

**United Evangelical Church**  
**Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Of Meeting Held November 9, 2004**

**Attendance:** Rev. Cathy, Clarence Rowell, Darlene Waters, Ursula Jacob, Cass Young, Shirley Willingham, Julie Hovermill, Pat Meyers, Bob Osburne, Rose Marie Jefferson and Nancy Spirko

The time of devotion was presented by Cass.

The minutes were read and approved.

**Correspondence:** Clarence received a letter from the Hoffman Home requesting participation in gift giving for the children at the home. Council decided to participate again this year. Upon response by Council, the Hoffman Home will provide a list of gifts to be purchased. Cass and Nancy volunteered to shop for the gifts. The gifts will be displayed in the Narthex and the congregation can donate money to offset the costs of the gifts. The Hoffman Home has requested we deliver the gifts.

**Introduction of Guests** - No guests attended the meeting.

**Financial Report:** The financial report was distributed. Clarence stated the bottom line is we are \$25,111.79 in the red. Perhaps we may make some of that up in December.

**Committee Reports:**

**Property:** There was a discussion of the various closets and their contents. It was suggested that a diagram be done showing the various closets around the Friendship Hall and Sunday School building. The closets could be marked with labels so everyone is aware of what is in the closet and who has the key. It was suggested that set of master keys be kept in the church office. A message will be put in the Sunday bulletin that the closets are going to be purged, so anyone who has anything they need to retrieve should do so. Then the closets will be labeled with what is inside. Carl Price has volunteered to temporarily fill in for Bill Meyers until he returns as Property Chairman. Carl will be meeting with Bill this Saturday.

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about the  
that  
There was  
no key for  
Cass closet?*

**Membership:** Cass reminded everyone that we will be having the special service to honor the shut-ins on December 19 at the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. service. Cass will be getting together some special items and they will be mailed to the shut-ins.

**Altar:** Ursula stated the altar has been decorated with the Thanksgiving items, i.e., corn stalks, gourds, pumpkins, etc. It was also discussed that a list of duties for the altar be put in place so everyone knows what is expected.

**Fellowship:** Bob reminded everyone Tinsel Day is Sunday, December 12, 2004. Bob will be preparing the food. It was decided a basket will be made up to raffle off. Pat Meyers will donate the decorated basket. We will also have two cakes. Bob asked Pastor to advise everyone the Friendship Hall and kitchen are not to be used on December 10, 11 or 12, in order for him to prepare the area for the Tinsel Day celebration. Volunteers are need for various duties in preparation of Tinsel Day. Cass will talk to "Santa Claus" to see if he will be available to make a visit.

*Spiritual Committee*

**Music:** Nothing to report.

**Calendar:** Nothing to report.

**Ushering:** Cass prepared a checklist that will spell out the directions to follow for opening/closing the church, turning the lights on/off, etc. She will place it in an envelope in the Narthex so it is readily available for reference. Jim Tallaghsen volunteered to lock up St. Bridgits parking lot and Cass will close up the church each Sunday. Starting in January, Julie will prepare a rotating schedule for one month at a time so the burden is not so great on one person.

**Christian Education:** Clarence stated the next meeting will be Tuesday, November 16, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. At the meeting Tinsel Day activities will be planned for the Sunday School. Pat Meyers volunteered to work on a craft for the adults to make.

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Pat  
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crafts  
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adults

**Rev. Cathy's Report:** Rev. Cathy received a "Thank You" note from Lucy Brady thanking everyone for making her experience at the church so wonderful. Lucy especially thanked Rob and Josh.

Rev. Cathy, Nancy and Rose Marie attended the *Still Speaking* campaign meeting on October 19, 2004. This campaign is being administered by the UEC, starting the first day of Advent, December 1, 2004. The campaign consists of ~~12~~ commercials that will be aired. Our church can personalize the commercials. Rev. Cathy played the commercials for Council. Council decided to present the commercials to the congregation at the Congregational Meeting on November 28, 2004 and take a vote as to whether we will participate in the campaign. Darlene made a motion to spend \$2,000.00 to place ads every week in the *Baltimore Guide* for six months in order to see if it generates any new members. Council agreed.

Rev. Cathy has not heard anything from Betty Jean Murphy from ~~Long and Foster Realtors~~. Betty Jean was supposed to send her architect (at no cost to the church) to look at the Sunday School building. Betty Jean thought senior housing would work in the Sunday School building. However, Rev. Cathy spoke with Lisa Stachura of BUILD and she indicated the market is flooded with senior housing in the area. c de volper

Regarding the 1st Saturday Contemporary worship service. Wanda, the new music director has proven to be unreliable and not enthusiastic. There was discussion as to maybe suspending the 1st Saturday Contemporary services for a while or perhaps integrating some of the contemporary worship service into one of the Sunday services. Nothing was decided.

Rev. Cathy reminded everyone to mark their calendars for the January 22, 2005 when the Council Retreat will be held at 9:00 a.m. We will need to have discussions as to how we function as a church among other items.

Rev. Cathy requested vacation for December 27 through January 3, 2005. Motion was made to approve Rev. Cathy's vacation and accepted.

Rev. Cathy reported the following Pastoral Care figures - 7 visits, 0 phone calls and 1 funeral.

Old Business: None

New Business: Clarence reminded everyone the Congregational Meeting will be held on November 28, 2004. Rev. Cathy advised Calvin Gundlach, Harvey Jacob, Lori Betch and Lynn Sanders have decided to run for Council. Darlene, Clarence and Cass's terms have expired. Shirley will be leaving. Bob and Ursula are up for re-election.

*Kris*

*→ Discussion about other nominees*

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m. with the Lord's prayer.