

The Eagle



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

May 2017

Faith in Chilton

Oh, the warm pleasant temperatures of early spring! The warm sunshine calls us out of our homes and into the gardens, onto the trails, and eventually to the beaches and lakes. This is a time to relax, rejuvenate, and take in the wonders of creation. Because of the end of school and the promise of summer, we scale back our church calendar. Committee meetings tend to be short and to the point. Education opportunities wind down as Sunday School draws to a close. It is a time when the some of the work of church goes into slow motion.

Most of the church programs go on sabbatical during the summer because we want people to be enjoying the goodness of Creation rather than attending meetings. Some business of the church must be attended to but as much as we can, we will choose the beauty of nature over the sterility of a room. Yet, Sunday worship and our individual spiritual disciplines continue throughout the summer.

I encourage all of you to worship on Sunday morning and then to spend the days walking, lounging, spending time with your families and loved ones as you marvel at the richness and goodness of God's handiwork.

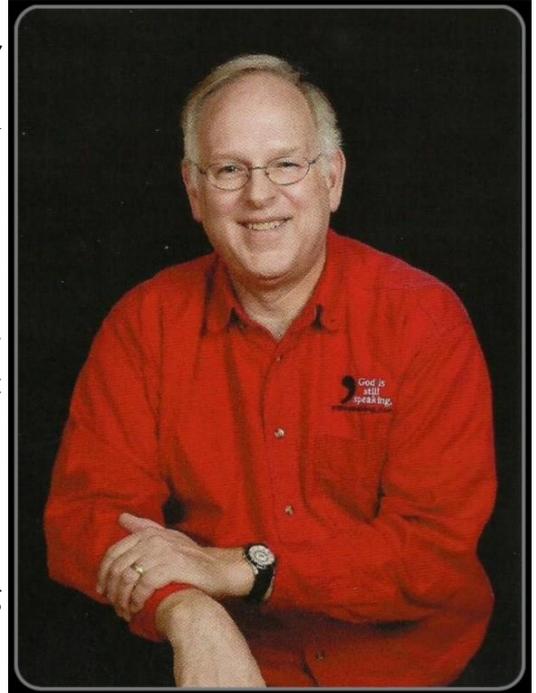
Special Congregational Meeting

Please set aside Sunday, May 21 for a Congregational meeting. The purposes of this meeting are to finalize the possible purchase of 38 W. Washington St. and decide the Christmas services that our church will support beginning in 2017.

The house east of the church is up for sale. The Council has been considering this for several months and will make a recommendation to the congregation on the 21th.

We have traditionally had 7:00 pm and 11:00 pm Christmas Eve services with a 9:00 am Christmas Day service. Over the past few years, attendance has been light for the 11:00 pm and 9:00 am services. The question is which, if any, services should be discontinued?

We'll meet after the 9:30 am Sunday service on the 21st of May.



NOTES FROM THE MUSIC CORNER . . .

By Elaine Hessel

No, the organ rebuilding is not yet complete. The technician, Tom, is working on the 'toe' boards. He completes it as the parts come in from the Peterson Co. in Illinois. In the meantime, music continues to be provided on the piano and the keyboard. The Rummage Sale organizers did a super job of setting up around the stack of pipes and organ parts in the Fellowship Hall – hope they didn't sell any necessary parts!!!

The bell choir is coming to the conclusion of the 'ringing' year but is looking forward to several upcoming events beyond May – ringing at Our Saviour's UCC in Ripon, ringing for the Relay for Life. Details about these events will be in next month's *Eagle*. For May, all the ringers are excited about the music that will be a tribute to Mom's (and more) on May 14. It has been fun rehearsing this, including the two Junior ringers!!

Please consider providing some special music for the summer months. If you could do instrumental or vocal selections, please talk to Pastor or Elaine.

Thank you to Tiffany, Kevin, Jamie, Ruth, Bea, Karen and Kelly for the wide array of nutritious, delicious food served for breakfast before the Easter worship service. It was a wonderful time of early morning fellowship to 'kick off' the joy of Easter morning! Thanks to all who brought food and to the servers listed above.

As was mentioned in an earlier report from the Christian Ed / Worship Committee, we'd like input about what the congregation would like for Christmas worship times. Attendance patterns have changed over the years, therefore, should a service be eliminated, time be changed, any other suggestion???. Traditionally there has been **Christmas Eve 7 PM family service; 11 PM candlelight service; Christmas Day 9:30 AM**. Please make your preference known to any council member or Christian Ed/Worship Committee member.

Summer Offerings

Summer is approaching with its schedule of family vacations. The call of time at the cabin, lounging on a beach, or the yearly road trip to one of our wonderful national parks makes us want to pack our bags right now! I understand these feelings.

Church attendance typically falls off a bit during the summer because of these family vacations but we need to remain faithful in our other spiritual disciplines. Daily prayer, daily Bible reading, daily living as a disciple, and offering God our faithful financial giving are all practices which we need to exercise faithfully year-round if we are to be good disciples of Christ.

Please remember to send your financial offerings to the church when you are going to be gone on a Sunday. Remember to ask Pastor Mike for daily readings for your vacation.

Being a growing, maturing disciple is a rewarding experience. Let's continue the faith practices throughout the summer.

Report from the Northeast Association Annual Meeting

Don Waldvogel and I were delegates to the Association Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 22 at 1st Congregational UCC Ripon. We were blessed in seeing friends from other churches, praising God in song and worship, and participating in the business meeting.

Ebenezer was blessed with a \$1,000 Technology Grant from the Association. This was our third grant from the Association and is much appreciated. Don accepted the grant for the church and gave a thank you to the members explaining what we had done with the previous grants and our plans for this year's grant. (The Technology Grant program is being discontinued after this year.) Pastor Mike was elected to the Periodic Support and Consultation Committee for a 2-year term.

Rev. Becky Johnston of Bethlehem UCC has challenged Ebenezer to become a 5 for 5 church in 2017. This means that we raise our support for the 5 yearly offerings for the UCC's mission. I accepted the challenge and I'm excited for Ebenezer to increase her commitment to serving the wider community.

The theme was "Do Not Be Afraid." The Conference has been moving forward in this time of changing values in the society to make the church a visible force for the Gospel. This meeting was about dreaming and overcoming the fear of change that sometimes holds us back. Big churches and little churches can make a difference in the world.

Next year we will meet at Union Congregational UCC in Green Bay.

MISSION NEWS

Our recent fundraising rummage sale was a big success. taking in \$1109.60! Thank you to everyone who helped with the sale - Janet, Ruth, Bea, Rosemary, Nan, and Jeanne and also to everyone who donated rummage items! We couldn't have done it without you!!



Newsletter Articles are normally due to the office by email on the third Tuesday of the month (unless the last weekend of the month is early, then it will be the second Tuesday). Please always check the calendar. Any articles submitted late cannot be included unless arrangements have been made with Heather.

Weekly bulletin announcements are due in the office on Tuesday mornings.



Be sure to help yourself to a copy of the May-June devotional guide, "The Upper Room" in the Narthex. There is regular and large print available.



A flower chart for 2017 is posted in the church entry, near the Upper Room rack. Please feel free to sign up to provide flowers for either the altar or the communion rail to commemorate a special event or as a memorial.



If you wish to write an article for the newsletter or have any photos you have taken of church related events/people that you are willing to share, please send them to Heather in the office by email (ebenezeroffice@yahoo.com). We want to hear from you!

Happy Birthday

Samantha Mitchell	1
Don Pingel	1
Nancy Rusch	1
Ralph Schmid	2
Ken Lisowe	3
Jennifer Pringle	4
Barbara Pautz	5
Talena Popp	6
Stacey Sabish	7
Joel Propson	9
Joe Dorn	11
Connie Waldvogel	11
Breanna Cook	12
David McGinnis	12
Emily Keuler	12
Teagan Sabish	12
Paula Pingel-Rona	17
Alex Ditter	19
David Miller	20
George Goeldi	22
Johanna Bechlem	24
Janice Halbach	29
Lynn Merino	30

*May God bless your years and may you
continue to bless Ebenezer!*

DIFFICULTY HEARING??? Don't forget the availability of the Hearing Loop for anyone with hearing aids or the head phones available at the entrance to the sanctuary.

Council Minutes: March 19, 2017

Meeting called to order at 10:32 a.m. Members present: Jamie Plate, Dale Hintz, Kelly Kress, Kelly Brown, Colleen Marx, and Kari Meyers. Pastor Mike and Fred Kubichka were absent. Kari Meyers made a motion to approve March's minutes. Dale Hintz seconded. Motion carried.

Finances Report:

Our March revenue is \$10,388 and \$8,948.34.

Our March expenditures are \$11,581.

Our general fund balance as of March 31st, 2017 is \$78,302.

Our current balance is \$268, 258.

Jamie Plate made a motion to accept the financial reports and March's bills. Kari Meyers seconded. Motion carried.

Minister's Report:

Pastor was out ill.

Committee Reports:

- **Christian Ed/Music**-No new news
- **Evangelism**-No new news
- **Mission**-The Mission Rummage Sale was a huge success. Approximately \$ 1,109 was raised for the church's wider mission. We are still in need of volunteers for the Christmas House Walk--if no volunteers come forward we will be retiring this fundraiser. The Cookie Walk will continue with or without the House Walk.
- **Property**-A walk-through of the parsonage was completed. The new lease agreement for both the parsonage and Happy Hour will be finalized at our next meeting. Church upkeep items were also presented.
- **Stewardship**-No new news
- **Membership**-The membership directory was approved for printing and a goal of Mother's Day was set for pick up. The directories will be available in the back of church for pick up. Those not picked up will be mailed. A letter for non-active members was also submitted to the council for approval. The letter was approved and will be mailed to non-active members along with offering envelopes.

Old news:

Quotes for raising the home next to the church are still being obtained. An inspection will not be necessary. A special meeting will be held in May to vote on house purchase—stay tuned for an exact date.

The second offering on April 9th, for the "Fire Pup" Fire Safety Program raised \$159—\$39 above our goal of \$120. Thank you to everyone for all of your continued generosity.

Greg Kubichka, from the Lions club of Chilton, approached Ebenezer regarding a Winter fundraiser. The Lions Club is starting a Christmas light show at Hobart Park. This will be a drive-

through holiday show that is choreographed to music. It will also include family entertainment and more at the nearby City Hall with a boy scout and girl scout bake sale and Santa. The light show will be made up of local nonprofit groups from our community. There will be a board of directors comprised of a member from each club. For the 1st year each club interested would be able to set-up 150 feet and advertise their club with a 2x3 sign. The Lions mission is to offer a quality, fun-filled event while helping stock shelves for food pantries throughout the county. The goal is to grow donations each year to help ease the burden of the local clubs and Calumet food bank. The event will be the 1st four Fridays and Saturdays of December. This would be only 8 days of December with set-up being the last weekend in November. They will be handing out a flyer of the park's progress, recipes for cooking, a child's coloring contest, advertisements, and coupons from local businesses at the end of the park tour. All profits will be divided out amongst the clubs that are participating. The goal, for the 1st year, is to have 10 clubs with 1500 feet of lights. Each club will be getting ½ page of free advertisement in the flyer that is handed out. If Ebenezer wishes to participate, we will need volunteers to help design and set up our display and to hand out flyers. We will only need to hand out flyers on one of the dates in December. Please let a council member know if you are interested in volunteering for this event.

The NE Association Annual Meeting was held April 22nd at UCC in Ripon. Ebenezer was given a Tech grant in the amount of \$1,000.

The WI Conference Annual Meeting will be held June 9-11 in Green Lake. We are still in need of 2 delegates to attend.

An extra savings account was noted by Kelly Kress. The origin is not known as of our meeting, but Kelly will be investigating further and we will discuss keeping the account as is or transferring to general fund at our next meeting.

New Business:

Spanish Ministry/membership and Father's Day parade—not addressed due to Pastor Mike's absence.

Church camp scholarship requests in the amount of \$454 were given to the council. Jamie Plate made a motion to approve the requests. Dale Hintz seconded. Motion carried.

A recommendation was made to the council for color copies of the Eagle to be printed. The council agreed this is an excellent idea and will forward instructions to Heather Sylaj.

**The next council meeting will be held on Sunday, May 21, 2017.

Kelly Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Colleen Marx seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:13 p.m.

Council Secretary, **Jamie Plate**

Editor's note: These minutes have not been approved or corrected by the Council yet. They will be at the next Council meeting. If you have any corrections/additions/subtractions, please let Jamie Plate or Heather know (Heather cannot change anything in the minutes, but can forward your message to Jaime). Thank you.

May 2017

Ebenezer United Church of Christ Rev. Michael Safford-Kennedy

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
ALWAYS CHECK THE CURRENT SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENT CALENDAR FOR THE MOST UPDATED VERSION.	1 OFFICE CLOSED	2 Girl Scouts 6-7:30 PM	3 Confirmation 6-7:30 PM Hand bells 6:30 PM	4	5	6
7 Worship 9:30 AM Spanish Ministry 2 PM	8	9	10 Hand bells 6:30 PM	11 Men's Brkfst 8:30 AM	12	13
14 MOTHER'S DAY Worship 9:30 AM Spanish Ministry 2 PM	15 Century Ridge Worship 10 am	16 EAGLE ARTICLES DUE Girl Scouts 6-7:30 PM	17 Hand bells 6:30 PM	18 Women's Guild Mtg @ 7 Angels 1 PM	19	20
21 LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL Worship 9:30 AM Congregational Mtg after service Council Mtg Spanish Ministry 2 PM	22	23	24 Hand bells 6:30 PM	25	26	27
28 Worship 9:30 AM Spanish Ministry 2 PM	29 MEMORIAL DAY OFFICE CLOSED	30	31 Hand bells 6:30 PM			

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28	Brian Adamietz Family	none