

**United Evangelical Church**  
**Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Of Meeting Held April 12, 2005**

**Attendance:** Rev. Cathy, Ursula Jacob, Harvey Jacob, Pat Meyers, Bill Meyers, Elaine Kimos, Calvin Gundlach, Lori Betch, Lynn Sanders, Rose Marie Jefferson and Nancy Spirko.

The time of devotion was presented by Nancy Spirko.

The minutes of the March 8, 2005 Church Council meeting were read and accepted.

**Financial Report:** Harvey stated as expected March was a good month for revenue. \$18,713 was the total. Also, expenses are lighter than usual as most of the big expenses have already been paid. We should get a reprieve on utilities in April, May and June, as we may not have to use the heat or air conditioning. A gain of \$5,800 and at the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter we are \$4,681 down. Included in the \$5,800 is the One Great Hour of Sharing offering, which is approximately \$1,800 and \$400 of that was donated by the Sunday School. A check will be sent out next week for the One Great Hour of Sharing.

**Correspondence:** Lori received a Thank You card from Pat Hoke and also a thank you from the *Still Speaking* campaign. Darlene Waters received a newsletter from the Red Cross regarding holding a blood drive at the church.

**Property:** Bill stated a new light was placed in the ladies room and also a chair has been added and the ladies room has been spruced up. Everyone agreed it is much nicer now. Bill stated 4 sidewalk cement blocks need to be replaced and he received an estimate from a contractor of \$1,375.00. He will contact other contractors for estimates. Bill also stated the toilet in the Sunday School building has been repaired twice by two different contractors and there are still complaints it is not working properly. Bill will take a look at it. Also, Bill is looking into the repair of the bells/chimes.

**Membership:** Elaine stated surveys have been added to the visitors bags to see if those attending services are interested in joining the church or coming back to services. May 15<sup>th</sup> is the celebration for the 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion of the Confirmation Class of 1955. Margaret Willis has been able to find 13 alumni and a letter has been sent in order to RSVP. A sign up sheet will be placed in the Narthex in order for the congregation to sign up and to get a head count so food can be purchased. Two surveys were received from shut-ins. One person requested a tape of the service and the tape was mailed. The other person responded they no longer wanted contact with the church. An ad was placed in the *Chorus of the Chesapeake* booklet to be released on May 7. The advertisement reads "Come worship with us" and lists the name and address of the church and the times of the services.

**Altar:** Ursula stated when she ordered flowers for the living cross she noticed the cost of the flowers was very expensive. She was wondering if we should invest in some life-like silk flowers and then we could keep them from year to year. It was suggested Ursula talk to the Christian Education committee about the flowers. Rev. Cathy reminded Ursula we need to put the information in the Sunday bulletins explaining procedure for the purchase of the lily's and pointsettia's as there may be some new people in the congregation that do not know what the procedure is.

**Fellowship:** Pat stated the coffee hour that is held on Sunday has been a success. Approximately 20-25 people have been attending. However, there is a need for people to volunteer to host the coffee hours. It was discussed and decided to suspend the coffee hours after June 1 and resume the coffee hours in September. We will also be having a Pot Luck dinner along with Casa on Sunday, May 22 at 6:30 p.m. The date of the Pancake Breakfast is Saturday, May 14 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. The price of the ticket is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children and is open to the church family and friends. Pat and Ursula will be selling the tickets at the 8:00 a.m. service and Cass Young will be selling the tickets at the 10:30 a.m. service. The menu will be pancakes, sausage, juice, tea and coffee.

**Spiritual:** Calvin met with Pat Kelly and his assistant and has arranged for Pat Kelly to speak at the 10:30 a.m. service on May 21, 2006.

**Music:** Lynn will be meeting with Rob and Rev. Cathy on April 24, 2005 to discuss the music.

**Ushering:** Nothing to report as Julie was not present. However, Lori stated she will be meeting with Julie to get a list together of the ushers.

**Christian Education:** Nothing to report as Rebecca was not present and there was no Christian Education meeting held.

**Rev. Cathy's Report:** Rev. Cathy stated the Chesapeake Association Spring meeting will be held on April 24<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. if anyone is interested in attending. Also, the Central Atlantic Conference annual meeting will be held June 10-12<sup>th</sup> and Rev. Cathy will be taking some of the youth as delegates. Anyone interest in the attending the Central Atlantic Conference annual meeting should contact Rev. Cathy. The New Member Potluck dinner will be held on Wednesday, April 20 at Rev. Cathy's house at 6:30 p.m. and the Casa potluck dinner will be held on Sunday, May 22 at 6:30 p.m. Dr. David Bushnell will be coming to the May council meeting to discuss the "Come Follow Me" retreat with the Council in September. Marla Schrader, the missionary from Palestine/Israel will be speaking on Sunday, June 5. Each church will be paying the cost of her mileage (40.5 cents a mile).

**Pastoral Care - 7 visits, 7 phone calls, 3 consults, 1 funerals.**

**Old Business:** The plaque for the Fellowship hall was discussed, however, it was decided a committee should be formed in order to discuss the specifics. Elaine asked if Council could convene a special meeting in order to discuss the development of the Sunday School Building. The meeting will be held on April 26 at 6:00 p.m. Elaine will speak for the first half hour and then Dave Casey, a developer along with his housing contractor will present their ideas for the Sunday School Building. There are a total of 4 developers who would like to present their proposals to the Council. A topic of discussion was the removal of items from the Sunday School building to be either retained, sold or donated or trashed.

**New Business:** Lori stated Ed Meyers asked if a gate could be installed at the end of the handicap ramp in order to deter skateboarders from using the ramp. It was discussed, however, it was decided we could not put a "No Trespassing" sign on the church, that would not look so nice and also, children are industrious and they would find some way to get over/around the gate and the gate.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m. with the Lord's prayer.