

Minutes
Administrative Council
March 3, 2003

Pat Del Camp called the meeting to order, welcoming many members of the Confirmation Class. The remaining members of the class will attend a future meeting.

Devotions: Audrey Frank led us in devotions using the theme, "The Church." She read passages from Psalms and Ephesians and also read a poem, "Prayer for our Renewed Church." She closed with prayer.

Pat DelCamp highlighted the April 28 meeting of Chairmen of Committees.

Minutes of the November 4, 2002, meeting were distributed before our meeting. Minutes were approved.

Staff Reports

Senior Minister—Rev. George Morris: Rev. Morris reminded us to periodically view the church's website where we can view interesting pictures and information about the life of our church. He mentioned a recent great picture of Charlie Haberkorn during one of the youth events. Website is www.haddonfieldumc.com

Rev. Morris reported on some of his "Feel Goods" in the life of this church: There appears to be a positive and healthy spirit in the life of our congregation. Last Sunday's New Membership Class said that the worship services met their needs as well as the many other programs in the church. He is celebrating the increased giving last year during the financial campaign. He cited the Evangelism Team for all their work for this coming weekend with Tony Campolo. They have encouraged participation for our whole area by placing newspaper articles in all local newspapers.

Barbara Smyth is continuing to explore and expand many ministries throughout the church.

March 22 we are invited to come clean the church.

The expanding need for the formation of small groups is being met by a group of 20 to 30 year olds who were in the New Member Class and are planning to start meeting by having a covered dish social. A group of 30 and 40 year olds has also been formed. We are looking at some new materials for spiritual growth which is a challenge for the staff. Rev. Morris spoke of the largest church in our jurisdiction, Bethel United Methodist Church in Pittsburgh, where Rev. Brian Bauknight is pastor. Rev. Bauknight has said that leadership is present for every program that God want us to do in any given church.

Rev. Morris reported that Jack Shaw has stepped down as Chairman of the TV Committee because of his involvement with the New Sound Choir and his daily work responsibilities. Staff Parish has approved the appointment of Jonathon Cook to fill that position.

Rev. Morris reported that Howard Reed has resigned as Custodian at our church. Bill Faust, as a member of the Building and Grounds Committee, is replacing Howard for several weeks so he can get a first hand look at the job, after which he will write a job description of the job.

Rev. Morris reported that the staff is looking at 9 A.M. and 10:30 A.M. as starting times for our summer worship services. They are considering starting the summer hours on Memorial Day weekend. Rev. Morris also reported that our Bishop, Rev. Alfred Johnson, will be participating and preaching during the confirmation of our youth on June 8, 2003. A comment was made

that we delay the start of the summer hours until the middle of June or July. The staff will consider this and will come back to the next Administrative Council Meeting with their recommendation.

Rev. Morris stressed attendance at services March 7 and 8th at 7:30 when Dr. Tony Campolo will be speaking at our church. He will also be speaking at the 9:30 and 11:00 services Sunday morning, March 9. The leadership of the church has been invited to a dinner at 6:00 March 7 where Tony will be speaking.

Rev. Walt Edmonds will be bringing his youth choir to our church for a concert June 21. The youth will be staying in homes of our members. Walt will be giving the sermon Sunday morning, June 22.

A question was asked Rev. Morris if it would be possible for the Annual Conference to give financial aid for our building program. Rev. Morris explained that they have no funds for use of the local church. They can only point out ways to tell us how we can raise money.

There have been two recommendations from the Lay Leadership Development Team. Charles Bowen resigned from chairing the Finance Committee because of health concerns. Jeff Puff was recommended as Chairman of the Finance Committee. There is also a need to fill a spot on the Board of Trustees. A recommendation for that spot will be made in the next several months. A motion was made to recommend Jeff Puff as Chairman of the Finance Committee. Motion was seconded and carried.

Associate Pastor—Rev. Joan Hutchinson reported that 13 couples were in the New Member Class that joined our church this past Sunday. Laura Dutton was unable to be in church Sunday because of injuries sustained in a recent fall. Her husband, David, has already joined the Chancel Choir. The new member class came to the Wednesday night dinner last week.

The Alpha class will meet again April through June.

Joan reported that the church is getting a lot of phone calls about the Tony Campolo weekend, asking questions, including charges. They are told all are welcome free of charge. Because a large attendance is expected, Jack Shaw and Jonathon Cook will set up TV cameras in Corson Hall to handle the overflow crowd. Joan thanked the Evangelism Outreach Team who have done a great job of publicity in preparation for the coming weekend. Joan reported that anyone who has not been contacted for attendance at a coffee Saturday morning can come to the church. One of the Disciple Bible classes will be working all weekend helping where they are needed. There will be a book table where Tony's books will be available for sale. Joan urged the leaders to make reservations for the dinner Friday evening.

Rev. Hutchinson reported that the 20's and 30's group met last Sunday for a pot luck dinner.

Joan said a volunteer is needed to lead the prayer ministry.

Visitation Pastor—Rev. Champ Goldy opened his remarks by sharing that the Lord appeared to him 66 years ago as he was working in his back yard. He is still enjoying working with the senior citizens from our church. He says it is very challenging helping people to die. He is visiting at least six people who will not be here in six months. He keeps the staff informed of the illnesses of these folk. He helps these people make decisions for long term care because of the burden of one spouse taking care of a partner 24 hours a day. He is thankful for the Stephen Ministers who visit the elderly since they appreciate another visitor from the church.

Youth Director—Dan Stephens introduced Monica Ferez who will be representing the youth on Administrative Council.

Dan announced April 2 as the date for the next youth fund-raiser which will be a spaghetti dinner and silent auction.

Dan spoke of a new project being planned for May 31-June 1 where our youth will partner with the American Cancer Society and participate in their "Relay for Life." Charlie and Stephanie Haberkorn are working to organize 40 to 50 youth for this event. Stephanie is on the ACS's Planning Committee. The New Sound Choir will sing for the opening, and we will provide a morning vesper service and our Prayer Station. During the entire 16 hours our team will have at least one of our members walking the track. It is a fund-raiser for the American Cancer Society—goal is to raise \$5000. It should be a valuable endeavor since at least four of our youths' families have a member suffering from cancer.

Dan announced the date of May 7 for the Chicken Barbecue fund-raiser.

Dan is thankful for Pat Del Camp's participation with the Confirmation Class. They have met for five sessions.

Director of Lay Ministries—Barbara Smyth cannot be present tonight because she is teaching the Lay Speakers Class.

Barbara will need 6 people who can stay to help move tables and chairs this weekend.

Coordinator of Children's Ministries—Leslie Robinson reported that Mothers Morning Out and the Nursery School are both full and running well.

Leslie reported that the Lenten Workshop last night was not well attended. Since a lot of effort and work has gone into the workshop, it may not be part of the planning for next year.

Leslie urged all to read Alice Caldwell's Christian Education Committee Report.

There will be church-wide Palm Sunday procession with a donkey after the 9:30 service.

Leslie expressed joy in the anticipation of the Stephens' new baby in the Fall.

New Business

Floral Arts Guild—David VanSciver, Chairman reported that the Floral Arts Guild started about two years ago. He expressed gratitude to the United Methodist Women for providing 36 volunteers. He would like that number increased to 50 volunteers. One of the goals of the Floral Arts Guild is to study the nature of the worship of God as practiced historically and in the 21st century, and understand how the Floral Arts Guild can contribute to and complement worship at HUMC, now and into the future.. He highlighted the many opportunities for ministry within the Floral Arts Guild, some of which are: Fresh Floral Arranging Team, Weekly Watering Team (inside the church), Outside Landscaping and Water Team (annuals and perennials), Altar Team, Hospitality Team, and Spring Plant Sale. He reported that our youth will be doing the flowers for Confirmation Sunday. He closed his report by telling Council members that he feels very privileged to be a part of this beautiful church.

Finance Committee Chairperson, Jeff Puff, was introduced. He told us he has been with the church about 10 years. He expressed amazement that we can do all that we do on the budget we have. He feels the biggest and best challenge for all of us is to bring others into the church. This will make his job a lot easier!!

Staff Parish Committee Chairperson, Mark Whitehead, thanked Dan Stephens for his frequent e-mail messages. He will be meeting with Mr. Jeff Puff in the near future to discuss our Pension funding. Mark mentioned that the secretarial position that was vacated has been funded for this year. He also mentioned that Bill Faust, one of the members of the Building and Grounds Committee, will be filling in for one of our custodians who has resigned. Mark reported that Staff Parish Committee has four new members who will serve three years. They may be meeting more frequently in the future.

Pat Del Camp entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Janet Neiswender, Secretary