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ALDRSGATE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

1979-1980

The Administrative Board

Pastor in ChargeHerbert C. Floyd
Director of MusicMrs. John McNaughton
Chairman of Administrative BoardDan Gross
Chairman of Council on MinistriesMrs. Helen Peerboom
Lay Leader*Dan Whaley
Lay Members of Annual ConferenceMrs. R.E. Lee
Herbert Grantham
Reserve Lay Members*Mrs. Jean Smith
*Mrs. Marie Grantham
Chairman of Trustees*Marshall LaPrade
Chairman of Finance Committee*Ernest Hoenck
Chairman of Pastor-Parish Relations Committee .Acker Hamm
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Secretary of EnlistmentMrs. A.E. May
Recording SecretaryMrs. Glen White
Vice Chairman of Administrative Board Mrs. Lorena LaPrade
Financial And Membership Secretary

Work Area Chairmen

Ecumenical Affairs*Mrs. Virginia Chinnes
EducationClyde Wilkerson
EvangelismMrs. Acker Hamm
Missions*Mrs. Jean Doscher
Social ConcernsMrs. C.L. Peagler
Stewardship*Ernest Strickland
WorshipMrs. R.E. Lee

Age Level and Family Coordinators

Young Children*Mrs. Pam Marek
Elementary Children*Mrs. Carol Poole
Youth*Mrs. Annette Coker
AdultsMrs. Mary Torgerson
Family*Mrs. Eva Florie

*NEW MEMBERS

Members at Large

1980
Joan Overstreet
Henry Mott
Johnny Baxley
George Cannon
Carl Parnell, Jr.
Thomas Lynch

1981
Ernest Hoenck
Ben Mitchum
Felton Knight
Betty Hutto
*Barry McLaurin
Betsy Cox
*C.M. Thompson

1982
*Lois Waldrop
*Billy Arms
*Carl Floyd
*Frank Albach
*Wade Rawlinson
*Mrs. Ada Dukes
*Fred Dawson

Trustees

1980
Lawrence Smith
Harold Doscher

1981
M.J. Young
John Dawsey

1982
*Marshall LaPrade, Chm.
*Dennis Ulmer

Other Members

Health and Welfare MinistriesMrs. Marge Upchurch
Representative of UMYF*Amy Hamm
Representative of UMWMrs. Thomas Lynch
Official Church VisitorMrs. Lorena LaPrade
Wills and Legacies*Lawrence Smith
Honorary MemberMrs. A.V. Salvo

Pastor-Parish Relations Committee

1980
Acker Hamm, Chairman
Lawrence Smith

1981
Ben Chinnes
Mrs. Joan Adler

1982
*Dr. Gary Lehman
*Mrs. Janet Thigpen

Parsonage Committee

1980
Mrs. Mary Torgerson
Mrs. Dot Young, Chairman

1981
Mrs. Sylvia Gross
Mrs. Anita Mitchum

1982
*Mrs. Virginia Chinnes
*Mrs. Jean Patrick

Committee on Nominations

Herbert C. Floyd, Chairman

1980
Mrs. Ann Hamm
Lawrence Smith

1981
Mrs. Elaine White
Thomas Lynch

1982

*New Members

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES - January 13, 1979.

The meeting was convened by Mrs. Peerboom at 9:30 in the Shuler-Bates Bldg. Reverend Floyd offered a devotional and a prayer. Then Mrs. Peerboom asked the members for their reports. A brief outline of these reports follows:

United Methodist Women - Mrs. T. Lynch - Primary goal of UMW is Missions. Churchwide Mission Study, "Covenant Living in Times of Change", Feb. 5, 8, 12, 15, 7:30-9:00 Choir Room. Teachers are Lorena LaPrade on Monday and Rev. Floyd on Thursdays. UMW sponsors weekly Bible study on Tuesday mornings. A goal is to further fix up the ~~Bride's Parlor~~. Another important goal is to compile and have printed a comprehensive history of the church.

Children - No report

Youth - Mr. and Mrs. Luke Poole - Specific goals are: broader involvement of youth and adults in the Youth Programs, To develop a program in which the youth can develop a framework for living, To provide a wholesome atmosphere in which youth can gather for fellowship, To provide enough opportunities for fellowship so that church can become a major part of their social lives. Once a month outings and activities are planned to include such things as a bonfire and weiner roast in Feb. and a party at the lake house (Longsine's) in the Spring. Needed are a full-time counselor and assistant counselors, in addition to support of the adults and church as a whole. It was moved by Mrs. LaPrade and approved that the Pooles be given the authority to look into the possibility of setting up a fellowship hall for the youth in the large room upstairs in Educational Bldg.

Adult - Mrs. C. Torgerson - making plans for a membership drive in classes. Mrs. Smoak agreed to help Mrs. Torgerson in contacting the adult teachers and assessing the needs of the various classes

Family - Mrs. D. Whaley - Homecoming was discussed and a date of March 25 was set for it. Former ministers will be contacted and invited to return. Rev. Floyd will ask one of them to preach and will handle final details. A covered dish luncheon will follow the morning service. The next Family Night will be held on January 28 at 5:30.

Trustees - Mr. C. Thigpen - Trustees are responsible for property and not for programs. They are stewards of the property entrusted to their care. There has been a problem with unwanted traffic around the grounds. Gates and locks have been secured to prohibit thru traffic. In the future the Trustees will look towards more security - even a fence around the property. A discussion was held about "protect-a-guard" screens, but it was decided they were too expensive.

Ecumenical Affairs - Mrs. W. Smoak - handles joint ventures with other churches - Thanksgiving service, Church Women United, Blood Mobile, etc.

Education - Mr. C. Wilkerson - Goals are to increase both attendance and membership in the Church School, goal of an average attendance of 200 per Sunday. Another goal is to recruit and train more teachers. Also create a pool of at least six people to serve as substitutes. Other goals are to recruit a VCS leader and improve the VCS program, and to secure a librarian and make the church library materials available to the people.

Evangelism - Mrs. A. Hamm - Much emphasis was given to the May Evangelistic Crusade with Jack Gray. There is a need to create and organize a church-wide Prayer Chain. Plans are being made to promote fellowship in the Church School by having the various classes sit together in Church on a specific Sunday and be recognized as a group during the service. Plans are being made to create a system of sponsors or "shepherds" for each new person or family who joins the church. These shepherds would be responsible for picking them up for functions, inviting them to various activities and making them feel a part of the group. There is a need for visitation within the Church School groups. Perhaps it would be well for each group to appoint a person in charge of Outreach to take charge of this visitation. Finally there should be an intensive program of visitation of the inactive members.

Missions - Mrs. L. Smith - Suggested bringing mission study into the Family Night programs. Perhaps a Missionary could be invited to speak on those nights, or service persons who have traveled could take part in the service.

Social Concerns - Mrs. C. Peagler - participated in the Blood Mobile twice. Blood Mobile is coming back in February. The primary concern of this area is caring and sharing, visiting and remembering shut-ins on special occasions. Has been actively opposed to issuance of beverage licenses in the area. Helped a family which had been burned out, also families with special problems. Will publicize the need for food and clothing so that it will be on hand when needed. Mrs. Peagler will set up a room at the church where these things can be stored.

Stewardship - No report

Finance - Mr. G. Murray - It was suggested that a working session similar to this one be held in the Fall prior to the budget planning session so that the finance committee could better meet the needs of the various groups. In this way each group would have a chance for direct in-put. A calendar was set up for volunteer counters to help with counting the money after church services for the coming year. The need is recognized to establish direct communication with the various groups in order to create rapport and understanding. A task force acts on the needs for unbudgeted funds thru the year.

Worship - Mrs. C. Lee - Is responsible for change of paraments, fixing communion, seeing that altar flowers are satisfactory. There have recently been complaints about the quality of the altar flowers. Mrs. Lee will discuss the problem with the florist if the problem persists. Details about weddings and funerals also fall under this wing. The problem of getting a patrolman to help direct traffic was discussed. Mrs. Lee will contact the Captain of the ushers to set up a meeting so that the group can be trained and organized. Acolytes also trained.

Music- Mrs. McNaughton - Recently the choir went to the Carolina Nursing Home instead of having a regular rehearsal session. They were very well received, particularly since they took time to visit with the people. It was suggested that they do the same thing for other facilities in the area.

Lay Leader - Mr. L. Smith - The Lay Leader acts as an ambassador between the minister and the congregation. His main concern at this time is to promote the May Evangelistic Crusade.

Visitor - Mrs. M. LaPrade - The Church Visitor is an extension of the minister in providing pastoral care for members of the congregation with special needs and problems.

Chairman of the Administrative Board - Mr. D. Gross - No report

Item - The question has been brought up as to whether we wish to have a pictorial directory printed. The directories will be printed at no cost to the church. The church is to furnish a telephone committee to get the membership informed and set up appointments for photographing. Pictures will be in color and will be priced as follows:

- 1 8x10 - \$16.95 - each additional 8x10 - \$10.00
- 1 5x7 and 2 wallets \$16.95 - each additional - \$10.00
- 1 wallet size - \$3.00
- 4 wallet size - \$8.95
- 6 wallet size - \$12.95

A motion was made and seconded to have the pictorial directories made at no expense to the church.

Further discussion - Each family having their picture made will be entitled to receive a directory at no cost. Persons not having their picture made, but submitting another picture will also be entitled to a directory. Persons having no picture in the directory may buy a directory if they choose to. The church has the facilities for reproducing just the portion of the directory containing names and addresses for those wishing to have a copy. A task force was formed, with Eva Florie in charge, to begin work on setting up the details. It was decided that a date should be made which will not conflict with the May Evangelistic Crusade.

A motion was made and seconded to thank Mrs. C. Thigpen for having provided the delicious vegetable soup. Others who had brought food were thanked.

A motion was made and seconded to dismiss the meeting at 1:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol W. Poole

Mrs. L. A. Poole
Secretary, Council on Ministries

Minutes of the Council on Ministries Meeting, February 13, 1979

The meeting was opened by Mrs. Peerboom with a prayer and a poem by Edgar A. Guest, entitled "Sermons We See".

The minister asked for a brief history of Aldersgate to be printed in the front of the pictorial directory. Mrs. Smith will contact Mrs. May to help organize the abbreviation of the existing history.

United Methodist Women - Mrs. Lynch reports that the Mission Study was well attended with an enrollment of 45, and thanks Mrs. LaPrade and Rev. Floyd for teaching the course. Jean Smith is in charge of World Day of Prayer, Friday, March 2, 11 A.M., here at Aldersgate. Silent Auction and Dinner is to be held on March 9th at 6:00 for browsing and 6:30 for dinner. Upholstery of Lounge furniture and draperies for Lounge, Choir Room, and Bride's Room have been completed at a cost of \$528.26. \$25.00 has been given for the purchase of Bibles to be used in prison ministry. Several Aldersgate men visit the prisons and jails and give these Bibles. Aldersgate had 16 representatives at the Church Women United meeting on January 30th. Aldersgate UMW has been asked (and has accepted) to be in charge of the meals for the 1980 S. C. Annual Conference Meeting of the United Methodist Women to be held at North Charleston UMC.

Children - No report.

Youth - Mrs. Poole reported that the coordinators have now enlisted the help of two counselors - Miss Barbara Mellor for the Sr. High Gp. and Jeff Pike for the Jr. High Gp. A Newsletter has been printed and mailed (the expense borne by Barbara) to each young person in the church. Father Condon from Bishop England H. S. will speak to the groups on March 11th. A program on Greek Orthodox Church complete with music, food, dancing and costumes will be presented on March 18th. Late March is when we hope to make a day trip to Orangeburg to visit the Methodist Home. Doug Coker is planning a musical program and skit to be presented and we are working on gifts to take to the residents. Wesley Class donated \$20.00 for equipment for the Fellowship Room. Barbara donated the paint for the room, Luke donated the painting equipment, Carol donated the lunch, and the kids donated the elbow grease, for "clean-up, fix-up" day, February 17th. Mrs. Torgerson donated a pool table for the Fellowship Room. Since there will be no M/F on Family Night, we will try opening the Fellowship Room on the last Saturday evening of the month from 7:00 - 10:00. Evelyn Albach is driving a carload of young people to the Charleston District Retreat at Camp Cleveland the first week-end in March. Plans are being made to attend College Night at Midland Park UMC on February 26th.

Following the report there was a question raised about how the Fellowship Room will be heated. The space heaters will be used temporarily. Mrs. Torgerson reported that her group has some monies available which she will ask her committee about at there next meeting, with the intention of buying some more space heaters. A question was also brought up about having the youth take turns keeping the nursery on Sunday evenings. This will be researched before the next meeting of the Council on Ministries.

Adult - Mrs. Torgerson reported that she has approached all her teachers about increasing attendance and membership. She is holding a meeting next week to discuss their plans. At this meeting she will also approach them about the possibility of purchasing some additional space heaters.

Family - Mrs. Whaley reports that Family Night will be held on February 25th at 5:30 P.M. With the singing group coming from Andrews and the visitors from the Baptist College it will be necessary for members to bring additional food. She asked the minister to announce this from the pulpit. Rev. Horne has been invited to come and speak at Homecoming. All former ministers have been invited to attend.

Trustees - Mr. Thigpen reports that the gates have been erected and painted. The parking stalls and the reserved parking areas have also been painted. All organizations having supplies stored upstairs in Shuler-Bates Bldg. have been asked to remove them immediately. Due to the safety and fire hazard they present, they will be disposed of by the Trustees if they are not removed. It was suggested that some of these items might be sold at the Silent Auction. The Trustees have received an estimate of \$760.00 for removing the garage doors and bricking and panelling the area at the parsonage. The cost of insulation for the rest of the house would be another \$400.00 with the cost of the installation being additional.

Education - Mr. Wilkerson reported that Mrs. Dan Gross has volunteered to be the VCS Director. There were over 170 persons in Church School last Sunday. Mr. Wilkerson has requested that the various age level coordinators ^{and teachers} be sure to fill out visitor information on the cards in their envelopes. This is one way in which we can increase our Church School membership. Our average attendance in Church School is between 55 and 60% which is very good. The Cub Scouts will hold their annual Blue and Gold Banquet on February 23rd.

Evangelism - Mrs. Hamm reports that the program of having the Church School classes sit together in Church on designated Sundays and be recognized by the minister is working well. A prayer chain has been established and has already been used. Further details have to be worked out to get it fully operational. Visitation of inactive members has begun, but much more help is needed. The "Shepherds and Sponsors" program has begun, but needs to be further organized. It was suggested that Mrs. Betty Black coordinate the program. The minister suggested taking pictures of the new members and putting them on a bulletin board to be placed in the vestibule so that members could get to know the new people. It was decided that infants who were christened should also be photographed for the bulletin board. Mrs. Peagler has agreed to donate a Polaroid Land Camera to be kept in the office for this purpose. All new members and infants who have been baptized since January 1st will be photographed and their pictures placed on the bulletin board.

Missions - Mrs. Smith reported that World Day of Prayer services would be held on Friday, March 2nd. The morning service will be held at Aldersgate and the evening service will be held at Brown Church. News for the Newsletter must be in by the 20th of each month. A program of Caring and Sharing is encouraged

for our shut-ins. A telephone call occasionally will help to cheer them up and remind them of our concern. The Charleston District United Methodist Women Retreat will be held at St. Simon's Island on September 15-16.

Social Concerns - Mrs. Peagler reports that during the recent Mission Study clothing and food items were received in lieu of a money offering. This program was very successful. Mrs. Peagler is currently in the process of getting the clothes racks together so that the clothes can be sorted and hung so they will be ready when needed. There will be a Blood Mobile at North Charleston United Methodist Church on March 4. Donors are needed. If someone from Aldersgate donates blood it will entitle any member of Aldersgate to receive blood in time of need. Members will be reminded from the pulpit about this program.

Stewardship - No report

Finance - A letter was sent to all who had volunteered to serve as counters during the year.

Worship - Mrs. Lee reports that it has been noticed that the flowers have improved in the last few weeks. In the future there will be two female greeters in addition to the ushers at the front of the church to welcome people as they enter. A special seat will be reserved for the acolytes on the front pew. Ushers will be organized on a rotating basis with some ushers who are experienced working with new ushers so the number can be increased and get more members involved. Plans are being made for the formation of an altar guild.

Music - It was reported that plans are being made to visit the various nursing homes in the area on a quarterly basis in lieu of regular practice sessions in order to bring music to the residents. The choir is planning to attend Music Week at Lake Junaluska over July 4th.

Health and Welfare - No report

Visitor - No report

Lay Leader - No report

Chairman of the Administrative Board - No report

Minister - Rev. Floyd reported that work has begun on the Pictorial Directory. A telephone committee is setting up appointments. Photographs will be taken from March 5-10th. Because of the increase in cost of production and printing, it will be necessary to charge each family who purchases a package an additional \$1.00 to cover costs. With regard to the Lenten Offering for Hunger, it was reported that offering envelopes have been received. There was some interest in also acquiring the coin folders which seemed successful in the past. Since these folders cost 15¢ each it was suggested that the minister order enough to give to the children during his mini-sermon and incorporate their purpose and use into his sermon. Additional folders would be made available to those who were interested in having them, but the Lenten offering envelopes would be used for the congregation as a whole.

There being no further business or discussion, the minister closed with prayer at 9:30 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol W. Poole

Carol W. Poole (Mrs. L. A.)
Secretary/ Council on
Ministries

Minutes of the Council on Ministries Meeting, March 13, 1979

The meeting was opened at 7:30 P. M. by Mrs. Peerboom with prayer and a poem from Leaves of Gold. Then the Chairman asked for reports.

United Methodist Women - Mrs. Lynch - see attached sheet.

Children - No report.

Youth - Mrs. Poole reported that the Youth Council had held its first meeting with very good results. They approved the idea of the youth volunteering to babysit during the evening service on a trial basis. They also drew up guidelines for the service. The fellowship room will be open from 7-10 P.M. on March 24. The Youth have been asked to provide a short musical program for the Family Night in April. Our trip to Orangeburg is tentatively scheduled for May 5, 1979. The room has been painted and cleaned up. Thanks to Barbara Mellor and the Wesley Class for donating the paint. The pool table, donated by Mrs. Torgerson, has been placed in the room. Mrs. Torgerson has also donated a nice game table. The Asbury Class has donated a new ping pong table to the Youth. The room was used the first time on March 11 for a special program by Father Condon. Five youth went to Camp Cleveland with Mrs. Albach. The youth have decided to work to raise money to help with the repairs at Camp Cleveland. They will also try to enlist the support of the entire congregation.

Adults - Mrs. Torgerson reported that the Brabham Class donated an electric heater to be used wherever necessary. It has been already used in the Nursery.

Family - Mrs. Whaley reported that the February Family Night was very successful with about 70 attending. She also reminds everyone of Homecoming on March 25th.

At this point the minister raised the question of using name-tags for Homecoming. After some discussion it was decided that the ushers would put nametags in the pews and the minister would remind everyone to fill them out.

Trustees - Most of the insulation has been put in at the parsonage. The men have run into a problem with standing water. The Terminix Company had been paid previously to clear up this problem and has been recalled. As soon as the water is taken care of the rest of the insulation will be installed and the work will begin on the garage/family room.

Ecumenical Affairs - Mrs. Smoak reported that we should consider celebrating Holy Communion with other area churches during March or April. The minister suggested that we consider an "Emmaus Service" which is a recreation of the Last Supper and Jesus' walk along the Emmaus Road.

Education - No report.

Evangelism - Mrs. Hamm reported that letters have gone out to leaders in the various areas of responsibility for the Evangelistic Crusade, May 13-16. Response has been very good. Jean Smith reports that publicity is being worked out. Jack Gray furnishes hand-outs and outdoor signs, etc. to be used with other publicity. Activities being planned include a breakfast at 6:45 Monday- Wed., a Bible Bowl for children, Teen time before evening services,

prayer meetings, and visitation. There will also be an afterglow session following the evening services. The church is under no obligation, financially, to the Crusade. A freewill offering will be taken Monday - Wednesday nights. We take out our expenses and turn the rest over to the Crusade. If we don't make enough for our expenses we will be reimbursed by the Crusade.

Missions - Mrs. Smith reported that March 25th is "One Great Hour of Sharing" Sunday and asked the minister to make note of it during the service.

Social Concerns - Mrs. Peagler announced that Aldersgate members had donated 8 pints of blood during the Blood Mobile on March 4. This gives us a total of 11 pints to our credit. We furnished food and clothing to a family off of Dorchester Road. Our pantry is well stocked and the clothes closet is filling up, but we still need more household items. \$10 was given to a heart patient for bus fare to Greenville for a check-up.

Finance - Mr. Murray reports that the volunteer counters on Sunday morning are working out very well.

Worship - Greeters are now stationed at the front door to help welcome people as they enter the church. "Welcome Visitor" tags were used by the greeters. It was suggested that the minister recognize visitors from the pulpit. Easter Lilies will be available for memorials, etc., for decorating the sanctuary. Information will be in the bulletin.

Music - The choir is going to the Carolina Nursing Home in lieu of practice this week. They will take refreshments. Choir members are planning to go to Lake Junaluska for Music Week. The minister suggested that a special offering be taken to help defray costs for the trip. This would show the Church's appreciation to the Choir.

Health and Welfare - No report.

Visitor - Mrs. LaPrade reported that they have been visiting the sick at home and in the hospitals, as well as some of the inactive members.

Lay Leader - No report.

Administrative Board - No report.

Minister - Rev. Floyd announced the following special Easter Services: Easter Sunday - 9:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. (No evening)
Maundy Thursday - 7:30 P.M. Lord's Supper
Good Friday - 12noon - 12:20 Those attending may bring a lunch for a picnic following.

Photography for the Church Pictorial Directory has been completed. Out of approximately 290 family units in the congregation, 152 family units responded. A few are turning in other pictures to be used. Directories will be available only to those who had pictures made (or entered one of their own). Every church family will be given a printed directory which will be run off from the pages of the pictorial directory. The minister stayed during the photographing sessions and had a chance to visit with the participants. He thanked those who had worked so hard on the committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol W. Poole Carol W. Poole

We were so pleased with our "Covenant Living in Times of Change" mission study, which we recently had. From the reports there seems to be an interest in learning more about our history, heritage, and teachings of the Methodist Church. One committed on having an evening Bible Study.

Church Women United has recently organized a North Area Unit and Lorena LaPrade has the office of Ministry of the Presence. World Day of Prayer was ~~might~~ well attended.

The United Methodist Women would like to thank all who supported the Dinner and Silent Auction on March 9th. This was probably our biggest fund raising project for the year.

About twenty of our ladies have made reservations to attend the S.C. Conference U.M.W. Spring Retreat at Lake Junaluska, May 17-20, 1979.

March 25th.-HOMECOMING*- we will be in Shuler Bates at 10:00 a.m. Saturday March 24, to get the tables ready and pretty, tea made, silver ware wrapped etc. Sunday, we will be in S/B at 9:30 a.m. getting things ready until about 10:45. At that time all ladies will attend Morning Worship, and kitchen will be closed. we are planning for 175 persons. We need men to bring chairs from Ed. Bldg. after Sunday School, and please take them back after dinner. ALL HELP WILL BE APPRECIATED ESPECIALLY CLEAN-UP.

March 27th - GENERAL MEETING OF THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
10:00 a.m. Shuler Bates Bldg., Salad Luncheon, Baby sitter available.
Lorena LaPrade will have an Easter program and hostess is Frances Major sub-unit.

March 27th - UMW to serve DINNER FOR WOFFORD GLEE CLUB. They will sing later that evening at North Charleston UMC.

April 18th- Anna Bell Williams Sub-Unit is sponsoring a "Dime-A-Dip" Luncheon at Mary Torgerson's home. Time 11:00 a.m. till 1:00 p.m.
MEN ARE WELCOME AND INVITED.

April 25th - Ellie Vroome Sub-Unit is sponsoring a Bridal Shower for Miss Tracy Peerboom in the choir room at 8:00 p.m. All ladies of the church are invited.

Other Dates

March 14 - 10:00 a.m. - Anna Bell Williams Sub-Unit
March 14 - 10:00 a.m. - Susannah Wesley Sub-Unit
March 15 - 12:30 p.m. - Ex-Committee of UMW
March 15 - 8:00 p.m. - Josephine Abrams Sub-Unit
April 3 - 7:30 p.m. - Lou Bates Sub-Unit
April 4 - 10:00 a.m. - Frances Major Sub-Unit
April 9 - 8:00 p.m. - Ellie Vroome Sub-Unit
Bible Study every Tuesday morning at 9:30 a.m.

Helma Lynch

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council on Ministries, October 9, 1979

Mrs. Peerboom opened the meeting with a prayer and a devotion called "No Freedom Without God's Help". She read over her report to the Charge Conference listing the goals and accomplishments of the various groups during the year. Then she asked for reports from the groups.

United Methodist Women - Mrs. Lynch reported the the shelves for the refrigerator have come in and are correct this time. The two silk flower arrangements which were requested are now in the lounge. The shutters have been hung in Shuler-Bates. These items complete the work undertaken under the \$800.00 project fund. The remaining funds (\$200+) will be used for the memorial candelabra. The Mission Pledge of \$650.00 has been paid in full. Other donations are listed in the UMW report to the Charge Conference.

Children - No report.

Youth - Mrs. Poole reported that two male workers (Mr. Hopkins and Mr. Rawlinson) have been recruited to help with UMYF. Plans are well underway for the Fall Festival on October 27. We are looking forward to the visit of Ed Kilbourne on November 11. Other area churches will be invited to the evening concert.

Family - A Churchwide Breakfast in honor of the new members was prepared by the men of the church. A Loyalty Dinner is being planned for Nov. 18, as opposed to Nov. 11, due to Ed Kilbourne's visit. The Family Coordinator has requested that the nominating Committee nominate a Chairman for the Sunday Morning Fellowship Hour.

Adults - The Christian Home Builders class has painted the Kindergarten Classroom. The Christian Home Builders have almost tripled their membership and are in the process of moving to a larger classroom.

Trustees - Mr. Thigpen reported that the repairs in the vestibule from the hurricane damage have been accomplished. Marshall Smith has given a bid on repairing the inside of the Educational Building (\$8360). Since no work of this type has been done in some time some of the problems are becoming quite serious and will be much more expensive if delayed. This estimate includes painting, fixing leaks, replacing baseboards, replacing ceiling tiles, and finishing the kitchenette in the nursery. A facelift for the front of the church is being considered, to include a covered walkway to the Educational Bldg. Various plans are being considered for increasing the size of the sanctuary. The purchase of new office equipment is being looked into. Long range plans are being looked at for repairing and updating such facilities as Shuler-Bates, the Salvo St. house, the Custodian's house, and the roof on the Educational Bldg. At the proper time these will be brought to the Board for approval. Mr. Thigpen reported that the heating system, being over 30 years old, cannot withstand any major repairs. If such work is required, a new system will have to be installed. It is hoped that such work will not have to be done until some decision can be made about future work on the sanctuary. We have received an estimate of \$649.00 for installing a 5 foot fence across the back of the property. The man who had threatened a suit over the problem of drainage at the back of the property has dropped the idea and dug his own ditch.

Ecumenical Affairs - No report.

Education - Mr. Wilkerson reported that Jane Campbell has worked on cleaning up the library and putting it into very nice order. A librarian is needed to keep the library open on Sunday mornings.

Evangelism - Mrs. Hamm reported that visitation of the visitors to our church continues and many are joining the church as a result. Men are involved also in this program and it is working out well.

Missions - No report.

Social Concerns - Mrs. Peagler is asking for food with pull tops for easy access. The pantry and clothes closet are used almost weekly. A Helping Hands Committee has been formed, under the direction of Lawrence Smith, to aid widows of the church with minor repairs.

Stewardship - Mr. Ulmer reported that a deliberate effort is being made to inform people that stewardship is time, talents, and energies. The Jack Gray Crusade helped in this. Finances are in fairly good shape, and a Loyalty Program is underway.

Worship - It was requested that white flowers be used on Sundays when Communion is being celebrated. Mrs. Lee reported that 225 were served Communion on October 7, 1979. (76 and 9:00 and 149 at 11:15). It was brought up that there is much talking before services. It was decided that something be put in the bulletin about observing a quiet time before the service. On October 28 the time of the evening service changes back to 7:00 P.M. A strong positive response has been received regarding the early service on Sunday Mornings, according to Rev. Floyd. The Christmas Contata is planned for December 23 at 4:00 P.M. A reception in honor of the choir will follow.

Music - The choir will be going to the Carolina Nursing Home to sing and serve refreshments.

Visitation - Mrs. LaPrade reported that her committee continues visiting those in need and aprising the minister of the members' needs. Those needs are met as closely as possible. The sub-groups continue to visit their Special Friends.

Health and Welfare - No report.

Chairman of Administrative Board - No report.

Lay Leader - No report.

Minister - Reverend Floyd thanked members for their fine work. He asked those who would be leaving their jobs to help get the new persons acquainted with their jobs. The sponsors program for new members has worked extremely well and is making new members feel a part of the Church Family. The minister closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol W. Poole

Carol W. Poole, Secretary

3-18-80

The Administrative Board met on Mar 18th with 30 present. Dan Gross opened with a devotion. The minutes were read and approved as read.

REPORTS:

Council on Ministries: Helen Peerboom passed out copies of the minutes from their last meeting. She again stressed the need for counters, especially in Nov. and Dec.

UMW: Dime and a Half Luncheon will be on Wed, 16 Apr from 11:00 - 1:30. Dot Young will have a flower making workshop on Mar 19th. Kitchen clean up will be Sat., Mar 22nd. Six ladies are going to Nashville for the quadrennial meeting of the UMW.

Trustees: The gravel has been put in the driveway and they are now trying to get asphalt put on the driveway.

Finance: Check book balance is \$7,946.64 with all bills paid.

Youth: 20 young people are now going to Atlanta and 6 adults. The Youth made \$160 on the spaghetti dinner and \$80 off of the skating party. Also a stranger donated \$100 to the Youth.

Pastor: Proclamation Week was a tremendous success. Rev. Floyd praised the good work done by the steering committee and all who helped to make that week a success. We have received some new members and many will be joining our church on Palm Sun. He is presently working with them to prepare them for membership. He has also been busy visiting the sick and bereaved and preparing for the special events we will be having during Holy Week.

NEW BUSINESS: Marshall LaPrade reminded the Board that we need to be thinking about replacing the heating system for the Church by next Fall. Some preliminary work was done on this and it was projected into the budget but we will need to get new estimates before a decision can be made.

Gladys Lee made a motion we adjourn and Jean Doscher seconded the motion. Rev. Floyd closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine L. White

Elaine L. White
Secretary

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council on Ministries, March 9, 1980

The special Sunday meeting was called to order and opened with a reading from Charles Spurgeon followed by prayer. Mrs. Peerboom welcomed Rev. Harvey Floyd to our Church for Proclamation Week. She reminded those present that Ernest Hoenck still needs counters on Sunday mornings. She then turned the meeting over to Rev. Floyd. Since the emphasis of the Methodist Church is to be Evangelism, Rev. Floyd gave the results of a study done about the unchurched in America. He listed many reasons people gave for going to church, but 70 - 80% said that they went to church because they were invited! We have a great role in Evangelism.

Rev. Floyd gave a list of characteristics of a growing church.

1. Strong Biblical preaching.
2. A program of lay people reaching out in Evangelism.
3. A fellowship group as large as the membership roll- no cliques.
4. Quickly assimilates new members into church programs.
5. Has many first generation Christians.
6. Has a Pastor who likes people and is happy in his work.
7. Has a small Bible study or prayer group that reaches out.

Likewise, the roadblocks to growing are a lack of enthusiasm, a failure to assimilate new members, a failure to meet the needs of the community, and a spirit of criticism. The key word in Evangelism is Motivation.

Methods for sharing the Gospel - design programs to meet the needs of the people. Examples are: Mother's morning out program, a program for retired persons, a Singles program (Unmarried, Widowed, Divorced), a mid-week elementary children's Bible study, New church school classes entering from the lower level, registration of weekly worship attendance, and lay persons to visit the visitors to the church.

Ways to assimilate new members - fellowship family (a new family comes in - involve another family of similar characteristics in caring for them and visiting them. Ask the fellowship family to take a "new member" packet to the family when visiting them. For about one year be especially caring and sharing with that family), a new member picture board, a welcome in the newsletter.

Have a membership renewal covenant service with communion, usually on New Year's Sunday. This would involve a renewal of vows, a promise to enrich Bible reading and prayer life, and a promise to reach out to at least one person through the year to get them into church.

Rev. Floyd expressed his appreciation for the opportunity of coming to Aldersgate and asked our prayers for the services. With this in mind Dan Whaley closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol W. Poole

Carol W. Poole
Secretary

The Administrative Board met on Feb 19th with 35 present. The Board minutes and Council on Ministries minutes were passed out and two corrections made on the Board minutes.

Rev. Floyd presented Christine Wheeler the new Church Secretary.

REPORTS:

Council on Ministries: Mrs. Peerboom stressed the following needs: Ernest Hoenck needs help counting money on Sundays. Gladys Lee needs acolytes and people to sign up to put flowers in the church. Mr. Wilkerson needs help with the Scouts.

Trustees: Anyone who sees kids riding mini-bikes, go-carts, etc. on the playground are asked to report it to the police as they are tearing up the yard and we do not have insurance coverage if they get hurt back there. Gravel will be dumped in the driveway going to Salvo Street. Each person using the water back in the Shuler Bates Bldg. is asked to shut off the valves so the pipes won't freeze. They have had several break this winter and this can prevent further problems.

Finance: We have a balance of \$3,879.56 with all bills up to date. We are about \$300 short on the budget but overall giving is up. The building fund has \$3,818 usable money.

Pastor-Parish: After all resumes were studied, this group is happy to have Christine Wheeler as the new Secretary. Rev. Floyd will be returned to us next year and we are thankful for this blessing.

Evangelism: We were reminded to be in prayer for the week of Mar 9-12 which is Proclamation Week. Mrs. LaPrade still has vacancies for the prayer vigil chart on Mar 8th. Anne Hamm also stressed the importance of filling out the questionnaires on evangelism.

Youth: They have received a donation of \$150 from the Asbury Class for the purchase of tickets to Six Flags. Since this first came up, five more youth have signed up to go and this amount only paid for the 10 tickets so they would like money for all to be able to go. They are selling spaghetti dinner tickets for March 2nd. They are promoting evening worship attendance and everyone was reminded of the special service on Feb 24th when Rev. James Hood will be with us.

Pastor: Rev. Floyd appreciates the good work done especially in the children's area, youth, Lay Reader program, and is so pleased with our new Secretary. He thanked everyone for the fine work they are doing and stated that we are moving ahead of where we were last year at this time. As soon as the cost estimates are in for the proposed addition to the church they will be presented to the Board. He covets our prayers and support as we do His work.

Rev. Floyd made a motion we adjourn, it was seconded by Ernest Hoenck and carried. We were dismissed with prayer by our Pastor.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine L. White
Elaine L. White

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council on Ministries, February 12, 1980.

Mrs. Peerboom opened the meeting with a poem, "My God is no Stranger", by Helen Steiner Rice, and a prayer. She called for reports, as follows:

United Methodist Women - Thelma Lynch reported that the UMW are trying to plan and meet goals set by the S. C. Conference and Chas. Dist. UMW as well as local goals. Five members attended Chas. Dist. meeting. Lorena LaPrade serves as Supportive Community Coordinator and Jean Smith is Public Relations Chairperson for the Chas. Dist. Three of our women, Gladys Lee, Hattie Peagler, and Velma Evans, serve as officers for the Church Women United. Aldersgate hostessed their recent meeting and 125 dinners were served. A new yearbook is being produced by Mrs. Overstreet and Mrs. Chinnes. The response for stamps and soap wrappers has been good. Plans are underway for the meals we will be serving for the S. C. Conf. UMW to be held at North Charleston UMC in November. UMW will be hostessing Sunday Morning Coffee time for Feb., March, and April. Bible Study continues on the book of Luke. A list of the widows who belong to our church is being compiled. They will be honored at our Annual Ladies Friendship Luncheon in May. Shut-ins are still being "cared for" by our circles. Dime-and-a-half-a-dip Luncheon is being held in Shuler Bates Bldg, 11:00 - 1:30, April 16. This project is being sponsored by the Anna Bell Williams and Frances Major Sub-Groups. The women of the church are always busy as this report and others will show.

Children - Carol Poole reported that she has visited each of the Sunday School classes to familiarize herself with the children and the teachers. She plans to visit often in order to better meet the needs of the children. Mrs. Elizabeth Clarke has agreed to become a substitute and is very enthusiastic about it. Mrs. Sylvia Gross has agreed to be VCS Coordinator again. Plans are being made for VCS so that teachers can begin their preparations much earlier this year.

Youth - Barbara Mellor reported that the Youth, after meeting with the Youth Council, have decided on the following, subject to the approval of the Council on Ministries:

1. Oak Grove Orphanage is to be their project this year. They are hooking rugs to give to the Orphanage.
2. Having a Get-to-know-you cook-out Monday Night.
3. March 2, 4-8 P.M. Spaghetti Dinner with a real Italian atmosphere. All proceeds will go to Oak Grove.
4. March 17 - A St. Patrick's Day Skating-Fund raising party. \$2.00 per person. Youth will receive 50¢ of that. Proceeds to Oak Grove.
5. Youth Night during MYF every other month will be going out to supper for fellowship. This was done two weeks ago and was very enjoyable.
6. Would like to have a Youth Recognition Sunday at 11:15 service to show others who they are and to encourage other youth to come.
7. Christian Week-end at Six Flags, Atlanta. Leave on April 3, return April 5. Since the cost is high Barbara asked that the council approve that the entry tickets be purchased by the Church. This would amount to \$14.95 per person. After some discussion it was decided that this could be done since it was within the budget and a very worthy cause.
8. Youth will work with counselors on programs for MYF.
9. Membership is up, with much enthusiasm.
10. They are working on getting something for only the senior group.

Adults - Mary Torgerson reported that the Asbury Class has purchased four warming trays and two more are on the way. A concrete slab has been poured for the trash cans. Two new circuits and two plugs have been installed in the kitchen, also by Asbury Class. The Homebuilders Rummage Sale made \$103.00. They are planning an Easter Pancake Breakfast from

6:30 - 9:00 A.M. in Shuler Bates. Adult tickets will be \$2.50 and children will pay \$1.50. The Men's Bible Class has been visiting people to try to gain new members and their attendance is up. The Wesley Class also has increased their attendance.

Family - Eva Florie reported that the Fellowship Coffeetime has been planned for the next three months. Several people have mentioned that many people are not taking advantage of the coffee time. It was agreed that it would continue because it is meeting a need. A need was expressed for making extra coffee when it is crowded. After a discussion it was decided to table it for awhile.

Trustees - Marshall LaPrade asked to be excused, but Mrs. LaPrade reported that some gravel has been acquired to fix the access road from Salvo Street.

Ecumenical Affairs - Virginia Chinnes reported that the Church Women United dinner in January, hosted by Aldersgate, was well attended, but the program was overly long.

Education - Clyde Wilkerson reported that the material is in for VCS. He commended the Men's Bible Class and the Wesley Class for their increase in attendance.

Evangelism - Anne Hamm reported that we will be holding, along with the other churches within the Southeastern Jurisdiction, a Proclamation Week from March 9 - 12. Reverend Harvey Floyd will be the speaker. Plans are well under way. Questionnaires on Evangelism are being filled out by members of the Admin. Bd. and interested members of the church so that we may evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of our Evangelism program. Dan Whaley and several of the men will prepare the morning breakfasts during Proclamation Week. The other meals are being planned. Programs are being worked out to encourage attendance. A babysitter is being hired at minimum wage.

Missions - Jean Doscher reported on the great amount of money that is needed to support our overseas missionaries. She also reported on Alfalit, a literacy program in Costa Rica. Mrs. Doscher and Rev. Floyd attended the District Mission Conference at Joshua UMC in Strawberry, S. C. on Feb. 3. It was decided that Chas. Dist. would ask the Conference that Mission Partnership Giving be done on the District level rather than the Conference level. This is because there is a real need for two Black churches in the area.

Social Concerns - Hattie Peagler reported that five persons went to the last blood mobile, but two were turned away. Two persons worked on the blood mobile.

Finance - Ernest Hoenck reported that he is preparing a chart to show how our giving compares with the amount pledged on the budget. He is also preparing a list of volunteer counters to help on Sundays.

Stewardship - Ernest Strickland has been studying ways to educate people of the church as to what Stewardship means. He also offered his services to members of the Council on Ministries in any way he could help.

Worship - Gladys Lee reported that there is a need for more acolytes. Barbara Mellor will talk with the young people in MYF and Carol Poole will talk to the Sunday School classes to encourage participation in the acolyte program. The Youth will soon begin on making more Christmas ornaments. The Flower calendar is being filled out, but there are still vacancies.

Lay Leader - Dan Whaley reported that the Lay Reader program is working out well and that he is preparing a list of those who have volunteered. The Youth are planning to take the evening service one week. Rev. James Hood will take evening service on February 24. He encouraged us to pick up friends and bring them with us to the evening service since so many people prefer not to, or cannot, drive at night.

Minister - Reverend Floyd is visiting with each Sunday School Class. Routine visitation of members as well as sick and shut-ins continues. Reverend Floyd thanked members of the Council for their continuing fine work.

There being no further business, Mrs. Peerboom asked Reverend Floyd to close with prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Carol W. Poole
Secretary, Council on Ministries

1-15-80

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD
ALDERSGATE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Administrative Board met January 15 with 28 members present.

In the absence of the Chairman, Lorena LaPrade presided. The meeting was opened with a devotional and a prayer by Mrs. LaPrade.

As the secretary will be attending classes for the next six months, the first order of business was to elect a secretary to act for this period of time.

Helen Peerboom was nominated, the nomination was seconded and passed.

Mrs. Peerboom called the roll, with Rev. Floyd explaining the position held by new members.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mrs. Peerboom was called on to report for the Council on Ministries. She advised the Board of several needs, as follows:

It is time to select a Vacation Bible School director;

~~Help~~ is needed to work with the Boy Scouts;

~~Help~~ is needed in the visitation program;

Counters are needed for various Sundays;

Food is needed for our storeroom, especially flip top cans;

People are needed to sign up for flowers;

We need to contact boys and girls age 12 and under to act as acolytes;

Members also reminded of the Blood Bank this coming Sunday.

Ann Hamm advised we will have a "Proclaim the Word" week and various people will be called on to help.

Ernest Hoenck advised the check book balance is \$4,607.30 and that we paid out nearly \$20,000 to the Conference last year. The amount paid to the Methodist Camp is in excess of \$100.00.

The Asbury Class collected \$2,026.00 for the Ron Geary fund. They have also purchased three warming trays for use where needed. The Asbury Class also had the floor buffers repaired by the Cooper River Educational Opportunity Center, thereby saving approximately \$1,200.00, which would be the cost of purchasing new buffers.

Mr. Hoenck also passed around a list for people to sign up to count money on Sundays.

Mrs. Keyser, Building and Improvement Fund Treasurer, advised that the church ^{educational} building and the parsonage are paid for.

Acker Hamm advised that the secretary who was hired on a 90 day trial basis has advised she will not be staying, consequently, we will be interviewing prospective secretaries.

Mrs. Lynch advised that the United Methodist Women will meet Thursday to start making plans for the coming year.

Barbara Mellor, the new Coordinator for the Youth Program, advised that the young people agreed to work with the Oak Grove Orphanage. They will make hooked rugs and stuffed toys for the children.

Pastor's report:

Rev. Floyd advised that all items as mentioned in the minutes of the last meeting have been accomplished.

We have pledged to our budget the highest amount ever pledged, approximately \$90,000.00. Rev. Floyd thanked those present for their help in this respect. He feels we have had an excellent year.

Rev. Floyd showed the Board the preliminary drawing of the proposed Narthex addition. Cost not yet available.

The meeting was adjourned and was closed with a prayer by Mrs. Keyser.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Peerboom (OS)

Helen Peerboom
Acting Secretary

Minutes of the meeting of the Council on Ministries, April 8, 1980.

Mrs. Peerboom opened with a devotional about our suffering in relation to Christ's suffering, and a prayer. Rev. Floyd introduced Mrs. Jane Holbrooks who had asked to be allowed a few minutes to talk to the Council about Cub Scouts. The church sponsors a Boy Scout troop and a cub scout pack, but both are in dire need of support from persons in our congregation. She asked if we were willing to continue to sponsor the groups, would we go another mile and provide some help. The cub scout pack is in trouble because of not having enough people to help. She made a plea for men to help by becoming den leaders. Den mothers and grandmothers are also needed. She stressed the importance of scouting in giving boys direction for their lives. She gave some rather startling statistics regarding the number of unstable family situations existing among the 14 boys in her pack. Scouting is in competition with sports, but scouting is more successful in giving boys direction for their lives and a creative outlet for their energies. It was decided that members of the Council would publicize these needs to their various Sunday School classes and among their friends. Mrs. Holbrooks mentioned two upcoming programs for scouts - Citadel Scout Day, April 19th, and Boy Scout Day at Gaillard Auditorium, May 3. She stressed that their need was not financial, but when asked how we could help she stated the need for a new unit flag for the troop. This would amount to \$49.80.

Mrs. Peerboom then called for reports as follows:

United Methodist Women - Mrs. Lynch reported that several women cleaned the kitchen in March. She requested that food not be left in the refrigerator. Several items which should have been locked up were not. Mrs. Lynch will have all items inventoried so persons using the kitchen will know where they should be put. She made a plea that groups be more responsible about how the kitchen is used. Six women attended the Southeastern Jurisdictional meeting in Nashville. Lorena LaPrade has been asked to speak to the Cokesbury UMW at their April meeting. Virginia May is to speak at the Church Women United May Fellowship Day. The Susanna Wesley sub-group is going to Middleton Gardens on April 10th. April 16th is the date of the Dime-and-a-half-a-Dip luncheon. Two weddings will be catered in July (for Frances Wall and Anne Skandamis). On June 8th, the UMW will sponsor a covered dish luncheon to welcome back the minister and his family.

At this point the minister asked that Mrs. Christine Wheeler speak to the group regarding an exercise class. Mrs. Wheeler explained the program and gained approval of the Council to give the program a try. There will be no cost to the church and a donation will be made towards the utilities bill. The program will be further publicized in the bulletin.

Children - Mrs. Poole reported that the Children's Choir continues to perform to the appreciation of the 9:00 worshippers. On April 5th, 35 children participated in an Easter Egg hunt. It was a good time for kids and moms. Beginning in May we will try to have a short assembly program of about 10 minutes at the beginning of the Sunday School time in the Shuler-Bates Blog. This program will concentrate on Bible Study and music. Then the children will go to their regular classes. Teachers have been contacted and approve. We are beginning plans for a Summer program for the kids. We are recruiting helpers and trying to build a program around Bible stories, movies, music, field trip, games and recreation. If the program is successful we

will continue it into the regular school year. Bible School plans are well underway. Bible School is tentatively scheduled for early August. Mrs. Poole is trying to build up a flannel board library for use in Sunday Morning Assembly program and in the Summer program. She is also looking for someone to help her with the programs and with music.

Youth - Miss Mellor reported that there is a big interest in having a softball team for boys and girls. Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler have volunteered to coach a boys' team. Barbara Mellor has volunteered to coach the girls and several mothers have agreed to help (Mrs. Hamm and Mrs. Green). An estimate of the cost for fielding a team is \$150 per team for a league fee, and approximately \$200 for practice equipment. Barbara has asked that the teams be made a part of the Youth Program so that they could use funds in the budget approved for the Youth. It is also anticipated that there will be help from some of the Sunday School classes. The Youth themselves are planning another skating fund-raising party in May. Edward Hopkins is coordinating a Youth Spring Concert to be presented in the court yard around Mother's Day. The Youth Council will meet the latter part of May for making summer plans. She also reported that everyone had a wonderful time in Atlanta and they are very enthusiastic about their church.

Adults - Mrs. Torgerson reported that the Wesley Class made two very generous donations in March - \$50.00 to Orangeburg Home and \$50.00 to Craft Farrah. The Christian Home Builders are supporting the Youth in a very real way. The Pancake Breakfast netted a profit of \$120.00 which will be given to the Youth. They also gave 150 cartons of milk left over from the breakfast to the Oak Grove Orphanage. The Asbury Class has purchased a 16mm movie projector for the church and has bought a year's subscription to the film library.

Family - Mrs. Florie reported that the response for requests for food for the parsonage family and the guest minister during the revival was excellent.

Education - Mr. Wilkerson reported that the Scouts have a problem with the Bldg. being locked even when the activities were on the church calendar. He asked that the janitor be notified so that the problem could be taken care of. This has happened on more than a few occasions, and to more than one group. It was also noted that frequently only one of the gates will be opened. He further reported that while worship attendance was good for the Easter morning services, Sunday School attendance was down - 176.

Evangelism - Mrs. Hamm reported that we have many visitors and she needs more help with the visitation if we are to reach these people and gain them as members.

Ecumenical Affairs - Mrs. Chinnes reported that the Sunrise Service was extremely well-attended. Rev. Floyd took part in the service. Beginning the first of March, WNCG is broadcasting religious programs by the area ministers on "The Challenge of the Churches in the 80's". Rev. Floyd's sermons will be broadcast on April 19, 20, and 21.

Missions - No report.

Lay Leader - Mr. Whaley reported that he is very gratified with the response he has been receiving when he needs help in the church's programs, whatever they may be. He expressed the hope that he could in some way return that love and support and willingness to work.

Finance - Mr. Hoenck reported that he has posted a chart regarding where our giving is in relation to our budget.

Worship - Mrs. Lee reported on the preparations for the special Easter services. It was noted that the Easter lilies were beautiful and added greatly to the services.

Social Concerns - Mrs. Peagler reported that we have donated \$10.00 to the American Council for the Blind. We also helped four families with food, clothing, and a little money. We are working up a petition to prevent the issuance of a liquor license at Remount Plaza.

Trustees - No report.

Visitation - No report.

Minister - Rev. Floyd has the highest praise for the leadership our church is giving in our area. He appreciates the spirit of cooperation that he is getting from the members. He will give a more detailed report to the Administrative Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol W. Poole

Carol W. Poole
Secretary

The Administrative Board met on Apr 15th with 30 present. Dan Gross opened with a devotion. The minutes were read and approved as read.

REPORTS:

Council on Ministries: The minutes of their meeting were passed out and Helen Peerboom emphasized the following: The Cub Scouts are in dire need of help and Mrs. Holbrooks would like some from the congregation. Mrs. Lynch stressed the importance of not leaving leftover food in the refrigerator. A typewritten list will be placed on each cupboard so everyone will know where to put things away. Anne Hamm needs help with the visitation.

Social Concerns: The Blood Bank will be at N. Charleston UMC on Apr 27th. Cherokee has pulled out so we need to donate blood and have workers to register etc.

Finance: The quarterly report was passed out and explained. Check book balance as of Apr 15th: ~~\$7,289.50.~~ *\$5,225.18.*

The Christian Home Builders have donated \$218.59 to the youth.

Pastor: Rev. Floyd passed out a sheet showing where some of his hours are spent. His average work week is usually 60-70 hrs. He is taping messages to be broadcast on WNCG next week. As of Dec. 3rd all indebtedness on the church was paid. The preliminary drawing from the architect for the proposed addition to the church and cost estimate is here now. The addition to the church plant and covered walkway is \$94,538 and \$28,762 for a total of \$123,300. It is proposed that we continue to give to the building fund and at the first of the year we will review the cost and make a decision. Approximately \$30,000 which is in the building fund will be placed in 6 mo. high yield bonds.

Thomas Lynch moved we adjourn and Mr. LaPrade seconded it. The Pastor dismissed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine L. White

Elaine L. White,
Secretary

Minutes of the meeting of the Council on Ministries, May 13, 1980

Mrs. Peerboom opened the meeting with prayer and then called for reports:

United Methodist Women - Mrs. Lynch reported that nine women are going to Lake Junaluska in May for the Spring Retreat for the S. C. Conference of UMW. The May General Meeting will be a special event as it will include a Friendship Dinner for the widows of our church. The Frances Major Sub-group will sponsor a bridal shower for Frances Wall on May 22 at 7:30 P.M. On June 8th the UMW will sponsor a covered dish dinner for the church to welcome back the parsonage family.

Children - Mrs. Poole reported that Vacation Church School plans are well underway. The Sunday Morning Assembly program began on May 11th and seems to be a success. It was well received by the children and the teachers as well. We are experiencing some discipline problems in two of the classes. We are working on several possible solutions.

Youth - Miss Mellor reported that Aldersgate is sponsoring Sub-district on Monday night, May 19th. They held a Scavenger Hunt for people (who were not at MYF) which proved to be fun for all. The girls' softball team has their first game this week. Seventeen girls are participating. The MYF will go to Oak Grove Orphanage on Friday aft. to visit and give their donations. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Smith will talk on Sunday evening about camp to generate more interest in going to summer camp.

Adults - The Christian Home Builders have now donated a total of \$218.59 to the Youth of the Church. They want to begin a "sinking fund" to help replace the heating system of the church. They will take the proposal to the Administrative Board. The Asbury Class bought a new mailbox for the church. The Brabham Class gave \$10.00 to the Scouts. Mrs. Torgerson reported that there is a great deal of noise in the halls during the Sunday School hour. It was suggested that she speak to Mr. Wilkerson to try to handle the problem.

Family - Mrs. Whaley reported that the coffee hour is going well with the assistance of the Christian Home Builders class.

Education - No report.

Evangelism - No report.

Missions - No report.

Lay Leader - Mr. Whaley reported that the Lay Reader program is going well and he welcomes more volunteers.

Stewardship - Mr. Strickland reported that they are looking at several types of programs to gain commitments for the coming year. More will be reported at a later date.

Worship - No report.

Social Concerns - Mrs. Peagler is planning another rummage sale on May 31 in front of the Educational Building to thin out the closet and provide some cash for people who have an immediate need.

Ecumenical Affairs - Mrs. Chinnes reported that Mrs. Virginia May gave an excellent program at the May Fellowship. Rev. Floyd's taped sermons on WNCG have not been aired yet.. More details will appear in the bulletin.

Trustees - No report.

Visitor - Mrs. LaPrade reports that she continues to visit and counsel the elderly and the sick. Rev. Floyd commended her on her continued good work in encouraging these people in their faith.

Finance - No report.

Mrs. Peerboom reported that at the Blood Bank several weeks ago Aldersgate had a very poor showing. She asked that the need for the blood be stressed and the fact that when a member of the church gives blood another member can receive it when needed. An announcement regarding this information will be placed in the church newsletter.

The Minister commended each member for the many long hours that each puts into his job. He also appreciates the excellent work that each is doing. The walking club is filling a tremendous need for our members and others in the community. They meet at 9:00 for a devotional and then walk as long as they feel like doing so. Some members are walking 3 to 5 miles per day. The Silver Threads group is an ecumenical group which has excellent programs for retired persons. The walking program is sponsored by this group. The Minister continues to counsel and minister to people. The load has been very heavy of late. The Council on Ministries agreed that we are very happy to have Rev. Floyd returning for another year. On May 20 Herbert Grantham, Gladys Lee and Rev. Floyd will be attending a pre-conference meeting at Centenary UMC downtown. They will ask to be excused from the Administrative Board Meeting. Rev. Floyd also mentioned that the movie "The Shroud of Turin" will be shown at our church on May 18th at 8:00 P.M. We all agreed to spread the word.

There being no further business, Rev. Floyd closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol W. Poole

Carol W. Poole
Secretary

5-20-80

The Administrative Board met on May 20th with 16 present. Dan Gross opened with prayer. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved with one correction on the check book balance. It should have been \$5,225.18.

Reports:

Council on Ministries: Helen Peerboom passed out the minutes from their meeting. She stressed the need for Aldersgate people to give blood when the Blood Bank is at N. Charleston UMC. Last time there were no donors from Aldersgate. If a member gives blood another member can receive it when needed. More publicity will be given next time.

A rummage sale will be held in front of the Educational Building on May 31.

Finance: Check book balances as follows: Bldg. Fund: \$11,158.07. Regular Fund: \$11,140.60.

New Business:

The Finance Committee recommended we increase the budget in two areas: (1) An increase of \$2,500 for office supplies. This motion was seconded by Ben Mitchum and carried. (2) The Pastor Parish Committee has recommended we increase the Secretarial salary by \$.25 an hour which would mean an increase of \$373.25. Dan Whaley seconded this motion and it carried.

Fred Dawson proposed we establish an Aldersgate United Methodist Church "sinking fund" to help replace the heating system of the church. The Christian Home Builder's Class is willing to obtain a bucket which would be present at each meeting held at the church and those who wish could drop change into it. It would be the responsibility of the leaders of the different groups to get the bucket from the office and return it when their meeting was over. The Christian Home Builder's would be responsible for the money and a report would be made monthly to the Administrative Board. It was stressed that this would not be in place of the regular giving but would be an extra effort by everyone. After discussion Dan Whaley moved we try this method to help earn funds for the new heating system. Helen Peerboom seconded it and it carried.

Members of the Administrative Board were asked to call Mr. Dukes or Mr. Williams at 556-2541 to inquire when the paving will be done on the driveway from Salvo St. to the church. Part of this is owned by the State and they have been dragging their heels for too long. Perhaps a few calls might do some good.

It was brought to the attention of the board that the Scout Hut is in bad shape. Part of the roof blew off, lights do not work properly etc. Dan Gross will inform Mr. LaPrade of this and see if insurance could pay for part of this or what can be done.

Ernest Stickland also mentioned the leak in the rest room off the sanctuary. Each time it rains the carpet gets wet. This will also be brought to the attention of the Trustees.

Ben Mitchum moved we adjourn and Ernest Hoenck seconded and Dan Whaley closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine L. White

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Mrs. Poole presided over the meeting in the absence of Mrs. Peerboom. Mrs. LaPrade opened the meeting with prayer and then Mrs. Poole called for reports.

United Methodist Women - Mrs. Lynch reported that Sunday's covered dish luncheon was very successful. The fellowship was rewarding for all. May's Ladies' Friendship Luncheon was very lovely and was enjoyed by all. Several women are going to the School of Missions, July 31 - Aug. 3. Three wedding receptions are coming up in July and August. These will require the help of all our women. Bible Study on Tuesday is still enjoying the study on Luke.

Children - The Sunday Morning Assembly program is being well received according to Mrs. Poole. The children participate readily in the discussions. The first Tuesday afternoon Children's Summer Activities program was held on June 10. Ten children and three helpers were present. The children enjoyed the activities and promised to increase their numbers. We felt that it was successful considering that it was the very first time for something totally different in our church.

Youth - Miss Mellor reported that they had a softball game with Oak Grove last week. Barbara encouraged other groups to get involved in working with the kids at Oak Grove because their problems are so great and they have so many needs. She expressed the need for fans, as there are none for them. She expressed pride in the way the MYF's had responded to the kids at Oak Grove. In August they will fix up one cottage like a child's room. MYF continues to dine out once a month. They hosted sub-district for 80 people. They are going to Bonneau in July. They are having a Sleep-over. The boys will stay with the Bush family and the girls will stay at Barbara's. August is the month for the fix-up day at Oak Grove. She requested that the Fellowship Room be fixed so that it could be locked. The United Methodist Church is asking that each Church send Youth Coor. and one youth from each age level to Columbia College, July 25-27 for a special training program. They are also asking that the \$45 per person registration fee be paid by the Church. The Council on Ministries felt as a body that we should pay the \$90 and send Miss Mellor and one youth.

Adults - Mrs. Torgerson was absent but Rev. Floyd reported that a new group called Disciples for Christ has been formed for spiritually-oriented fellowship for young adults. The group is under the leadership of Dr. Gary Lehman. This is not a new Church School Class. It is felt that we should remind the congregation that there is a Young Adult Class being taught by Mrs. May. It was decided that we should devote the back of the bulletin to publicizing various groups in our Church.

Family - No report.

Education - Mr. Wilkerson reported that Richard Lynch is working with Boy Scouts. More help is needed with Cub Scouts. Sunday School attendance has been down slightly.

Evangelism - Mrs. Hamm reported that they are considering a Mini-Lay Witness Mission on a Saturday going through Sunday Morning. She is also considering a Commitment program. Details will be given later. The Admin. Bd. will try it first and then tell the congregation what were the results.

Ecumenical Affairs - No report.

Missions - Mrs. Doscher reported that she and Mrs. Albach are planning to go to the School of Missions.

Lay Leader - No report.

Finance - Mr. Hoenck commented that after the summer break the members of the Council will be asked to fill out the same budget request forms as last year to aid the Finance Committee in preparing the new budget.

Worship - Mrs. Lee reported that she had seen Gary Hyndman at Conference and he had expressed a desire to "come home" to preach one Sunday. She also expressed the need for more acolytes and flowers for the worship services.

Social Concerns - Mrs. Peagler expressed the hope that everyone had voted in the primary. She is planning a Rummage Sale for June 21. She asked for Odds and Ends for the sale. They helped four families in need recently.

Trustees - No report.

Visitation - Mrs. LaPrade continues visiting the sick and shut-ins. Mrs. Hamm also expressed need for others to visit. Rev. Floyd said one emphasis of the United Methodist Church in the coming year is on visitation.

Stewardship - No report.

Minister - Rev. Floyd reported that the Parsonage Family thanks the UMW for the covered dish dinner in their honor. They are happy to be back. The Lay Members to Annual Conference, Mrs. Lee and Mr. Grantham, gave excellent reports last Sunday evening. The early worship service on Sunday morning is celebrating its First Anniversary. It is a success and is extending our ministry to those who might not worship otherwise. The Children's Choir has made a valuable contribution. Rev. Floyd stressed the importance of participating in Summer Activities for personal spiritual enrichment. It was suggested that we take a break for July and August. The Council agreed to that plan. There being no further business, Rev. Floyd dismissed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol W. Poole

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