

Minutes
Administrative Council Meeting
October 7, 2002

Announcements: Pat Del Camp called the meeting to order, encouraging us to acknowledge that God is good all the time. She pointed out that one of our Stephen Ministers, Vicki Borchers, was pictured on the front of the Methodist Relay as she was ministering to commuters on September 11 at a train station near Trenton.

Opening Hymn: In Wayne's absence, Pat suggested we sing "Seek Ye First The Kingdom of Heaven" as our opening hymn.

Devotions: Since Lisa McLaughlin is completing her four year involvement with the new member classes, she shared some of her observations of reasons people have been attracted to join Haddonfield United Methodist Church. Some of them are:

One woman said this was the first church where she was not asked to bake cookies.

An elderly couple expressed appreciation of the helpfulness of people at the early service as they maneuvered a wheelchair. It was easier at that time of day.

A couple with young children liked the "Mothers Morning Out" program.

A father of a teenager appreciate our great youth program.

People appreciate the openness of this church.

A couple liked what they hears in the baptism service.

People appreciated receiving a loaf of bread when they became new members.

Minutes: Several changes were made to the September 9 minutes as follows: Under **Announcements:** "Ron Watts invited the youth to contact him at any time with any concerns. Bishop Johnson gave the youth his telephone number, inviting the youth to contact him." Under the **Senior Minister, Associate Minister, Youth Director, and Director of Volunteer Ministry** reports, the word "attached" in the first sentence of their reports has been removed from the Minutes. Under **Wayne Richmond, Music Director's** report, the last sentence of the first paragraph should read, " Jack and Sue Shaw are assuming leadership of the New Sound Choir." Under **Finance Committee**, the first paragraph should read "Chairperson, Charles Bowen, announced approval of the purchase of the above mentioned network computer server, not to exceed \$33,000 at their July meeting with funding coming from the Emergency Endowment Funds. A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the project." Under **Building Committee**, the first two sentences should read as follows: "Chairperson, Frank Wisniewski, will be writing a report to the congregation on the bulletin cover to update the congregation on the status of the Building Committee activities. The objectives is to provide facilities that accommodate the vision of the church for the next 25 years." The third last sentence of his report should read "We need to be handicapped accessible." Above changes have been made to the minutes. A motion was made that the minutes be approved and amended. Motion was seconded and passed.

Senior Minister, Rev. George Morris, expanded on his report that was sent to Administrative Council members with the September minutes. George mentioned that Champ and Evelyn Goldy are in Australia for the Senior games. He asked us to please keep them in our prayers.

Charge Conference will be held on the first Sunday in December. A light lunch will be served prior to the meeting.

Rev. Morris expressed appreciation to Luanne Bowen for starting the young couples social group

Methodist Men will have their second meeting this coming Wednesday evening, October 9. Men are encouraged to attend this week when Bob McElwee will be the speaker. Thanks were given to Bud Creamer and Steve Reynolds for reviving this fellowship.

Rev. Morris spoke of a generous bequest that was given for evangelism purposes. This will be used to reach about 22,000 homes within a two mile radius of the church with news about our new service. A telephone campaign will be used in the spring. It was suggested that we make announcement of our new service on local Christian radio stations.

Associate Pastor, Rev. Joan Hutchinson expanded briefly on her report that was sent to members with the September minutes by telling us she is presently mentoring two women for the ordained ministry.

In the absence of **Rev. Champ Goldy**, Pat Del Camp encouraged council members to make a commitment to be willing to bring five people to church within the next six months.

Youth Director, Dan Stephens, announced the performance of "A Christmas Carol", where 43 cast members and several support people will be involved in an intergenerational effort on November 22 and 23.

Dan thanked Rev. Morris for the opportunity for the youth to conduct last Sunday's worship service.

A question was asked about the meaning of the word "synago" as mentioned in Dan's written report that was mailed to Council members with the September minutes. He said it means "to come together". It will start in November and will be student-led, adult advised Bible Study programs that will be held outside the church in someone's home weekly.

Director of Lay Ministries, Barbara Smyth thanked all the people who administered communion yesterday on Worldwide Communion Sunday. Twenty-eight people left church and went to fifty-one people to administer communion.

The Shepherd's Network will be recognized at the 11:00 service on November 10. Their Advent Christmas meeting will be held on November 12 in the Chapel. Barbara reported that 10 people took the Tai Chi class this morning at 9:30. She encouraged more to attend the following Monday mornings.

Additional reporting of Barbara's responsibilities and activities are incorporated in Barbara's written report which was mailed to members with the September minutes.

Coordinator of Children's Ministries, Leslie Robinson, submitted a written report that was mailed to Council members.

Old Business

A Pastoral Proposal for Church Meetings was discussed. Lisa McLaughlin said it seems to be more productive. It was suggested that staff and chairpersons submit their agenda by the 20th of each month. A motion was made, seconded and passed that we accept the proposal on the way we meet.

The question of skateboarding in our church parking lot was raised. Bill Faust has been taking responsibility for posting signs and passing out a letter explaining the church's position.

New Business

Peter Jamieson reported on the new Celebration Service beginning November 3. Please contact Peter if you can help before, during or after the service.

Hal Schiffman presented a wall hanging picture of Christ to our church that was given to him on a recent trip to Russia.

Tom Mervine reported for the **Finance Committee**, telling of a \$139,000 shortfall the first eight months of 2002. He also asked for a motion to accept the audit as presented. A motion was made, seconded and passed that the audit be accepted as presented.

Frank Wisniewski reported for the **Building Committee**, telling us that sometime soon there will be a handicap ramp installed to make the chapel handicapped accessible. The Program Design Team will be meeting tomorrow afternoon in regard to pricing on various alternatives. The first full Building Committee will be meeting Wednesday evening. He anticipates the committee will come back with a program to bring to the congregation at the earliest in late November. Construction will probably start late in the Spring, with construction taking 9-10 months. Frank observed that Rev. Morris, Rev. Hutchinson, Champ, the Richmonds, Dan Stephens and Barbara Smyth are all doing wonderful things in this church as Christ abounds in this church.

Pat Del Camp made a motion to adjourn with a prayer circle with a closing prayer by Rev. Morris.

Janet Neiswender