

April 8, 1980
Tuesday

The regular monthly meeting of the Church Council of United Evangelical Church was called to order by President, George Tuerk on Tuesday, April 8, 1980 at 8:00 p.m. The following members of the Church Council were present:

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| John Bond | Mr. J. Edwin Myers |
| Louis Oberlander | Mr. John Strong |
| Ernest Jones | Mr. George Tuerk |
| Willoughby Myrick | Mr. Fred Long |
| Mrs. May Getz | Mr. Earl Jackson |
| Mr. George Sauer | Mrs. Grace Fader |

The Rev. Scott Hengen

The opening prayer by Pastor Hengen expressed joy and gratitude in our hearts this Eastertide evening.

Mr. Tuerk relieved Mr. Earl Jackson of responsibility as chairman of Property Committee due to personal problems. Mr. George Sauer has been appointed chairman of Property Committee.

At the invitation of Mr. Willoughby Myrick - Mr. Collins of the Zee Medical Products Co. attended the Council meeting and showed wall cabinets containing first aid supplies. The small cabinet cost \$95.40 and the larger cabinet cost \$131.40. Oxygen tank cost \$115.30. First Aid courses by the Red Cross are available. Classes are free if 15 or more persons attend.

The standard first-aid class runs 8 - 10 hours.

The standard C.P.R. class runs 6 - 8 hours.

Books needed for the classes cost extra.

Mr. Collins informed us Maryland has a good samaritan law whereby you cannot be sued for giving first aid to someone in need. Mr. Tuerk thanked Mr. Collins for his time and will have discussion at meeting.

The secretaries minutes from the previous meeting were read. After two corrections they were approved.

Mr. Tuerk said letters of thanks were sent to Mr. ^{Randy} Schmitt, Mr. Robert Jackson, Miss Carole Weidel, Mrs. Dolores Canoles and Mrs. Margaret Craig for their services to the church. Copies enclosed.

Copies of the financial report for March were given to each Council member.

Mr. George Sauer asked "Although we are getting many memorials he did not see any change in the amount of the Memorial Fund, why?" Mr. Tuerk informed Mr. Sauer all monies being received from memorials is now placed in General Fund. This was approved at Council meeting April 12, 1979.

Mr. Sauer reported Johnson Refrigerator Service had not received payment for services in January, 1980. Mr. Tuerk will look into matter.

Mr. John Strong received a refund check in the amount of \$94.00 from the Insurance Co. as we no longer have an assistant sexton.

Mrs. Margaret Craig attended the Council meeting with regard to renovating the Quiet Room into a church parlor. Mrs. Craig knew the Church Council had not yet approved it. Mr. Tuerk asked Mrs. Craig to be present for discussion. Mr. and Mrs. Craig wants to do this for the church in honor of their 25th Wedding anniversary. The room to be used in an informal way. Mr. J. Edwin Myers suggested a multi-purpose room. Mrs. Craig contacted Krebs Furniture Co. and they made layout plans to include a love seat, sofa, 2 occasional chairs, desk, lamp, draperies and rug. Cost approximately \$2,000.00. Room to be used as Quiet Room on Sunday morning. Mrs. Craig talked to many members and they said room was used for many meetings therefore she thought this style furnishings not suitable for every day room.

→ The pews when removed from the Quiet Room will be installed in the auditorium. *Suggestion was made*

Mr. Ernest Jones motioned we change the Quiet Room into a parlor/multi-purpose room. Mr. Willoughby Myrick seconded the motion. Approved.

Two persons on the Church Council will be appointed to work with Mrs. Craig to furnish the room quote "comfortable to the use of the church."

Property Committee

Mr. Tuerk approached Mr. Herman Rossmark about leak in roof over organ. Recommended new roof of mineralite roofing material, guaranteed 15 years, cost \$300.00 - \$350.00. Action approved by Council with recommendation that roof on other side over organ pipes be inspected and if necessary be repaired at same time. Mr. Sauer will contact Mr. Rossmark.

Mrs. Grace Fader advised Mrs. Sadie Zinn wants to give to the church extensions for candles on altar in memory of late husband, Charles Zinn. Consensus of Council members these are unsatisfactory to use with our candleabras. Mr. Tuerk will talk to Mrs. Zinn about this.

Candles on the altar to be straightened by Mr. Sauer. Council suggests looking into new candleabras. To be discussed with Altar Committee.

Mr. Myers reported all keys tagged and in cupboard.

Mrs. Fader will be given list of keys in office.

Pastor Hengen reported assisting Mrs. Emma Koehler with materials left in church school closet by her late husband, Mr. William Koehler. Materials have been separated and given to church school, archives, etc. Mr. Rowell, church school superintendent, now has keys to closet.

Mrs. Fader asked that 26 tables be in good condition to use for the Mother/Daughter banquet, May 14, 1980. Mrs. Hengen recommended two years ago more tables be purchased as the supply was inadequate for the Oyster/Sour Beef Supper that year. Mr. Sauer will look into this.

PASTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT TO CHURCH COUNCIL (for March)

Baptisms - 0
Weddings - 2
Funerals - 6
Total Counselling sessions - 10
 Pre-Marriage - 10
 Personal - 1
Worship Services -
 Led - 18
Total meetings attended - 35
 Church meetings - 25
 Non-church meetings - 10
Hospital and home visitations - 32
Professional consultations
 Church - 3
Adult Baptisms - 1
Baptisms pending - 3
Marriages pending - 13

1. Lenten, Holy Week and Easter services were a success.
2. Confirmation meaningful and successful event.
3. Successful Fellowship breakfast on Easter Sunday morning.
4. One Great Hour of Sharing held.
5. Highlandtown/Canton Good Friday Community service a success.
6. Canton Happening will take place again this year.
7. Successful Ladies Aid Sour Beef Supper on March 18.
8. Letter of condolence sent to the Anna Zoltowski Family.
(copy enclosed)
9. Letter of thanks received from "Baltimore Voices."
10. Next meeting of the Chesapeake Association, U.C.C. will be held Sunday, May 4 at Grace U.C.C. Church, 1404 S. Charles Street, 3:00 p.m. Hot meal cost \$4.00.
Agenda - election, etc.
We are eligible to have 5 delegates, plus the pastor.
A tabled matter from the last meeting of the Chesapeake Ass'n. will be voted on. This concerns Webster Congregational U.C.C. Church, Havre De Grace, Maryland. Issue: Homosexuality. Delegates must vote up or down. The resolution: Deals with potential ordination of homosexuals. Mr. Tuerk suggested a joint discussion with pastor and delegates before meeting on May 4th.
11. The regular scheduled meeting of the Central Atlantic Conference will take place June 13,14,15, 1980 at Hood College, Frederick, Maryland.
12. Letter received from Dean Loyde H. Hartley of Lancaster Theological Seminary regarding consultation on financial funds of this church. Seminar, May 9, 1980. Report of study at this seminar. Registration fees are free because we participated.
13. Increasing complaints concerning noise in Narthex during worship. Mr. Tuerk referred to Constitution and By-laws of the Church.
 By-Laws - section #5
 Item C. (page 10) "Set a good example of Christian living by regular attendance at the divine service and at Holy Communion."

Item D. (page 10) "Secure and preserve quiet and order in and about the Church during divine services."

Mr. Tuerk informed members of the Ecumenical meeting concerning neighborhood problems. Crime heightened in this neighborhood.

We did not share information to the Community regarding the Census.

Pastor received letter from young adult church member who heard the drums and symbols at Eastertime. Quote: "to bad we can't have more of this in church." Also wanted to know if we ever have guest pastors and guest choirs.

Some Council members complained the Eastertime music was too loud.

A crank letter was received by Pastor Hengen.

Mrs. Grace Fader voiced disapproval of the oral examination of Confirmands. After the delicious buffet was served the children should have been taken over into church for the examination; they should have been questioned by the Pastor and ^{not} questioned by the parents and guests present. After the oral examination of the children it should not have been any questioning of the parents and guests. ^{by the confirmands} A prayer for the Confirmands should have been offered by the Pastor at the conclusion of the examination meeting. Mr. Tuerk, Mr. Bond and Mr. Myrick disagreed with Mrs. Fader saying the examination was meaningful and excellent.

Mr. Ernest Jones expressed a benediction should have been given on Easter morning for those not communing.

Pastor was asked why he did not have help with the Easter Communion? Matter still being evaluated by the Pastor. Additional expense not necessary at this time.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE - Mrs. Grace Fader, chairperson

Lenten mid-week coffee/buns hour - crowd was small but they enjoyed the fellowship with one another.

Easter Sunday morning breakfast - very successful. Mrs. Margaret Craig brought greetings to the 1930 confirmands and all others present. She had a fine program and we thank her for this.

Mrs. Margaret Craig asked permission to use Friendship Hall, Sunday, May 4, 1980 for final plans on trip to Oberramagau, and other European countries.

Palms used for Palm Sunday belong to the church.

Last meeting of Spiritual committee cancelled and will be re-scheduled.

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Mr. Myers gave to each council member suggestions to improve church attendance, church giving and church activities, etc.

Church World Service clothing pickup May 28, 1980

Mr. Ed. Myers informed Bibles for 1980 Confirmands were lost in mail. Cancelling if not received by end of week (April 8)

Church envelopes information for 1981 given to John Bond.

The meeting was adjourned with a prayer by Pastor Hengen followed with all joining in The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace E. Fader

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Secretary to the Church Council