

**United Evangelical Church
Council Meeting
September 9, 2008**

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

Present: Harvey Jacob, Ursula Jacob, Calvin Gundlach, Dale Sanders, Olga DeBloom, Nancy Gray, Barbara Matthew, Cissy Funk, Rev. Cathy.

Devotion: Dale Sanders

Correspondence: We received a letter from Hoffman Homes requesting our participation again this year in furnishing Christmas gifts for their youth. We will ask Catherine Young if she is willing to purchase gifts for the youth again this year.

First Congregation Church, a small church in Milton, DE, Lillie Mae Waters, Pastor, has been notified their insurance will not be renewed unless they repair or replace the church's brick front porch which would cost approximately \$10000. They have been working hard to raise funds. Calvin made a motion to help them by contributing \$250. Nancy seconded the motion. All in favor.

Financial Report: Our revenue was \$2532 over expenses for the month of August. \$40000 in funds were placed at Provident Bank in an 18 month CD yielding 4.5%.

A payment for our property and liability insurance is due in September.

We discussed adding the church school accounts to the church's accounting system starting with the year 2009.

The congregation's total contribution to Holy Joe's Cafe was \$481. Coffee will be ordered to be sent to them.

The pest control company is charging us \$63 per month, \$756/year. A decision was made to put a notice in the Endeavor looking for someone to volunteer to treat the kitchen and restrooms monthly.

Discussion: Cissy Funk found an article in Baltimore Magazine about Ed St. John, owner of St. John Properties, who has donated money to charitable endeavors focusing in education. Perhaps we could approach him regarding a grant for the conversion of our School Building. Shela Drummond is going to meet with Michael Sarbanes regarding our School Building. We discussed the need to form a separate committee to deal with the conversion of the school building.

Property: Calvin found an electrician, County Electric, to replace the burned out light bulbs in the sanctuary. We will be asking him to give us separate quotes for the tower lights and the sanctuary lights. Calvin reported that a member of the congregation has told him that he will donate the money for the sanctuary bulb replacement. Nancy made a motion seconded by Barbara that we hire County Electric to replace the needed bulbs in the sanctuary.

In order to assist in raising the \$3400 required to have the Narthex tiled, Nancy is donating a camcorder for a silent auction to be held at the Octoberfest. Dale made a motion which was seconded by Cissy to go ahead with the silent auction. All in favor.

Nancy made a motion which was seconded by Dale that we purchase a small safe for the church office and dispose of the old large one that we now have. All in favor.

Membership: Monica and John Collins will be joining our congregation on September 21.

Altar: Ursula reported that she has received a letter from Seifert Florist announcing a price increase for the altar flowers. She will write an announcement to be printed in the Endeavor.

Fellowship: We do not have permits for the Oktoberfest yet but we hope to have them by September 16. We need liquor and food licenses.

No decision has been made thus far to rent our church's kitchen to Rosina Gourmet sandwich and catering shop. Dale made a motion, seconded by Cissy Funk to pursue the kitchen rental. We want to pursue getting a proposal to ascertain how much income would be realized by renting the facility.

So far, \$250 has been contributed towards 'Adopt a Project'.

Christian Education: The Christian Education Classes are being divided into four different age groups. Rev. Cathy will be teaching a Bible Study Class between the two Sunday services.

Calendar: The Congregational Meeting will be on November 16. Totenfest Sunday will be observed on November 23rd.

Ushering: Revisions to the Usher/Greeter list need to be finished.

Music: Lynn Sanders, Bud Russell, Rev. Cathy and Robert Gundlach will be attending a series of seminars in Lancaster, PA entitled "Enlivening Worship and Music"

Visioning: New Visioning Groups are going to start soon.

Pastor's Report: The Chesapeake Association Fall Meeting will take place on October 4. Father Elias Mallon will be speaking on the subject of Christian and Islam religions. He will also preach at our church on Sunday the 5th of October and be speaking at Christ Church in Locust Point that afternoon. The council voted to send \$125 to Christ Church to help defray his travel expenses and pay for his stay.

The Youth Group will start up soon and meet every other week.

There is grant money available from the Chesapeake Association for the revitalizing of churches. Rev. Cathy will apply for funds for our church. We will be asking for \$300 for our participation in the "Enlivening Worship and Music for the Small Church" program in Pennsylvania and \$200 for our 135th anniversary celebrations.

Confirmation Class: So far we have four children participating.

Rev. Cathy would like the council to meet with The Rev. Ben Griffin for the purpose of determining if we would like him to fill in for the 3 months that Rev. Cathy will be on sabbatical. He is retired and we understand he would therefore be available. We need to write him a letter requesting a meeting.

Adjournment: At 9:40 p.m. Dale made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Barbara. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned after the recital of the Lords Prayer.