



The Eagle

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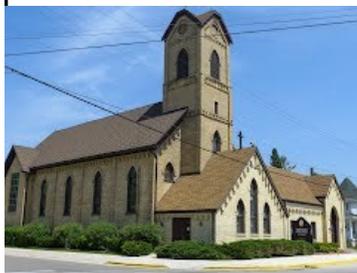
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Mission Statement of this Church

Ebenezer United Church of Christ is a vibrant faith community that strives to...

- ◇ Serve the spiritual needs of our neighbors.
- ◇ Transform by walking in Jesus' footsteps.
- ◇ Openly reach out for opportunities to share God's word at home and abroad.
- ◇ Nurture our relationships with God and each other.
- ◇ Empower and embrace faith, hope, and love in God!



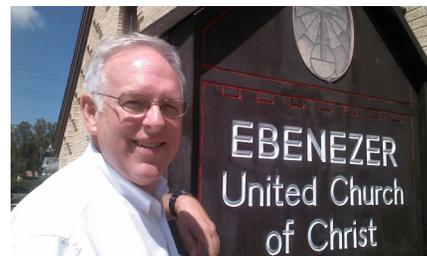
PASTOR'S CORNER

Sunday, April 5 we will proclaim and celebrate Jesus' resurrection. How does Jesus' resurrection change you? Let me share how the resurrection changes me.

Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection has many meanings for Christians one of which is that Jesus is showing us "the way." This way is a path of dying to your old self and being reborn to a new self. This way is leaving behind old maybe harmful ways and behaviors. The new way is found through opening yourself to new ways of living. Jesus said, *"If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will save it."* (Luke 9:23-24) Thus, the resurrection experience, "the way," is lived out each day.

If this seems to be a bit too difficult, Jesus never said it was an easy path to follow. There will be choices to make each day. How will you treat your spouse when the day has been long and you're feeling tired and sick? Will you tell your children you love them or tell them to "shut-up?" How will you respond to the rude coworker? When a "little white lie" is the easy way out will you tell it or the truth? Will you pass along the latest gossip? When it is easier to stay home than to help out at the church sale, which path will you choose? Will you watch TV or will you read a chapter from the Bible? Will you stay home or attend the Bible study? Will you tithe or will you not?

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These are just a few of the practical everyday choices you will face when you follow Jesus on “the way.” Deeper than these examples is the new way in which you will see the world. Your worldview will change. Is the world a dark place where there is violence and treachery at every turn, a place where you must look out for yourself first because no one else will look out for you? Is this world a place of evil that must be tolerated until you are finally released and taken up to heaven? Or, is this world a place that was created good and remains a place where we meet the presence of the Holy One each day? Is this life a gift from God, which is treated with care and love? Does each new day offer a chance to build a stronger, deeper relationship with God through Jesus?

The resurrection changes me because I know that what I did or did not do yesterday does not forever define me in the eyes of God. I have a new chance at life each day because of the resurrection. Each day I can become more completely the person God intends me to be. Each day I can live “the way” in a more meaningful way because I have grown the day before in my relationship with Jesus. I can become a better Christian because through the resurrection I have been given a second chance.

Easter offers us new and everlasting life. *Will you accept it?*

See you on Easter morning.

Pastor Mike



Computer Security at the Church

A type of security threat mentioned in recent news reports is commonly known as a ransom virus. It is a real threat and can be devastating to an organization that does not have a plan for the security of their data. As the report intimates, a computer infected by a ransom virus is rendered completely useless unless you pay the ransom therefore it is important to have multiple layers of defense against this and other types of attack.

The best defense against ransom attacks is an alert user. The report offered many excellent suggestions about not opening e-mail attachments and links contained within e-mails. The best advice is don't open an e-mail that appears suspicious. Simply delete it. If you do open an e-mail and then find it to be suspicious do not respond to it, do not click on any links within the e-mail, simply delete it.

Common e-mails containing potentially dangerous attachments or links list the sender as: the IRS, banks, MSN, Yahoo, etc. No business or web browser will send an e-mail asking you to verify any account information, social security number, passwords, or ask you to withdraw money for any reason. The IRS conducts official business through the US Postal service not e-mail. Do not respond to any e-mail stating your e-mail account will be deactivated unless you provide them information about your account.

The church uses software as another layer of defense. The office computers and the pastor's computer use anti-virus, anti-spyware, and anti-malware software. These programs are updated weekly and scans of the computers are also run weekly.

The next layer of defense is backing-up the files on each computer. Back-ups are done weekly by myself for all data. The backups are done after successful completion of the security scans. The backups are stored off-site.

The office computers store data on their hard drives. We do not use a cloud storage system for the church. Cloud storage is an acceptable form of defense as long as the cloud system is not accessed via a drive on the user's computer.

The final layer of protection is keeping the computers current with the latest updates and patches from MSN. This ensures that known virus are stopped before they enter the computer.

In summary, the church's first layer of defense is its experienced users, next we use various frequently updated software programs for a second layer of defense, we regularly backup all the data on the church computers and store those backups off site guaranteeing the safety of the data in the event of a natural disaster and finally we keep the computers up -to-date with the latest updates.

Council Meeting- February 15, 2015

Meeting called to order at 10:50. Members present: Karen Cmejla, Andrea Cmejla, Steve Stenz, Nicole Moore, Tiffany Knoespel, Kelly Kress, and Pastor Mike. Member not present: Stephanie Adamietz. Tiffany made a motion to approve the agenda for today and last month's minutes. Nicole seconded. Motion carried.

Finances Report

Our January revenue is \$20,926.

Our January expenditures are \$9,491.

Our general fund revenues as of January 31st were \$10,060.

Our general fund balance as of January 31st is \$60,728.

Our current balance is \$162,346.

Each month, Heather will be scanning the financial report from Reinl when she gets it and send it to the council via email.

Nicole made a motion to accept the treasure report and the paying of the bills. Kelly seconded. Motion carried.

Pastoral Reports

Pastor Mike shared with us a written synopsis of what he has done from mid-January through mid-February, including funerals, visitations, counseling, and Sunday School/ confirmation.

Committee Reports

Christian Education/ Worship Service- There will be no Sunday School on Easter Sunday. May 17th will be the last day of Sunday School. We are doing an Easter breakfast from 7:30-9am. Tiffany will be putting together the Mother's Day gifts and Sattlers will be in charge of doing the Father's Day gifts. There will be no confirmands being confirmed this year. Shirley Lisowe is going to take charge of getting Palms for Palm Sunday.

Mission- The annual rummage sale will be April 16-18. Thursday, April 16th it will be from 5-8pm. Friday, April 16th will be from 12-5pm. Saturday, April 18th will be from 8-10am, including a bake sale this day! A notice will go out to the public for donations. There is a room in the basement that is designated for rummage sale items.

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Property- We will be looking at creating a new or adding to the existing list of things that the church could benefit from. More discussion on this topic will be at next meeting.

Old Business:

The search committee is continuing to work on profiles.

Andrea and Heather have updated the membership list. They both have the final copy.

Lifetouch is currently working on the directory. A proof book will be coming back sometime this month from Lifetouch. The council will take a look at it and it will be sent back to make the final copies. Notification will be sent out when all can pick up your directory.

New Business

Pastor is going to be working with the Evangelism Committee.

Tiffany made a motion to make a \$60 donation to the Chilton Fire Department to help the youth learn about fire safety. The funds will come out of advertisement. Steve seconded. Motion carried.

Installment of new council members will take place next week Sunday. All council members will also be introduced.

Nicole is going to look into how many upper rooms are left at the end of each quarter and may take some to disperse the remaining to hotels/motels or other businesses.

Karen is going to the NEA Annual Meeting and Delegates in Sheboygan. If anyone else from the congregation is interested in attending with her, please contact either Heather, Pastor, or Karen.

There was discussion about an electronic sign in the front of the church again. Nicole is going to look into grants that may be provided along with other donations. More information will be collected about this to discuss next meeting.

Campital Campaign is interested in coming to the council to discuss what they can offer our youth and congregation.

Next council meeting will be Sunday, March 15th, following the church service. Tiffany made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Steve seconded. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 12:00.

Council Secretary,
Andrea Cmejla

NOTES FROM THE MUSIC CORNER...

Thank you to Ruth Aebischer for purchasing “Sweet River”, the spiritual medley that the bells played on Mar. 22. It was a delight to practice and fulfilling to play! The bell choir is preparing a rather challenging but unique intro to Easter worship!!

It has been a delight to have Sunday School students join the bell choir on youth Sundays (2nd Sunday of the month). What enthusiasm and energy!!

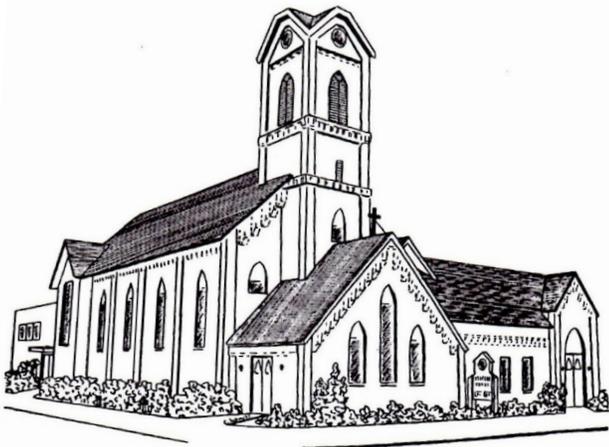
We were excited the preschoolers added such energy for Palm Sunday! The older students will participate on April 12. Thank you – do we have some future bell choir members????

The bell choir had a very rewarding experience playing at Bethel UMC (Meggers) , Pastor Sue’s church, on March 15. They are looking forward to a similar worship at Faith UMC in Sheboygan Falls on April 19. After all the hard work of practicing it is fun to share.

The congregation is to be commended for active worship participation by singing with energy. Keep it up – perhaps a vocal choir is a possibility??!!

On Sunday, March 15, the two organ stops decided to ‘wheeze’! After considerable work by the organ technician, he did his best to do quick fixes but indicates some major issues. At present we are waiting for his appraisal of what is needed.





Newsletter Articles

Please get your articles to Heather by the 3rd Tuesday of the month so she can get the Eagle published before the start of the next month. That means the deadline for the May 2015 Eagle is Tuesday, April 21. Weekly bulletin announcements are due each Tuesday morning.

Let's let everyone know what is happening at Chilton's best church!

The Mission Committees' **SPRING RUMMAGE SALE**



will be held on
April 16, 5-8 PM
April 17, 12-5 PM

Bag sale on April 18, 8-10 AM

Please keep us in mind as you do your spring cleaning! Bring items to church and leave in the Rummage Room in the basement or call for pickup, Nan 920-418-0149 or Jeanne 920-203-4137.

USHERS



5: Easter **12:** Sunday School

19: Nichole Moore, JoAnn Lankin

26: Steve & Chris Stenz, Mark Rusch, Ralph Schmid

Office Hours



MONDAYS

11 AM - 5 PM

TUESDAYS

10AM - 5PM

WEDNESDAYS

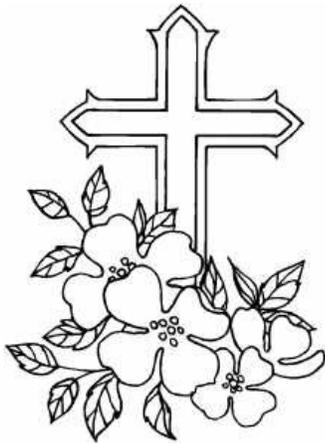
10AM - 5PM

April Birthdays

Dexter Sattler	01
Mary Sayeski	04
Zach DeWitt	06
Rosemary Daun	10
Kari Meyers	14
Francis Popp	14
Gail Dederling	17
Richard Werblow	23
Barb DeWitt	25



If your birthday was missed, please let the office know so we can get it right next time.



There will be a memorial service in celebration of the life of June Gasch on Saturday May 9. The visitation will be from 9:30 to 10:30 AM followed by an 11 AM service. A light luncheon will follow.



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Just search for "Ebenezer UCC Chilton". We also have a new Facebook location page. To find it, search for "Ebenezer United Church of Christ Chilton" and "Like" us!

Cinderella

Congratulations to all the youth who participated in the production of Cinderella at Chilton High last week. Ebenezer UGC was well represented: Claudia Brown (*Cinderella*), Emily Roehrig (*Anastasia*), Alex Greuel (*Town Grier*), Riley Schneider (*Villager*), Meghan Adamietz, Kaleb Plate, and Owen Brown (*Mice*).



I enjoyed every minute of the musical!

~Pastor Mike

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

Maundy Thursday
(April 2) 7 PM

Good Friday (April 3)
7 PM @ Gloria Dei (Kiel)

Easter (April 5)
Breakfast 7:30 AM - 9 AM
Easter Service 9:30 AM

THE PURPOSE STATEMENT OF THIS CHURCH

Loving, living, and serving faithfully – uniting God and our neighbors.

Eva	Rod	Joyce	Jane
Louise	Charlaine	Sharon	David
Sheri	Glen	Mark	Pat
Steve	Pam		

Due to privacy laws, we can no longer list last names of members of our congregation on the prayer list above because our Eagle goes on the church website which can be viewed by anyone on the internet. Thank you.



Scrip

Please keep in mind to buy scrip if you plan on making a shopping trip, gassing the car, or having dinner out!! It helps our church meet our goals!



United Community

We have partnered with United Community to help raise funds needed to help our church. We are using the funds towards our OCWM contributions and the General Fund. Many of you have been using your United Community Card at the partnered businesses and we thank you for doing that. If you do not have a United Community card and would like more information on how to obtain one, please contact the church office at 849-4331.



A P R I L

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Church office open 10-5 <i>Bells Rehearsal</i> 6:30 PM	2 Maundy Thurs- day Service @ 7PM	3 Office Closed Good Friday Service 7PM @Gloria Dei (Kiel)	4
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