



# The Eagle

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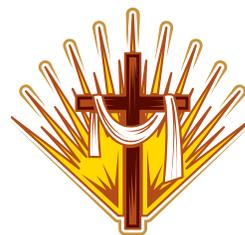
“Ebenezer UCC Chilton”  
&  
“Ebenezer United Church  
of Christ Chilton”



## Mission Statement of this Church

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

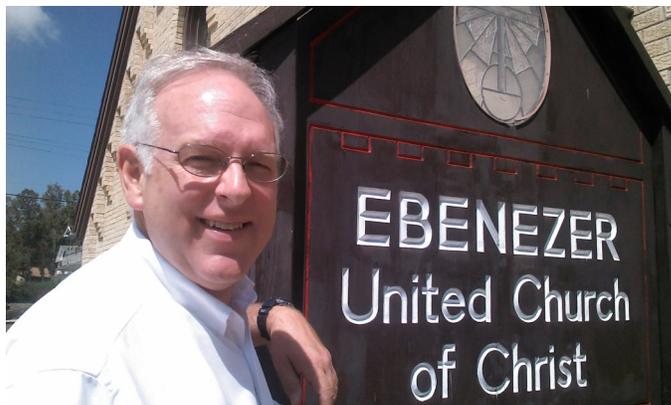
- ◇ Serve the spiritual needs of our neighbors.
- ◇ Transform by walking in Jesus' footsteps.
- ◇ Openly reach out for opportunities to share God's word at home and abroad.
- ◇ Nurture our relationships with God and each other.
- ◇ Empower and embrace faith, hope, and love in God!



## PASTOR'S CORNER

Last night as I was doing some church work at home on the computer, I had the television on waiting for the Monday night football game to start. After a few minutes I stopped working, found the TV remote and PUNCHED the mute button! I couldn't take the constant political ads demonizing one candidate or the other from governor to dog catcher, and it's only late September! Really, does your political opponent seriously want to see senior citizens starving or dogs running wild in the streets? Please, let's sit down and take a few deep breaths. I'd like to say a few words about life *after* the election. What will we do after the election when one group of people is elated and another group disappointed?

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I am drawn to Jesus' conversation with a lawyer in Luke 10:25-28. *"Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.' And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.'"* I see the past several months of rich discussion and shouting accusations as a time when we have been preparing to test each other. Now, with the campaigns nearing their end we are about to discover if we can, on Wednesday morning November 5, live out the teaching of Jesus to focus on God and love one another.

First, let's take a step back from the commercials and journey to church on November 2. Many churches throughout the nation celebrate Holy Communion that day. This will be an opportunity to remember that we are a forgiven and forgiving people. When Jesus, the disciples, and others celebrated the Passover meal, they did so knowing that many of the disciples didn't understand most of Jesus' teachings. The disciples argued about the important issues of the day and some tried to convince Jesus that they were better than the others and they, not the others, should sit at Jesus' right hand in heaven. Jesus welcomed them to the table. He continued to speak to them. He blessed them. He knew that in just a few hours they would twist his words, curse his name, and fight not for him, but for themselves. In the midst of all this Jesus forgave them and fed them. Please come to church Sunday, November 2 and sit at the Lord's Table with fellow Christians to be fed, to forgive and be forgiven.

Next, let's turn off our TVs and other electronic devices that keep us in touch with the world and also allow those advertisements to infiltrate our world. Let's sit in silence for a while and seek God's will for us for the future. I believe that the Greatest Commandment is still the best word for us to carry in our hearts as we move into the coming years. There will be new issues which will become all-important. The political commentators will always have something to talk about; always have something that is "threatening the very fabric of society." Instead of listening to them, find a time and place where you feel closest to God and journey through prayer, seeking God's will so you can best love your neighbor.

Finally, come to church November 9 (hopefully, we'll have the final results from Tuesday's vote). We'll take time to thank God for our veterans and their sacrifices and we'll also pray for our elected leaders.

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The world we live in is occasionally a difficult place to be. We find our hearts, minds, and souls pulled in many directions, many of which are unhealthy for individuals and for the community. The church is the place to encounter the One who loves us and helps us to become whole people. We find that here, with other believers, Jesus is working to reconcile all people to God. This is a healthy place to be.

*“What must I do to inherit eternal life?” He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.” And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”*

Peace and Grace,  
*Pastor Mike*



## **Conference Minister Candidate Announced!**

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Board of Directors of the Wisconsin Conference is excited to announce its candidate for our next Conference Minister. The Search Committee has completed its year-long effort and recommended a candidate to the Board of Directors at its September meeting. The Board affirmed this recommendation and is pleased to nominate The Reverend Franz S. Rigert for Conference Minister.



Reverend Rigert brings great skills in leading transformative change in a collaborative and considerate manner. As one of his references stated, "Franz exhibits a strong, collaborative leadership style. He sets the course, inspires others to join and still embraces all visions and differences."

Visionary and compassionate, Franz is spiritually grounded in the United Church of Christ and committed to the health and welfare of our beloved Conference. He is a most faithful, gifted and creative pastor who has served the Conference well in both the local church and community, and in the wider church.

Since 1995 Franz has served as pastor of, during which time the congregation more than doubled in active members. A congregation member commented, "Franz has a rare ability to address tough congregational life and development issues while embracing multi-diverse perspectives and keeping people together and moving forward. He has a tireless ability to be everywhere at once, yet 'present' and an ability to connect deeply on an interpersonal level."

Franz holds a Master of Divinity degree from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, Illinois. Please read his bio for additional information.

### **You are invited to meet Franz in October at one of these open houses around the Conference:**

- October 4, 2014 11:00 – 12:00 Salem UCC, Verona
- October 4, 2014 2:00 – 3:00 Waukesha Evangelical and Reformed
- October 11, 2014 11:00 – 12:00 First Congregational UCC, Sheboygan
- October 18, 2014 11:00 – 12:00 Moon Beach Camp, St. Germain
- October 18, 2014 4:00 – 5:00 First Congregational UCC, Eau Claire

*There's no need to RSVP for these events. We are eager for you to attend a session and get to know Franz.*

**A special meeting of the Wisconsin Conference is being called on Saturday, November 1 at 11:00 a.m. for the election, to be held at First Congregational UCC in Wisconsin Rapids.** All church delegates and clergy are asked to attend this important meeting in our common life as we engage Rev. Rigert in discerning our future together. Churches should follow the same guidelines for number of delegates that apply for Annual Meeting (two delegates per church plus an additional delegate for each 500 members over 499). We ask that all attending please register online through the Conference web site at [wcucc.org](http://wcucc.org).

God is already alive in our bright path to the future. God is still speaking! We invite you to pray, sing, work, and walk together in our mutual journey.

Blessings to all,                      Steve Hirby, Chair of the Wisconsin Conference Board of Directors  
Rev. Jane Anderson, Chair of the Search Committee

# PROJECT LINUS

The Sunday School mission project selected for this year is Project Linus. This is a nationwide organization, however, our contribution will be given to children in our community and the surrounding area. Project Linus provides love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized or otherwise in need through the gifts of new, handmade blankets and afghans. These will be distributed to children in the Calumet Medical Center, St. Elizabeth Hospital, Children's Hospital in Neenah, and the hospice center through Aurora Health. Blankets are also given to police departments for children involved in accidents or trauma, domestic violence centers and several other social agencies. Our offerings will be used to purchase the supplies and materials needed to create these blankets.

If you are interested in helping with this project you can tell us the supplies you will need and we will purchase them for you out of the Sunday School weekly offerings, or you can buy them yourself and ask for reimbursement.

Project Linus asks that all materials used are new and clean and that we do not use wool yarn. Please use neutral colors, appropriate for boys or girls. If you are crocheting or knitting an afghan the end product should be between 40 and 45 inches square. If you choose to make one of the popular tied fleece blankets it should measure 50 inches by the width of the fabric. (JoAnne Fabrics often has these materials in kits and at a reasonable price. We'll watch for sales and coupons from their store.) If you get really ambitious and make a quilt, it is recommended these be 3 feet square up to 60x70 inches. These are just guidelines. I'm sure they won't turn down any donation.

We'll continue this project through the end of May, 2015. Please see Shirley for more details. Thanks for your help.



**Project ♥ Linus**

THANKS TO THE PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE OF AARON LISOWE AND THE DRIVE AND DETERMINATION OF RUTH AEBISCHER, EBENEZER NOW HAS A BRAND NEW WEBSITE. WHILE IT IS FULLY FUNCTIONAL AT THIS TIME, IT WILL NEED TO BE CONSTANTLY UPDATED IN ORDER TO STAY CURRENT. I'M LEARNING TO DO THIS AS I GO, BUT IT'S SOMETIMES SLOW GOING.

(OLD DOG, NEW TRICKS—YOU UNDERSTAND) CHECK IT OUT. THE SITE NAME IS

[WWW.EBENEZERCHILTON.ORG](http://WWW.EBENEZERCHILTON.ORG) . IF YOU SEE THINGS THAT NEED CORRECTING, PLEASE LET ME KNOW AND IF YOU'D LIKE TO SEE THINGS INCLUDED THAT ARE NOT CURRENTLY ON THE SITE, LET ME KNOW AS WELL. ~ Shirley



PERHAPS SPRINKLING WITH HOLY WATER WAS NOT THE BEST WAY TO LAUNCH THE CHURCH WEBSITE

 ***Come and be our friend on Facebook!***

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! The friend page is to keep everyone updated on what we are doing here and is an extension of our community. The location page is so new people can find us!



## *Sunday Offerings*

I have heard that several people have increased their giving this summer.

This is good news for the church. The more firm the financial ground upon which the church stands the more attractive the church will be for your ministerial candidates. Earlier this year I wrote that we need to move forward in our giving. While the giving has been consistent we need to increase our weekly offering by 10% this year to help build that firm foundation.

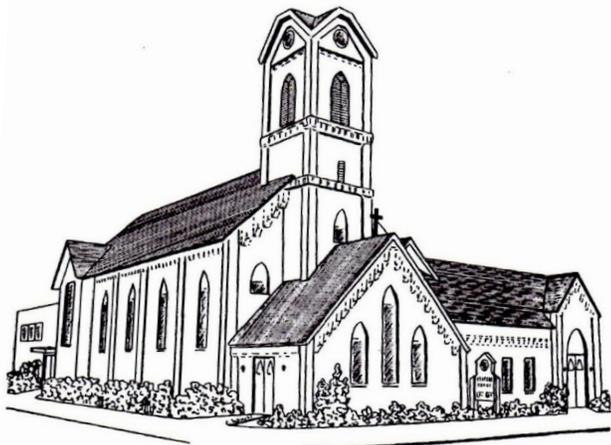
Giving to pay the bills is a chore. Giving because God has given to you isn't a chore, it's a way of saying thank you and acknowledging that what we have is a gift from God, not to be used for selfish purposes but, to be used for our needs and the needs of friends, families and people we have never met.

Each Sunday give as though God has richly blessed you.

*Pastor Mike*



*Church Mice.*



# 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 2014 Eagle is Tuesday, Oct 21. Weekly bulletin announcements are due each Tuesday morning.

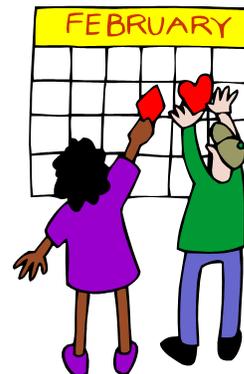
*Let's let everyone know what is happening at Chilton's best church!*

## WALL CALENDAR

Over the course of the past several months people have asked about meeting dates or church availability. Instead of memorizing dates and times we re-introduce Heather's wall calendar.

Yes, the wall calendar has finally arrived and is hanging in the church office behind the door. If you have a meeting, even if it is a recurring meeting, please jot down the date and time for your meeting. This will help ensure meetings make it into the Eagle and the weekly bulletins.

Remember, we'd rather hear about a meeting or event 50 times than for 50 people to assume someone else has told us about the event.



### USHERS

**Oct 5:** Church Council

**Oct 12:** Sunday School

**Oct 21:** Ken & Shirley Lisowe, Kelly Brown Family

**Oct 28:** Kristi & Ryan Schnell, Kari See,  
Tiffany Knoespel

*We are trying to complete the 2014-2015 ushering schedule. Anyone wishing to join, or to have their names taken off the list, please contact the Church office or Edie Knoespel.*

### *Parsonage Open House*

*Thanks to Frank and Karen Cmejla for hosting the parsonage open house after church September 14. The house is in immaculate condition thanks to the hard work of countless people over the past 9 months. The evidence of your hard work was everywhere.*

## ***A Night at the Opry***

***The Burie Family & Red Star Express***

***Two great bluegrass/Gospel groups from Wisconsin***



***Saturday October 18***

***7 PM***

***Engler Center for the Performing Arts Chilton, WI***



***Tickets \$12 in advance  
or \$15 at the door***

***Hosted by Kiwanis Clubs  
of Chilton, New  
Holstein, and Kiel***

The Church and Ministry Team of the NE Association of the WI Conference, UCC invite all members, friends, and clergy of the NEA Congregations to the Installation of Rev. Daniel Borchers as pastor and teacher at Saron UCC W3830 Cty. Hwy J Sheboygan Falls  
920-467-6202 Sunday October 26, 2014 Service at 3 PM.  
Refreshments after the service.

**Cold weather is approaching and that means time to bake cookies! Please find your favorite recipes for our annual Cookie/Candy Walk in conjunction with the House Walk on December 6. We need your help! More info will be coming soon! Thank you! ~ Jeanne**



## October Birthdays

|                      |    |
|----------------------|----|
| Jean Witt            | 1  |
| Casey Lisowe         | 1  |
| Donna Pingel         | 1  |
| Elaine Hessil        | 4  |
| Christopher Zipperer | 6  |
| Kay Hertel           | 8  |
| Susan Verrier        | 11 |
| Ruby Aebischer       | 14 |
| Shirley Ramey        | 15 |
| Delmar Riesterer     | 18 |

|                 |    |
|-----------------|----|
| Eric Buechel    | 23 |
| Kurt Knoespel   | 24 |
| Leo Van Hoorn   | 24 |
| David Aebischer | 25 |
| Ann Gasch       | 26 |
| Stefanie Pingel | 29 |
| Kelly Kloehn    | 31 |

*If you have an October birthday, and it was missed, please let the office know so we can get it right next time.*



We have had great participation with our SCRIP program so far this year. Since January 1, we have earned over \$670 for the church. We have been able to do that with less than 15 families participating. Just think of the possibilities if we all would use scrip for our groceries, gas, gifts and dining out. Stop by the office or check out [www.glscrip.com](http://www.glscrip.com) to see how you can help support our church. Once you get started, you will see how easy it really is.



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### **Offering Envelopes**

You may have noticed a small change to your newest set of offering envelopes. When you receive your new packet of offering envelopes you will notice the red sticker that says you are almost out of envelopes has been moved to the week before you use your final envelope. This small change will allow Heather to get your new packet out to the table before you use your last envelope.

This change helps in a couple of ways. First, the office will have two weeks to get the new envelopes to you. Second, you will always have an envelope at the ready for your offering, no more arriving at church and hoping you have new envelopes for that Sunday.

Thanks for the suggestions that have helped us make improvements to an already good system!

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

It is good to have the handbell choir (Ebenezer Brass) reenergized ready to ring for another season. There will be quite a variety of selections coming up for worship – some tell a story (*A Day With God's Sun, Sept. 28*); some are full of energy and dynamic (*A Merry Heart, Oct. 12*); some are rhythmical & catchy (*Do Lord, Oct. 26*). Whatever the music, it is intended to add to the message of the worship service. As mentioned the first Sunday the bells played, some selections may so vibrant & joyous that it makes the listener want to join in and applaud, however, some selections are more meditative and simply end quietly so the listener just absorbs the 'message'. Whatever, the real objective is to let the music become part of the 'meat' of the worship service and not just 'frosting'.

After some deliberation, the bell choir decided not to participate as a group in "Sounds of Chilton" but rather do their own concert. It gives an opportunity to share more than 1 selection. Ebenezer Brass Christmas concert will be Sunday, Dec. 14 at 4 PM so be sure to mark your calendars as they have some exciting music in the 'works'. Karen will be playing the bell tree in "Sounds of Chilton" on December 7 at the Engler Center. Watch for details in future publications.



## Children's Sundays

The school year has begun! We began Sunday School September 14 with the most kids we've had for a number of years and each Sunday since then we've had more kids join. We are being blessed by God this autumn. The youth, teachers, parents, and the congregation are excited about the school year. Everyone wants to see what God has in store for them this year.

This year, as in years before, the second Sunday of each month will be Children's Sunday. The youth will help with all the activities in the church. This year we are adding a new part to the service. I will be doing a youth sermon designed especially for the kids. We'll still have the Children's Time and now we'll add a sermon for the kids.

A regular sermon usually has words the kids don't know and covers topics the kids have only limited interest in. A youth sermon will be about kid's issues and universal issues, ie. love, trust, violence, fairness, etc. I'll use youth words and stories to help them understand the world in which they live.

I am looking forward to the first sermon which will be October 12. I hope to see all the youth on the 12<sup>th</sup>!

*Pastor Mike*

### THE PURPOSE STATEMENT OF THIS CHURCH

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

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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>Betty</b>  | <b>Sheri</b>     | <b>Glen</b>   | <b>Mark</b>  |
|               | <b>Steve</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.



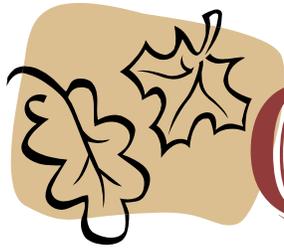
### Scrip

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

| Sunday   | Monday | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday   | Saturday  |
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|  |        |  | 1<br>Church office<br>open 9-5<br>Bells Rehearsal<br>6:30 PM      | 2  | 3  | 4   |
| 5<br>8:30 AM<br>Sunday School<br>9:30 am<br>Worship<br>(Communion)<br>                        | 6      | 7<br>Church office<br>open 9-5   | 8<br>Church office<br>open 9-5<br><br>Bells Rehearsal<br>6:30 PM  | 9<br>8:30 am<br>Men's Brkfst<br>@ 7 Angels<br>        | 10   | 11  |
| 12<br>8:30 AM<br>Sunday School<br>9:30 am<br>Worship<br>Council Meeting<br>                 | 13     | 14<br>Church office<br>open 9-5  | 15<br>Church office<br>open 9-5<br><br>Bells Rehearsal<br>6:30 PM | 16<br>1:00 pm<br>Women's<br>Guild @<br>7 Angels<br> | 17   | 18<br>A Night at the<br>Opry Concert<br>@ Engler 7 PM |
| 19<br>8:30 AM<br>Sunday School<br>9:30 am<br>Worship<br>                                    | 20     | 21<br>Church office<br>open 9-5<br><br>Eagle <br>Articles Due | 22<br>Church office<br>open 9-5<br><br>Bells Rehearsal<br>6:30 PM | 23   | 24   | 25  |
| 26<br>8:30 AM<br>Sunday School<br>9:30 am<br>Worship<br>Installation @<br>Saron UCC 3PM<br> | 27     | 28<br>Church office<br>open 9-5  | 29<br>Church office<br>open 9-5<br><br>Bells Rehearsal<br>6:30 PM | 30   | 31<br>Halloween<br> |   |