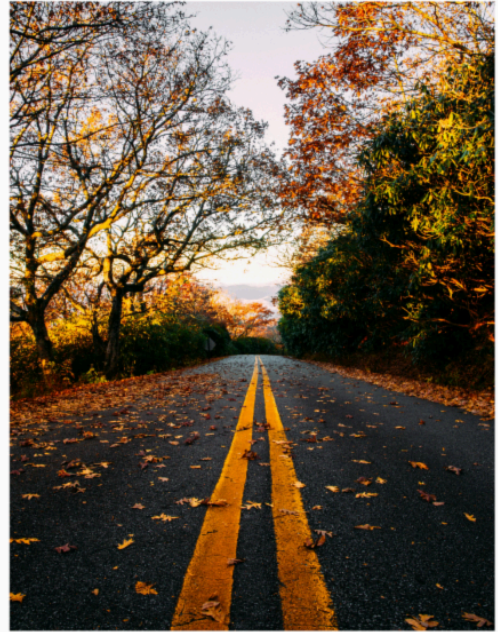


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OCTOBER
2026



Every year as October approaches, a quiet, collective panic begins to set in for many of us. As the leaves change and the air turns crisp, we are suddenly reminded that the year is rapidly sliding away. January 1st, with its ambitious goals and clean slates feels like a distant memory. Instead, we are confronted with the cold reality of our mid-autumn progress: the unread books stacked on the nightstand, the unused gym membership, the vacations never taken, the savings account, not nearly as big as we'd wanted it to be by now. Realizing that time is running out, many of us engage in a unique ritual known as the Fourth-Quarter Resolution Cram.

The quarter-four crunch is the adult lifestyle equivalent of pulling an all-nighter before a college final. We look at the looming deadline of December 31st and suddenly decide that what we couldn't achieve over nine months can easily be compressed into twelve frantic weeks. We cut out sugar, pledge to save hundreds of dollars, and finish those projects around the house that have been taunting us all year. We operate with a motivation fueled entirely by the fear of annual failure.

Human beings are deeply affected by timelines—milestones that mark the passage of time, such as birthdays, Mondays and new years. We cram to address the unresolved baggage of the previous year's broken promises, not just to achieve the goal itself, but to preserve our self-image. Completing a resolution at the 11th hour

allows us to rewrite the story of our entire year. It transforms twelve months of procrastination into a dramatic, last minute triumph.

However, this frenzy comes with pitfalls. The overwhelming pressure of cramming a year's worth of resolutions into October, November and December often leads to a quick burnout. Furthermore, cramming misses the point of personal growth. Genuine resolution-building relies on forming sustainable habits; a routine which allows us to make slow, steady progress over time. We can't run a marathon by training frantically for three weeks, or read thirty books in two months without our self-improvement goal turning into a stressful chore.

Yet, despite its chaotic nature, the Q4 rush isn't entirely without merit. It reveals something remarkably resilient about human nature. We refuse to give up on ourselves easily. Even after months of distraction, stress, or inaction, the autumn urge to cram demonstrates our belief in our capacity for change. The key is shifting our approach from frantic overload to intentional prioritizing.

Instead of trying to achieve every abandoned goal, the last quarter of the year is best used as a season of intense focus. Choose just one meaningful objective, and pursue it at a manageable pace.

Ultimately, December 31st is a random deadline. Life does not reset, nor do our personal hopes and dreams erase themselves when the clock strikes midnight. While cramming unfinished resolutions into the final months of the year is a natural response to the passage of time, true progress doesn't depend on the calendar. Whether we started in January, October or a random Tuesday in July, every step toward a better version of ourselves counts, even if we only get halfway there before the ball drops.

Sunday School Corner



We're a couple of weeks into the new Sunday School year and it's already been a busy and exciting one! We're so happy to welcome back familiar faces, along with a few new ones. It's wonderful to see our Sunday School community growing!

We also have a few changes to our teaching team this year. Due to a change in circumstances, Christie Kuhn has decided to step down from her position as a Sunday School teacher. We are very grateful for the time and dedication she has given to our Sunday School program over the years.

We're also excited to welcome Terra Head, who has agreed to teach our youngest students. Thank you, Terra, for stepping in and sharing your time and talents with our children. We're so glad to have you!

Our first Children's Worship is coming up on October 11th at 8:45AM. The students will meet for Sunday School at 8:00AM and will go upstairs for worship together around 8:40AM. We hope you can all join us for what is sure to be a very special worship service.

Our Sunday School Mission Project this year will be supporting the **Eastshore Humane Society** in Chilton. We will collect items and money to help support them in their animal rescue efforts in Chilton and the surrounding areas. Students may bring money or items to donate to the Humane Society. I will make periodic drop offs of the items collected throughout the Sunday School year and will use any money collected to purchase additional items from their wish list. The items most needed right now are: non clumping cat litter, Purina Cat and Kitten Chow, Purina Fancy

Feast Pate Kitten and Adult Canned Food, Purina Dog Chow, laundry detergent, bleach, printer paper and folders. I will keep a list of most needed items posted in the Sunday School rooms throughout the Sunday School year.

The **Sunday School calendar** can be found on the church website if you ever need a reminder. Please reach out to me if you have any questions, I can be reached at melissa.moehn@yahoo.com or 920-242-7240. We look forward to a wonderful year of learning, growing and sharing God's love with our Sunday School students!

Melissa Kuhn



Women's Guild October Meeting Change

This is just a note to let everyone know



that the Women's Guild will not be meeting on Thursday, October 15th at 9:00 a.m. at 7 Angels if any ladies were planning on attending. Instead we will be providing a lunch for the workers and staff at the New Hope Center at 12:15 p.m. that day. We did this last year in October, along with a tour of the facilities, and were asked if we would be willing to do it again. There will be no tour this time but the Guild ladies said they would be happy to provide a lunch again for everyone. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Ruth at 920-849-9427 or email her at draebischer@outlook.com. The ladies are looking forward to meeting and visiting with everyone again and enjoying a lunch together.



On Sunday, October 4th Ebenezer will receive offerings for the Neighbors in Need Special Offering.

Neighbors in Need supports ministries of justice and compassion, with one-third of the offering given to the Council for American Indian Ministries and the remaining two-thirds supporting UCC justice ministries.

In 2025 the Neighbors in Need Offering supported 26 grant recipients across the UCC who were engaged in projects of direct service and advocacy.

Thank you for your support and generosity!

Happy October Birthday!

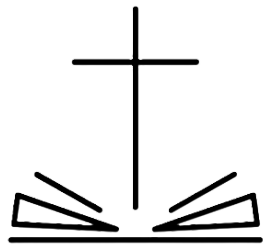


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7 Cici Itzel Catalan
8 Kay Hertel
9 Krysta Roehrig
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18 Delmar Riesterer
18 JorJa Ninnemann

21 Mackenzie Brown
21 Sterling Brown
22 Lexi Pagel
24 Kurt Knoespel
26 Ann Gasch
27 Wyatt Porsche
28 Aubrey Plate
28 Riley Schneider
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Katy ~ Pam ~ Rachel ~ Raelynn ~
Rebecca ~ Rod ~ Sandra ~ Stevie ~
Tony



READERS

October 4 - **Stephanie**

October 11 - **Karen**

Sunday School

October 18 - **Mark**

October 25 - **Kristi**



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October 4 - **Council**

October 11 - **Don, Steve**

Sunday School

October 18 - **Glen, Zach**

October 25 - **Mike, Ken**

September Council Meeting Minutes

7:30 Nick Kuhn called the meeting to order

In attendance: Shirley Lisowe, Nick Kuhn, Brian Adamietz, Lexi Pagel, Aubrey Plate, Andy Hofmeister, Glen Pingel

Nick Kuhn led us in prayer

Glen Pingel made a motion to approve the agenda. Brian Adamietz seconded the motion, and the agenda was approved.

Brian Adamietz made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Glen Pingel seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.

Brian Adamietz gave the Treasurer's Reports from July and August.

July

Income	\$8383.19	
Expenses	(\$6794.62)	
Checking Account Balance	\$119,164.83	
Money Market Account Balance	\$107,674.06	\$141.56 Gained in
interest		
Total Equity	\$226,838.89	
Minus Special Giving Acct	\$79,258.38	\$147,580.51

Cambridge Accounts	\$78,836.66
Parsonage Income	\$1545.00

July givings were deposited on 7/28/26 in the amount of \$4649.50. There was an income of \$1713.68 from the United Church Fund on 7/7/26. July 26, we paid \$209.72 for the supply pastor

August

Income		\$6773.00	
Expenses		(\$7277.13	
Checking Account Balance		\$118,541.26	
Money Market Account Balance		\$107,815.81	\$141.75 Gained in interest
Total Equity		\$226,357.07	
Minus Special Giving Acct	\$78,730.89	\$147,626.18	

Cambridge Accounts	\$78,309.35	
Parsonage Income	\$1545.00	Total Parsonage
Income:	\$13,540.00	

August givings were deposited on 8/25/26 for the amount of \$4838.00. Of that number \$400 was for the Red Cross to help Menasha Tornado efforts. On 8/21/26 Check #1297 to Stanley Schmitz cleared for the dryer at the parsonage.

Shirley Lisowe made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Reports from July and August. Andy Hofmeister seconded the motion, and the reports were approved.

There was brief discussion about the bills list from the previous month. Glen Pingel made a motion to approve the payment of the bills. Shirley Lisowe seconded the motion, and it was approved for the bills to be paid.

Committee Reports

Christian Education

- Christie Kuhn has resigned from her position as Sunday School Teacher
- Terra Head has agreed to teach the 4K-5K class
- Working with Lexi and Aubrey to cover the 2nd grade class
- Open House went well, will ideally have 3 classes (4th-7th grade, 2nd grade, and 4K-5K) if we can't find a 2nd grade teacher, that group will be added into one of the other classes

Worship and Music

- Discussion about Bulletin Covers
- Still looking for a new organist

Property

- Shed still incomplete
- Discussion on the rental of parsonage in the event of a replacement pastor
- Church dehumidifier is getting serviced on Monday
- Church water heater is leaking

Glen Pingel made a motion to repair or replace the water heater at a cost not to exceed \$800, and if it would cost more, would need council approval. Brian Adamietz seconded the motion, and it was approved.

Evangelism

- Discussion of Trunk or Treat and pancake lunch
- Discussion of Brat Fry at Heritage Orchard

Pastoral Relations

- Confirming Cary Johannes for first Sunday in October

Pastoral Search Committee

- Discussing interim pastor options

Brief discussion on a possible stewardship campaign and electronic marquee/sign

Brian Adamietz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Aubrey Plate seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 AM.

Next Council meeting is scheduled for October 25 at 7:30 AM



Reminder...

The next "Stampin' It" card class will be at Ebenezer on Monday, October 12 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Beginners to experienced card makers are welcome – no supplies needed. Everything needed for the class is included in a \$25 kit which Julie will have available; \$5 from each kit sold will be donated back to the church. RSVP to Julie at 920-849-2931.



October Calendar of Events

October 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 Sunday School @ 8:00 a.m. Worship Service @ 8:45 a.m. • Neighbors in Need Offering • Bible Study	5	6	7	8 Men's Breakfast Group Meeting at 7 Angels 8:30 a.m.	9	10
11 Sunday School @ 8:00 a.m. Worship Service @ 8:45 a.m. • Children's Worship • Bible Study	12 Stampin' It Class 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.	13	14	15 Women's Guild Lunch at New Hope Center 12:15 p.m.	16	17
18 Worship Service @ 8:45 a.m. • Bible Study No Sunday School	19	20	21 Eagle Articles Due	22	23	24
25 Council Meeting @ 7:30 a.m. Sunday School @ 8:00 a.m. Worship Service @ 8:45 a.m. • Bible Study	26	27	28	29	30	31

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Glen Pingel (920) 419-0433

Aubrey Plate

Lexi Pagel



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