

**United Evangelical Church**  
**Council Meeting Minutes**  
**May 9, 2006**

**Attendees:** Calvin Gundlach, Harvey Jacob, Clarence Rowell, Lori Betch, Lynn Sanders, Nancy Parker-Gray, Rev. Cathy, Howard Carter, Ellen Carter

**Devotion given by Harvey Jacob.**

**Ellen Carter motioned to accept minutes from April meeting. Seconded by Howard Carter; all in favor.**

**Financial Report: \$19,000 deficit. Easter offerings were not as expected. Insurance payment is now paid in full. Harvey Jacob will remove Lombard Street from insurance policy but that is a minimal amount of premium. UCC is requesting our benevolences in May. Announcement to be placed in bulletin advising that the plan is to open windows and doors of the sanctuary during services until the weather gets extremely hot. Council is concerned about upcoming increased BGE costs and being able to meet utility expenses.**

**Correspondence: Thank you note received from the Loving family and from Peggy Tlasik for the gift given during Administrative week.**

**St. Brigid's carnival will be June 14-17. Clarence Rowell motioned to take \$100 ad in St. Brigid's carnival ad book; seconded by Calvin Gundlach; all in favor.**

**Email received from Rev. Jim Bell regarding painting First Congregational UCC in Milton, DE, which was damaged by water. Council members attending Leadership dinner met Pastor Lillie Mae Waters of First Congregational. She is the longest serving pastor in Chesapeake Association and does not get paid for her ministerial duties because First Congregational does not have the budget to pay her. Pastor Waters is also employed at McDonald's. Harvey Jacob motioned to donate \$100 to First Congregational for painting; seconded by Clarence Rowell; all in favor.**

**Notice will also be placed in UEC bulletin for individual member donations.**

**Chesapeake Habitat for Humanity – letter received requesting for Building on Faith; requesting announcement to be placed in bulletin for donations. Clarence Rowell motioned to place announcement in bulletin on June 4; seconded by Ellen Carter; all in favor.**

**Property: Council is looking into partitions for Fellowship Hall to accommodate Sunday School & PACT. Rev. Cathy is meeting with PACT parent, architect Mark LaPointe, to obtain recommendations on renovation of parsonage and Fellowship Hall.**

**New lock and knob needed on Fellowship Hall door before iron gates are removed. Ken Pate to advise on these items. Curtains and Christmas lights to be removed from Fellowship Hall. Nancy Parker-Gray will coordinate these efforts.**

**Fellowship:** 50 year Confirmation luncheon on June 4. Signup sheet to be placed in narthex.

**Membership:** Committee duties provided by Elaine Kimos. Nancy Parker-Gray to coordinate efforts to draw new members.

**Spiritual:** Calvin Gundlach met with The Baltimore Guide to advertise Maryland Heritage Vocal Ensemble singing at UEC on May 21.

No other committee reports from Music, Calendar, Ushering, Christian Education.

**Pastor's Report:** Visioning study – committee to be formed to prepare vision of UEC. Council agrees that there is a need for a visioning study with a commitment of one year for committee members. Kickoff September 24, 2006. Visioning study will include review of UEC's desires for future of our church.

Council also recognized need for a separate marketing plan to better market UEC. Committee to be formed.

Saturday service – Allison Housley resigned in March. Denise Kelly will be unavailable for practice for approximately 4 months. There are less and less people involved in preparing for the First Saturday services. Rev. Cathy, Rev. Amy Sens and Lynn Sanders would be the only remaining participants. The group decided to come before Council to recommend discontinuing the First Saturday service. Rev. Cathy to announce during Sunday service.

Peggy to be on vacation May 23 – 26.

Pastoral Care: 3 visits, 4 phone calls, 2 consults, 1 funeral

**Sale of Christian Education Building:** JBL has presented UEC with concessions in contract asking that a) church hold note during construction phase; or, 2) accept approximately \$180,000 less from the sale price. Council did not accept these concessions; Bill Caltrider advised JBL. Second request was to accept \$1,075,000. Council's counter-offer was to have the contract remain at the agreed-upon purchase price of \$1,175,000 with no changes to original contract. Bill Caltrider to advise JBL. Rev. Cathy to announce during Sunday service.

Federal Realty contract expires May 31, 2006. Council will decide on extending contract with Federal Realty when final decision/response is received in writing from JBL.

Howard Carter motioned to adjourn; seconded by Lori Betch; all in favor. Meeting adjourned with Lord's Prayer at 9:55pm.