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

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I met with the Cabinet on July 25th and learned about the complexity of governing our city. Councilmen and women are often asked to approve substantial budgets without adequate involvement in the issues. We need to strike a better balance between the power of the Council and that of the Mayor's Office. John Cain is working on a long term plan for Charter Revision. John's office was of great help in getting the permits for use of the Canton Waterfront Park (Korean Memorial Park).

OBSERVATIONS

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Ruth Whitehair 7-2	
John Ermer and Thelma 7-2	
Charles Hammerbacher 7-16	
George Hamer 7-17 Greenary NH	
Margaret Fitzberger 7-17 Greenary NH	
Minnie Crawford 7-17 Greenary NH	
Anna Shaeffer 7-22	
"Sis" Becker -Eastpoint N.H. 7-22	
Wil Mac - Glen Meadows Service for Residents with Fred Long & Rob Gundlach 7-26	
Shirley Willingham 7-28	
Madeline Shaefel 7-29	
PARISH VISITOR'S CALLS (not reported this month)	<u>0</u>
VISITS TO HOSPITALS=7;calls=0	<u>7</u>
Marie Kirby Franklin Sq 7-1	
George Hamer GBMC 7-2	
David Jones Mt. Sinai 7-3	
David Jones Shock Trauma 7-8	
George Hamer GBMC 7-8	
Marie Kirby Franklin Square	
Margaret Kelly Church Home 7-20	
COMMITTEE MEETINGS	<u>1</u>
Christian Ed Committee 7-28	
COUNCIL MEETINGS	<u>1</u>
Twentieth Meeting 7-7	
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING	<u>0</u>
ADMINISTRATIVE MEETINGS =15; Calls=3	<u>18</u>
MRS Computer 7-1	
THINK TANK 7-8	
Capt Meeks 7-17	
THINK TANK 7-20	
THINK TANK 7-27	
Dagmar Jensen 7-20	
Father Poetzel and Jackie Watts 7-20	
Cass Young, John Price, Marty Clement, Grace Fader, and Millie Slechta 7-21 Computer	
Jackie Watts, Father Poetzel 7-23	
John Price, Ihab Abdou Computer 7-24	
John Cain's Kitchen Cabinet 7-25	
Mrs. Margaret Reimer Call 7-24	
Sterling Willis Call 7-24	
Ed Hale Call 7-29	
Ecumenicon Conference 7-30 Priscilla	

Capt John Meeks 7-31
Chesepeak Center Board 7-30
Computer John Price, Ihab Abdou 7-31

COUNCIL MEMBER INTERVIEWS 0

GROUP MEETINGS 3

Jr. Council 7-8
Crab Cake Luncheon & Dinner 7-10
SEEC Workshop 7-10

BAPTISMS=2, Counselling=1, Party=2 5

James Franklin Moore Jr. 7-5
Pat Spore Baptism Party 7-5
Michele and Joseph Guerin Counselling 7-9
Joseph Matthew Guerin III 7-19
Joseph & Michele Guerin Baptism Party 7-19

WEDDINGS=0 Counselling=1 Renewal of Vows=0 1

Jackie Williams-Robert Anderson Counselling 7-14

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

COUNSELLING SESSIONS 3

CONFERENCE MEETINGS 0

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE - July 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	53	60	55	47		0		215
1992	61	48	49	50		0		208
Net	+ 8	-12	- 6	+ 3		0	-	7

<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	76	84	118	81		0		359
1992	86	73	91	100		0		350
Net	+ 10	- 11	-27	+ 19		0	-	9
Net 1991-1992	+18	- 23	-33	+ 22		0	-	16

1991-1992 % Change July
 % Change in Sunday attendance for July = -3%

COMPARISON JANUARY TO JANUARY -1991 AND 1992
TOTALS FOR THE MONTH (SUNDAY ONLY)

<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	-48%
	- 6%	+ 16%	+ 9%	+ 41%	-1%	- 7%
<u>1991</u>	<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUGUST</u>	<u>SEPT</u>	<u>OCT</u>	<u>NOV</u>	<u>DEC</u>
1992	-16					
%	- 3%					

**COMPARATIVE INCOME IN THOUSANDS
TO DATE 6-31-92**

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR</u>		<u>CUMULATIVE</u>			<u>91</u>	<u>%fact</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	47.0	35	42
JU	47.2	41.6	50.5	39.7	38.2	50.0	37	<u>58.1</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>50</u>
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

good!

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.

Rev. Robert M. Armstrong
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August 10, 1992

Dear Colleague:

Thank you all for your support in participation in the MEETING OF THE CANTON HIGHLANDTOWN CHURCHES AGAINST NEIGHBORHOOD VIOLENCE SUNDAY AUGUST 9, 1992 AT 5:00PM AT CANTON WATERFRONT PARK. We can all look with pride at that event. It was a great team effort. The SUN papers estimated that there were 300 persons who attended. Our concerns were not lost in that people were not only reached by their presence at the event itself but also the media - T.V. and the papers. As Angel pointed out our number one concern in dealing with violence in this city must be our relationship to God. Something wonderful happened, however, to each of us in building a closer working relationship for Christ and the Church. That is always a bi-product of witnessing to the Lord in a joint mission for Him. Praise God!

One housekeeping task remains. The total cost of the plaques for Sterling Willis and Margaret Reimer which we agreed to fund was \$50.00. These awards were prepared by a member of United Evangelical Church and he must be paid. While United covered the cost of the Roses which we distributed, we agreed that each of the participating churches would contribute \$5.00 to make the GOOD SAMARITAN AWARD possible. While this is a small amount of money for each of us, I believe it is important that we each be faithful in this sacred trust to which we agreed and one that we hope to make possible next year. I have already received to date contributions from Canton Baptist Center, St. Brigid's, Sacred Heart, and United.

To close this piece of our mutual pledge, please make your check to United Evangelical Church (marked for the GOOD SAMARITAN AWARD) or give me your cash contribution as soon as possible.

Keep the faith,

Bob
Robert M. Armstrong,
Pastor

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



ANDY LYONS/STAFF PHOTO

Sterling Willis smiles and puts his hand on the shoulder of Pedro Lugo after Mr. Willis was honored as a good Samaritan by Canton-area churches. Mr. Willis aided Mr. Lugo after Mr. Lugo was beaten near Patterson Park last year.

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CHURCHES ISSUE A CALL TO ACTION

■ Southeast Baltimore rally's goal is to get citizens to confront problem of violence.

By Thomas W. Waldron
Staff Writer

The 86-year-old woman murdered alone in her apartment. The man shot watching Fourth of July fireworks. The 18-year-old man gunned down senselessly on the street.

The Rev. Richard Poetzel said funeral masses for all three in the past 14 months at the Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church in Highlandtown. The mourners always ask, Why?

"Unfortunately, I don't have the answers," Father Poetzel told a gathering of Southeast Baltimore residents yesterday. "I know that all of us, as we confront neigh-

borhood violence, can and must make our presence felt."

That was the message as more than 300 people gathered on the Cantor waterfront in the hot late afternoon to mourn their city's descent into violence.

The rally comes only days after Baltimore police launched a high-profile task force in response to a series of shocking murders and assaults, including several involving young children.

The gathering, organized by 15 area churches, was part prayer vigil, part pep rally and part salute to the neighborhood's good Samaritans.

But mostly it was a call for people to confront what is happening in their com-

munities.

"I am tired of seeing 9-year-old prostitutes," the Rev. Angel Nunez, of the Spanish Christian Church, told the gathering. "I am tired of seeing 11-year-old junkies. I am tired of hearing about 12-year-olds holding up banks. It breaks your heart."

"We need to recognize, Number One, . . . that there is a God," Mr. Nunez proclaimed, his voice loud and insistent. "Not only recognizing that there is a God, but go on our knees before that God. We need to say, 'Lord, we're tired of the hurt, of the pain, of the broken homes.'"

Mayor Kurt L. Schmoke urged the crowd to get involved in the fight against street crime.

"It will be all of us working with the community and love to make this happen," Mr. Schmoke said.

See RALLY, 10D, Col. 3

Churches issue a call to action

RALLY, from 1D

The coalition of churches used the occasion to honor some crime victims and good Samaritans.

Among them was Expeditor "Pedro" Lugo, 24, who was beaten nearly to death with his own baseball bat near Patterson Park last year.

Mr. Lugo, smiling broadly and walking slowly, accepted a red rose as a gift from the coalition.

"I would like to thank all of you for all of the love you have shown me today," Mr. Lugo said in Spanish as a companion translated.

Also honored were two people who went to Mr. Lugo's aid — Sterling Willis, who works in a store near where the assault occurred, and Margaret Reamer, who lives nearby.

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Karen Foster 8-14	
Julius Will 8-12	
Ruth Voelker 8-12	
 PARISH VISITOR'S CALLS (not reported this month)	 <u>0</u>
VISITS TO HOSPITALS=4;calls=0	<u>4</u>
Scott Newvine St. Joseph's 8-4	
Erma Reechel Key 8-13	
Erma Reechel Key 8-14	
Margaret Goss Mercy Hospital 8-14	
 COMMITTEE MEETINGS	
COUNCIL MEETINGS (No meeting in August)	<u>0</u>
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING	<u>0</u>
ADMINISTRATIVE MEETINGS =3; Calls=0	<u>3</u>
THINK TANK 8-3	
Bill Kid's Volvo	
THINK TANK 8-12	
 COUNCIL MEMBER INTERVIEWS	 <u>0</u>
GROUP MEETINGS	<u>3</u>
SEEC Workshop 8-14	
Canton-Highlandtown Churches	
Against Violence 8-9	
Sam Jones 8-13	
 BAPTISMS=1, Counselling=2, Party=1	 <u>4</u>
Janet Pate Call 8-1	
Janet & Kenny Pate Counselling 8-2	
Gregory Andrew Pate Baptism 8-9	
Gregory Andrew Pate Party 8-9	
 WEDDINGS=1 Counselling=1 Renewal of Vows=0	 <u>2</u>
Jackie Williams-Robert Anderson Counselling 8-5	
Robert Edmond-Dana Maynard Wedding 8-6	
 FUNERALS=2, Visit to Funeral Home=0; Counselling=3	 <u>5</u>
Herman Berends Call from Fred 8-1	
Skarda Call re Margaret Greiser 8-2	
Esther Brown re Berends 8-3	
Margaret Greiser Skarda Funeral 8-4	
Herman Berends Funeral Moran-Ashton 8-5	
 COUNSELLING SESSIONS	 <u>3</u>

Charles Lund 8-11

CONFERENCE MEETINGS
SUNDAY ATTENDANCE - August 1992 (first three Sundays) ⁰

<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	56	53	49	56		0		158
1992	45	51	50	0	0	0		146
Net	-11	- 2	+ 1	0		0	-	14

<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	65	75	78	69		0		218
1992	69	92	73	0	0	0		234
Net	+ 4	+ 17	- 5	0	0	0		+ 16
Net 1991-1992	- 7	+ 15	-4	0	0	0		+ 4

1991-1992 % Change August
 % Change in Sunday attendance for August = +1%

COMPARISON JANUARY TO JANUARY -1991 AND 1992

	<u>TOTALS FOR THE MONTH (SUNDAY ONLY)</u>					
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1992	-16	+ 4				
%	- 3%	1%				

Approximately 300 persons attended the meeting of the Canton-Highlandtown Churches Against Violence on August 9, 1992 at 5:00PM at the Canton-Waterfront Park.

**COMPARATIVE INCOME IN THOUSANDS
TO DATE 6-31-92**

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR</u>			<u>CUMULATIVE</u>		<u>91</u>	<u>% fact</u>	<u>92</u>	<u>% bud</u>	
	<u>86</u>	<u>87</u>	<u>88</u>	<u>89</u>	<u>90</u>				<u>act</u>	<u>a</u>
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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	47.0	35	42
JU	47.2	41.6	50.5	39.7	38.2	50.0	37	58.1	43	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
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United Evangelical Church
3200 Dillon Street
Baltimore Md. 21224

Dear Friend:

As you know, we have recently purchased a computer with the intentions of updating and modernizing our book keeping system, so that our staff might be able to better serve. This computer will ease the burden on the secretary who now takes care of recording all necessary information by hand into a ledger, and will also track the church finances and print any type of monthly report necessary to good financial housekeeping. This aspect of the system will ease the burden on the treasurer and enable us to have more accurate reporting.

In order to accomplish this gigantic task, I am requesting all members to complete the following questioner so that we might be assured that all of the information already in our files is correct. Additional copies of this form maybe obtained in the narthex for other members of your family.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Circle one---Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss. _____ Birthday _____
Last Name _____ First Name _____
Circle one__Jr. Sr. 3Rd. 2nd. 1st.____ Spouses Name _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Telephone _____ Occupation _____

CHURCH INFORMATION

Date Baptized _____ Date Confirmed _____
Date Married _____
Circle one Married Single Divorced Widow Widower
Church Member (Circle one)___ Yes No_ (Circle One)___ Active___Inactive___
Envelope Number _____ (Circle One)___ Yes ___ No ___
If yes, what is the relationship _____ Son Daughter Etc. _____

Any or all information will be greatly appreciated. Rest assured that all information will be treated as personal and kept strictly confidential. Please give the completed form to one of the ushers or mail it to the address above.

Yours In Christ

Robert Armstrong
Pastor

Rev. Robert M. Armstrong
UNITED EVANGELICAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
945 S. East Avenue,
Baltimore, Maryland 21204
(301) 276-0621
June 16, 1992

Dr. Frank C. Marino Foundation
c/o Margurite Villa Santa
4611 Cedar Garden Road,
Baltimore, MD

Dear Ms. Villa Santa:

Thank you very much for the contribution of \$200 to the operation of the SUPERPANTRY. As you know, this is an effective, low cost, method designed to help single person heads of households (women with children) to get off welfare. Thanks to you and the Foundation, I can report that we have raised enough money to make possible the continuation of this program this fall-beginning on October 2nd and through November 1992. I can also report that three of the five women who completed our first group program are now employed and five of the nine persons who completed the second group have found employment. The others have found places as volunteers in community groups through our CLEO group designed to assist women who can not work to help give back to the community something in response to the welfare assistance they have received.

We believe in these trying times we have discovered a method which shows much promise to enable people who have often been forgotten to become independent and self-sufficient human beings.

The ten Churches in Canton are now preparing for a fall fundraising program called the Interfaith Music Festival. This will be held this year at the Sacred Heart of Jesus Church at 2:00PM on Sunday December 6th in an effort to raise \$2000 to make possible our Spring Program of SUPERPANTRY.

Thanks again to you and the members of the Foundation for your support and assistance with the funding the Fall 1992 program.

Kindest Personal Regards,

Robert M. Armstrong,
Pastor

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

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ACTIVITY REPORT TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL
ROBERT M. ARMSTRONG, PASTOR
SEPTEMBER 1, 1992 - SEPTEMBER 30, 1992

SUMMARY AND HIGHLIGHTS

For the four weeks in September 1992, the Church showed a decrease in attendance at regular Sunday services. Based on a four week month, Sunday attendance for these services in September was 3% below that during the month of September in 1991. We are showing increased illness and disability of key members.

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

The Fundraising Committee involved the Council in our July meeting in looking into the development of an insurance approach to raising capital funds for repair of the building and replacement of capital equipment. We agreed to ask Jon Grief to bring a proposal to our October meeting with more modest figures.

The THINK TANK is continuing to formulate plans for a neighborhood census but has had a problem with the agreement with the Archdiocese to do the computer back-up. In our August 12th meeting the letter of agreement to participate was modified and is being reshaped. Some questions about the proposal were raised by the representative of the Archdiocese. These matters will be discussed at a meeting of our Committee in the near future.

The computer installation continues. John Price has prepared the attached letter for your review and approval. It requests information to up date our membership files. John has been instructing Cass on the use of the Computer.

The development of three groups for young people is under way. The first is our usual **Confirmation Class** on Wednesdays at 7:30PM (Pastor as leader), the second is our **Youth Choir** (Pastor and Lois Long) on Thursdays at 6:30PM, and the third is a **Youth Group** (Scott Newvine and Denise Fischer) meeting on Sundays, beginning October 11 from 3-5PM. A program for **Young Adults** called **REMEMBER WHEN** is in the planning stages for November. Lynn Sanders is the Chair. This is designed to honor Fred Long and Otts Block.

A Parish Visitors (Priscilla as Leader) program will be moving forward. The first meeting, on September 22nd was

rained out. She will be leading Bible Study and Prayer Groups on alternate Tuesdays. Marty Clement will lead an Adult Bible Study Class on Sunday Mornings at 9:30AM.

In September we experienced a heavy schedule of Funerals and Hospital Visits. These were costly in terms of the use of the Pastor's time following funerals and staying with members during the hospital crisis.

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	August	4
<u>VISITS TO SHUT-INS = 8;calls=1</u>	<u>September</u>	<u>9</u>
VISITS TO HOSPITALS= 4;calls=0	August	4
<u>VISITS TO HOSPITALS= 8;calls=1</u>	<u>September</u>	<u>9</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.

3. Implementation of Faith is Alive

The faith alive program has included recognition of the contribution of Pat Kelly on September 6, Cass Meyers on September 13, Donna Pate on September 20, and September 27. Gloria Single.

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 opened up on September 8 with the Prayer and Bible Study led by Priscilla and on September 27 with the class led by Marty Clement.

Parish Visitors tried to meet on September 22nd but were rained out. They need to meet again to coordinate their work.

6. SUPERPANTRY

The SUPERPANTRY has raised \$2000 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 in setting up plans for an Interfaith Music Festival to fund the SUPERPANTRY next spring. The concert will take place on Sunday, December 6th at 2:00PM at the Sacred Heart Church (see attached).

8. Developing a Young Adult Group:

The program to explore building of a Young Adult Group in our Church has begun. Lynn Sanders will Chair a meeting of a planning group of former youth group members to honor Fred Long and Otts Block. This program called "REMEMBER WHEN!" will kick off our efforts. (See Plan attached)

9. Getting Better Media Exposure

Our next large ad in the Guide is scheduled for October 8 and 15. The will promote our fall Sour Beef dinner. We had a budget which will support on more large Christmas ad.

10. Councilman Cain's Kitchen Cabinet

Because of a change in the time of the meeting on Saturday September 19th and preparations for funeral on the following I was unable to attend this meeting.

OBSERVATIONS

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

a. Attendance

Church attendance statistics indicate that for the first four Sundays in September our attendance at Sunday Morning Worship decreased by 3% when compared to September 1991. I have some real concern about the regularity of attendance inspite of the growth of our membership in this last year. Some of this is due to the characteristics of some of the new persons who have become members.

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. On Sunday, September 20th, we received Jackie Colvin into membership in our church.

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

Jon Greif, of Berkshire Life Insurance Company distributed to the Council in the July meeting, 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 October 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

Members of the Youth Council met before our Council meeting on September 1, 1992 and reviewed some program ideas for this fall. They included trip to see various places of employment. We need to add new members to the Council and have invited Amber Kapela and Rob Palmer to join the Jr. Council. My recommendation is that we install members of the Jr. Council for a two year term. This needs to be done this fall.

The Church Youth Group met on Thursday, September 3, 1992 at 6:30PM and practiced as a Youth Choir for a performance of

"For the Beauty of the Earth" during our 119th Anniversary Celebration. They did an excellent job in that performance. We may want to split the Youth Group and Youth Choir so we have the Youth Group meet on Sunday afternoon beginning October 11th and the Youth Choir continue on Thursday evening at 6:30PM. The Confirmation Class will be held beginning Wednesday September 30th at 7:30PM. By having these groups meeting at different times, we will offer three experiences Youth Group, Youth Choir, and Confirmation Class. Our Council needs to approve this program.

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 October 6, 1992 and invite members to the October 6th meeting of the Senior Council.

4. Proceed with a reunion of the old Youth Group led by Lynn Sanders and in honor of Otts Block and Fred Long. The reunion would be held on Sunday November 8th or 15th from 2:00-4:00PM subject to a plan developed by a planning committee and presented to Council for approval at the November meeting. (See attached)

6. Approval of the letter (see attached - prepared by John Price for the Pastor's signature) requesting updated information for our computer files from the membership of the Church.

7. Recruit for Confirmation Class of 1993 to start last Wednesday in September.

8. Approval of Plan for Youth Choir and Youth Group as suggested by the Pastor in this report.

STATISTICAL REPORT
September 1992

	Total
VISITS TO SHUT-INS=8;Calls=1	<u>9</u>
Lillian Smith 9-9	
John Bond 9-9	
Charles Hammerbacher 9-9	
Ruth Voelker Call 9-14	
Ruth Voelker 9-18	
Lillian Smith 9-16	
Al Dunn 9-30	
George Hamer Greenery Nursing Home 9-30	
Margaret Fitzberger Greenery Nursing Home 9-30	
 PARISH VISITOR'S CALLS (not reported this month)	 <u>0</u>
VISITS TO HOSPITALS=8;calls=1	<u>9</u>
Marcella Surdell Church Home 9-8	
Bonnie Taylor Shock Trauma 9-10	
Mutz Surdell Mercy 9-13	
Mutz Surdell Mercy 9-15	
David Baker re Cindy 9-16	
Cindy Baker Universtiy 9-16	
Bonnie Taylor Shock Trauma 9-16	
Jim Pate Hopkins 9-17	
Jim Pate Hopkins 9-18	
 COMMITTEE MEETINGS	 <u>0</u>
COUNCIL MEETINGS	<u>1</u>
21st Meeting 9-1	
 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING	 <u>0</u>
ADMINISTRATIVE MEETINGS =9; Calls=2	<u>11</u>
Ministerium 9-8	
Jim Pate Call 9-10	
John Price 9-11	
Jim Pate Call 9-11	
Sour Beef Committee 9-13	
Scott Newvine-Denise Fischer 9-22	
John Price 9-11	
John Price 9-25	
Lynn Sanders-Denise Fischer Remember When! 9-29	
Lois Long Confirmation Class 9-29	
Rev. Beverly Braine 9-30	
 COUNCIL MEMBER INTERVIEWS	 <u>0</u>
GROUP MEETINGS	<u>13</u>
Ladies Aide 9-2	
Wagner, Carolyn re Bryan Smith Juvenile Ct 9-2	
Kitty Weitzel & Bill 9-2	
Youth Choir 9-3	

Youth Group 9-3
Youth Choir 9-10
Youth Group 9-10
Women's Guild 9-16
Youth Group 9-17
Youth Choir 9-17
Youth Group 9-24
Youth Choir 9-24
Confirmation Class 9-30

BAPTISMS=0, Counselling=1, Party=0 1
Cheryl Lee Scales 9-29 Counselling

WEDDINGS=2 Counselling=4 Renewal of Vows=0 6
Pomphery-Plymel Rehersal 9-4
Pomphery-Plymel Wedding 9-5
Williams-Anderson Rehersal 9-18
Williams-Anderson Wedding 9-19
Taylor-Sullivan Counselling 9-16
James Morrow-Doreen Kammerer Counselling 9-30

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Minnie Crawford Counselling 9-8
Minnie Crawford Counselling 9-9
Minnie Crawford Duda Ruck Funeral 9-11
Minnie Crawford Reception 9-11
Charles Woodruff Counselling 9-12
Charles Woodruff CVACH Funeral 9-14
Charles Woodruff Reception 9-14
Ann Simmons Counselling 9-19
Ann Simmons Skarda Funeral 9-21

COUNSELLING SESSIONS 3
Michael Cerko 9-16
Jackie Colvin - Mike Beardsworth 9-20
Mike Beardsworth Call 9-23

CONFERENCE MEETINGS 0

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Net	-14	-10	+ 2	+ 16	0	0	-	6
* First four weeks only								

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Net	- 5	+ 5	+ 18	- 30	0	0	-	12
* First four weeks only								

Net 1991-1992
 -19 - 5 + 20 - 14 0 0 - 18

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%	- 3%	+ 1%	- 3%			

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Rev. Robert M. Armstrong
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September 21, 1992

Dear Colleague:

In the midst of the violence of last week and the shooting of two policemen, there is GOOD NEWS! With the exception of the Spanish Christian Church, all the Churches in our Canton Community contributed to funding the GOOD SAMARITAN AWARD to which we agreed. That is important since our relationships in joint missions such as this are often so fragile. That \$5.00 contribution is a sign that we honor the relationships between us. I believe, however, that underneath the earthly weakness which we often display, there is an underground stream of strength which can quench our thirst for the Gospel. And that is the Water of Life. No force can stand against it and we all share in that power. Jesus promises us that if we drink of that water, we will never thirst again. But we do need signs. Praise God, we can march forward together with new confidence to the next events in our common public witness.

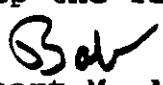
Some folks have asked that we think about whether we want to do another meeting by the river next year - one which not only lifts up GOOD SAMARITANS but in which we share in worship our common allegiance to Jesus, the Christ!

Our next witness comes in the INTERFAITH MUSIC FESTIVAL on Sunday afternoon, at 2:00PM, December 6th, at Sacred Heart, 600 S. Conkling. This event will be led by Rev. Richard Poetzel of Sacred Heart (342-4336). Music will be coordinated by Mr. George Daniels, Organist at Sacred Heart (342-4336 or 576-9189). It is sponsored by SEEC and designed to support the SUPERPANTRY. The SUPERPANTRY is an effort to get single women heads of households off welfare and can be used to assist women in your church. If you have candidates please call The Rev. Jon Spencer at Canton Baptist Center.

Attached you will find a report of the first organizing meeting which was Chaired by Pat Skarupa, PA at St. Brigid's for the Interfaith Music Festival Committee.

We look forward to your participation in this important event.

Keep the faith,


Robert M. Armstrong,
Pastor

REPORT OF THE INTERFAITH MUSIC FESTIVAL COMMITTEE
Sunday, September 13, 1992 at 1:00PM at Sacred Heart

Music

Directors and Organists met to plan the music for December 6th at 2:00PM at the Sacred Heart of Jesus Church. The following persons and churches were represented.

<u>Music Director</u>	<u>Church</u>
George Daniels	Sacred Heart of Jesus
Thom Kuhl	Our Lady of Pompeii
Rob Gundlach	United Evangelical
Doris Miller	Salem United Methodist
Dorothy Krauss	Canton Methodist
Scot Hengen	St. Casmir's
Marianne Gregory	St. Brigid's

Pastor

Rev. Jon Spencer Canton Baptist Center

Pat Skarupa, Chair, representing SEEC called the meeting to enable those who will be directly involved in providing music to actually see the church where the Festival will be held. They were able to see the organ, piano, microphones, etc. ahead of time. Everyone was enthusiastic about the event and most of all about cooperating and working together. A closing anthem combining choirs and all the musicians is being planned. Participants will be asked to forward suggestions of an appropriate song to George Daniels. George volunteered to coordinate the music for the program. he also will need to know the song and the composer of each group participating in this event so that the program can be put together. In an effort to shorten the program this year, we are asking that each church plan two short selections or only one selection if a long one is selected. If participants have a preference to be scheduled near the beginning or the end of the program because of other commitments, they should advise George ahead of time.

The whole hearted participation of each church in this event is very much needed to insure our success not only as an effective interfaith network of churches but in our goal of supporting our community's SUPERPANTRY.

If participants have questions or suggestions about the program they should they should feel comfortable about contacting The Rev. Richard Poetzel at Sacred Heart 342-4336 or Mr. George Daniels, Organist, Sacred Heart 342-4336 or 576-9189 (home).

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Skarupa, Interfaith Music Festival Committee

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

SUMMARY AND HIGHLIGHTS

For the four weeks in October 1992, the Church showed an increase in attendance at regular Sunday services. Based on a four week month, Sunday attendance for these services in October was 9% above that during the month of October in 1991. Considering the illness in our church, this increase is encouraging.

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

The Fundraising Committee involved the Council in our July meeting in looking into the development of an insurance approach to raising capital funds for repair of the building and replacement of capital equipment. We agreed to ask Jon Grief to bring a proposal to our November meeting with more modest figures.

The THINK TANK is now focused on the Interfaith Music Festival and because of current time pressures in the parishes has dropped, for the time being, the neighborhood census project. The Pastor was invited to a Bull-Roast at St. Brigids on Sunday November 1.

The computer installation continues. John Price has prepared a letter which you received and approved requesting information to up date our membership files. This was distributed to the membership. Information obtained will be input into the system. Cass Young who was working on this project fractured her arm due to a fall during the Sour Beef Dinner and has been temporarily disabled. John will input the information so as to keep the data up to date.

The development of four groups for young people has been implemented. The first is our usual Confirmation Class on Wednesdays at 7:30PM (Pastor as leader), the second is a Jr. Confirmation Class (Lois Long as leader), the third a Youth Choir (Rob Gundlach, Pastor and Lois Long) on Thursdays at 6:30PM, and the fourth is a Youth Group (Scott Newvine and Denise Fischer) meeting on Sundays from 3-5PM.

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A program for Young Adults called **REMEMBER WHEN** is in the planning stages for November. Lynn Sanders is the Chair. This is designed to honor Fred Long and Otts Block. Invitations have been sent out and the event will be promoted on Sunday November 1, in church.

A Parish Visitors (Priscilla as Leader) program will be moving forward. Priscilla is leading Bible Study and Prayer Groups on alternate Tuesdays.

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 = 8;calls=1	September	9
<u>VISITS TO SHUT-INS = 6;calls=0</u>	<u>October</u>	<u>6</u>
VISITS TO HOSPITALS= 8;calls=1	September	9
<u>VISITS TO HOSPITALS= 9;calls=0</u>	<u>August</u>	<u>9</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.

3. Implementation of Faith is Alive

The faith alive program has included recognition of the contribution of Gloria Single, Oct 4, Elisha Graddy, Oct 18, and John Price, October 25.

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 incompleated business.

5. Deepening the Spiritual and Prayer Life of the Church

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6. SUPERPANTRY

The SUPERPANTRY continues to meet each Friday. This year we have, however, only seven members of the program. We had three cancellations at the last minute.

7. Developing a Community "Think-Tank":

The "think-tank" group of Pastors in setting up plans for an Interfaith Music Festival to fund the SUPERPANTRY next spring. The concert will take place on Sunday, December 6th at 2:00PM at the Sacred Heart Church (see attached).

8. Developing a Young Adult Group:

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9. Getting Better Media Exposure

The large ad in the Guide scheduled for Oct 15 worked well to promote our fall Sour Beef dinner. We have a budget which will support one more large ad and will use this for Christmas.

10. Councilman Cain's Kitchen Cabinet

The meeting this month was held on Saturday October 24th following John's return from Hungary. He was asked to go there to offer advice regarding the economic development of that country.

OBSERVATIONS

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

a. Attendance

Church attendance statistics indicate that for the four Sundays in October our attendance at Sunday Morning Worship increased by 9% when compared to October 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. We have announced plans for receiving new members in

November and asked those who wish to become members to contact the Pastor or the office.

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

Jon Greif, of Berkshire Life Insurance Company distributed to the Council in the July meeting, 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 November 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

Members of the Youth Council have been invited to meet before our Council meeting on November 1, 1992 and will review some program ideas for approval this fall. They include trips to see various places of employment. We needed to add new members to the Council and have invited Amber Kapela and Rob Palmer to join the Jr. Council. My recommendation is that we install members of the Jr. Council for a two year term. This needs to be done this fall.

The Church Youth Choir performed on Sunday, October 18th and sang "God Will Make a Way". The Youth Group is meeting on Sunday afternoon from three to five under the leadership of Scot Newvine and Denise Fischer. During the month, they went on a Hayride and had a Halloween Party. Members helped serve the Sour Beef Dinner.

6. SOUR BEEF DINNER A SUCCESS

The dinner went very well. The financial report will be given by Grace Fader. The spirit was warm, everyone left satisfied, and we seemed to have good help both to prepare the dinner and to serve it.

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. Proceed with a reunion of the old Youth Group led by Lynn Sanders and in honor of Otts Block and Fred Long. The reunion will be held on Sunday November 15th from 2:00-4:00PM subject to a plan developed by a planning committee and presented to Council for approval at the November meeting. (See attached)

4. Establishment of a class for new members to be received in November 1992

5. That the Council be aware of Priscilla's hospitalization on November 16th. She will be in the hospital for ten days and will require some time for recuperation at home. This will impact the Tuesday Prayer and Bible Study program.

6. Promotion of the Interfaith Music Festival on Sunday, December 6th and in which our choirs will participate.

7. Continue to build close interpersonal relationships with Father Joe at St. Brigid's and Father Poetzal at Sacred Heart

STATISTICAL REPORT
October 1992

	Total
VISITS TO SHUT-INS=5;Calls=1	<u>6</u>
Edna Miller 10-6	
Margaret Hannon 10-16	
Lois Duvall re Hannon Call 10-27	
Margaret Hannon 10-28	
Margaret Hannon - Lois Duvall 10-29	
Andy Rupalt 10-28	
 PARISH VISITOR'S CALLS (not reported this month)	<u>0</u>
VISITS TO HOSPITALS=9; calls=0	<u>9</u>
Josephine Walter Franklin Sq 10-15	
Cathrine Borkman Hopkins 10-15	
Ruth Koch Church Home 10-16	
Dorothy Pindell Union 10-16	
Cathrine Borkman Hopkins 10-17	
Charles Hammerbacher Hopkins 10-21	
Ruth Koch Church Home 10-22	
Josephine Walter Franklin Sq 10-22	
Wil Mac St. Joseph's 10-25	
 COMMITTEE MEETINGS	<u>0</u>
COUNCIL MEETINGS	<u>1</u>
22nd Meeting 10-6	
 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING	<u>0</u>
ADMINISTRATIVE MEETINGS =9; Calls=0	<u>9</u>
Jr. Council 10-6	
SUPERPANTRY 10-16	
Scott Newvine-Denise Fischer 10-27	
Lynn Sanders-Denise Fischer Remember When! 10-28	
Lois Long Confirmation Class 10-28	
Cathy Raab SUPERPANTRY II 10-29	
Halloween Party Youth 10-30	
Harvey Jacob-John Price 10-30	
John Price 10-30	
 COUNCIL MEMBER INTERVIEWS	<u>0</u>

GROUP MEETINGS

9

Sauer Beef 10-20
Sauer Beef 10-21
Youth Choir 10-1
Youth Choir 10-15
Youth Choir 10-22
Youth Choir 10-29
Youth Group 10-18
Confirmation Class 10-21
Confirmation Class 10-29

BAPTISMS=2, Counselling=0, Party=0

2

Sean O'Brien 10-18
Shanna Louise Seebach 10-25

WEDDINGS=0 Counselling=1 Renewal of Vows=0

1

Steven Reich-Lydia Voelker Counselling 10-27

FUNERALS=3, Visit to Funeral Home=0; Counselling=5 8

Helen Beddows Counselling 10-22
Robert Beddows Zeiler Funeral 10-23
Herb Borkman Counselling 10-22
Cathrine Borkman Matthews -Funeral 10-24
Lil & Charles Hammerbacher re Michael Boyer Counselling 10-24
Sharon Hohn Counselling 10-28 re Walter
Elwood Walter Counselling 10-28 re Walter
Josephine Walter Connelly Funeral 10-29

COUNSELLING SESSIONS

0

CONFERENCE MEETINGS

1

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE - October 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	59	56	63	44	0	0		222
1992	57	53	65	56	0	0		231
Net	- 2	- 3	+ 2	+ 12	0	0		+ 9
<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	83	76	109	0	0		360
1992	70	79	142	112	0	0		403
Net	- 22	- 4	+ 66	+ 3	0	0		+ 43
Net 1991-1992	-24	- 7	+ 68	+ 15	0	0		+ 52

1991-1992 % Change October
 % Change in Sunday attendance for October = +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>
1992	-39	+109	+70	+251	-7	-48%
	- 6%	+ 16%	+ 9%	+ 41%	-1%	- 7%
<u>1991</u>	<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUGUST</u>	<u>SEPT</u>	<u>OCT</u>	<u>NOV</u>	<u>DEC</u>
1992	-16	+ 4	-18	+52		
%	- 3%	+ 1%	- 3%	+ 9%		

**COMPARATIVE INCOME IN THOUSANDS
TO DATE 9-30-92**

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR</u>			<u>CUMULATIVE</u>		<u>91</u>	<u>%act</u> <u>%</u>	<u>92</u> <u>act</u>	<u>%bud</u>	
	<u>86</u>	<u>87</u>	<u>88</u>	<u>89</u>	<u>90</u>				<u>a</u>	<u>b</u>
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	47.0	35	42
JU	47.2	41.6	50.5	39.7	38.2	50.0	37	58.1	43	50
JULY	50.6	45.5	57.3	48.6	44.3	60.8	44	64.5	48	58
AUG	55.1	50.8	66.5	53.0	50.1	66.3	49	76.6	57	66
SEPT	62.5	59.1	76.9	59.7	63.4	77.9	57	89.3	66	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.

SACRED HEART OF JESUS CHURCH
600 S. Conkling Street
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October 26, 1992

Dear Colleague:

Plans are progressing well for the CANTON-HIGHLANDTOWN INTERFAITH MUSIC FESTIVAL which will be held here in Sacred Heart of Jesus Church on Sunday, December 6, 1992, starting at 2:00 pm.

The purpose of the INTERFAITH MUSIC FESTIVAL is twofold. The first is to express our mutual thanks to God for sending us His Son Jesus, as we prepare to celebrate Christmas. The second is to raise money for the support of SUPER PANTRY, which is a way to help women who are single-person heads of households to get off welfare and to become gainfully employed so that they can help break the welfare cycle and teach their children how to become independent.

SUPER PANTRY in the Canton-Highlandtown community began last year with a grant from the Maryland Food Committee. However, the understanding was that this grant was one time only and that the community itself, through its churches, would raise the funds for the continuation of the program. A minimum of \$2,000 is needed for each session of the SUPER PANTRY program and, fortunately, last year we were able to raise that amount for the Spring session. We hope to do even better this year.

The program will be similar to last year's, but we are planning on shortening it in two ways. First, participating choirs are asked to sing two short selections -- or only one if a longer piece has been selected. Second, only the pastors of those participating churches which will not be represented musically will be asked to read a selection of Scripture. These will be interspersed with the music.

Representatives of Canton Baptist Center, Canton Methodist, Our Lady of Pompei, Sacred Heart of Jesus, St. Brigid, St. Casimir, Salem United Methodist, and United Evangelical met here on September 13th to examine the facility and to discuss aspects of the program. Mr. George Daniels, our organist, has volunteered to coordinate the music for the program. However, it is imperative that he know as soon as possible the song and its composer, to be used by each group. For this purpose I am asking you to provide your music director/organist with the attached sheet, to indicate your selection(s). Should they so wish, they may also phone this information to either me or Mr. Daniels at the above number (Mr. Daniels can also be reached at 576-9189).

Ms. Pat Skarupa, Pastoral Associate at St. Brigid (563-1717) will contact pastors concerning Scripture readings.

Tickets for the CANTON-HIGHLANDTOWN INTERFAITH MUSIC FESTIVAL cost \$3.00 and are available from Mr. Bill Gonce at the John C. Iwancio Urban Services Center, 2639 Fait Avenue (396-9093). In addition, in the near future you should be receiving material about advertising for the program booklet as an additional means for raising funds for SUPER PANTRY. We ask that you make this information available to your parishioners. All proceeds should be mailed to: Rev. Jon Spencer, Chairman SUPER PANTRY, Canton Baptist Center, 3302 Toone St., Baltimore, MD 21224. Please note that checks should be made payable to CANTON BAPTIST CENTER.

At this time I wish to provide you with some additional information concerning the event.

There will be a music practice for participating choirs on Saturday, December 5, 1992, at 7:00 p.m. here at Sacred Heart's.

Sacred Heart of Jesus Church is located at the corner of Foster Ave. and Conkling St. We are currently having a handicap ramp installed and we expect it to be finished well in advance of the CANTON-HIGHLANDTOWN INTERFAITH MUSIC FESTIVAL. The ramp, however, is located in the yard which is entered at Fleet St., halfway between Highland Ave. and Conkling St.

Limited parking for the handicapped is available in the parish yard. Regular parking is available in the vicinity and in the city parking lot located in the 3800 block of Fleet St. (directly behind 1st American Bank and directly across from the Royal Farm Store).

Participating choirs and pastors are asked to gather in the lower church (entrance is on Conkling St. right at Foster Ave.) at 1:30 pm for vesting and for forming the entrance procession. Seating for all participants and dignitaries will be in the front of the upper church. Clergy should plan to bring robes for the processional, if it is their custom to wear them.

Because of other events taking place in our parish on Sunday, December 6th, we are not able to host a period of fellowship after the CANTON-HIGHLANDTOWN MUSIC FESTIVAL. However, our current plans call for this gathering, during which simple refreshments such as punch and cookies will be served, to take place at Canton Baptist Center. If there is any change in this, we shall let you know beforehand.

On behalf of the CANTON-HIGHLANDTOWN INTERFAITH MUSIC FESTIVAL Committee, I wish to thank you for your active participation in this event. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely in the Lord Jesus,

Rich Poetzel, CSSR

Rev. Richard K. Poetzel, CSSR
Pastor

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CANTON-HIGHLANDTOWN INTERFAITH MUSIC FESTIVAL

(Sunday, December 6, 1992 at 2:00 p.m.)

(Name of Church - Please Print)

(Contact Person and Phone Number - Please Print)

TITLE OF MUSICAL SELECTION(S)

In order to avoid duplication we ask that you list the title and composer of your selection(s).

We suggest Advent Music, Christmas Music, or Music encouraging Compassion or Feeding the Hungry. Each church may perform two short selections -- or only one, if a longer piece has been selected. The selection(s) may be performed by an Adult Music Group or Choir, by a Children's Choir if you have one, or by a solo performer.

SELECTION #1:

(Title, Composer & Approximate Length of Piece -- Please Print)

SELECTION #2:

(Title, Composer & Approximate Length of Piece -- Please Print)

Please return this as soon as possible to either Rev. Richard K. Poetzl, C.S.S.R. or Mr. George Daniels at the above address.

Thank you.

10-25-92 HILLIE & GRACE
FOR BULLETIN NEXT
WEEK
PASTOR

Remember When

Sunday, November 15, 1992

United Evangelical Church
Honoring

Arthur "Otts" Block & Fred Long

On Sunday Afternoon from 2 to 4 p.m., we invite you to join us and all members of the Youth Group led by "Otts" Block and Fred Long. This event will include a luncheon, slides of the activities of the group and an opportunity to sing some of the old songs from plays and movies and an opportunity to say THANKS to "Otts" and Fred for the leadership they provided for all of those years. The spouses of the group members as well as their children are invited to attend. Cost will be \$4.00 per adult and \$2.00 for children over the age of 5 years. Children under 5 will be our guest. Members of the group are asked to provide dessert.

For further information please contact:
Lynn Stinchcomb Sanders
407 South Robinson Street
Baltimore, Md. 21224
Phone 675-4459

A mailing list is enclosed of members that we have contacted. If any members you know are not on the list please call so we may send them a personal invitation. The cutoff below should be completed and returned by November 1st.



Remember When
RESERVATION
RSVP by November 1, 1992

Number of Adults attending _____

Number of Children attending _____

Name _____