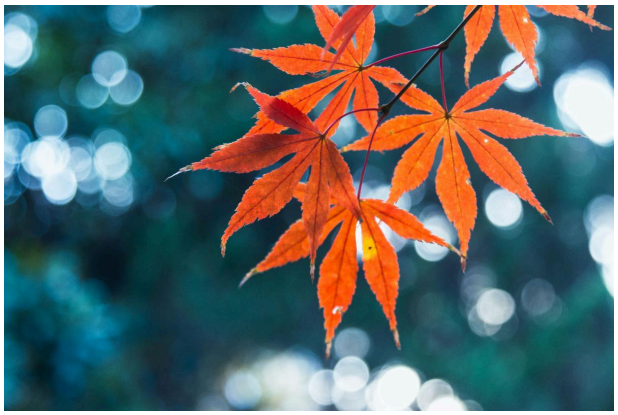
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

The Eagle

November 2026





Grief is the price we pay for love. When someone we cherish passes from this life, it leaves a hole, an emptiness in our daily existence. Even Jesus felt it when He wept outside of the tomb of His friend Lazarus. Scripture never tells us to suppress our pain. God gave us tears as a release and an expression of the value of the one we have lost. Ebenezer will be honoring those who have died this past year on November 1, an observance we call All Saints Day. We will take this time to remember the life of Jim Scholz. Jim was a lifelong member of Ebenezer. He worked hard, and he played hard. He and his wife, Eunice, raised a wonderful family and he was loved by his kids, grandkids and great grandkids. Jim died December 27, 2025 at the age of 96.

Christian grief occurs in the presence of a promise. Believers know death is only a temporary separation. Scripture uses a specific metaphor for the death of a believer: sleep. Paul says our departed brothers and sisters have “fallen asleep in Jesus.” Paul is telling us that death is merely a temporary rest until the glorious morning of the resurrection. Consider what this means for our loved ones who have died. It means the struggle with their pain and illness is over. Their mind is clear, their bodies made whole and their souls fully alive in the presence of God. They are not “lost”. We cannot lose someone when we know where they are. And they are in the safe, eternal presence of Jesus.

The Bible gives us the promise of a reunion with them. When Christ comes again, we who are still alive will be caught up together with them. We will see them again. We will recognize the laughter we thought was silenced forever. We will hold the hands that we had to let go of in this life. The stories that were cut short will continue in a world where time no longer runs out. The grave is not a final curtain; it is only an intermission between this short earthly life and the infinite one to come.

In the meantime, we bring our confusion,our anger and our tears directly to God in prayer. He is strong enough to carry our pain. We honor the legacy of those we’ve loved by living fully. We love the people around us and live a life of faith, kindness

and joy. Remember that death has a loud voice, but it doesn't have the final word. That belongs to Jesus who declared, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me, even though they die, will live." (John 11:25)

And so, we weep, but we do not despair. We remember, but we look forward. And we hold on to the promise that God will one day wipe every tear from our eyes, and there will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain.

May God's peace guard your hearts and minds, both now and until that glorious day when we meet again.

Sunday School Corner



We are having a great Sunday School year so far! We got into the swing of our Sunday School lessons in October and welcomed two new helpers for our 2nd grade class. A special thank you to Lexi Pagel and Aubrey Plate for stepping in to help with Sunday School this year.



We held our first Children's Worship on October 11th. The students were able to play a little trivia with Mrs. Lisowe as they learned about the gospel. Our first Sunday School reader of the year was Abigail Kuhn and our ushers were Delilah Kuhn and Greyson Payne. I can't wait to see each of the students take turns helping out during Children's Worship!

We will also be learning a song for each Children's Worship that the students will sing for the congregation after Children's Time. I will send a link to the song ahead of time so you can play it at home as well. Our next Children's Worship is scheduled for November 8th.

Our Christmas Program is right around the corner and students will start practicing for that in November. Our first rehearsal will be held November 22 during our regular Sunday School class. This is a very special way for the students to learn about the Christmas Story and share their skills with the congregation. We can't wait to see everyone at the program on December 20th during worship.

We are still collecting items for the Eastshore Humane Society. They are at full capacity with cats and could really use our help. We have some items collected in the Sunday School room, and I would really like to fill the tote and make a delivery to them soon.

Please reach out to me if you have any questions, I can be reached at **melissa.moehn@yahoo.com** or 920-242-7240. Thank you for all you are doing to support the Sunday School program!

Melissa Kuhn



Women’s Guild At New Hope Center



What a wonderful time the Women’s Guild had at the New Hope Center on Thursday, October 15th. The workers and staff were so happy to see us and were excited that we made a lunch for them. We served about 35 people which included workers, staff, and us. Our lunch consisted of chili dogs, macaroni and cheese, a pasta salad, a fruit salad, string cheese and cheese curds, and desserts of brownies, M & M coconut bars, and a Halloween treat of Reese’s chocolate peanut butter pumpkin Everything tasted very good and some workers and staff even came back for seconds! We definitely have good cooks at Ebenezer. Pictured at the right are some of the workers and staff enjoying the meal. The person in the red shirt is Steven and loves brownies so we always try to have brownies at the meal especially for him and he thoroughly enjoys them.



Those attending from the Guild that furnished the meal are pictured enjoying the meal themselves. They are Ruth Aebischer, Shirley Lisowe, Judy Mattes, Bea Pingel, and Joan Woelfel. Chris Stenz made the brownies but was unable to attend that day and not in the picture is Kelly Weibel because she was taking the picture.

If the Guild gets asked to do this again sometime, I’m sure we will. We enjoy visiting with the workers and staff and they are so very much appreciative and thankful that we provide a lunch for them for a change of pace. If you would like to help with the meal or just join us in meeting the workers and staff at the New Hope Center that day, let Ruth know. All are welcome!

The Women’s Guild



1 **Kathy Kuhn**
2 **Alex Greuel**
6 **Adam Gasch**
7 **Pam Schneider**
8 **Ashley Schneider**
11 **Bruce Alten**
13 **Lake Pingel**
15 **Jean Reichwald**
15 **Janene Van Hoorn**
17 **Henrick Haverjack**
17 **Linda Edgington**
17 **Ruth Aebischer**
20 **Ella Bechlem**
22 **John Schroeder**
27 **Amy Kuhn**
27 **Joseph Kuhn**
27 **Stephanie Adamietz**
30 **Delilah Kuhn**



Aubrey ~ Barb ~ Brooklyn ~ Colleen ~ Da' Monique ~ Diana ~ Dino ~ Don ~ Edith ~ Elizabeth ~ Gail ~ Herb ~ Family of Jan Miller ~ Joan ~ John ~ Kathryn ~ Katy ~ Pam ~ Rachel ~ Raelynn ~ Rebecca ~ Rod ~ Sandra ~ Stevie ~ Tony

MISSION EDUCATION NEWS



Our local community needs your help! Every month, families come to our local Salvation Army Food Pantry to get a little help to make ends meet, to feed their children, to get laundry detergent so they can go to school with clean clothes, to get through the month while looking for a job, and so they don't have to say "which bills will I pay this month?"

Can we help and share some of the blessings we have been given?

The Mission Committee will be having a Hygiene product collection for our local Salvation Army during the month of December. Items always needed are laundry detergent, dish washing liquid, shampoo, conditioner, body lotion, toothpaste, tooth brushes, mouthwash, floss, bandaids, disposable shavers and baby wipes.

This collection will not start until December but we wanted to give everyone a chance to watch for sales!

Thank you for supporting this worthwhile project!

The Mission Committee : Jeanne, Ruth, Janet, Karen and Andy





Readers

November 1 - **Dino**
November 8 - **Stephanie**
Sunday School
November 15 - **Karen**
November 22 - **Ann**
November 29 - **Mark**

Ushers

November 1 - **Council**
November 8 - **Dino, Ellie,**
Sunday School
November 15 - **Ralph, Vern**
November 22 - **Brian, Stephanie**
November 29 - **Karen, Mark**



Annual Report Articles will be due by **Monday, December 21**. Please plan ahead to ensure that articles are submitted on time. Thank you!

October Council Meeting Minutes

Attendance:
Nick Kuhn, Andy Hofmeister, Brian Adamietz, Shirley Lisowe, and Glen Pingel

Nick Kuhn called the meeting to order at 7:31 AM

Shirley Lisowe led us in prayer

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

There was brief discussion about how services have been going.

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

Brian Adamietz gave the following Treasurer's Report:

September 30, 2026 Ebenezer UCC Treasurer's Report

Income:		$16,086.49	
Expenses:		($10,144.55)	
Checking Account Balance:		$126,013.56	
Money Market Account Balance:		$107,953.17	$137.36 gained in interest
Total Equity:		$233,966.73	
Minus Special Giving Acct:	$79,258.38	$154,708.35	

Cambridge Accounts:	$74,823.93
Parsonage Income:	$1515.00

September givings were deposited on September 29, 2026 in the amount of $14,136.49

Glen Pingel made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Andy Hofmeister seconded the motion, and it was approved.

There was discussion about the bills

Andy Hofmeister made a motion to approve the paying of the bills. Shirley Lisowe seconded the motion, and it was approved for the bills to be paid.

Committee Reports

Christian Education
- Students will be singing I've Got Peace Like a River at the next Children's Worship
- Christmas Program Rehearsal starts November 22
- Lexi and Aubrey are helping with 2nd grade students

Worship and Music
- Christmas Worship Services
- Cary willing to do 4PM Christmas Eve Service
- Melissa to play Christmas music 30 minutes before Christmas Eve Worship

Property
- Shed still incomplete
- Water Heater installed for $800

Evangelism
- Trunk or Treat after service October 25
- Supper with Santa December 2

Pastoral Relations
- John Koffield preaching first Sunday in November
- Discuss Cary Johannes leading worship

Pastoral Search Committee
- Discussing interim pastor options

There was brief discussion on a Stewardship Campaign and an Electronic Marquee

There was discussion about the insurance for the church

There was discussion about looking for people to assist with technology for services

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

The next council meeting is scheduled for November 15 at 7:30 AM.



November Calendar of Events

November 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Sunday School @ 8:00 a.m. Worship Service @ 8:45 a.m. • All Saints Sunday • Bible Study	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Sunday School @ 8:00 a.m. Worship Service @ 8:45 a.m. • Children's Worship • Bible Study	9 Stampin' It Class 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.	10	11	12 Men's Breakfast Group Meeting at 7 Angels 8:30 a.m.	13	14
15 Council Meeting @ 7:30 a.m. Worship Service @ 8:45 a.m. • Bible Study *No Sunday School*	16	17	18	19 Women's Guild Meeting at 7 Angels 9:00 a.m.	20 Eagle Articles Due	21
22 Sunday School @ 8:00 a.m. *(Christmas Program Rehearsal)* Worship Service @ 8:45 a.m. • Bible Study	23	24	25	26 *Happy Thanksgiving!*	27	28
29 Sunday School @ 8:00 a.m. *(Christmas Program Rehearsal)* Worship Service @ 8:45 a.m. • Bible Study	30					

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