



Springfield Cornerstone

9:30 Sunday School
 10:30 am Worship Service
 Online also!

February, 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Facebook Live @9:30 am Bible Study, 7 pm on Zoom	3	4	5	6
7 Sunday school 9:30 am Hymn Sing following the service	8	9 Facebook Live @9:30 am Bible Study, 7 pm on Zoom	10 Commissions, 7 pm; Executive Comm. Mtg, 7:40 pm	11	12	13
14 Valentines Day Sunday school 9:30 am	15 	16 Facebook Live @9:30 am Bible Study, 7 pm on Zoom	17 Ash Wednesday	18 Moderator's Town Hall Mtg, 7 pm on Zoom	19	20
21 Sunday school 9:30 am 1st Sunday of Lent	22	23 Facebook Live @9:30 am Bible Study, 7 pm on Zoom	24	25	26	27
28 Sunday school 9:30 am				MISSION STATEMENT: "Following Jesus for the glory of God and our neighbors good"		





We are continuing to worship in the sanctuary. We are making some changes to help protect our members and their loved ones.

We will also have the worship Live on YouTube at the time of worship.

- We ask members to continue practicing safe distancing and health practices, we will be providing some materials and tools to help.
- There will be a greeter to open the doors for members.
- The Offering Box will be located at the back of the sanctuary, we will not be passing the plate.
- We will also have on the back table: bulletins, Purell, and gloves for those wish.
- We will also have masks available for those who need or want one. Masks are strongly encouraged. They are most effective stopping the viruses as they leave a person.
- We will have pews taped off to help maintain social distancing; families may of course sit together.
- We will be dismissing the worshippers by rows, just as we would for a wedding or funeral.
- We ask that members visit outside of the building, in the fresh air.

Worship will look a little different, more like the worship that we were producing for YouTube a few weeks ago.

Social distancing and the use of mask are great tools for risk reduction, but being inside the building raises new risks.

As such we will not be having communal singing to help keep people safe.

Deacon Policy on Helping People

People who are in the hospital or sick should call Pastor Andrew, their deacon or a deacon-on-call.

Prayer List: Please contact the office for prayer concerns to be listed in the bulletin and newsletter. Include the person's first and last name as well as the relationship to you. Also, please inform the office when a person's name can be removed from the prayer list. The new prayer list email is springfieldprayers@gmail.com. Please use this email in sending us your prayer requests.



Mark Conner will be having his surgery on Monday, February the 15th. He will be having two stints and a coil added to brace the aneurysm by way of the less invasive surgery. Prayers are greatly appreciated.

Our condolences to the family of Eileen Jenkins who passed peacefully on Monday, January 25. Thank you for your prayers for her and her family, and ask that you continue so in the coming days. A private funeral service followed by a dinner for the family took place yesterday here at church.

January Weekly offering and attendance

January 3, 2021	Attendance: 30; Offering: \$3,660.10; Specials: \$162.11
January 10, 2021	Attendance: 23; Offering: \$3,260.00; Specials: \$0
January 17, 2021	Attendance: 27; Offering: \$1,278.00; Specials: \$888.81
January 24, 2021	Attendance: 27; Offering: \$2,145.00; Specials: \$100.00



The commissions and Executive Committee will be meeting the second week of the month on Wednesday, February 10 at 7 pm.

New Church email address: Up until the present we have been using the email: springfieldcob@sbcglobal.net. More recently we have been using our gmail address: springfieldcob@gmail.com. We continue to get mail from the sbcglobal.net address, but am relying more on the gmail.com address. Please make this change of email address in your list of computer contacts. Thank you.



CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kids' Closet – (For the time being we are taking a hiatus in being open.) Normally we are opening the closet from 10 am - 12 pm the first Saturday of each month throughout the school year. Keep this outreach program in your prayers as the church serves the community in Christ. Thank you to everyone who has donated items or helped with this new outreach program.

Special music for Sunday services. If you would like to offer your talents for the on-line services, please contact Becky Kline or Christine Kline.

Bible Study: We are now studying the Minor Prophets finishing up with Hosea. Tuesday at 7:00 pm, logging on through Zoom: Passcode: agape All are welcome!! Meeting ID: 553 074 408. One click link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/553074408?wd=cjVacXN0RHdVc1Y2YTM2WFB4WXpzd09>

Tuesday Morning Devotional on Facebook Live: Tuesday 9:30 am www.facebook.com/SpringfieldCOB

CD's of the worship service available: For those people choosing not to come back to church yet because of Covid 19, there are audio CD's of the services available that can be mailed to you. Please let the secretary know if you would like an audio CD mailed to you each week.

Giving reports are in your church mailboxes, if you wish to have it mailed to you, please contact Beckie Ebie at the church office. Call: 330-628-3058; Email: Springfieldcob@gmail.com. If there is a problem with your report, please contact Dawn C. at her number (330) 289-4452 or email her at: bunnycon@neo.rr.com

New church directories – You can find the new 2021 church directory in your mail box. If you would like a pdf version mailed so you can print your own copy, or if you would like a copy mailed to you, please let the church office know.

Upper Room The January-February issue of the Upper Room is available inside the entry way to the church.



Thank you from West View

West View Healthy Living, the district's retirement home in Wooster thanks us for our donation of \$100.00. They are proud to be affiliated with the Church of the Brethren and provide care and quality services to over 349 individuals.

Thank you from Northern Ohio District

Dear brothers and sisters at Springfield, Thank you for your faithfulness in supporting Northern Ohio District ministries through this most unusual year! Many have been blessed by your generosity and I am so grateful!! In Christ, Kris

Marie Fulks sends her thanks! She wants her church family to know she really appreciates the flowers brought to her recently. She says they are still looking so very pretty and it makes her feel great each day she looks at them. She also wants to thank everyone for their prayers.

Thank you from camp: Dear Springfield Congregation, thank you for your continued contributions to Inspiration Hills Camp. We appreciate your faithfulness and support. We enjoy seeing all of you online but look forward the day when we can gather together again. Blessings and prayers for the year to come. In Christ, Shannon Kahler

Thanks from the Bowling's: We would like to thank everyone for their prayers and ask for continued prayers on our behalf and our precious daughter who is now home from the hospital. Emmeline Mary-Eloise Bowling was born eight weeks early on December 23. She weighed 3 lb.10 oz. and is 17" long. She is truly a blessing from God. Instead of a Valentine, we received the most wonderful Christmas gift. Love to all, Lauren, Kevin and Emmeline Bowling.



2021 Flower Calendar

The new Flower Calendar is on the bulletin board to your left as you walk into the sanctuary. Please take time and choose a Sunday you would like to remember friends or family members with altar flowers during the coming year. The cost is \$20 for the altar flowers. The monies received from the altar flowers goes towards altar flowers for shut-ins provided by the Witness Commission.

BIBLE READING CHALLENGE

Beginning January 1st I presented this Bible Reading Challenge. Here are the details if you want to do this along with me. There are 31,102 verses in the Bible. Some versions have a little more or a little less, depending on the translation and how they decide to handle some verses. If one wanted to read the entire Bible from, "In the beginning" to "The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God's people. Amen," one would need to read 85.2 verses a day. So I'm setting this up as a challenge for myself and all those who wish to join me: Read about 85 verses daily starting Jan. 1, 2021 and finishing Dec. 31, 2021 (ignoring chapters and books.)

I decided to set up a secondary challenge just for myself: To summarize each day's reading in 150 words or less on Facebook. (The length of the body of this post!) I am into Exodus now in my reading. I'll be using the NIV as that is the version of our pew Bibles. May you all have a wonderful, happy New Year! Pastor Andrew

Sunday school We are starting up Sunday school with a class taught by Mike Conner in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 am Sunday morning before our worship service. All are welcome. This class will begin Sunday, February 7th and continue each week.

Hymn singing We will be having a time of hymn singing following the worship service on Sunday morning. This will be on the first Sunday of every month. First hymn sing will be Sunday, February 7. Come if you have been missing singing during the worship service!

Christmas Blessings from Lisa and Steve Van Houten:

May the love and peace of Jesus continue to fill all your lives and my God surround you in the coming 2021.
All our love, Lisa and Steve.
Please see their card on the bulletin board.

Now an On-Line Conference
"God's Adventurous Future"
Annual Conference 2021
June 30 — July 4



Greensboro, NC
Sheraton/Koury Convention
Center

District Conference
August 13-14, 2021
Springfield Church of the Brethren





Denomination and District News

Hottel Operating Grants: The District Board has approved the use of Hottle Grant money for congregations for 2021 operating expenses up to \$5,000. Applications are available on the district website.

Hottle Grants for 1) project grants within the church to expand the ministry of the church. 2) Outreach Ministry grants that impact not only the church but the community at large and may include changes to the physical plant. 3) Program development grants within the church to stimulate growth or spiritual health and may include changes the physical plant. Applications are available on the district website.

CoB Compelling Vision Bible Study Series – The Compelling Vision Team is developing a 13-session Bible study series around the Compelling Vision. It is designed for use by youth and adults and is available at no cost on the Compelling Vision webpage in February 2021. See www.brethren.org.

Lenten Devotional --The Wild Way of Jesus by Anna Lisa Gross, the Lent devotional put out by Brethren Press, is now available. The cost is \$4.50, with large print at \$8.95. If you purchase both the Advent and Lenten books the cost is \$8 and \$15.90 for large print. To sign up call 800-441-3712, and ask about the seasonal devotional standing order program.

Annual Conference: Newslines announces Annual Conference pivots from hybrid to online event in 2021. Follow link below for complete article:

<https://www.brethren.org/news/2021/annual-conference-pivots-to-online/> The Program and Arrangements Committee has determined that the 2021 Annual Conference will be entirely online. The conference is offering a one-time reduced price for non-delegate adults to register for the online Annual Conference for only \$99. Delegates will remain at \$305. Annual Conference registration will open on March 2.

SUMMER CAMPS 2021

We continue to plan for summer camp believing that some of our campers will be able to attend camp this year and are asking congregations for help with adult chaperones since we do not have the budget to hire the normal number of summer staff. **We are inviting Mom's, Dads and other interested adults to volunteer to be a part of a camp week in exchange for one camper scholarship.** Your congregation can send a group of adults to assist with the camp of your choice and the same number of campers would receive scholarships that week, OR an adult can bring one child to camp (other than Mom & Me) and the child would receive a scholarship. Please contact the camp office at 419 846-3010 for information and volunteer applications.

WOOD SPLITTING/FREE FIREWOOD — We have free firewood for the taking, it just needs to be cut and split. Take as much as you want, we only ask that you fill some of our empty wood bins too. Call Dale Allen at 330 621-4574 to schedule a time for this activity, Monday-Saturday.

THE FINAL CAMP DATES The schedule has been modified for a later start date this year and a few camps have been eliminated for 2021 due to budget constraints. If you are one of our Grand Campers PLEASE contact the camp office for alternatives. We hope to be back to our regular camp schedule in 2022!

Check the camp website: <http://www.inspirationhillscamp.org/camp/>



SOCIAL MEDIA

Upcoming News

Sunday service: We are continuing to offer worship online by broadcasting directly on YouTube.

How to watch:

You can watch the worship live at 10:30 am on Sunday or the recording on our YouTube channel.

Link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPFzecAEgzFC0Q4LP6ix3pw>

Or you can search for “Springfield Church of the Brethren” If you are able to subscribe, please do! You can also set it so it will tell you when we go live.

Bible Study: We are now studying the book of Hosea, a minor prophet. Tuesday at 7:00 pm using Zoom, meeting will be open at 6:00 if you want to come early.

Direct Link: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/553074408?pwd=cjVacXN0RHdVc1Y2YTM2WFB4WXpzd09;>

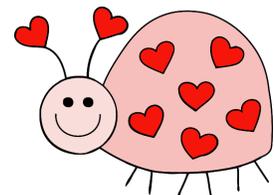
Meeting ID: 553 074 408; **Password:** agape

Call-In: 1 312 626 6799, followed by Meeting ID 553 074 408

If you need assistance contact Pastor Andrew (717-725-4695)

Facebook Devotion Live Visits: 10-20 minute visit with Scripture, Prayer, News, and a few Thoughts Tuesdays at 9:30 am,

The many ways to stay in the know with our happenings!



Facebook: www.facebook.com/SpringfieldCOB

- New information is posted here; FB Live Visits happen here!; you don't need to have an account to see the page.

YouTube: www.youtube.com/channel/UCPFzecAEgzFC0Q4LP6ix3pw

- Video of worship is uploaded here; Subscribe if you can for updates!
- The audio version CD's of the sermon are being mailed out to those requesting them.

- **Email:** Pastor Andrew sends out regular updates from his address.
- Bonnie Young and Beckie Ebie send out regular prayer needs throughout the prayer chain
Bonnie: bonniey417@gmail.com; Beckie: springfieldcob@gmail.com;

Use this email to send prayer requests: springfieldprayers@gmail.com

Website: <http://www.springfield-cob.com> — Regularly updated, this a great way to keep in the know!



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*Continuing the work of Jesus.
Peacefully. Simply. Together.*



We Invite You

- to join with us in the fellowship of a Christian family.
- to join us in our journey to a deeper faith in our Lord Jesus
- to strive with us to "Live for the Glory of God and our neighbor's good."



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Tues, Thurs, Fri**

**Sunday Hours
of Worship:**

Sunday School, 9:30 am

Worship, 10:30 am