

April 2025 Eagle

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The Eagle



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Pastor's Corner

As I continue to introduce what and who the United Church of Christ is, I would like to provide a list of UCC approved and sponsored ministries that are available to help strengthen the church. More information on any of these is available from the website UCC.org

All of these ministries have been voted on and approved at nation-wide meetings of the UCC, and remembering what I mentioned in a previous article, we can pick and choose which, if any, are 'good for us' to participate in. All together, I see 13 different ministries on the website. Today, I will highlight the first six of them and save the other seven for next month. These are not listed in any particular order.





Accessible to All. Is our worship space accessible to members and clergy alike?



Creation Justice Churches. Creation Justice Churches guides congregations in discerning how they can best embody a commitment to care for God's creation.



In 2014, the UCC Economic Justice Movement was born with the goal of continuing and strengthening our work for economic justice. Individuals, congregations, and all settings of the UCC are invited to join this Movement.



GLOBAL MISSION CHURCH

The Global Mission Church initiative can be used to propel a congregation into new global relationships or to affirm numerous engagements already in place.



Immigrant Welcoming Congregation. Somewhere along the way of walking toward justice the church and its people have also found other areas where church and society needs to broaden the circle of inclusion. Immigration is one of those areas that have cried out to members and churches to get involved.



The United Nations first recognized an annual Day of Peace in 1981. It was fixed on September 21 in 2001. In 2004, the World Council of Churches began recognizing September 21 as an International Day of Prayer for Peace. Across the world, 280 million people were aware of September 21 as a day of peace in 2012.

Next month we will look at the seven remaining ministries. Remember, the United Church of Christ is a unique Christian denomination, where the local church always holds final say in church operations. The congregational nature of the United Church of Christ allows for creative latitude in how a local church does 'church'. The United Church of Christ has doors wide open to accept any Christian who professes Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, regardless of who you are or where you are in life's journey. As the last line says, "We are a people of possibility." We are urged to continue learning more about our Triune God, remembering that "God is still speaking".

Remember that God loves you, and so do I.

See you in Church!

Dave

Worship for the next month or so...

Sunday April 6th is our **Family Worship Sunday**. I'm hoping that our youth will again favor us with a song.

Sunday April 13th is **Palm Sunday**. Ebenezer worships at usual time of 8:45. **St. John will begin at 10:30**

- **We will need one (maybe two) extra readers for that Sunday.**

Thursday April 17th is **Maundy Thursday**. Worship will be at 10:00 am at St. John and 6:00 pm at Ebenezer.

- **Holy Communion will be available**

Good Friday April 18th. **Worship at noon at Ebenezer**
Ecumenical worship at Bethlehem UCC (Lax Chapel Road) 6:00 pm

Saturday April 19th. **The Great Easter Vigil held at St. John.**

- **This will be an Ecumenical worship service beginning at 6:00pm, starting outside (weather permitting).**

Wednesday April 2nd and 9th will also be mid-week Lenten Worship at **St. John – Grilled Cheese and Soup Supper at 5pm – Worship at 6pm in the Lounge**

Sunday May 4th. At Ebenezer, we will have a special service remembering our own Confirmation Day

At St. John, a service of Confirmation will take place, honoring three Confirmands.

MISSION EDUCATION NEWS



The Mission committee collected funds for California Wildfire relief totaling \$810. This money was sent to the American Red Cross and specifically used to help the people affected by the recent wildfires in California.

Thank you to all who donated so generously!

Service Project Special Offering (*April 6th*)



Sunday, April 6 Jake Propson will be making a short presentation on his upcoming mission trip this summer. He'll be part of the Appalachia Service Project which is a group of individuals who travel to help people and families in great need of home repair, disaster recovery and many other things. These people have neither the money nor the resources to do these much needed projects themselves and rely on groups like ASP for help.

Jake will be joining a group from the St. Peters United Church of Christ in Kiel, led by Pastor Nicole Herda. This will be Jake's first year taking part in this event. The youth and adults are in charge of raising their own funds to cover travel expenses and other necessities, and Jake would appreciate any help that our Ebenezer family could provide.

Appalachia Service Project has been around for over 50 years helping others, making memories and changing the lives, not only of those who receive the assistance but also those people who travel to serve.

Jake is a recent confirmand at Ebenezer. He is the son of Joel and Jenny Propson. Please come to hear Jake on April 6 and open your hearts to help support him on this journey.



Sunday School is winding down for the year, but we still have a lot planned! We are beginning our Easter Program rehearsals on March 30th at 8:00AM. We will be rehearsing every Sunday until Easter, please have your children attend these rehearsals. We will not have Sunday School on Easter Sunday but will be back to perform our Easter Program on April 27th. We can't wait to share our first Easter Program with the congregation!

We made another donation to the Salvation Army and would like to try to get one more, large donation gathered before the end of the Sunday School year. Please bring in any toiletry, cleaning or food items that you would like to donate to this great organization in our community.

I can't wait to see everyone at our first Easter Program rehearsal and Children's Worship on March 30th!

Melissa Kuhn



April Birthdays



Dexter Sattler 4/1
Judie Giebel 4/1
Zach Platner 4/3
Oliver Kuhn 4/7

Kari Meyers 4/14
Jamie Plate 4/15
Frank Cmejla 4/16
Colleen Marx 4/18
Addison Brown 4/20
Meghan Adamietz 4/20
Sheri Van Beek 4/21
Sophia Bechlem 4/22
Marshall Head 4/22

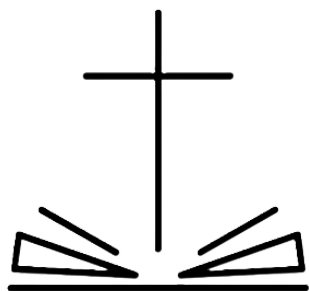
Prayers of Joys & Concerns



Alex ~ Arlene ~ Audra ~ Audrey ~ Cassie ~ Colleen
~ David ~ De' Monique ~ Da' Nisha ~ Diana ~ Elisha
~ Gail ~ Jeff S. ~ Joan ~ Marley ~ Pam ~ Pat ~ Rod ~
Sandra ~ Tod ~ Tony ~ Troy

Usher Schedule

April 6: Council
April 13: Shirley
April 20: Council
April 27: Mike



Reading Schedule:

April 6: Mark
April 13: Stephanie
April 20: Kristi
April 27: Dean

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**HOLY FAMILY CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC
6751 CALUMET AVE, MANITOWOC, WI**



March Council Meeting Minutes

Sunday, March 16 Ebenezer UCC Council Meeting

In attendance: Nick Kuhn, Glen Pingel, Brian Adamietz, Andy Hofmeister, Amy Kuhn, Kristi Schnell, Judy Mattes, Pastor Dave

Nick Kuhn called the meeting to order at 7:30 AM

Glen Pingel made a motion to accept the agenda for the meeting. Amy Kuhn seconded the motion, and the agenda was approved.

Brian Adamietz made a motion to accept the minutes from the February meeting. Glen Pingel seconded the motion, and February's minutes were approved.

Pastor Kim Henning spoke to the council about the Wisconsin Conference UCC. He spoke about UCCI Camps for members as well as for youth.

Brian Admietz read the Treasurer's Report for February

Income \$7745.00
Expenses \$9222.35
Checking Account Balance \$110,567.52
Money Market Account Balance \$181,990.79
Equity \$292,558.49
Minus Special Giving Acct. \$156,642.82
Total Equity \$135,915.49

On February 25, 2025, after the givings of the month were deposited for \$6845.00, it was discovered the actual amount was \$7340.00. The bank issued the \$495.00 credit that same day. \$1500 was transferred to the memorial fund on February 3, 2025 from the Barbara Pautz Memorial.

Andy Hofmeister made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Amy Kuhn seconded the motion, and the treasurer's report was approved.

Brian Adamietz made a motion to pay the bills from the past month. Kristi Schnell seconded that motion, and it was approved to pay the bills.

Pastor Kohls gave the Pastor's Report.

Committee Rejuvenation: Who are the council liaisons to the various committees?

In Particular:

- Worship & Music
- Education
- Outreach
- Property
- Stewardship

Pastor would like to be involved in the communication from the committees.

Pastor wanted to know if it was passed to create a temporary committee called "Our Future is Now." The committee was created at the February 16 Council meeting.

Create and Emergency Worship Plan

- Who can I or should I train to make this happen?
- Requirements: laptop, TV, speaker, facilitator

Participating in Conflict Resolution Support from Wisconsin Conference

- Recent actions (and lack of appropriate response) suggests to me and to the ACM Anderson that some sort of Conference related seminar or on-

- site meditation could be very helpful to EUCC
- Still awaiting an answer

Review Intentional Interim Contract for working together and moving forward

- Seriously consider proposals made by myself, in helping to move the congregation forward and becoming more prepared for the next settled pastor, and what/who might that person be.

Implement constitutional and by-law changes approved by the congregation.

- This would require Ruth, Shirley, and myself to once again meet and see how to strategically implement the changes as they relate to Active Church Membership, along with Church usage fees for Inactive Members/Guests.
- Ruth and Shirley have been working hard at proposing who should be moved to Inactive/Dropped or remain. Once this is completed, they will turn their attention to policies and procedures.

Re-establish and rejuvenate the Pastoral Relations Committee:

- This was done at the February 16 meeting. The committee will consist of Mark Rusch, Stephanie Adamietz, and Ellie Papendeick.

Worship and Study Opportunities

- Wednesday morning at St. John 10:00 Lenten Bible Study
- Wednesday evening at St. John 5pm Soup and Grilled Cheese supper followed by 6pm worship.
- Sunday evening at 6, led by Shirley
- Holy Week – Maundy Thursday 10:00am at St. John and 6pm at Ebenezer
 - Good Friday noon at Ebenezer
 - Good Friday evening – Ecumenical worship at Bethlehem UCC – Kiel. Consisting of Ebenezer, St. John, Bethlehem, and Gloria Dei Lutheran.
 - Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil will also be an Ecumenical worship starting at 6pm

Troy Duchow has been accepted as a member

Committee Reports:

Christian Education – Beginning work on Easter Program

Property – We have 3 quotes on the roof, and we are still looking for quotes on bricks for tower

Search Committee met about Pastor Profile

Old Business:

Our metal chairs have been purchased by the Brillion Fire Department

There was discussion about copyrighted materials for music

New Business:

Brian Adamietz made a motion to support the Fire prevention donation. Judy Mattes seconded the motion, and it was approved.

There was discussion about water pipes.

The next council meeting will be April 27, 2025 at 7:00 AM.

Kristi Schnell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Amy Kuhn seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 AM.

April Calendar of Events

April 2025						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Bible Study @ 10:00 a.m. Lenten Service at St. John Supper at 5pm, Service at 6pm	3	4	5
6 Sunday School @ 8:00 a.m. Family Worship Service @ 8:45 a.m. w/ Communion • Children's Worship Bible Study @ 5:30 p.m.	7	8	9 Bible Study @ 10:00 a.m. Lenten Service at St. John Supper at 5pm, Service at 6pm	10 Men's Breakfast Group Meeting at 7 Angels 8:30 a.m.	11	12
PALM SUNDAY 13 Sunday School @ 8:00 a.m. Worship Service @ 8:45 a.m. Bible Study @ 5:30 p.m.	14	15	16 No Bible Study	17 Women's Guild Meeting at 7 Angels, 9:00 a.m. Maundy Thursday Service @ 6:00 p.m.	18 Good Friday Service @ 12:00 noon	19 Easter Vigil (SJUCC) @6:00 p.m.
EASTER 20 Easter Worship Service @ 8:45 a.m. w/ Communion	21	22 Eagle Articles Due	23 Bible Study @ 10:00 a.m.	24	25	26
27 Council Meeting @ 7:00 a.m. Sunday School @ 8:00 a.m. Worship Service @ 8:45 a.m. • Easter Program Bible Study @ 5:30 p.m.	28	29	30 Bible Study @ 10:00 a.m.	HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE @ BOTH CHURCHES Maundy Thursday: 10:00 a.m. at St. John 6:00 p.m. at Ebenezer Good Friday: 12:00 noon at Ebenezer 6:00 p.m. at Bethlehem UCC (Ecumenical) Easter Vigil: 6:00 p.m. at St. John (Ecumenical)		

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