

The Eagle



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

September 2017

Faith in Chilton

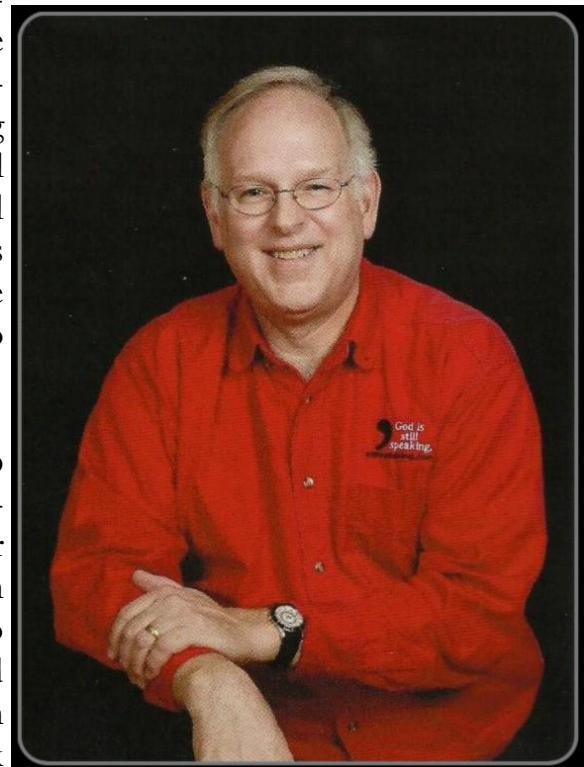
by Rev. Michael Safford-Kennedy

Last month, I wrote about Martha and Mary, (pg. 7 of the August “Eagle”) working and sitting, always in motion and resting quietly. Alas, it is time once again to be about the business of working.

The brrr months have returned and that means the start of many activities in the church: Sunday School will be starting on September 10th, the Confirmands and parents will also meet the 10th, Adult Bible Study will meet briefly Sunday the 10th after church to organize for the coming year, New Member Classes will meet September 24 and October 1--with a reception of new members on October 8, youth sermons begin October 8, and finally a Brat Fry October 13-15 at Heritage Orchard. All of this in just five weeks!

Before we launch into the new programming year, we need to pause and spend time in prayer for our brothers and sisters in the path of Hurricane Harvey. Usually our most severe weather events are a localized flood or a big snowstorm, which we recover from after a couple of days. It is impossible for most of us to contemplate what is happening to God’s children. We pray for the lives of the people, the rescuers, first responders, police, fire crews, volunteers from across the country who selflessly and courageously give of themselves to help. With every mother and father holding their children to protect them from the dangers all around, we weep with them and pray for them. For all the people, we pray for them as they walk through this dark valley. We pray they will see and feel the presence of the Holy Spirit in the eyes and arms of those who have come to their aid.

This Council is undertaking work to make the job of oversight of church finances more effective and efficient. We are taking on more responsibility for our checkbook from the accountant because we have grown in experience and confidence with the steps necessary to accurately track our spending. This is a big step forward for the church. I am proud the Council is growing in their abilities. The growth of the Council is traced back to each Council which has served before. Success is always built upon the work of previous generations.



What An Experience!

This year I got to experience our UCC camp at Pilgrim Center in Ripon. The last time I had gone to camp I was a freshman in high school so I was a bit nervous! Meghan went to MADD Camp (Music, Art, Dance and Drama) which was the last week in July. Natalie and I attended the Mommy and Me-Craft Camp which was three days and two nights the same week. The best part was finding out that Ebenezer's very own Hanna Verrier was going to be the Director for the MADD camp! She did an amazing job this year! Meghan had a lot of fun.



Hannah & Meghan posing at the close of camp with Green Lake in the background.

Some of the exciting activities we did were kayaking in Green Lake, a fresh water stream walk, and fishing for crayfish. Now I must say I am not a kayaker so while Natalie got to sit back and look at the beauty of the lake, mom had to concentrate on balance, paddling, and not going in circles. Well, I am not so good with the circles because Natalie asked if we were going to make it back in time for lunch after the fifth circle...we did get to shore just in time. The stream walk was very refreshing. We learned a lot about the nature around us and even got to see some deer. It was just so peaceful even with all the kids around. The crawfishing was an adventure for me too. I don't like to fish but this was exciting and the crayfish release race at the end was pretty awesome!



Natalie's group (she's sitting) made a Mandala with their moms. All worked together gathering items and designing it. Also pictured is Meghan (standing).

Our evening activities included various bonfires with songs and s'mores and a concert featuring one of the counselors (which was fantastic). It was just neat to see all the kids of all ages together like they were all best friends.

I could go on forever about my camp experience and I think I got more out of it than my kids. So on that note, I will end by saying this IS for all ages and I would love to do a women's retreat up there. Kids of all ages will enjoy this camp and Ebenezer and Pilgrim Center do an amazing job of making sure you can experience it on any income. Try it out! Go to camp! I promise you will have the most amazing time!

Stephanie, Meghan, and Natalie Adametz

NOTES FROM THE MUSIC CORNER . . .

It was refreshing and inspirational to have the Musical Hammers lead much of the worship on August 20. The three family members expressed their faith with the dulcimer, the upright bass, a guitar, and singing. Thank you to all who generously contributed to the free will offering. On picture are (left to right) Steve Ellsworth on guitar, Jane Seligman on hammered Dulcimer, and Gary Seligman on upright bass.



Summer has gone quickly and we missed having other instrumentalists and soloists provide worship music but they are always welcome.

Handbell rehearsals will begin on Wednesday, September 6, at 6:30 p.m. The day and time may have to be adjusted, depending on the group. Rehearsals for beginning ringers will begin at a later date to be announced. Most likely, they will rehearse one-half hour before Ebenezer Brass. Reminder that new ringers are always welcome, with or without any musical background. It is a rewarding opportunity.

There was a preliminary meeting of handbell ringers on August 28 to deliberate the director position. Due to health and energy issues, Elaine would like to retire as director. Regardless, Ebenezer Brass will continue providing special worship music at least twice a month.

CONGRATULATIONS.....

to the following winners of the Evangelism Flower Pot Contest featured in the July and August “Eagles”!

Ruth Aebischer
Plate Family

Rosemary Daun
Chris Stenz

Jean Goeldi



Aubrey, Kaleb, & Eric Plate bicycling around town identifying planters. Not pictured is Jamie Plate who took the picture.

The Plate family made it into a biking exploration! The location answers were: 1) Hilde’s; 2) State Bank; 3) Pla-Mor Lanes; 4) Lutz, Burnett, McDermott Law Offices; 5) Thiel Real Estate; 6) Vern’s Cheese; and 7) BMO Bank. The article stated that there were two missing. However, our detectives were more thorough and discovered three missing photos. They were Artistic Images, Friederich’s Abstract, and Lupita’s.

Thank you to everyone that entered the contest and to the Evangelism Committee for their effort in getting the Ebenezer message out!

Sunday School Kick-Off



I'm not sure what happened to summer, but it is time to think about our fall schedule and the start of Sunday School once again. We'll be kicking off the new year on Sunday, September 10, at 8:30 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall. Kids, bring your parents and we'll get everyone registered, meet the teachers, have some fun, and enjoy some refreshments. Confirmation students and their parents will meet briefly with Pastor Mike during this time as well. Since this is our "kick-off" Sunday, everyone is invited to wear their favorite Packer gear or dress in Packer colors. I guess if you have a favorite team other than the Packers (is that possible??), you could dress in their colors instead.

Ice Cream Social Supper Wrap-up

The Women's Guild wanted to let everyone know that \$1,008.39 was the profit from the Ice Cream Social Supper held in July. Thank you, again, to everyone that helped, contributed, or attended to make this another successful year for us. We look forward to 2018!

There are also two glass pyrex pie plates left from the event. If they are yours, you'll find them in the church kitchen.

Found

On August 20, an earring was found on the floor going into the sanctuary. The owner may pick it up in the office.

2nd Annual Ebenezer UCC Brat Fry

Fall is coming faster than we expected!! So, it's time to start planning the Ebenezer UCC Brat Fry. Heritage Orchard is hosting us again during the Rural Arts Tour on October 13, 14, and 15. We will again run from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Friday and 10 a.m.-3 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday.



The proceeds will be split into the areas of the church that the volunteers choose to represent. Watch for a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. The volunteer hours will be in hour increments so we are able to staff the whole day.

This year our menu will include Johnsonville brats, Hickory Hills hamburgers, and a slice of pie from Heritage Orchard. Coffee and hot apple cider will also be available. If you are unable to help, please consider coming down for lunch or a piece of pie. Thank you again!

Any questions, please call Stephanie Adamietz at 920-645-8707.

PRAYER LIST

Tod	Arlene	Pat	Dollie
Katy	Larry	Rod	Scott
Louise	Shelly	David	Robert
Da'Nisha	Brian	Gracie	Sarah
Lorraine	Pat	Janine	
Linda	Jon	Pastor Susan	

Due to privacy laws, we cannot list last names on the prayer list above because our Eagle goes on the church website which can be viewed by anyone on the internet. Thank you.

Coffee Hour Sponsor

September:	Bell Choir
October:	Property Committee
November:	Evangelism Committee
December:	Church Council
January:	Women's Guild
February:	Mission Committee
March:	Church Council
April:	Worship/Christian Education Committee
May:	Bell Choir



This is the schedule that was followed for last year and will be used again this year. If any month does not work out for a group, please contact another group and see if they will exchange with you. Otherwise this schedule will be kept and used in years to come. If there are any changes that are made, please let the church office know.

Veterans...

The Membership Committee would like to have a record of who has served in any branch of the armed forces from our church—past and current. Could you please let Shirley Lisowe (shirleylisowe@gmail.com), Ruth Aebischer (draebischer@outlook.com), Karen Cmejla (karen.cmejla@outlook.com), or Kari Meyers (Council Rep.—kmeyers@vernscheese.com) know by either telling them when you see them or sending them an email that you served or know of someone from our congregation that has and what branch they were in by Sunday, October 15. We would like to recognize members of

God bless  the church that have served and thank them at appropriate times during the year for their service to our Country. Thank you!

Membership Committee

Happy Birthday

Alice McNeely	1
Wayne Pagel	3
Barb DeKerf	4
Shirley Lisowe	4
Tami Brown	7
William Elliott	8
Jim Jaeger	16
Abigail Kuhn	16
Jake Propson	17
Nan Popp	19
Casey Stephenson	22
Emily Roehrig	23
Alice Kinley	24
Breanne Woelfel	24
Tim Brown	26
Jerry Giebel	26
Christie Kuhn	27
Gerri Van Oss	27
Dale Hintz	29

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

Best wishes to Alice Kinley whose birthday is September 24 and she will be turning 101. Birthday wishes are extended from her family and also her church family. We hope she has a wonderful day!



CONGRATULATIONS!

Council Minutes: August 3, 2017

Meeting called to order at 10:48 a.m. Members present:: Jamie Plate, Dale Hintz, Kelly Kress, Colleen Marx, Kari Meyers, Kelly Brown, and Pastor Mike. Fred Kubichka was absent. Kari Meyers made a motion to approve the agenda. Jamie Plate seconded. Motion carried. July's meeting minutes were previously approved via email.

Finances Report:

Our July revenue was \$8,515.

Our July expenditures were \$8,353.

Our total equity, as of July 31st, 2017 was \$79,481.

Our balance as of July 31st was \$277,450.

Kari Meyers made a motion to accept July's treasurer's report with corrections. Kelly Brown seconded. Motion carried. Jamie Plate made a motion to accept financial reports. Kelly Brown seconded. Motion carried.

Minister's Report:

Pastor provided a brief synopsis of his activities, during mid-July to mid-August 2017, which included communion, counseling, meetings, prayer, preaching, and numerous correspondence. Pastor also made nursing home and hospital visits.

We are averaging 77 people each Sunday and the average offering is \$1,890 each week.

Sunday School and confirmation will start back up next month. Confirmation classes will be up 3 students this year-with 8-9 students expected. Rally day will be September 10th.

Pastor is planning to have Bible studies—with 1 in the am and 1 in the pm, once weekly for the time being.

Pastor is also planning on having 2 new member classes—one on September 24, 2017 and the other on October 1, 2017. Classes will be after church. “New Member Sunday” is planned for October 8, 2017.

Committee Reports:

- **Christian Ed/Music-** No new news.
- **Evangelism-** No new news.
- **Mission-** No new news.
- **Property-**The new lease for the parsonage has been drawn up and signatures are being obtained. The new lease will go into effect, on September 1, 2017, with the new rent of \$725. Happy Hour's lease will also take effect, on September 1, 2017, with the new rent of \$250.
- **Stewardship-** No new news.
- **Membership-** No new news.

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Old news:

No new updates on the Braille system.

The details for the offer to purchase the house next door are still in negotiations.

The Ladies Guild Ice Cream Social Supper was held July 12th, 2017 with a total profit of \$1,008.39.

New Business:

Ruth Aebischer will be filling in as church secretary until a candidate is chosen. Ruth has also agreed to help with training the new hire. Many thanks to Ruth for agreeing to help out! Elaine will be retiring as the Bell Choir director. There will be a meeting, with the bell choir, on 8/28/17 to discuss options.

**The next council meeting will be held on Sunday, September 17th, 2017.

Kari Meyers made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jamie Plate seconded. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 12:24 p.m.

Council Secretary,
Jamie Plate



It's that time of the year again to start putting together the ushering schedule for 2017-2018. Anyone wishing to join, or to have their names taken off the list, please contact the church office or talk to Edith Knoespel by September 29. We would love to have families sign-up that have never done it before so we can expand our list of ushers. It's not difficult and it usually doesn't involve too many Sundays during the year. So, again, let the church office know or Edith Knoespel if you want to get involved. Thank you.

Be sure to help yourself to a copy of the September-October "The Upper Room" in the Narthex. Regular and large print are available.

A flower chart for 2017 is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway by the church office. 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.

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.

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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	2
3 Worship 9:30 AM Spanish Ministry 2 PM	4 LABOR DAY Office Closed	5	6 Handbell Rehearsal 6:30 PM	7	8	9
10 Sunday School Kick-Off 8:30 AM Worship 9:30 AM Spanish Ministry 2 PM	11	12	13 Jr. Ringers 5:45 PM Regular Handbell Rehearsal 6:30 PM	14 Men's Breakfast @ 7 Angels 8:30 AM	15	16
17 Worship 9:30 AM Council Meeting after service Spanish Ministry 2 PM	18 Century Ridge Worship 10 a.m.	19 EAGLE ARTICLES DUE	20 Jr. Ringers 5:45 PM Regular Handbell Rehearsal 6:30 PM	21 Women's Guild @ 7 Angels 1 PM	22 Autumn Begins	23
24 Worship 9:30 AM New Member Class After Service Spanish Ministry 2 PM	25	26	27 Jr. Ringers 5:45 PM Regular Handbell Rehearsal 6:30 PM	28	29 Ushering Sign-Up Deadline	30

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Date	Ushers
3	Church Council
10	Vern & Edith Knoespel Kari Meyers & Kurt Knoespel
17	Fred & Sadie Kubichka Family
24	Brian & Stephanie Adamietz Family