

November 1, 1994

The regular monthly meeting of the Church Council of the United Evangelical Church U.C.C. was held on Tuesday, November 1, 1994.

Those in attendance were Ruth Beckwith, Marty Clement, Harvey Jacob, George Nassner, Clarence Rowell, James Tallagsen, William Voelker, and Cass Young.

Pastor Armstrong opened the meeting with prayer.

Clarence Rowell, Vice President, presided over the meeting.

Bill Voelker made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and Jim Tallagsen seconded.

The financial report was given by Harvey Jacob.  
We are 12,801.00 over budget for the month of October.  
Harvey reported that everything is looking good at this time.  
This was due to the Church All Sour Beef and Dumpling Dinner and Supper.

#### CORRESPONDENCE:

We received a letter from Marty Craig, president of the Ladies' Aid, requesting that we issue tickets for admission for Tinsel Sunday. It was also signed by some of the members of the Ladies' Aid.  
Bill Voelker made a motion, because of the popularity of Tinsel Sunday, that we do issue tickets and that it will be for Congregation members and their families only and Marty Clement seconded the motion. Council members were all in agreement with this motion.  
We will ask Tom Skarda to print the tickets and we will also put this announcement in the bulletin.

A letter was written by Rob and Janice Jackson in reference to the dance classes now being held in our gym under the direction of Vanessa Jackson.  
(See attached)

Pastor Armstrong will meet with Vanessa to clear up some of the concerns in the letter.

We received a letter from Grace Fader requesting her resignation as chairperson of the Fellowship Committee.  
Council accepted her resignation.  
Cass will write her a letter to thank her for serving the Church for so many years.

We also received a request to look into our Scout Program.  
Pastor will sent up a meeting with the Scout Field Director, Laura Seefeldt, and report to us at our next meeting.(See attached)

#### PROPERTY:

Sidewalks are in need of repair in 1995.

MEMBERSHIP:

We received three new members this month.

FELLOWSHIP:

The Halloween Party was a great success. We had about sixty children come.

The All Church Sour Beef and Dumpling Supper was a huge success.

SPIRITUAL:

Miss Ella Day was very nice. The Sunday School children honored her by giving her a rose from each child and a scroll was given to her with all the names of the children, teachers, and members of the Congregation on it. Clarence Rowell gave her a beautiful cross from the Sunday School Staff.

We now have six children to be confirmed in 1995. Fred Long is teaching these children in Sunday School as part of the commitment for confirmation.

CALENDAR:

November 16	Guild Thanksgiving Dinner
November 24	Thanksgiving Service at 10:00 a.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

We now have two nominations for the Council for 1995. They are Lou Parker Jr., and Olga DeBloom.

Harvey Jacob will be going off the Council. He has served six years. We thank him very much for his service to the Council. We will miss you Harvey.

George Hammerbacher, George Finnerty, and Ruth Beckwith have agreed to run again. Bill Voelker and Jim Tallagsen have not made up their minds at this time.

Janice Jackson, financial secretary, for the PACT Program, has submitted her financial statement for this month. (See attached)

NEW BUSINESS:

Marty Clement made a motion and Ruth Beckwith seconded to accept the document "ABOUT UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH". (See attached.)  
All Council Members were in favor of the motion.

Approval was given by the Council for Bill Myers to present Program of A.A. to the Church in Worship November 13.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

See attached.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m. Pastor closed with prayer.

FOR PRESENTATION AND REVIEW BY THE COUNCIL ON OCTOBER 1, 1991

**GUIDELINES FOR INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF THE UNITED EVANGELICAL  
CHURCH ON THE USE OF ALCOHOL**

Prepared by the Committee on the Alcohol Policy of the United  
Evangelical Church of the United Church of Christ

In our world today, we all know how easy it is to become dependent on things such as alcohol. Co-dependency is a behavioral pattern that often is learned when growing up in a family where a relative is chemically dependent. However, the use of alcohol doesn't always have to result in it being abused. Most of us are able to attend different functions/parties and consume alcohol in control. Back in the days of Jesus Christ, wine - which itself is alcohol - was used constantly. In our committee's study, we have found at least ten different places in the Books of the Bible where wine is used by Jews and Christians. Jesus Christ, himself, introduced wine in the celebration of the Lord's Supper. St. Paul also provides guidance in the drinking of wine and the use of food. Many of the people of the Church have asked for guidance concerning the use of alcohol by Christians. Therefore, after careful study, it is our committee's recommendation that we recognize that Christians can consume alcohol in a responsible Christian manner.

PLAN FOR PRESENTATION TO THE CHURCH

Our plan is to have this guideline statement and the study outline reviewed by members of the church in accordance with the following:

1. Review and Approval of Guidelines by the Council at its next meeting on October 1, 1991.
2. Discussion with Groups of the Church  
Members of the Committee will make presentations at each discussion, lead the discussion as follows:
  - a). Bible Study: "What does the Bible say about using alcohol?" Using the biblical outline (see attached) members of the Committee will lead discussion.
  - b). Review for Approval and Discussion of the Guideline Statement by each group. Members of the Committee will lead discussion.
3. Presentation of Guidelines and Study Outline to members of the Church for study and review.
4. Open Meeting and Discussion of the Guidelines at two Churchwide "Community Forums" on Sundays in November at 9:30AM. Presentation will be made and discussion led by