

United Evangelical Church
Council Meeting Minutes
Of Meeting Held May 10, 2005

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

The time of devotion was presented by Harvey Jacob.

The minutes of the April 12, 2005 Church Council meeting were read and accepted.

Financial Report: Calvin stated we are in pretty good shape financially. Harvey agreed and said everyone is giving just a bit more, however, we will still probably have a deficit at the end of the year. We had \$211.00 income over expenses in April. The total for the One Great Hour of Sharing offering was \$1960.00. The amount collected for the Homewood Home was \$259.00. Rev. Cathy asked Harvey to contact Barbara Matthews and report the information on the One Great Hour of Sharing in the *Endeavor* by the deadline of May 15.

Correspondence: Calvin received the letter of confirmation from Pat Kelly that he will be speaking at the 10:30 a.m. service on May 21, 2006. A thank you note was received from Peggy for the gift that was given to her on Administrative Professionals Day. Lori received a note from Art Jones, who will be resigning on or about June 1, due to health problems.

Property: Bill stated he will take on the job of finding a new janitor as he is the one who around the church most of the day. The 4 cement blocks will be repaired and a check was requested from Calvin. Bill will be replacing the bulbs in the clock tower and will be looking into getting the bells repaired. Bill stated the Trolley Pavillion has been reserved at the North Point Park for the Church Picnic to be held on September 11, 2005 for approximately 100 people. Bill stated it is very nice and very clean with regular bathrooms, not spot-a-pots. There are bike and hike trails, bird watching and there is a beach. The price is \$3.00 per carload. The grounds are very nice and level so there should be no problem for seniors.

Membership: Four visitor bags have been placed in the Narthex so that they can be distributed to any visitors. Visitors should be encouraged to sign the visitor's book. Elaine reminded everyone the 50 year confirmand luncheon will be held on Sunday, May 15, 2005 and there are 33 people signed up for the luncheon. Elaine brought a copy of the *Chorus of the Chesapeake* ad book for everyone to see.

Altar: Ursula stated she had nothing new to report.

Fellowship: Pat stated she sold 76 adult tickets and 8 children's tickets for the Pancake Breakfast to be held on Saturday, May 14, 2005. There are 24 tickets remaining. Pat will be setting up on Friday and anyone interested in helping can just show up. Pat will also need help on Saturday. Flats of flowers were purchased to sell at the breakfast and Pat made a wreath to raffle. Cass Young will be selling the raffle tickets. The menu will be pancakes, sausage, juice, tea and coffee.

Spiritual: Calvin stated nothing new to report.

Music: Lynn met with Rob and Rev. Cathy to discuss the music. It was decided to distribute a survey to the congregation. Some items for the survey will be the length of the church services, the format of the services, perhaps having one Contemporary Worship and one traditional service on one Sunday a month, instead of having the choir sing every Sunday, have the children sing, have the children who play instruments, play their instruments at a service, etc. Also, the idea was floated to perhaps have the Sunday School hour during the Church service.

Ushering: Julie had nothing to report.

Christian Education: Rebecca stated at the Christian Education meeting the subject of cleaning out the Sunday School building was discussed. Diane Borkman thought perhaps the Boy Scouts could be of some help. The summer schedule for the Sunday School was discussed and there will be no Sunday School from July 3 through August 7, 2005.

Rev. Cathy's Report: Rev. Cathy stated the Central Atlantic Conference annual meeting is June 10-12, 2005 and Josh Jackson and Greg Pate will be the youth delegates attending the meeting with Rev. Cathy. Rev. Cathy asked if Council agreed it was acceptable for her to stay over Saturday night as she would need coverage for Sunday morning. Council agreed. Rev. Cathy reminded everyone the Potluck dinner with Casa will be held on Sunday, May 22 at 5:00 p.m. Marla Schrader, the missionary from Palestine/Israel will be speaking on Sunday, June 5, Rev. Cathy asked if anyone would be available to go to lunch with Marla. Peggy will be on vacation next week, Rev. Cathy asked Council if she could just change the message on the machine and list her cell phone number in case of emergencies. Council agreed. The Church Picnic and the Endeavor deadline was previously discussed.

Pastoral Care - 7 visits, 13 phone calls, 6 consults.

Old Business: The plaque for the Fellowship hall needs to be discussed, however, the regular business was abbreviated because the Christian Education Building items need to be discussed after the regular Council meeting. The plaque will be discussed at a later meeting.

New Business: The new janitor position was discussed, it was decided Bill would write up an ad and it would be placed in the Baltimore Guide, the Dundalk Eagle and also in the Sunpaper. Harvey will help Bill with whatever else is needed. Rob Gundlach received an inquiry from someone for an old church record, he will be advised he can contact Peggy and she will help the person with the inquiry. Lynn stated Dale will be presenting an American Flag that he brought home from overseas to the church as a Thank You gesture for all the thoughts and prayers while he was away. It was decided it would be presenting it to the church on Memorial Day.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m. with the Lord's prayer.