	85	103	82	0		460
1992	80	81	85	77	90*	0		413
Net	- 12	- 17	0	- 26	+ 8	0		- 47
*Sunday May 31								
Net 1991-1992								
	- 7	- 3	- 6	- 18	-14	0		- 48

1991-1992 % Change June
 % Change in Sunday attendance for June = -7%

COMPARISON JANUARY TO JANUARY -1991 AND 1992

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	- 6 %	+ 16%	+ 9%	+ 41%	-1%	- 7%
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1992						
%						

**COMPARATIVE INCOME IN THOUSANDS
TO DATE 5-31-92**

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JU	47.2	41.6	50.5	39.7	38.2	50.0	37			50
JULY	50.6	45.5	57.3	48.6	44.3	60.8	44			58
AUG	55.1	50.8	66.5	53.0	50.1	66.3	49			66
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Rev. Robert M. Armstrong
UNITED EVANGELICAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
945 S. East Avenue,
Baltimore, Maryland 21204
(301) 276-0621
June 25, 1992

Dear Colleague:

**THINK TANK MEETING JULY 1, 1992 AT 12:30PM AT ST. BRIGID'S
PROTEST AGAINST VIOLENCE**

At our meeting on June 24, 1992, we discussed the concern raised by the Highland Park Assembly of God concerning violence in our city. The following churches agreed that violence is becoming a major concern in our neighborhood and that as Pastors and Priests representing churches in Canton-Highlandtown and concerned about this neighborhood, we need to address this issue. These churches were St. Casimir's, St. Brigid's, Sacred Heart, and United Evangelical. Other churches which have expressed interest are Canton Baptist Center and the Canton Methodist Church. Highland Park Assembly has not indicated its position on this issue.

On Wednesday, July 1, 1992 at 12:30PM, we will meet to plan this event. It will be held at 5:00PM on Sunday August 9th and include testimony of individuals and families where a person has been injured, shot, or killed, a statement from local police and political leaders, and an evening worship service focusing on our common witness to the faith, and possibly a brief memorial service for who have died as a result of violence. THIS IS ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO STAND TOGETHER AS CHRISTIAN PASTORS AND PRIESTS AND WITH OUR PEOPLE LET CANTON-HIGHLANDTOWN KNOW WE ARE UNIFIED IN OUR CONCERN FOR THE FUTURE OF THIS NEIGHBORHOOD AND THE CITY.

OTHER ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED ON JULY 1ST:

COMMUNITY CENSUS

The final agreement was worked out for the Census. We will review this at the meeting and then proceed to get signatures of agreement from those churches participating.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This joint activity will take place on June 26th and will continue to July 3rd. The program will run from 9:00AM to 12:00noon. We know for sure that Sacred Heart is joining United Evangelical, St. Brigid's, Canton Baptist, and Canton Methodist in this mission. If you wish to participate, call Betty Brocato (563-1756) at St. Brigid's to get posters, sign-up cards, and further information. We need volunteer teachers as well as students. Last year we served about 80 children. Pastors and Priests each participate as teachers. We will be using the Lutheran Curriculum "Together in Christ".

Kindesst Personal Regards,

RM
Robert M. Armstrong,
Pastor

cc:C. Rowell, H. Jacob, M. Slechta, G. Fader

DRAFT ONLY

THINK TANK - June 30, 1992

The following letter of agreement was reviewed and unanimously approved by the THINK TANK on July 1, 1992. It is sent to you for your review and approval should you wish to participate. Signed letters of approval must be sent to The Rev. Robert M. Armstrong, 945 S. East Ave., Baltimore, MD 21224 by July 30, 1992. (Rev. Armstrong is acting as Chair for the THINK TANK and a conduit for these letters. He is not responsible for commitments made by any person or organizations involved in this project)

Dear Colleague:

Our THINK TANK is proposing to take a complete census of the Canton neighborhood so that we will be attuned to changes which have taken place in these last years. Churches which are committed to participate include Sacred Heart, St. Brigid's, St. Casimir's, United Evangelical, Canton-Baptist Center, Holy Evangelists, Canton Methodist, and Messiah Lutheran. The geographic area includes Eastern to the River and Haven to Patterson Park Avenue.

BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION:

1. Obtaining a list of names and addresses of families by faith or church affiliation.
2. Access to a complete mailing list of the community. Directory could be arranged alphabetically or by street (either would give name, address, and phone number)
3. Understanding changes in the population of the community.
4. Participating in developing a joint invitation to the churches of the area through a brochure produced and mailed as a part of the census process.
5. Access to a computer up-dating system which will give a directory by alphabet and street and phone number.
6. Ability to obtain pre-addressed stick-on labels at an additional cost for a mass mailing. Labels are available as often as three times a year. Father Philip Snouffer of the Archdiocese (Office # 547-5578) will provide advice and consultation; the archdiocese provides computer services. Publications come through the archdiocese.

YOUR COMMITMENT:

1. Submitting census cards for each member of your parish who lives in the census area so that we can reduce the number of visits we have to make to homes in the area.

2. Fielding a team of census takers to cover your assigned area on the agreed upon dates.

3. Signing a commitment letter in which your church agrees to participate in carrying a pro-rata share of the cost based on the size of your congregation. We estimate the cost at approximately three cents a member.

4. Churches have the option to purchase additional lists (not data) which result from the census. This would be an optional charge. An additional charge would be made for an "Unaffiliated" Directory since it would have many pages.

5. Optional purchase of equipment would require an additional charge.

This agreement shall be in effect for a period of one year from July 30, 1992. Renewal will be automatic unless there is notification to the contrary. Termination will require 10 days notice by either party.

Pastor/Priest (Signature)

Pastor/Priest (Please Print)

Date

Church Treasurer (Signature)

Date

Name of Church

Address

City

State

Zip Code

Phone Number

SCHEDULE FOR THE CENSUS

Census in the local church on the following Sundays using the attached form. September 13, 20, and 27

Computer Processing of Census data from local churches.
September 28 to October 11th.

Visiting by Census teams from each participating church.
October 16th to October 18th.

Canton churches Ecumenical Census

Please enter your name and address in the spaces provided:

Title (Mr., Mrs., Ms., etc.)

Initial:

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Family name:

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House number:

N. E. S. or W.

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Street :

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Zip code:

Telephone:

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Please check each of the area churches that you or any of your family attend:

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bethel U C C
<input type="checkbox"/> Canton Baptist
<input type="checkbox"/> Canton United Methodist
<input type="checkbox"/> Highland Assembly of God
<input type="checkbox"/> Holy Evangelists
<input type="checkbox"/> Messiah Lutheran
<input type="checkbox"/> Nazareth Lutheran | <input type="checkbox"/> Our Lady of Pompei
<input type="checkbox"/> Patterson Park Baptist
<input type="checkbox"/> St. Casmir's
<input type="checkbox"/> Sacred Heart of Jesus
<input type="checkbox"/> St. Brigid's
<input type="checkbox"/> Salem Methodist
<input type="checkbox"/> United Evangelical |
|---|---|

OTHER _____

Even if you do not attend any of the area churches, we are still interested in serving you, if we can. Please check any of the replies below that apply:

- We attend a church (or churches) outside the Canton area. Name: _____
- We would be interested in information about the churches in Canton.
- We never attend church. However, our religion is _____
- We are not religious.
- We do not attend church.
- We do not believe in God.
- We prefer to worship privately.