

United Evangelical Church
Council Meeting Minutes
Of Meeting Held September 13, 2005

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

The time of devotion was presented by Rev. Cathy.

Introduction of Guest - Mrs. Sharon Daniloski of the Parish Relations Committee was present. Sharon discussed her meeting with the other members of the Parish Relations Committee and Rev. Cathy. An item discussed was getting a Young Adult Minister. Ms. Amy Sens has submitted a proposal. It was discussed that we need to settle some of our logistical problems first, i.e., the Parsonage and the Christian Education building, which are draining the budget. When those issues are settled, perhaps we will have some money and we can make plans for the mission of the church and Christian Education. Also discussed by Sharon was the dwindling congregation. There was much discussion as to what part of the community should we try to reach, young, old, etc. Sharon discussed having more activities such as bull roasts, shrimp feasts and dances. Also discussed was a shorter service. Harvey stated he thinks we should promote the 8:00 a.m. service more. If you attend that service, you are out by 9:00 a.m. and have the entire day. Elaine suggested we bring the issue to the congregation at the congregational meeting and have a framework of what to expect and what the congregation would like to see. Everyone would be able to contribute to the plan. Lori thanked Sharon for attending the meeting and sharing the Parish Relations committee report.

The minutes of the August 9, 2005, Church Council meeting were read and accepted.

Financial Report: Calvin reported there is a \$13,600 deficit. Harvey stated we spent \$4,000 more than we took in for August. Harvey also stated we are tracking according to the projection of a \$20,000 deficit at the end of the year. As we move into the fall perhaps donations will

pick up with Thanksgiving and Christmas. In August money was spent on the replacement of the cement blocks and also the rain gutter. Peggy's health insurance was paid and Rev. Cathy's pension and hospitalization was paid. The deposit from last Sunday was \$1,542.

Correspondence: Lori received correspondence from the Hoffman Homes for Youth. They are asking if we will be participating in the Christmas Gift giving for the youth. An answer is requested by October 17. The donations will have to be delivered as Hoffman Homes cannot pick them up. It was discussed and decided that we would donate 15 gifts at \$25.00 each.

Property: Bill was not present so Pat stated Bill will be looking into replacing the buzzer on the outside door to enter the office. Also he is on his third electrical company to try to get the light bulbs replaced over the altar. Since it is such a small job, no one wants to be bothered. He will keep trying. Rev. Cathy is going to check with Casa to see if someone has the capability to climb up and replace the bulbs. Harvey mentioned the ice maker is not working and he will be ordering a service manual. There is a dealer in Randallstown he may be contacting. Elaine mentioned the 5 piano's in the Christian Education building. Three of the pianos are not working and 2 are. It was discussed and decided to put an announcement in the bulletin and the *Endeavor* if anyone is interested in any of the piano's they have until November 1st to respond and they must take the pianos away themselves. This will be done on a first come first served basis. Elaine will be the point of contact for the pianos.

Membership: Elaine stated she is proceeding as usual. All bags have been delivered and she has not received any recent surveys.

Altar: Ursula stated she had nothing new to report.

Fellowship: Pat stated she has the tickets for the Pancake Breakfast to be held on October 1. They are \$5.00. She will be serving pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, juice, coffee and tea. Cass has agreed to sell tickets at the 10:30 a.m. service and Pat and Ursula will be selling tickets at the 8:00 a.m. service. Also, Peggy will contact Betty at St.

Bridgits to see if they would announce the Pancake Breakfast and sell some tickets. Pat will be needing help on Friday to set up the tables. It was discussed and decided to advertise the Pancake Breakfast in the Guide and perhaps place circulars in local businesses. Pat was also thinking after the holidays sometime in January or February of having a Spaghetti Dinner on a Saturday afternoon.

Spiritual: Calvin had nothing to report. Rev. Cathy asked Calvin if he would place boxes in the Narthex in order to collect items for the hurricane Katrina victims. Calvin agreed. Samples of items to be collected are wash cloths and hand towels, toothpaste and toothbrush, nail clippers, bars of soap.

Music: Lynn stated she collected the completed music surveys and she and Rev. Cathy will be meeting with Rob next week.

Ushering: Lori stated at the 10:30 a.m. service she has been very successful in having the children ages 10 and older to help collect the offering. The children seem to really enjoy helping.

Christian Education: Rebecca reported there was no meeting last month so she has nothing new to report. Rebecca reminded everyone Sunday, September 18 is Rally Day/back to church Sunday. The children will be singing a great song this week and she is sure everyone will enjoy it.

Rev. Cathy's Report: Rev. Cathy stated on October 11 the Domestic Violence Interfaith Coalition of Maryland will be holding a workshop here from 8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. This workshop will entail training for clergy on how to approach domestic violence situations. Rev. Cathy also talked about our obligation to help the hurricane Katrina victims and since we are in such dire straits ourselves it was decided just to collect the items listed above and make some packets to be distributed and do our part in that modest way. Rev. Cathy spoke of the impact not having the Sour Beef dinner will have on the congregation and suggested we have a pot luck remembrance dinner in order to get

together and share some stories about previous Sour Beef dinners and discuss what the congregation would like to see in the future for the church in the next 10 years. It was decided to hold the pot luck remembrance dinner on Saturday, October 22 at 5:00 p.m.

Rev. Cathy informed council that Calvin Kellner bequeathed his house to the church. Harvey reported progress on registering the deed and other details concerning the property.

Rev. Cathy stated we have two confirmands, Claire Hovermill and Eric Sanders.

Rev. Cathy will be attending the Chesapeake Fall Association meeting on October 9 and on October 3 and 4 she will be attending a Church Ministry workshop at the Lancaster Seminary. A motion was made and decided upon to allow Rev. Cathy to attend a Spiritual Renewal weekend in Ohio on November 4, 5, and 6. Barbara Matthews and Lynn Sanders will be accompanying her.

Rev. Cathy reminded everyone the deadline for the *Endeavor* is September 15.

Old Business: Elaine stated received and forwarded an e-mail out this afternoon, perhaps a little too late for everyone to see. The e-mail was from Adam Blumenthal offering advice and assistance in the renovation of the first floor of the Christian Education Building.

New Business: Lori stated Jim Tallagsen suggested she ask Peggy if she would like to maintain her schedule with Mondays off. It was decided to let Rev. Cathy and Peggy decide what is best.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m. with the Lord's prayer.