

The Eagle



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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!



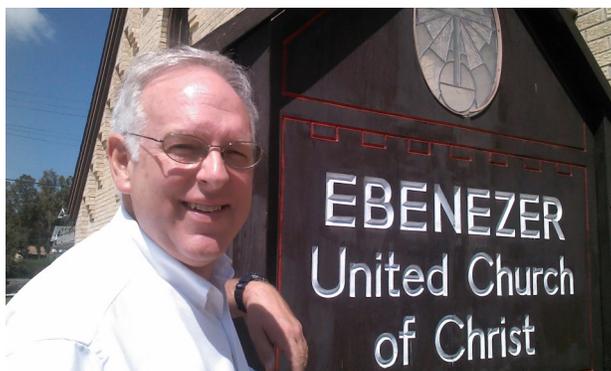
PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Friends,

Since we are still getting to know each other I thought I'd share with you that this is my favorite time of the year. The autumn is filled with excitement for me. This time of the year holds the changing of the seasons, holidays, birthdays, the beginning of the new school year and finally the anticipation of Advent.

I like the change in the seasons. Each season has its own beauty and purpose but I especially like the time in between seasons. I have appreciated summer but I'm looking forward to the snow. In between we have the changing leaves, falling temperatures, and crisp clear days and evenings. As a church we live in the *between* times.

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We live all of our lives in the time between Creation and the second coming of Jesus. We can only imagine the beauty of each of those times while we experience the brokenness of the present. Some people spend their lives dreaming of the second coming, looking for the signs of the promised time convinced that it is just around the corner. The truth is that none of us know when that time will be. Another truth is the Jesus wants us to spend our time living in the present with an eye to the future.

Living in the *between* time means we live with sin and goodness, truth and lies, almost but not quite. Living in this time of change means we go to church to worship, to learn, to support one another. We strive to bring about justice and righteousness in this time. We live out the commands of Jesus to love God and our neighbors. It's a busy time with lots of work to do and lots of worship to be done.

As I said, this in between time is a great time to be alive, so many things to do, so many changes to come, so many days filled with bright sunshine and nights filled with starry skies. Let's walk together during the changing seasons.

Peace and Grace,
Pastor Mike

Church Library



Looking for resources to help you in your spiritual journey? The church has a number of books in the meeting/nursery room that can assist you. Not sure which would be helpful? Ask Pastor Mike for some help and he'll be glad to help you find a book right for you.

Confirmation Class

We have four Confirmands this year: Alexis Hardrath, Samantha Mitchell, Callie Woelfel, and Krysta Roehrig.

Confirmation class provides youth with a deeper understanding of the Bible, church history, worship services, and the sacraments, plus many other topics. Confirmation does not mean that upon completion of the class the students now know everything there is to know about the faith. A 13 year old can comprehend at the level of a 13 year old. A 50 year old has had many more experiences and his/her faith has had to grow appropriately. The base for the evolving faith begins with Sunday school then moves to Confirmation and continues with sermons, daily devotionals, prayers, etc. Learning never stops.

Please keep these four young women in your prayers throughout the school year.

Peace and grace,
Pastor Mike

THANK YOU

If you have been attending church the past couple of weeks you've noticed the bulletin insert listing the Church's Wish List. There are several items on the list ranging from the short term to the longer term items. Here is an update of the list.

The Pastor's Computer – The computer has been purchased thanks to a wonderful gift from a husband and wife in the church. The gift is much appreciated and has removed a frustration from the pastor's life! Thanks.

AED – A donation has been made to cover the cost of an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED). An AED delivers a shock to a person's heart whose heart is not beating. The AED will add to the safety of the congregation and visitors. (As a note, Heather's first husband collapsed as a result of cardiac arrest. He was resuscitated by an AED.) We will be checking into offering training for people in its proper use.

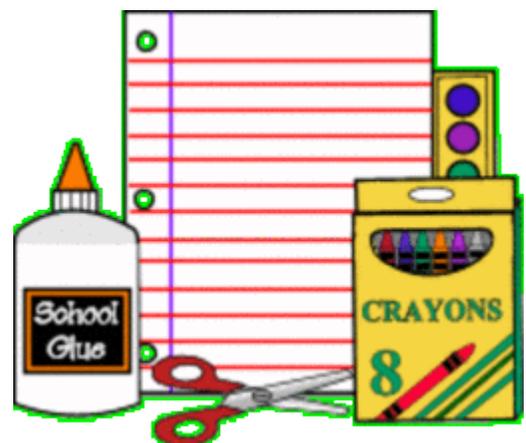
ANOTHER THANK YOU

I wish to thank the Council for the purchase of a large white board for the pastor's study. The board will be used often during Confirmation.

And thank you to Frank and Karen Cmejla for hanging the board on the wall. You saved me drilling dozens of holes trying to get the board to hang level.

Pastor Mike

The Mission Education committee would like to thank everyone who donated to our recent collection of school supplies. 3 very large boxes of supplies went to schools in Chilton, New Holstein and Hilbert to be distributed to children in need. Some of the items donated were: 20 backpacks, 39 notebooks, 53 folders, 29 packs of crayons, 18 boxes of markers, 15 scissors, 8 multi subject notebooks, 21 pink erasers, 15 bottles of school glue, 19 packs of colored pencils, 27 glue sticks, 3 packs of paper, 2 packs of sharpies, 4 pencil pouches, 8 pencil boxes, 2 flashcards, 2 packs of notecards, 8 rulers, 15 packs of pencils, 6 highlighters, 4 packs of dry erase markers, 2 packs of red pens, 4 book covers, 9 packs of post it notes and assorted plastic bags, germex, disinfecting wipes and kleenex!!! Thank you!!



Evangelism

We had our first meeting of the Evangelism Team September 8 but due to work schedules and school schedules we didn't have enough people attend to do any business. We will be rescheduling another meeting soon.

A trio of items that needs within the church soon are:

1. *Visitors* – We are not providing visitors any way of telling us they were worshiping at Ebenezer. Look for a bright pink visitor's card in the pews soon.
2. *Signage* – Every event held at the church has people wandering about looking for a rest room. We need to provide more effective signage throughout the church.
3. *Name Tags* – Yes, I know we all know each other (actually that's not true. I've heard comments from long time members that they can't remember some names that go with the faces). We will be urging people to wear name tags. This is an easy and effective way to help visitors and members remember a face with a name.

Please keep the members of the Evangelism Team in your prayers as they see the church with new eyes each time they walk into the church or think about the church.

Pastor Mike

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S NOTE:

A few weeks ago a friend sent this to me. I thought it was beautifully written and I wanted to share it and pass it on..... There really isn't much more to be said....How will you live **your** life??? Some words to live by:

A LIFE THAT MATTERS

BY MICHAEL JOSEHPSON

Ready or not, someday it will all come to an end.

There will be no more sunrises, no minutes hours or days.

All the things you collected, whether treasured or forgotten, will pass to someone else.

Your wealth, fame and temporal power will shrivel to irrelevance.

It will not matter what you owned or what you were owed.

Your grudges, resentments, frustrations, and jealousies will finally disappear.

So, too, your hopes, ambitions, plans, and to-do lists will expire.

The wins and losses that once seemed so important will fade away.

It won't matter where you came from, or on what side of the tracks you lived, at the end.

It won't matter whether you were beautiful or brilliant.

Even you gender and skin color will be irrelevant.

So what will matter?

How will the value of your days be measured?

What will matter is not what you had bought, but what you had built; not what you had gotten, but what you had given.

What will matter is not your success, but your significance.

What will matter is not what you had learned, but what you had taught.

What will matter is every act of integrity, compassion, courage or sacrifice that enriched, empowered or encouraged others to emulate your example.

What will matter is not your competence, but your character.

What will matter is not how many people you knew, but how many will feel a lasting loss when you're gone.

What will matter is not your memories, but the memories that live in those who loved you.

What will matter is how long you will be remembered by whom, and for what.

Living a life that matters doesn't happen by accident, nor is it a matter of circumstance.

Living a life that matters happens only by choice.

Choose to live a life that matters.

AMEN!

Council Minutes: September 20, 2015

Meeting called to order at 10:52. Members present: Karen Cmejla, Andrea DuWell, Steve Stenz, Stephanie Adamietz, Tiffany Porche, and Pastor Mike. Members not present: Nicole Moore and Kelly Kress. Steve made a motion to approve the August minutes as well as the agenda for today. Stephanie seconded. Motion carried.

Finances Report

Our August revenue is \$3695.

Our August expenditures are \$5406.

Our general fund balance as of August 28, 2014 is \$66,630.

Our current balance is \$258,687.

Tiffany made a motion to accept the financial reports and approval to pay the bills. Steve seconded. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

- **Christian Ed/Music**- There was a great turn out for Sunday School kick off! Great job Shirley, teachers, and kids who helped and participated! Christian Ed would like to do our annual **“Trunk or Treat”** on **October 24th** after church with a light lunch to follow. The committee is looking for people to donate their Halloween decorated trunks with candy pieces to give the trick-or-treaters. Please stay for the luncheon afterwards!

- **Evangelism**- If you are interested in volunteering your smiles and a little bit of time during service, please talk to Pastor or Edith Knoespel to volunteer as an usher.

- **Mission**- The committee is looking for houses to participate in the Christmas House Walk. If you are interested, please contact Shirley Lisowe.

Property- With our past and present experiences of bats, the committee will be looking into costs for an exterminator to take care of this problem.

Old Business

- **Search committee** went to a neutral pulpit and is still going through profiles.

- **Stewardship Committee** met earlier this month with only two people. We would love to have more. Please let Pastor know if you are interested in joining. Another meeting will be scheduled when others are able to attend.

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- **Nursery-** The nursery is complete with a few toys, books, and play area for infants to small children. Stephanie will be making signs to welcome families to use it. We are still in need of a changing table. If you have one to donate, please contact Stephanie or the office.

West Fellowship Hall entrance doors- We were given an estimate to replace these doors. We are looking at another possible estimate and hopefully get these doors replaced before the cold winter drafts move through them.

New Business

- Karen will be going to the bank this week to put her name on our debit card.
- The “very used” Bibles in the pews have be replaced with “gently used” Bibles that we had in storage. Enjoy!
- IT report: After getting estimates from four different companies, two estimates have been returned at this point. So far the estimates range from about \$20,000-\$30,000 to put in an new IT/AV system. There was discussion about using some the grant money to purchase range extenders for Internet services throughout church. Brian Adamietz and Pastor will discuss how many would be needed throughout the church for best Internet availability and also look into the possibility of installing them.
- Youth Group: Our first youth group meeting will be on October 21 from 6 -7:30 in the fellowship hall. This event will always be held the 3rd Wednesday of every month during the school year. Parents as well as kids and any friends from the community are welcome! Tiffany and Andrea will be heading it along with Stephanie’s help.
- Tiffany made a motion allowing Alice Kinley’s family to borrow the tables and possibly the use of the fellowship hall if needed on September 21st for a party on September 26th.
- Karen is going to be finding a “replacement” for Pastor’s absence for the October 11th service.

Discussion about updating the name tags took place. Andrea will work on printing all the names on pieces of paper to be placed in the name tag cards. This will be finished before next council meeting so members can wear them.

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Now that we have funding to purchase an AED for the church, we would like to train those who are interested in being trained. Andrea and Karen are both AED trained, but if others would like to be trained, we want to make it available. Andrea will be talking with a New Holstein High School teacher who is AED trained and see if he would be interested in training other interested church members. Please contact Steve or Pastor if you are interested.

Next council meeting will be Sunday, October 18th, following the church service. Stephanie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Steve seconded. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 12:08.

Council Secretary,
Andrea Cmejla

SUNDAY SCHOOL CORNER

Sunday school is off to a great start. We're excited to have over 30 students enrolled, including our confirmation class of 4. The confirmands will be meeting with Pastor Mike on Mondays this year. We have a brand new class of 3 and 4 year olds who are being taught by Ann Gasch. Ann taught several years ago when her boys were students and now she's returned to teach her grandson's class. Our other returning teachers are Kristi Schnell, Tiffany Porsche (same face, new name) and Shirley Lisowe.

We have chosen, as our mission project for the year, to help out our furry friends at the Humane Society. Our weekly offerings will be used to purchase cleaning supplies for them. When you see paw prints starting to accumulate downstairs in the Sunday school area, it means we've collected enough money to purchase another jug of bleach.

Several of our students presented a short play to the congregation on September 13. They gave up several evenings throughout the month of August to rehearse and we all had fun putting it together. I want to thank Kelly Brown and Tammy Greuel for their help.

We're looking forward to a busy and exciting year in Sunday school. Parents, you've got great kids!

NOTES FROM THE MUSIC CORNER...

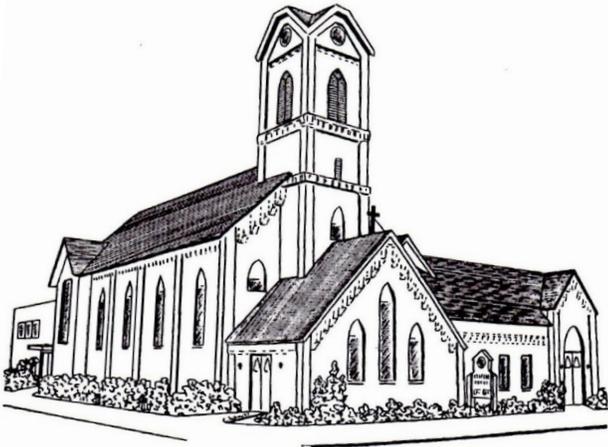
It was energizing to have the sing-along precede the August worship services. Thank you to all the voices that joined in and suggested favorite hymns. The Sharon Bethel Quartet (& wives) certainly shared their musical message in an enthusiastic manner. Thanks for giving them such a warm welcome and for the generous contributions to show appreciation. Thanks to Don Pingel for offering his favorite vocal rendition of the *"Lord's Prayer"*. With all of these vocal contributions there is a renewed desire for a chancel choir. So far we have 5 individuals who have expressed interest. The goal is to have 10 committed so Gail will be willing to work with a choir. Please let Karen or Elaine know if you are interested. It would be so nice to have a chancel choir up & running for Christmas!!!!

Bell choir is again rehearsing on Wednesdays at 6:30 with extra help offered at 6:00. We are now down to a 2 octave group, although several are ringing more than 1 position so we can sometimes stretch to 3 octaves. Really would welcome additional ringers – remember, no musical background is necessary. The choir made their 1st appearance in worship on Sunday, Sept. 27.

THANK YOU to Claudia & teacher, Karen, for offering a very special *"Jesus, Gift of Love"* for Grandma Shirley's birthday surprise on Sept. 6! They spent hours preparing the bell tree/chime solo. If you missed it check [Ebenezer's Facebook page](#).



FYI: The answer to last month's question about **what significant decision did Ebenezer congregation make 50 years ago** -July, 1965 – Ebenezer congregation voted to build a new parsonage on a new site. The present parsonage site would become a parking lot. (Found in 'Looking Back' section of July 1- 7 Chilton Times)



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 November 2015 Eagle is Tuesday, October 13. Weekly bulletin announcements are due each Tuesday morning.



BACK BY REQUEST

Several of you might remember our Trunk-or-Treat Halloween party from three years ago. We've had a request to do it again. You are all invited to the church parking lot after our worship service on October 25. Load up your car with treats for the kids and they will trick or treat from car to car in their costumes. (Oh yes, adults, you should definitely dress up too) After they have collected their goodies we'll all get together in the Fellowship Hall for a light lunch and some games for the kids. We'll wrap things up by 1:30. This is a great church family event. Hope to see you there!

OCTOBER USHERS

4: Church Council

11: Vern & Edith Knoespel, JoAnn Lakin, Kari Meyers

18: Denny & Ruth Aebischer, Stephanie Adamietz

25: Kristi & Ryan Schnell, Kelly & Wayne Kress



Office Hours

MONDAYS

TUESDAYS

WEDNESDAYS

THURSDAYS

11 AM to 4 PM



October Birthdays

Casey Lisowe	1
Donna Pingel	1
Elaine Hessil	4
Christopher Zipperer	6
Kay Hertel	8
Susan Verrier	11
Shirley Ramey	15
Delmar Riesterer	18
Eric Buechel	23

Kurt Knoespel	24
Leo Van Hoorn	24
David Aebischer	25
Ann Gasch	26
Kelly Kloehn	31

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



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REMINDER:

Copies of the daily devotional guide, "The Upper Room", are in the church narthex book rack. It is available in both regular and enlarged print.



If you are interested in donating flowers to be displayed in the front of church, please write your name next to the date you would like to donate on the sign-up sheet located on the wall in the Narthex hallway. Also, please notify Heather as to what the special occasion is for so she may include this in the bulletin.



Directories have arrived! Please pick yours up in the church office at your earliest convenience! And please cross your name off the list that is with them.

Thank you

to everyone who participated in and/or donated to the ice cream social.

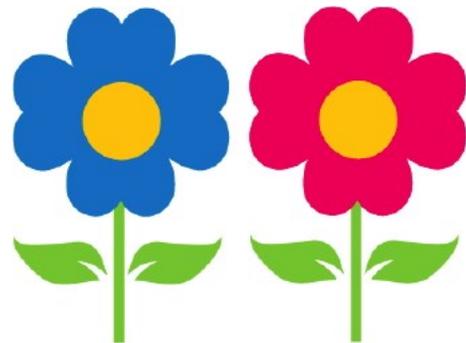
Approximately \$1800 was made, the most of any year yet!



Youth Sermons

The youth sermons return to the worship time beginning

October 18.



THE PURPOSE
STATEMENT OF THIS CHURCH

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

Rod Jane Joan Louise Sharon
David Sheri John Mark Pat
Pam David
Marlene Larry



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.

October

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