

**THE UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH OF BALTIMORE, MD**  
**Church Council Meeting**  
**April 8, 2008**

The President, Harvey Jacob, called the meeting to order at 7pm.

**Present:** Bob Osburne, Dale Sanders, Harvey and Ursula Jacob, Barbara Matthew, Cissy Funk, Rev. Cathy Oatman.

**Devotions:** Ursula Jacob

**March Minutes:** The Minutes of the March 4<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved with two corrections. Barbara Matthew had not been present and the anniversary party will be on September 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Correspondence:** Harvey read thank you notes from James Fader and Barbara Kellner. Kathy Fifield sent a thank you to the council for monetary contribution for her and Diane Pachillis to attend the Youth Leader Gathering in Catonsville, MD.

A notice was received from the Baltimore City Register of Wills that the church may be receiving a bequest from the estate of Elbertha S. Cassedy.

Earl's Place sent a notice regarding the January 2009 run. We will contribute \$500, our budgeted benevolence, to this event. Calvin Gundlach, Eric Sanders and Dale Sanders participated in the previous run that was held on New Year's Day this year.

We will be contributing \$125 to Little League Fortview. We will again be placing an ad with St. Bridget's for \$100 for their carnival. There will be a afternoon lunch at St. Mark's church on April 20<sup>th</sup>. The Central Atlantic Conference will hold their 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting in Newark, Delaware, June 13 – 15, 2008. Harvey attended in 2006 and may attend this year. Any others who wish to go should decide by May 1<sup>st</sup>, the sign up date. The congregation will be asked to contribute money to buy coffee for Holy Joe's Cafe. This is a place where service men and women can gather and relax over a cup of coffee in Iraq and Afghanistan. Our plan is to support this effort through September. More will be written in the church bulletin.

**Financial Report:** We show a gain of \$3101 for the month of March, which brings our deficit for the end of the first quarter to \$4600. We spent money for a new blower motor for the organ and spent \$600 for tuning the organ. Our stock CEG was up in 2007, then declined and is now on its way up again. Last month is showed a value of \$22125.

**Window Plaques:** We are planning a dedication of the restored stained glass windows with the donor plaques installed on September 21. We are still exploring which plaques would be best suited.

**Adopt a Project:** Harvey created a preliminary list of projects to which we can contribute. He also made a list of things that need repairing around the church.

**Non-Profit Center:** Rev. Cathy and Harvey visited a non-profit center in Westminster, MD. This center was funded by a philanthropic gift. It houses 23 non profit organizations.

**Property:** Garry Jacob will be starting as our handyman. Higgins & Associates are scheduled to do the restoration work on our front window in May.

Ursula will talk to Olga about the drape pulls on the large front window. We are hoping that J.C. Penney will be able to replace them.

**Membership:** Ursula will call Laraine Jones regarding the followup cards that she was working on. We would like to send them out to the people who have received an initial invitation to attend one of our services.

**Christian Education:** Our church youth are going to Knoxville, TN from September 24 to the 28<sup>th</sup>. To raise funds for this trip the youth will hold a flower sale on Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. The Chesapeake Association is giving \$1500 toward the cost of the bus.

**Spiritual:** The annual 50<sup>th</sup> reunion of confirmands will take place on May 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Calendar:** We need to coordinate the calendar with the one in the office.

**Ushering:** We will look into another type of badges for the ushers.

**Visioning Study Groups:** For the fourth round of meetings we will have an all church pot luck luncheon.

**135<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration:** A Reservations have been made for our annual church picnic at Rocky Point Park on September 14<sup>th</sup>. A dinner / dance in celebration of our church's 135<sup>th</sup> anniversary will be at the Lantern Gardens on September 21st

We discussed having an October Fest on October 19. This will be held on the sidewalk surrounding our church. We hope to have an oompa band, beer truck, German food, etc. Dale made a motion to go ahead with the plan and Clarence seconded the motion. All in favor. On May 4<sup>th</sup> a meeting will be scheduled after the second service for an open discussion with the congregation regarding the sale of beer at the festival.

An afternoon history of church music concert will take place at our church on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. We hope to have a variety of different types of music including blue grass, modern hymns, etc. Our plan is to give some of the proceeds to Earl's Place.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor would like to send some delegates to the Chesapeake Association Meetings.

George Swift will graduate from Lancaster Theological Seminary on May 16-17<sup>th</sup>.

We discussed getting recycle containers for the church.

Pastor Cathy asked to be provided with vision care insurance at \$90 a year. A motion was made by Barbara Matthew to make this provision which was seconded by Clarence. All in favor.

**Old Business:** Harvey will look into Sprint electrical usage.

**New Business:** The hiring of a new church secretary was discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 pm after reciting The Lord's Prayer.