

“I pledge allegiance to the Christian flag and to the Savior for whose Kingdom it stands. One Savior, crucified, risen, and coming again with life and liberty to all who believe.”

## **ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

March 3, 2010

Chairman Carl Bartell opened the meeting at 7:15 P.M. with prayer followed by pledges to the American and the Christian flags.

Minutes – Bob Wood moved and Harry Vercoe seconded a motion to approve the February 3, 2010 minutes with one minor change to a date. Motion passed.

Financial Report – The Treasurer’s Report was accepted and approved by a motion by Lily Roadcap. Gilda Britland seconded the motion and it passed.

### **Old Business**

- 1) Update on the Mortgage for the New Building - Ed Perry reported that a signed commitment letter had been received from Community Bank approving a loan of up to \$1.250 million. The Finance Committee elected to go with an adjustable interest formula at 4.5% with an option to move to a fixed mortgage.
- 2) Snow Removal and Its Cost/Contingency Funding for Next Year – Mike Keim addressed this subject. The trustees are in the process of selecting a snow removal contractor for next year for the parking lot. They also are considering options for removing snow from the sidewalks. Next year’s snow removal budget will be addressed at the appropriate time.

### **New Business**

General Commission on Religion and Race – The General Commission on Religion and Race (GCORR) is part of the United Methodist Church. Cheryl Wood reported on GCORR’s Nurturing and Wholeness seminar that she recently attended. The two main topics were Racism as it pertains to African Americans and Racism as it pertains to Native Americans. The seminar helped attendees understand many of the issues facing these two groups and the Commission’s efforts in achieving God’s plan for us.

Rental of the New Church Building - The District Board of Ordained Ministry has requested use of our new building for a meeting in April of 2011. Pastor Mike asked for approval from the Ad Council so he can give a tentative “yes” if the building is completed by that time. The Transition Team will discuss and make a recommendation to the Trustees. They plan to include this item as part of their discussion with other area churches.

### **Committee Reports**

Prayer/Evangelism/Membership Committees – Wendy Schmitt reported Prayer Week went well despite the fact that preparation time was limited because of the snow. A 24-hour prayer vigil for Easter will be held on March 23-24, 6:30 P.M. to 6:30 P.M for Palm Sunday and Easter. The Prayer Committee will meet on April 8 at 7:00 P.M. The Evangelism Committee will meet on March 6 at 7:00 P.M. The Valentine’s Babysitting for a Couples Night was cancelled due to the snow. The next Membership Committee meeting is March 17 at 7:00 P.M. New Member Class is March 20 at 10:00 A.M; the new members will join church on March 20 or 21.

Social Concerns Committee – There have been a lot of requests this past month which the Committee has handled.

Missions Committee – Jeanne Quinn reported that she had received a thank-you letter from Dr. Michael Russell of Take My Hand Ministries. She also reported that her brother, John Harvey, whom we support Guatemala, is not recovering well from his illness.

Health Ministries – The Health Ministries meeting was cancelled due to snow. A new weight loss/bible study called First Step 4 Health is beginning April 8, the first Thursday after Easter. The morning session is as follows: 8:30-9, weigh-in; 9-10 bible study. The evening session is: 5:30-6, weigh-in; 6-7 bible study. Rebecca Rollins will conduct one session; a chairperson is still needed for the second. Please call Rebecca to order a book. You do not necessarily need to lose weight to join – come for the spirit-filled study.

Youth Group – Liz Marshall told the Council of the activities of the Youth Group. They went to see the Reminders, a faith-based singing group. They plan to conduct all weekend services on March 13 and 14. A love offering will be conducted during the services to support the youth in future activities. One possible activity is a campus tour of Liberty University, a Christian college in Lynchburg, VA.

Staff-Pastor Parish Relations Committee – Jerry Mitchell said that the SPPRC met on March 2. Committee members will be meeting with all staff personnel mid-year to make sure they are on track and that staff and congregational needs are being met.

Lewes-Rehoboth Association of Churches (LRAC) – Harry Vercoe reported that the LRAC meeting was snowed out.

Transition Committee – No report.

Trustees – The Trustees did not meet this month. They have projects planned for the parking lot and siding. Cleanup day will be on March 20 following a breakfast cooked by the Men's Group.

Capital Campaign Committee – The Yard Sale date was moved to March 20 due to conditions at the Pavillion. Fundraising money has been received this month from Safeway, Food Lion, Grotto Pizza, Friendly's and Nicola's Pizza. A variety show sequel is planned for sometime in October. Going forward, fundraising activities will be announced in the bulletin rather from the pulpit at the beginning of services.

Girl's Night Out – Pat Short reported the GNO had a wonderful movie night with dinner and a CD by Anita Renfrew. They raised \$244 in support of needy women and children while charging only \$5/person.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Mike reported he conducted one funeral service and no weddings or baptisms during the month. He made 15 visits. He reported that Bible Study was beginning on Thursday, March 4. Mike is on the District Committee on Ordained Ministry. There are 21 candidates coming up for ordination or provisional assignments, and he will be participating in the interview process on March 8-10. A retired pastor living nearby is starting a worship service at Cadbury Assisted Living; Mike will be preaching there on Sunday, March 7, at 4:00 P.M. Take My Hand Ministries is looking for donations for their silent auction to be held on March 12.

### **Miscellaneous**

Cheryl Wood received an e-mail from a new Christian radio station called "The Bridge." They wish to give a 5-minute presentation to us about their station. The request was given to the Worship Committee for consideration.

Lily Roadcap moved to adjourn at 8:30 P.M. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jean Unruh, Secretary

These minutes are temporary until approved by the Ad Council at its next meeting.