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We're sorry- CORRECTION

Correction: In July's newsletter, we incorrectly listed John Garrity as a new member. The correct name is **James Garity**. He was one of our veterans and we are happy to be able to correct this error.

DONATION

**We sincerely appreciate
the donation of \$20,000.00 re-
ceived from Myrtle Bohlman.**

Clarence Drewa from Palmyra gave a \$20.00 donation in appreciation for the tribute to Vets at the ice cream social.

Memorial Fund

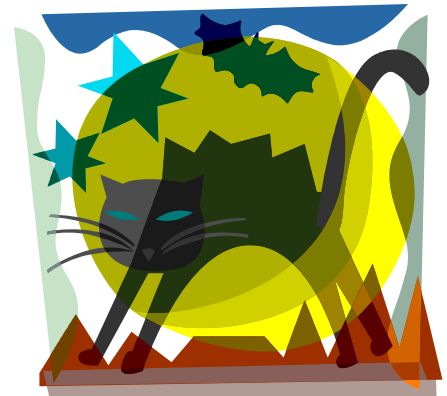
Gerald Baker \$230.00

Thanks to the following for
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Fran Hyland, Ellie and Diana Hall,
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Halloween is coming!!



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Museum Happenings

Exciting things are happening at the museum. Member Myrtle Bohlman generously donated \$20,000 to EHS. Myrtle has been a long time volunteer who helps with the mailing of our newsletter. Generous support from her and others enable us to carry out our mission to preserve artifacts, record the history of Eagle and share it with the community. Thank you, Myrtle for remembering the Historical Society

Members Barbara and Robert Hegwood donated bricks and hired Kathy O'Neil of Maraposa Design and Construction to install the patio on the museum grounds using part of a design created by Stephanie Kalnes of Great Lakes Design. The EHS board also agreed to use monies from past fund raisers to finish the front sidewalk, landscaping, trellises and an arbor leading into the patio. So, thanks to all the businesses that supported our ice cream socials, golf outings and bake sales, the golfers, everyone who baked and bought things at our bake sales we were able to beautify the museum grounds. A series of Patio Programs are being planned for the spring. Thank you, Barbara and Robert for your generous support of EHS.

Now we need some help!!!! Consider adopting a flower bed. Master Gardner Nancy Manschot and Sue Cook have expressed interest in planning the flower beds around the new patio. We will include a list of perennials in our next newsletter. Perhaps you will consider sharing something from your garden. One of our first patio programs will be a plant exchange in spring. Watch for more information on that event

Pumpkin Party. Join us for a Graveyard Stroll and Scavenger Hunt on Saturday Oct. 29th from 12:30-3:30 P.M. Walk around the museum grounds and meet "Talking Spirits". Palmyra Eagle H.S. Art teacher Kristen Falkner encouraged students to participate in an art contest sponsored by the Historical Society. The students designed and painted wooden tombstones for the event. Local Artist, Martin Murk and Charolette Fung-Miller will judge the contest. The tombstones will be on display at the museum through November.



140 Years of Community Service

Mike Rice

The Eagle United Methodist Church celebrated its 140th anniversary August 13-14, 2011. The Saturday evening service and dinner drew a large crowd, including past ministers and members of the church. The celebration continued Sunday with a 10:00 am service followed by an outdoor lunch served under a large tent. It could have been an image from 140 years earlier except the tents and tables would have given way to boxes and picnic blankets.

The first pioneers to arrive here in the mid 1830's and 1840's, shared three common traits; great determination, strength of character, and deep faith in God. Pioneering families with names like Hinkley, Thomas, Bigelow, Sherman, Wambold and Pittman, held church services in homes, school houses, and barns and were thrilled when a "circuit rider" preacher came to town. Lay preacher and pioneer John Hage and his wife arrived in Eagle in 1845, bought a farm to support his family, and preached in school houses in and around Eagle. He bought the abandoned school house which was located east of the Legion post and made it into a church. Run down and in need of major repairs, the congregation eventually needed a new building. In 1870, Thomas Pittman donated the land where the church is currently located and construction was finished in 1871.

The building is patterned after a simple gothic architectural style that was popular in the 17th and 18th centuries. Unlike the large grandiose cathedrals of medieval Europe, with towering arches and spires that reached hundreds of feet into the air, many Protestants, including the Eagle congregation, chose a simpler design that reflected the purity of their faith. The pointed arch ceiling gives height and open space, and is meant to allow the prayers of the faithful to reach the heavens, but also provides great acoustical support. The tall narrow windows are built to let light in, but are also meant to act as beacons of light for those in darkness outside. Eagle was a farming community in the 19th century, and so a group of humble farmers were determined to build a church to honor a Carpenter.



Eagle United Methodist Church 1900

Photo from EHS archives

The sanctuary hasn't changed much since that date except for modernization of lighting, heating, and replacement of straight-back pews to more comfortable padded ones. In 1914, the church basement was added, and has offered a place for wonderful food and fellowship ever since.

For the past 140 years, this church has been a source of joy for many, and provided comfort for those in need. The congregation continues its tradition of reaching out to the community to sow the seeds of hope and forgiveness. Stop in and see a piece of Eagle history.

Memories of the Eagle Methodist Church

Three, Four, Five generations of families; active Sunday school of 100, ladies who put on church suppers and bake sales, each one making their own specialty; church programs at Christmas and Easter. **Jean Bowey**
Mother and Daughter Banquet. V. Baker's poem "My get up and go has got up and went" **Pat Hawes** →

Memories of the Eagle Methodist Church (cont.)

Music –Long ago wedding with violin music. Later the granddaughter playing flute in church-
Kathleen Chapman

The caring people and close friendships of the church people. **Carol Kugel**

Many good memories starting at 4 years old. Later went to MYF, married there, children and grandchildren baptized there– a home away from home.
Karen Sagert

Ministers who were just finishing their school and went on to bigger churches-some with families and all dedicated. Voices raised in song. Many have passed on but all left their mark. Love of their families, church and country. **Jean Bowey**

The companionship of working in the kitchen.
Diana Hall

I was baptized in this church by Rev. Wm. Petherick, in 1935. I don't remember the baptism, of course, but I do remember Sunday School. I loved reciting Bible verses and singing Bible songs, Like Jesus Loves Me and Away in a Manger. Sunday was also the day I was allowed to wear white cotton stockings (not the very ugly brown ones I had to wear during the week.) Every summer there would be a Sunday School picnic at Booth Lake. There would be games and food (lots of food) and, (an hour after dinner, of course) we could swim. There were two slides in the water- Wow what fun. And then , the Ice Cream Socials, Ruth Jones baked beans-I can taste them now– and I remember the Christmas Programs. I loved the Christmas Programs!!

As I grew older, I joined the Methodist Youth Fellowship Group.(MYF.) Pastor Dean Jordan was our leader and mentor. I went to Camp Byron church camp and nurtured my spiritual

growth (and learned to braid lanyards.)

In the 8th grade I was allowed to join the church choir, and sang with my mother who was also a member. Erla Badinger was our director and Aurel Pardee our accompanist. She sang all the hymns at the top of her voice while playing piano at the same time. I remember wearing green choir robes (made at Moore's Sewing Co. in Palmyra) where my mother worked. We would put our robes on downstairs and then line up on the stairway to the sanctuary, until it was time for the processional which as I remember was always "Holy, Holy, Holy." My mother and I sang duets for many occasions-and then as the years went by, it was my daughters and I singing together in the same choir. So, many fond choir memories.

My husband and I met at the church. His mother was a member and told Rob about this "nice" girl at church. He finally came to see her for himself, and the rest is history– 55 years of history to be exact. We were married in 1955 by Pastor Al Briggs. Rob's father died just before we were married, and his mother died just after and so his brother and sister lived with us and they, too, joined the MYF and participated in the church. Our children were baptized there, one daughter was married there, both Rob and I taught Sunday School (which was fun and a challenge, too). So, as you see I have so many memories of Eagle Methodist Church– our kids in Sunday School, Lori and Kathy lighting the candles every Sunday, Carolyn Boyden and I doing silly skits, the fun and fellowship of cooking and serving church dinners, bible study groups.

As I looked over my notes, I thought 'they asked me for memories of the church—this is a memory of my life!'

But then again, what is a church, but the place where people go to worship together, to work together and to build memories together.

Pat Hawes

THE FLOUR SACK

In that long ago time when things were saved,
When roads were graveled and barrels were staved
And the well and the pump were way out back
A versatile item was the flour sack.

Pillsbury's Best, Mother's and Gold Medal, too
Stamped their names in purple and blue.
The string sewn on top was pulled and kept;
The flour emptied and spills were swept.
The bag was folded and stored in a sack
That durable practical flour sack.

The sack could be filled with feathers and down
For a pillow or t'would make a nice sleeping gown.
It could carry a book and be a school bag,
Or become a mail sack slung over a nag.
It made a very convenient pack
That adaptable flour sack.

Bleached and sewn, it was dutifully worn
As bibs, diapers or kerchiefs adorned.
It was made into skirts, blouses and slips.
And Mom braided rugs from one hundred strips.
She made ruffled curtains for the house or shack,
From that humble but treasured flour sack!

As a strainer for milk or apple juice,
To wave men in, it was a very good use,
As a sling for a sprained wrist or break,
To help Mother roll up a jelly cake,
As a window shade or to stuff a crack,
We used a sturdy, common flour sack.

As dish towels, embroidered or not,
They covered dough, helped pass pans so hot.
Tied up dishes for neighbors in need
And for men out in the field to seed.
They dried dishes from pan, not rack
That absorbent, handy flour sack.

We polished and cleaned stove and table,
Scoured and scrubbed from cellar to gable,

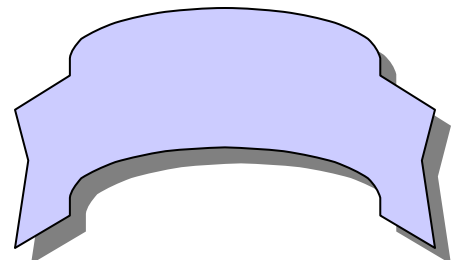
We dusted the bureau and oak bed post,
Made costumes for October (a scary ghost)
And a parachute for a cat named Jack,
From that lowly, useful old flour sack

So now, my friends, when they ask of you
As curious youngsters often do
Before plastic wrap, Elmer's Glue
And paper towels, what did you do?
Tell them loudly and with pride don't lack,
"Grandmother had that wonderful flour sack"



Flour sack dresses

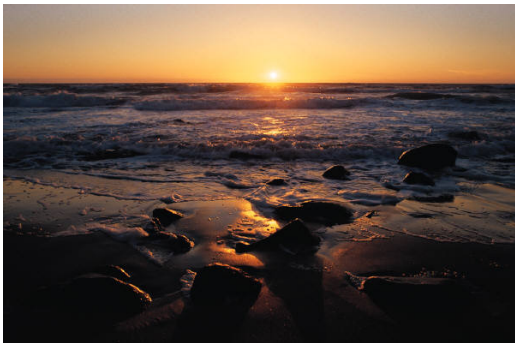
It seems the expression "making do" is gone from our vocabulary. "Making do" made us more creative, resilient, expecting less and appreciating more. Does the younger generation know anything of that as they jump from high capacity electronics to even higher capacity toys? And how do they learn that if they've never had to "make do"?



Lois Ann Zenner
October 7, 2011

Lois Ann Zenner (nee Ahrens) found peace with the Lord, Friday October 7, 2011 at the age of 86. She joins her husband Wilbur Martin, son Paul Martin and second husband Walter Zenner. Lois is survived by her daughter, Chris (Larry) Litwin, her grandchildren, Ryan (Diane) Litwin and Megan (Jim) Tsimpidis, four great-grandchildren Amanda and Morgan Litwin and Kai and Cruz Tsimpidis, nephew Robin (Debbie) Martin, step-children John (Diana), Tom (the late Donna) Zenner and Mary (Harold Webster. Lois is further survived by other loving relatives and dear friends.

Lois had just celebrated her 86th birthday with family on September 28th. Lois was born in Mukwonago and resided there her entire life. She spent numerous winters in Sun City, Arizona with many of her friends from the Mukwonago area. Lois started working at Citizen's Bank of Mukwonago as a teenager, holding numerous positions from teller to vice-president and finally, ending her service with the bank on the board of directors from which she just recently retired. She enjoyed needlework, traveling, knitting, reading and gardening. Lois was a generous and loving wife, mother, grandmother and friend and will be deeply missed. She was truly one-of-a-kind. The family received friends at the first Congregational Church of Mukwonago, 231 Roberts Dr. on Thursday Oct. 13. Interment was private at the Oak Knoll Cemetery in Mukwonago.



Stuart C. Fredenberg
October 7, 2011

Stuart C. Fredenberg, 85, of Eagle, died October 7, 2011

at Waukesha Memorial Hospital. Stuart retired after many years as owner and operator of Fredenberg Service Station, across from AO Smith Corporation.



He was the loving husband of Gertrude "Trudy" Beck (Ridgeman) and beloved father of Dawn (Greg) Harmes and Kurt (Cindy), and step-father of Bill Beck. He is further survived by 10 grandchildren and in-laws, Liz, Tom, Walter, Kenneth and Irene. Preceded in death by his parents, his brother Keith, two sisters, Darlene Kammers and Mary Wrobleski, brother-in-law Stanley Ridgeman, grandchildren Erin Fredenberg and Ashley Beck. Per Stuart's request, no funeral services will be held. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Mealy's Funeral Home in Eagle assisted the family.



OBITUARIES

Harry J. Bowey, Sr.

Dec. 3, 1934-Aug. 2, 2011

Harry J. Bowey, Sr. 76, died Tuesday, August 2nd, 2011 at Seasons Hospice in Waukesha.

Harry was born Dec.3, 1934, to the late Fred and Delcene (Hill) Bowey.

He retired from Wisconsin Centrifugal and was a past member of the North Prairie volunteer Fire Department. Harry was a member of the Eagle United Methodist Church and was certified lay speaker. As a parent Harry enjoyed working with youth and was active in Boy Scouts, and in his early years enjoyed playing Santa Claus, square dancing, fishing, hunting and camping.

Harry was preceded in death by his wife, Gladys, in 2007; brothers, Bill, Austin and Bob; and sisters, Betty Kienast, Shirley Loomis, Dorothy Chapman and Carol Erickson.

Harry is survived by his six devoted children, Harry (Mildred) Bowey of Princeton, Phillip (Carrie) Bowey of Princeton, Paul (Debra) Bowey of Waukesha, Rosalyn (Gary) Boldt of Sheboygan, Melissa (Gary) Cox of Elkhorn and Brenda (Erik(Scrabeck of East Troy; 13 adoring grandchildren; four great grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; sisters-in-law, Luella Bowey and Jean Bowey; and special friends, Diane and Ellie Hall. Harry was loved and will be remembered by other relatives and many dear friends.

Visitations were held from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., August 4 and from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. Funeral Service Friday August 5, at Eagle Methodist Church, 305 E. Main St., Eagle , with the Rev. Lawrence Turner officiating. Burial followed at Oak Ridge Cemetery. Mealy's Funeral Home assisted the family.

Gerald D. Baker

May 19, 1922 - Aug. 13, 2011

Gerald D. Baker, 89, of Waukesha, passed away Saturday, Aug. 13, 2011, at Victorian Castle in New Berlin.

Gerald was born May 19, 1922, the son of the late Levi and Ednah (Malcomson) Baker. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Waukesha and a past member of the Eagle United Methodist Church and the Eagle Historical Society. In his early years, Gerald farmed in the Eagle and Watertown areas. Following farming, we went to work for Husco International and the Medical College of Wisconsin. He was an avid sports fan and enjoyed baseball, bowling, fishing, hunting, gardening and animals.

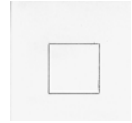
Gerald is survived by his three devoted children, Larry of Waukesha, Bonnie Sallmann of Waukesha and Daniel (Dawn Marie) of Brookfield; three adoring grandchildren, Cari (Jim) Racine, Sean Sallmann and Jeremy (Jenny) Sallmann; and four great-grandchildren, Maddi, Kyle, Chloe and Miranda. Gerald will be remembered by other relatives and many dear friends. Gerald was preceded in death by his wife Dorothy and brother Howard.

Visitation was held from 4 p.m. until the 6:30 p.m. funeral service Thursday, Aug. 18, at First United Methodist Church, 121 Wisconsin Ave., Waukesha, with the Rev. Dan Schwerin officiating. Burial was at 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 19, at Little Prairie Cemetery in the township of Troy. Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider memorials to the First United Methodist Church of Waukesha, the Eagle Historical Society, or the American Cancer Society.

Mealy's Funeral Home in Eagle, 594-2442, assisted the family.



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Pumpkin Party, October 29 ,2011



Barbara and Robert Hegwood,



Left to right: Don Ledrowski, Financial Officer, Jeff Nowicki, President, Barbara and Robert Hegwood, Elaine Ledrowski, curator

Barbara and Robert Hegwood met with EHS board members before
September Meeting