

January 30, 1994

The semi-annual congregation meeting of the United Evangelical Church U.C.C. was held on Sunday January 30, 1994. There were 64 people in attendance.

George Hammerbacher, president of the church council, called the meeting to order and Pastor Armstrong opened with prayer.

The minutes were read, and Bill Voelker made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and Ed Myers seconded.

The Annual Activities and Financial Reports of Church Organizations were distributed.

Harvey Jacob, financial secretary, told of our outstanding year we had in 1993. We were \$16,500.00 over budget for the year. This was due to Special Memorials and Love Gifts we received. Our groups and Organizations raised over \$10,000.00 of our income.

Harvey made a statement that we are lucky to have such vital and active people within our midst.

Harvey said our facilities are in good shape and he would like us to spend more money on our Sunday School so we can draw more younger people to our church.

Harvey gave the financial report.

A motion was made by Ed Myers and seconded by Clarence Rowell to accept the financial report and the Congregation were all in favor of this motion.

Ed Myers gave a report on the auditing of the books for 1993. He said the books were in good order and everything was sound and accounted for. He thanked Harvey for a good job well done.

All Groups reported they were doing fine.

Lois Long, representing Boy Scout Troop #19, told us that the Boy Scout Charter has been renewed. She also told that we no longer have Cub Scouts due to the fact that we need more boys between the age of eight and thirteen.

Pastor Armstrong will get in touch with our new Boy Scout leader, Lester Wolf, to get acquainted with him.

Jim Tallagren has made telephone contact with him pertaining to the Boy Scouts helping to clear the Church pavement after a snow fall.

Merger talks with Bethel are continuing regularly. There will be a meeting Tuesday, February 9, 1994 with our Committee and Bethel's. Pastor Armstrong and The Rev. Rogers will also be present.

Bethel's people and The Rev. Rogers will attend our Ash Wednesday Services. The Rev. Rogers may be asked to participate in our Lenten Services.

Bill Single asked about the financial status of Bethel. Harvey commented that Bethel's finances are okay. He said that there would be an escrow account opened to put their money in if the proposed merger goes thru.

Sam Jones suggested that Bethel liquidate their assets and then become members of our Church.

Pastor Armstrong said Bethel will probably liquidate their building and that they have their own evolving plan. Pastor also said that this will be discussed in their negotiations. He also commented he hoped their active members will strengthen our Church. He would like us to give all the support we can to Bethel's Congregation.

Will Myrick asked who will be supporting Rev. Rogers financially if the merger takes place? Will also asked what roll Rev Rogers will take in our Church?

Pastor Armstrong answered saying Bethel has a backup financial plan to take care of this. He also said Pastor will be a great help to our staff as a visiting Pastor to our shut-ins.

Carol Borkman asked if Rev. Rogers will be full time or part time?

Pastor Armstrong said Rev. Rogers requested to work full time and that he has great skills as a out reach to our shut-ins.

Sam Jones asked what do we have to gain by this Merger?

Pastor Armstrong answered saying we will gain sixty additional members to strengthen our Community.

John Price asked when is our target date for this merger?

Pastor Armstrong said this year, possibly.

George Hammerbacher assured the Congregation again that nothing will be done without their knowledge.

Cass Young made a comment on what a great help Rev. Rogers would be to Pastor Armstrong in carrying out his mission for our church.

Ruth Beckwith announced that the Entertainment Books will no longer be available after the end of this month.

Pastor Armstrong commented that we must keep moving to build our membership.

He also said that the Council will give more support to the Church School in this new year.

Pricilla Armstrong asked that the Church School Mother's of the new group be added to our mailing list.

Cass Young said she will get a list and do this.

Ed Myers said in the past the Church School had no help from the Council.

Harvey said that in the new year will will make a better effort to help and recognize the needs of the Church School.

Marty Craig of the United Travel Group presented the Church with a gift of \$1000.00.

A motion was made by Clarence Rowell and seconded by Jim Tallagsen to adjourn.

We adjourn at 1 p.m.

Pastor Armstrong closed with prayer.