

July 1, 2000

## NEWS LETTER

Hello,

In this correspondence we are including information on up-coming events here at Church.

### SPAGHETTI DINNER

The Spaghetti Dinner that was held on Sunday, June 4, 2000, proved to be very successful. We made \$600.00 after all expenses. I would like to thank each and everyone of you that had anything to do with the dinner. It doesn't matter if you worked in the kitchen, the hall, sold chances or just came and enjoyed the dinner you had a part in making this dinner the success it was and you should feel proud that you were able to help your Church. Please mark your calendar for Sunday, September 10, 2000 12:00 noon for the next Spaghetti Dinner. If you are unable to come to the dinner, carry outs will be available throughout the day. Thanks again. God Bless. Chairperson Darlene Waters

### PARSONAGE

Enclosed please find a summary of the work done to the parsonage and some pictures so you can see how great it looks. John Price and his crew of dedicated workers did a great job. Hope when we get a new Pastor he or she will want to live in this beautiful home.

### R A F F L E

You will find in this newsletter a picture of the beautiful antique trunk to be raffled off, as first prize. Also there is a second prize of 2 Airline tickets to anywhere in the U.S. in accordance with the guidelines of U. S. Airs frequent flyer mileage program. Third prize is a singing fish, the fish is mounted on a plaque and when you push a button and he sings 2 different songs (this is a real conversation piece). All of the above were donated to the Church by Mr. Frank Tribull. Chances are 1 for \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00. The drawing will be held on Sunday, October 22, 2000 at 9:30 a.m. If you are interested in purchasing some chances see any Church Council Member or call the Church Office. 410-276-0393 Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

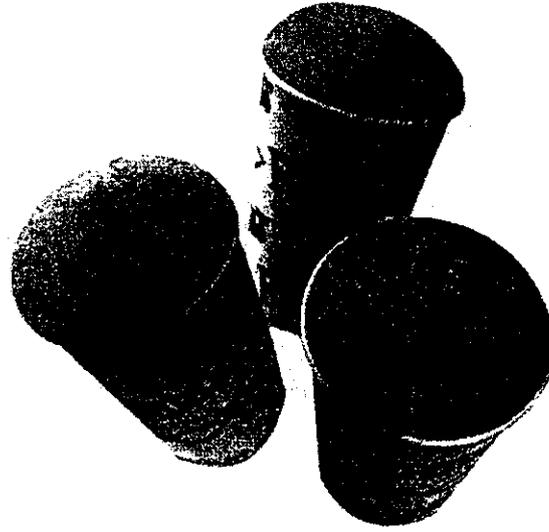
### SUICIDE BRIDGE BUS TRIP

There are 6 seats remaining on the 2<sup>nd</sup> bus. The trip is on Wednesday, August 2, 2000. If you and a friend are interested in having a good time, great food, boat ride and all the big crabs you can eat then this is the trip for you. This is Marty Craig's 4 year of bus trips to Suicide Bridge. So you know it is a great trip. If interested contact Church Office 410-276-0393 or Marty Craig 410-675-251 or 410 288-1227.

### COOK BOOKS

The Church Council has decided to update the old Church Cook Book, by adding new recipes. If you would like your favorite recipe added write it down and give it to a Church Council Member or drop it off in the Church Office. We would like to get this book to the publisher as soon as possible so we may have it back to time for sale at the Sour Beef Dinner on October 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>

*One Sweet Gesture  
Deserves Another*



*Rita's urges all able people to please give blood.*

**United Evangelical Church**  
***EMERGENCY BLOOD DRIVE***

**Monday, July 3, 2000**

**10:00 am - 4:00 pm**

**Fellowship Hall**

**Please call the Church Office at 410-276-0393  
to schedule your lifesaving appointment.**

**FREE T-SHIRTS TO ALL DONORS!!!**



**American  
Red Cross**

*Stop by the blood drive  
and get your coupon for a  
FREE Italian Ice.*



**SAVING LIVES CAN BE SUCH A SWEET BUSINESS**

**Federal regulations require donors to wait 56 days between donations. Please bring some form of ID.  
It is not necessary to donate blood in order to participate.**

**Listed below are the costs for remodeling the parsonage.**

<i>Work</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Vendor</i>
1---Paint entire parsonage	3,555.00	<u>JMF Contracting Co.</u> This included 1 coat of Kills sealer and 2 coats of white semi gloss paint on all walls and 2 coats of drylock water proof paint on the washroom and boiler room walls as well as recoating the hall with flat paint.
2---Air condition Parsonage	7,450.00	<u>Four Seasons Heating &amp; Cooling Inc</u> This included bringing gas into the home, a new hot air gas furnace, removing old radiators and furnace. Since the hot water heater is relatively new, it will be used until it presents problems, then it will be replaced with a gas heater.
3---Repair all windows	1,175.00	<u>Samson Home Improvement Inc.</u> This includes new ballasts in all the windows, Repairing any storm windows as well as lubricating all window tracks. There are 21 windows in the building. I am sure this has never been done before.
4---Carpeting and padding	2,409.00	<u>Bills Carpet Fair.</u> The plush feeling of the carpet is because I had the top of the line padding installed to handle the anticipated heavy traffic.
5---Fumigating the parsonage		Because of the dog that lived in the parsonage, flees were occasionally biting the workers.
6---Clean the entire building,	600.00	<u>Private persons</u> Because of the cigarette smoke stained walls, which were yellow, I had a private person come in and wash all the walls, windows, kitchen cabinets, remove old carpets and padding. Remove window air conditioners, remove rubble from basement and in general give the whole house a preliminary cleaning prior to painting.
7---Sand bedroom floors	1,054.00	<u>Charles M. Whiteford Inc.</u> Because of water damage in the front and back bedrooms, the floors in all of the bedrooms were sanded and given a sealer coat and 2 coats of satin polyurethane.
8---Carpentry & repairs	1,000.00	<u>Private person</u> This was necessary to enclose the ductwork for the air condition, replace the ceiling tile in the basement, install an exhaust pipe for the drier, plug the holes where pipes came through for old heating system, replace tile in bathroom, install hanger for bath curtain, replace cellar window etc.

9---Kitchen & bathroom tile	130.00	<u>Lowe's</u> This was for the tile, rubber molding and mastic for the bath room and kitchen floors.
10-Replace range hood	35.00	<u>Lowe's</u> Replaced because the old hood had a bad motor and fan control. It would cost more to repair than replace
11-Kitchen remodeling	2,795.00	<u>Kitchen Saver Of Baltimore</u> This included refacing all cabinets, new counter top, new back wall, new sink, repairing and reinstalling the garbage disposal, and installing the exhaust hood.
12-Carpet for vestibule	45.00	<u>Consolidated Plastics.</u> This is the scuff rug in the vestibule to help keep dirt off of the new rugs as much as possible.
13-Plywood for floor	57.00	<u>Dundalk Lumber</u> Plywood underlayment for kitchen and bathroom floors.
14-Venetian blinds	438.00	<u>J.C. Penny</u> Had to purchase 8 new venetian blinds. They were apparently disposed of in previous years.
15-Miscellaneous supplies	20.00	Scrapers, screws, nails, cleaning supplies etc.
<b>TOTAL -----</b>	<b>-20,763.00</b>	

There is also the possibility that, in the future, we may have to provide a refrigerator for the kitchen.

The above costs do not reflect the cost for repairs to the parsonage building for the previous year. They are:

1---Retar the roof	600.00
2---Replace window lintels	3,680
Total	4,280.00

I would like to thank those members who helped me to bring this project to completion. They are:

Diane Borkman  
Carol Borkman  
Art Jones  
John Strong  
John Williams  
Stanley Huber

Thanks to Harvey Jacob for the use of his truck.

This was not a one man job. {Many thanks}

John M. Price  
Property Chairman

## INTERIM INTERLUDES

On our recent study leave to a California conference, one of the classes we attended focused on the hunger young adults have to belong to a group, a "community" that is "real", which accepts families with noisy children and who offers opportunities lives for worship and service that relate to their lives. No longer do these "under 35's" automatically seek a traditional church.

One young father shared, "Why should I join a church who only wants my money in order to maintain *the way of life of the current members.*" "I've never been asked what faith needs I or my family has or what ideas I might want to contribute." He continued, "I don't sense that joining a church community will enable me to serve God in the *real* world where I live. I don't have time for long meetings on trivia where little that matters is decided."

These busy and active adults are quick to spot insincere advances stating that churches in general are open to welcoming them *only* if they are willing to join established committees and groups, along with following the old established customs of the congregation.

What the above father is stating is the issue that is before most well-established Protestant churches, including ours. The question: how can we go beyond "survival" to become strong and vital serving God and others. There are no easy answers on how a congregation goes about welcoming new faces. But we can make a start. It can begin with *each of us.* Read on.

A man who had just moved into a small town in Pennsylvania fell into conversation with an old Quaker who was in the habit of sitting on a bench in the quiet square in the center of the township.

"What kind of people live here?" asked the newcomer. The old Quaker replied, "What kind of people didst thee live amongst before?"

"Oh, they were mean, narrow, suspicious, and very unfair," answered the man. "Then," said the Quaker, "I'm sorry, but thee will find the same manner of people here."

Not long after, another newcomer joined him on the bench and asked the same question, and, like his predecessor, was asked, "What manner of people didst thee live amongst before?"

A warm smile spread over the newcomer's face. "Friend," he answered, "they were the best folk in the world. They were always friendly, kind and loveable, and I hated to leave them."

The old Quaker beamed, "Welcome, neighbor," he said, "be of good cheer, for thee will find the same people here."

This homey story illustrates a deeper truth about people, wherever they are found -- even in the church. How often we complain that people are "unfriendly" or "cold," without ever giving a thought to the quality of our approach to them. Somehow it seldom occurs to us that what we see in others may simply be a mirrored reaction of our attitude toward them. The one who "never smiles" at us may be waiting for a friendly greeting. The person we meet in our church community may have been snubbed or hurt in an earlier church experience, and be leery about us "churchy types" until he or she really feels our caring and friendship are authentic.

One way to begin to change the perception of "church" as self-centered and rigid, is by looking at how we must appear to those who come to see if our witness speaks to their needs. In the computer talk of today there is the phrase "user friendly". To the passing inquirer, the lonely looking for warmth, the confused looking for guidance, is our church user friendly? To many today, the church is more interested in its own needs than helping others. According to the scriptures, the church exists to be a servant to a hurting world. Do we seek to serve or to be served? Do we practice the hospitality towards strangers that Jesus models for us?

Speaking in his dynamic letter to the Ephesians, the Apostle Paul declared that there should be no "strangers or sojourners" in the church. Rather, we are all "fellow citizens...of the household of God."

As such, our relations both in and out of the church need to be marked by a spirit of love and self-giving. Our concern becomes not so much for ourselves as for others. With such an understanding of the Christ-like way of life, the whole area of our relationships with others can be changed, and remarkable enough, the attitude of others toward us will also change.

Then, let it be said of our lives, and even of our church, "there are no strangers here."

Lovingly, *Pastor Corinne*

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