

# 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

Thank you to each person in the congregation! During the past two years you have said that you believe Ebenezer UCC has a future that is growing brighter: with each new family attending worship, with each new young person attending Sunday School, with each smile, with each person staying after church enjoying food and conversation, and with each person leaning toward the next step forward into the Kingdom of God. Placing trust in the Creator, Sustainer, and Redeemer we know our future is full of possibility.

One of the most visible and easily measurable ways of strengthening our faith foundation is the giving of our tithes and offerings. We have done a good job at solidifying our financial base and even growing it. At the monthly Council meetings the Treasurer's Report shows our financial base growing about \$1,000 per month. This growth is remarkable in that a few years ago there was concern about the financial viability of the church. You have made your Stewardship not a one-time gift, but a weekly commitment of investing in the church, its work, and its life.

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The church is getting ready to expand its visibility in the community. The Council is looking into how best to make people aware of who we are and our location. We will be creating a comprehensive plan to make the best use of your offerings as we look at ways of advertising our presence and our mission to Chilton, the surrounding communities and the world. Advertising will take money. The solid foundation you have created makes this plan possible.

A change that is already being put into place is changing the room off of the sanctuary from its setup as a meeting place to a nursery room. We have a need for a place for parents to bring their children to a quiet place when the child is too active. We'll have toys for older kids and cribs for the younger children. As time passes we'll continue to upgrade the nursery so we can meet the needs of more and more families.

At the Northeast Association Annual Meeting Ebenezer was awarded a grant to begin our planned technology upgrade. The Association gave \$2,750.00 to Ebenezer as "seed money" so we can get started with planning and purchasing equipment to enhance worship with art and visuals and make it easier for all to see the parts of worship that are not in the chancel area.

An Evangelism Committee will be formed to help the church move into the community telling the story of Ebenezer and Jesus Christ. The new Stewardship Committee and Evangelism Committees will be working together to use your tithes and offerings in ways that will best meet the goals of each committee.

There is much happening right now at Ebenezer and even more being planned for the near future. Ebenezer is a good place to be. The Holy Spirit is with Ebenezer leading us to more and more ministry and a bright future as we place out faith in the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.



*Peace,*

*Pastor Mike*

## COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Last weekend I attended my very first Northeast Wisconsin Association Meeting. Yes, my very first one. Many of you would have probably thought I've been to several of these due to my longevity and activity with this church but it was actually my first. I actually found it very interesting and informative. I especially enjoyed the keynote speaker, our new conference minister, Rev Franz Rigert. His message went off of this year's theme "Better Together". The title basically speaks for itself. Our forefathers, "together" had a vision to build this church as a place to come "together" for worship. Obviously, since their start of building this church, they have all passed away, but their vision has been passed down through the generations to keep the life of this church going. As we keep their vision in front of us, it only seems right that we can accomplish anything we put our minds to by doing it "better, together". It kind of reminds me of our bell choir group. If one ringer is missing, the song just isn't going to sound right with those missing notes, but if we're all there, we sound much "better together", and even if one makes a mistake, no one is for the worse because the others cover up and you (usually) don't hear the mistake. Just like the old saying, many hands together make little work together....thus, "better together!"

The church has become very vibrant and busy this past month. All the Easter festivities with the pancake breakfast and hand bells, the rummage sale which was a bigger success than last year; the search committee has been busy looking through many profiles and trying to set up interviews with prospects, Sunday School winding down and many blankets decorating the church, etc., etc. All of this would be a major undertaking and virtually could not be done by one person, but look what we have accomplished "better together". Things will continue to do so as long as we keep that vision our forefathers started and don't let our guards down as we continue to do things "better together".

I would like to mention I was also pleasantly surprised at the Association Meeting when they announced Ebenezer's name to come forward to receive a check to be used as "seed money" from the Associations Technology Grant Committee. We now have \$2750 to put toward one of our goals of upgrading our IT department. Wouldn't it be nice to be able to record our services and broadcast it to the community for all to see what Ebenezer is about or to be able to pull up clips on the internet "without difficulties" to enhance our worship? These are some of the things the search committee is finding while reading through some of the profiles about other ministers as to how they integrate the internet into worship.

Our "wish list" has become fulfilled during the last year, but other things have recently come up that we'd like to add to and start up another "wish list" again. Unfortunately, most of the things on the list are "big ticket" items with one of those being the IT system. Another one is to install some air conditioning units into the sanctuary. Now that we've replaced the east entrance door to accommodate the handicap and west entrance door, another "big ticket" item is replacing or repairing the entrance doors leading into the fellowship hall on the west side of church which are a huge energy loss during summer and winter.

Another is to possibly install an electronic advertising signage, something similar to like what the public library has, informing the public as to what we do and who we are. One "small ticket" item is to upgrade the bread serving trays and wine server for communion. When I said "unfortunately" earlier, I didn't really mean it as "unfortunate" because this church has been known to step up to the plate and "*come together*" to make the church a "better" place. We have been "fortunate" that we can become "***better together***"! We will be making a poster of our "wish list" and if there are other things people can think of to add to the list, just let someone on council know.

As winter is behind us and we move into the warmer months, lets concentrate about being "better together"...physically, spiritually, emotionally, and humbly.

Peace and blessings,  
Your Council President,  
Karen Cmejla

# Sunday School Corner

In case you didn't know it before, we now have proof that our Sunday School kids are among the most talented group of kids in Calumet County. In March Chilton Elementary School put on a production of *Cinderella* and there were seven Ebenezer kids participating. We were so proud and so excited for them, but wait. It didn't end there. The weekend of April 9-12 the Middle School students performed *Aladdin*, and once again Ebenezer was well represented. Congratulations, and job well done to the following: Meghan Adamietz, Owen Brown, Kaleb Plate (all 2<sup>nd</sup> graders), Alex Greuel (3<sup>rd</sup> grade) and Claudia Brown, Emily Roehrig and Riley Schneider (4<sup>th</sup> grade) who appeared in *Cinderella* and Skyler Goerl (5<sup>th</sup> grader) and Alexis Hardrath, Krysta Roehrig and Callie Woelfel (all 6<sup>th</sup> graders) who appeared in *Aladdin*. Well done!

We are nearing an end to our mission project for the year. We have been making homemade blankets for *Project Linus*, an organization which donates blankets to children with special concerns. They may have been involved in an accident, battling a serious illness or a victim of a bad domestic situation. Thanks to the hard work of our Sunday School families and the talents and generosity of members of our congregation we will have a very nice presentation to make to *Project Linus* in May. At last count we were at 62 blankets completed. All of us involved in the Sunday School want to thank everyone who has helped us reach this goal. We are very grateful to you all.

## Council Meeting- April 20, 2015

Meeting called to order at 6:15. Members present: Karen Cmejla, Andrea Cmejla, Steve Stenz, Kelly Kress, Stephanie Adamietz, Tiffany Knoespel, and Pastor Mike. Member not present: Nicole Moore. Kelly made a motion to approve the agenda for today and last month's minutes. Steve seconded. Motion carried.

### Finances Report

Our March revenue is \$14,618.

Our March expenditures are \$12,792.

Our general fund balanced as of March 31<sup>st</sup> is \$55,428.

Our current balance is \$157,374.

Heather will be taking required paperwork from Hastings Mutual Insurance Company over to Kyle for him to complete and take further action. She will also be contacting Hastings to let them know we are working on it.

Tiffany 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-March through mid-April, including funerals, visitations, counseling, and Sunday School/confirmation. Due to his sickness for the majority of the month last month, he was not able to make as many visits to the shut-ins. He will be visiting those normally again.

### Committee Reports

Christian Ed/Sunday School- Tiffany will be talking with Shirley about Vacation Bible School and possibly combining with other churches for it.

Mission- The rummage sale did well this past weekend. They were able to raise \$1,008. Thank you for all who helped organize everything!

Property- The door that was damaged at the west storage room was replace.

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**Old Business:**

The search committee continues to search for our settled pastor. Candidates that have been approached for interviews, unfortunately for various reasons, have turned us down. Profiles continue to come and are being reviewed.

If you have toys or items that you would like to donate to the church for the lounge nursery, please contact Karen or Stephanie.

**New Business**

Summer church camps- Pastor will be contacting UCC camps, Andrea will be talking with the Malone church, and Tiffany will be doing a little bit more research as far as opportunities that may be available for our youth. The cost per child was discussed, and we are looking into other ways we might be able to make it more affordable for our families to attend these camps.

Wish List Items- if you are interested in donating towards any of these items, please let any council member know:

Replacing the west fellowship hall entrance Doors

Air conditioning units for the sanctuary

Electronic advertising signage in front of the church

Communion bread serving trays and wine server

Stephanie made a motion for Andrea Cmejla to use all of the church's fellowship hall tables for her wedding June 20<sup>th</sup>. Tiffany seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

Karen and Kelly will be meeting with Pastor and Heather to discuss her six-month review. They will meet the first part of May.

The Goeldi family has asked to use the fellowship hall on May 24<sup>th</sup> from 2-4. The Spanish ministry has their weekly services from 3-5 in the sanctuary. Pastor Mike will be contacting the Spanish ministry and the Goeldi family to see if the 1 hour time overlap of the two parties would be fine.

The Spanish ministry would like to use the sanctuary for additional services every Friday and Saturday night from 7:30-9:30 pm along with their regular services on Sunday from 3:30-5:30 pm. Their rental price would increase to \$100 per month. Tiffany made a motion to allow the ministry to do this. Kelly seconded. Motion carried. This will be affective this coming Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>.

Next council meeting will be Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00, due to Mother's day on the 10<sup>th</sup>. Stephanie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tiffany seconded. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

Council Secretary,

Andrea Cmejla

## ***NOTES FROM THE MUSIC CORNER...***

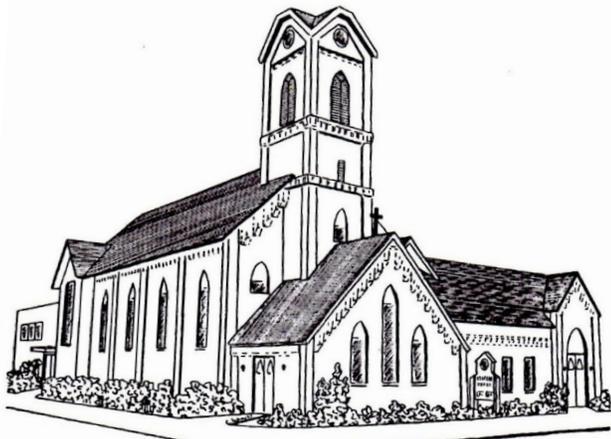
It is always invigorating to have the Sunday School students 'chime' with the bell choir on Sunday School Sunday (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of month). Thanks to grades 4, 5, 6 for playing the melody and the preschoolers playing the chords on April 12. We will look forward to grades 1, 2, 3 accompanying the bells on Mothers' Day, May 10. So much talent and energy!!

The final day for the bell choir playing for this season will be Pentecost Sunday, May 24 (also Memorial Day weekend). THANK YOU for the many hours the ringers have put in rehearsing, participating and 'hauling equipment' The music has been rewarding to play, and hopefully added a sense of worship for the listeners. We are grateful for those that willingly filled in as needed. It takes a real commitment to devote regular rehearsal time and worship time. We're hoping to welcome back all of the present ringers, and hopefully, some new participants when we resume rehearsals in fall. The bells will not be idle for the summer months as Karen will be putting them to use and an ensemble will be playing for the Relay For Life on July 17 with possibly some other solos, or ensembles during the summer.

There has again been interest shown in putting together a choral group. Please let Pastor or Elaine know if you are interested. On May 31 Sandy Hauman will be bringing the "Singing Shepherds", a choral group from Good Shepherd to participate in our worship service. They have some very stimulating renditions in their collection! We'll look forward to having them.



*God gave us music that we might pray without words.*



# 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 June 2015 Eagle is Tuesday, May 19. Weekly bulletin announcements are due each Tuesday morning.

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

## The Mission Committee News



The Mission Committee would like to thank everyone that donated items for our recent rummage sale. Because of your donations and the hard work of the helpers, we took in \$1018.36 !! Special thanks to Ruth, Janet, Stephanie, Tiffany, Rosemary and Bea. We couldn't have done it without you!

### MAY USHERS



- 3:** Church Council    **10:** Sunday School
- 17:** Don & Connie Waldvogel, Dean & El-lie Papendieck
- 24:** John & Jane Schroeder, Glen & Rita Pingel
- 31:** Denny & Ruth Aebischer, Stephanie Adamietz & Family

### Office Hours



**MONDAYS**

11 AM - 5 PM

**TUESDAYS**

10AM - 5PM

**WEDNESDAYS**

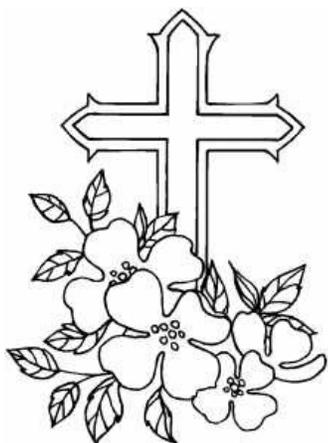
10AM - 5PM

## May Birthdays

Nancy Rusch	01
Don Pingel	01
Ralph Schmid	02
Don Sattler	03
Ken Lisowe	03
Denise Hofmeister	05
Talena Popp	06
Connie Waldvogel	11
Alice Horst	13
Sandy Hammerschmidt	19

Lynn Sattler	21
George Goeldi	22
Lynn Merino	30

*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!**

# Baccalaureate Sunday



Sunday, May 31 is Chilton's high school graduation date.

We will be recognizing all Ebenezer graduates that day during our morning worship service. If you are a 2015 high school, college, or technical college graduate please come in cap and gown and allow the congregation to congratulate you on your accomplishment and wish you well in your future.

## THANK YOU!!

Thanks to everyone who helped to make our Easter breakfast such a success. Sixty people enjoyed good food and great fellowship before the Easter worship service. Special thanks to Mark Rusch for his homemade maple syrup and Vern and Ann Gasch for the apple cider from their orchard, as well as everyone who donated eggs, coffeecakes, juice, yogurt, fruit and cheese. A free will offering was collected and we were able to forward \$75.00 to OCWM.

### THE PURPOSE STATEMENT OF THIS CHURCH

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

[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.

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| <b>Eva</b>    | <b>Rod</b>       | <b>Joyce</b>  | <b>Jane</b>  |
| <b>Louise</b> | <b>Charlaine</b> | <b>Sharon</b> | <b>David</b> |
| <b>Sheri</b>  | <b>Glen</b>      | <b>Mark</b>   | <b>Pat</b>   |
| <b>Denise</b> | <b>Steve</b>     | <b>Pam</b>    |              |



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.

# M A Y

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Office Closed Spanish Ministry 7:30 PM	2 Spanish Ministry 7:30 PM
3 8:30 AM  Sunday School 9:30 am Worship (Communion) Spanish Ministry 3:30 pm	4 Church of- fice open 11-5	5 Church of- fice open 10-5	6 Church office open 10-5  <i>Bells Rehearsal</i> 6:30 PM	7	8 Office Closed Spanish Ministry 7:30 PM	9 Spanish Min- istry 7:30 PM
10 <b>Mother's Day</b> <b>CHILDREN'S</b> <b>SERVICE</b>  8:30 AM Sunday School 9:30 am Worship Spanish Ministry 3:30 pm	11 Church of- fice open 11-5 Council Meeting 6PM	12 Church of- fice open 10-5  <i>Girl Scouts 6- 7:30 in FH</i>	13 Church office open 10-5  <i>Bells Rehearsal</i> 6:30PM 	14  8:30 am <b>Men's Brkfst @ 7 Angels</b>	15 Office Closed Spanish Ministry 7:30 PM	16 <b>Armed Forces Day</b> Spanish Min- istry 7:30 PM
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