

Springfield Cornerstone

JUNE 2020

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MISSION STATEMENT:

“Following Jesus for the glory of God and our neighbors good”



The Bulletin Board



Deacon Policy on Helping People

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

The church has started meeting in the parking lot for services as of last Sunday morning. Please come and share in this meaningful service at the same time, 10:30.

Please enter by way of the **Lessig Avenue** entrance! We will have bulletins with the lyrics and to help you connect to Zoom. We will have a place for you to put offerings. The pulpit will be set up underneath the awning. We ask that you either stay seated in your car or bring lawn chairs to sit in. We will be using Zoom Conference Call. You need to bring your cell phone with you. Then just put your phone on speaker mode or plug it into your car's stereo system. *(Make sure your phone is charged!)* There will be people to help you if you are having difficulty connecting, just turn on your lights and they'll come by. Please use one phone per car/group. We have a limited number of individual wireless headphones. If you need one, let us know.

Tuesday Night Bible study is using Zoom, meeting at 7 pm. The Bible study group has finished the letters of John and are now beginning the study of the book of Acts. All are welcome to join using Zoom.

All activities meeting at the church have been cancelled for the time being.

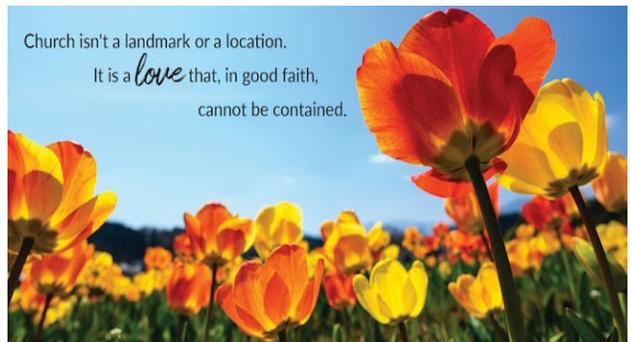
The Executive Committee Meeting will meet in the fellowship hall Wednesday, June 10th.

Both Annual Conference and District Conference have been cancelled for this year.

Good Neighbors Ellet is presently closed. If you have donations to drop off, call 330-784-7088.

The Upper Room devotional for May & June can be found in a covered box in front of the front door entrance. This devotional can also be found online: www.upperroom.org/devotionals for English.

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 on Music & Worship.



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. Thank you.

*"My father
didn't tell me how
to live; he lived,
and let me watch
him do it."*

- Clarence Budington Kelland





Dear Friends and Family of Inspiration Hills Camp,

This summer we will come together virtually to Shout to the Lord! and connect with God by sharing the deepest longings of our hearts in prayer. It does not matter if we fold our hands and bow our heads, or raise them up and look to heaven; God desires to connect with all of us. With your registration of \$50 per camp (to cover our costs) we will send you Camp in a Box which will include many of the items you will need to experience camp from your home, including craft supplies, a summer 2020 t shirt, name tag and water bottle. We will even send a list of what parents can do to make this virtual camp an amazing experience for your campers!

This is not how we planned to Shout to the Lord this summer, but our staff is determined to make this summer camp meaningful and memorable.

Please visit the camp website: www.inspirationhillscamp.org for information to register for camp. You can also find the camp schedule on this website or on our church website.



To our choir, Thank you for all the wonderful music you have brought to our worship services this year. We appreciate all the time and commitment in practicing each week. Special thanks to Bonnie Young for her leadership. We look forward to the music you will bring again in the fall. Blessings, Your brothers and sisters in Christ.

Thanks from Ranay Hatherill: she writes, On, behalf of my family and myself, we want to thank You for all of the prayers for my Dad and his recent surgery. He came Home today and he is in good spirits but in severe pain. Continued prayers are asked while he starts his long recovery. The Support, Love, Prayers and Togetherness of our Church is always amazing! Small but Mighty, that's Springfield COB! Thanks again, Ranay



Thank you from Bonnie and Glenn:

What a blessing you all have been as I recover from my auto accident! Your prayers, cards and food have helped me with that recovery. I

am truly appreciative of your caring and love. Thank you—You couldn't have been kinder...and I couldn't be more grateful!
Bonnie

Thank you from Camp Inspiration Hills:

Thank you so much for your continued support of the camp as we navigate these uncertain times. We pray that you are all safe and well and we appreciate your sharing Elyssa Kline with us this summer. In Christ, Shannon Kahler

Thanks from Westview Healthy Living:

Thank you for your recent donation of \$100 to our campus. We are proud to be affiliated with the Church of the Brethren. Tammy Cruise, Director of Development.

Thank you from Manchester College:

Thank you for your steadfast support (most recently of a \$125 contribution) and enduring friendship, and for making a difference in the world. JoHanna Young, Director of Advancement Services.

Thanks from the Mission and Ministry of

the denomination for our recent contribution of \$542 to support the work of mission and ecumenical partnerships around the world. David Steele, General Secretary





Pastor Andrew's Message

Unrest — it seems to have become the norm of our nation lately. There always seems to be some kind of unrest in our world: wars, poverty, crime, disease, hate, natural disasters, etc... But often they are part of the quiet hum of everyday life. They are easy to ignore because they are elsewhere and don't affect our lives much. Or they are like the man standing near the off-ramp of 8: easy to ignore as we stare attentively at the light, willing it to change faster. This spring has been a reminder that this unrest lies just below the surface, just waiting to get our attention. Covid-19 certainly peeled back the covers of our society and our infrastructure and showed the flaws in the systems. As people were put under more and more strain from the economic, health, and social implications of the disease and the response, we saw the deep divides in our nation become more pronounced. I recall a quote from Christopher Paolini's *Eldest*. "The world is stretched thin.... Soon it will snap and madness will burst forth." I know I am not the only one who felt this — that with the simmering discomfort in our nation, it would only be a matter of time until something caused it to snap.

That final bit of heat that pushed the simmer into a boil was the graphic and terrible death of George Floyd. The anger of our nation's many factions erupted in protests. The emotions of years, amplified by the pandemic, bursting forth. While the majority of demonstrations have been peaceful, it is always the few violent ones that seem to take up the air waves. We watch stunned as groups seek to use this man's death to further their agendas and/or disapprove other groups' aims.

What are we do to? We know that even as a group of one heart, we are not a group of one mind. We are not immune to the divisions of our world. Division within Christians is nothing new. Just consider the number of denominations that exist, plus the number of independent congregations. As we move out of Pentecost and into "Normal Time", we will continue the story of Disciples in Acts. They were not always of one mind, despite the fact they walked with Christ more closely than all others. If they couldn't do it, how should we?

I go to the Letters of John, which we just finished in Bible Study. John wrote to the many churches in Ephesus. These churches were undergoing deep divisions and there were people that claimed Jesus was not the Son of God. John could have given them a creed, a long set of rules to distinguish who was and wasn't a Believer. But he doesn't. He gives only two rules: To love God and follow God's teachings. 1 John 5:1-2: Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. To love our brothers and sisters. 1 John 3:11 "For this is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love one another."

I hear in this the echoes of the First and Second Greatest Commandments (Matt. 22:35-40, Mark 12:28-34, Luke 10:27, & John 13:31-35). "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. 'This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'" (Matthew) John in his letters points us to the center pillar of our faith: Love. Love for God, and Love for Others.

So let us love. Every person on the news and every person we encounter is a beloved child of God. Even when John warns us against those who disagree with the faith of the Church, we are still commanded to love them. I'll close with this paraphrase of Jerrod McKenna at National Youth Conference 2012 & 2016: "When we encounter the troubles, hatred, sorrow, and problems of the world, wash feet."



Spiritual Practices: exercises for the mind, heart, and soul.

Caring for your spiritual wellbeing is often the last thing on our list, but it is important! I would like to challenge you to find a way to engage regularly, and want to offer up some possibilities.

This month: Breathing

Whenever you see the Holy Spirit mentioned in the New Testament, the Greek word for Spirit is πνεῦμα, pneuma (the 'p' is silent). Pneuma can be translated to mean spirit, breath, and/or wind; it is a root word for pneumatic and pneumonia. Breath and Spirit are closely tied together. We say, "God breathes life into us", and when someone dies we may say, "the breath of life is gone."

Take time to thank God for your breath. Our bodies automatically know how to breathe. Each day we breathe in and out 20,000 times without even thinking about it. By doing the following exercise, you can take some time to focus on your breath and the gift of life. Focusing on taking steady breaths can also help us center ourselves and calm anxiety.

Try to take a consistent amount of time in each of these actions; create a rhythm.

1. Breathe in slowly for 7 seconds, feeling your lungs expand as life-giving oxygen comes into your body.
2. 2. Hold in the breath for 4 seconds, feeling the pressure of the air as your body replenishes and cleanses itself.
3. 3. Release slowly through your nose, taking 7 seconds to fully exhale., Feel your chest shrink as your body gets rid of material it no longer needs.
4. 4. Keep your lungs empty for 4 seconds, feel their need to draw in air, their call for life, and then begin to repeat the process as you start your next breath.

Take a couple of minutes every day to pay attention to your breath and thank God for this gift of life as you appreciate the gift of your lungs.

Biblical Studies Quick Dive!

If you go and pick up a random Bible, you may find that the Old Testament looks a bit different from yours. I don't simply mean the translation, but there may be different books or they are in a different order. Why?

If you look at a copy of the Hebrew Bible (Tanakh), you will notice the books are in a different order. Judaism kept the books separated into their three groups. Christians moved some around to put it into more of a chronological order. The modern Hebrew Bible was set forth between the 7th and 10th centuries CE (AD).

Roman Catholic and Orthodox Bibles include some books like Tobit and Maccabees. Lutherans and Anglicans have them too, but they put them in a section called the Apocrypha. Why aren't they in ours? There are two main ancient canons of the Hebrew Bible: the Septuagint (the Hebrew Bible translated into Greek around 250 BCE (BC)) and the Masoretic Text. The Vulgate (Latin Bible) and Orthodox Bibles were based on the Septuagint and included those extra books. When Martin Luther began his work on a translation of the Bible for his new movement, he went with the Masoretic Text. But he didn't want to remove the extra books from the Septuagint entirely, so he put them between the Old and New Testaments and called it the Apocrypha, meaning Obscure, Hidden Away, or Secret. Luther wrote at the beginning of the section, "Apocrypha: These Books Are Not Held Equal to the Scriptures, but Are Useful and Good to Read."

It wasn't until 1644 that the Apocrypha started to disappear in our (the Protestant) Bible. That year Parliament forbade its usage in worship. The KJV had its Apocrypha-less printing in 1666 (it was included from 1611-1665). Gradually, translation after translation dropped it; the time, cost, and confusion saved by removing them seemed better to people.

The Apocrypha is becoming more popular, as people have a renewed interest in the ancient stories. Personally, I recommend reading them, but bear in mind Luther's advice: "These Books Are Not Held Equal to the Scriptures, but Are Useful and Good to Read."



SOCIAL MEDIA

Upcoming News

June 7 sermon: “Call to Repentance & the First Christian Community” Acts 2: 37-47

Bible Study: We are beginning the study of the book of Acts. 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

Zoom Help Desk: We will be available to help you log on!

Tuesday at 6:00 pm-7:00 pm using Zoom, same meeting that will be used for Bible Study

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If you need assistance contact Janice Myler (330-554-4483) or Pastor Andrew (717-725-4695)

Facebook Live Visits: 10-20 minute visit with Scripture, Prayer, News, and a few Thoughts

- Tuesdays at 9:30 am, Thursdays at 10 am, Sundays at 10 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!

Podcast: <https://anchor.fm/andrew-paul-wenger>

- Audio version of the worship you can download and listen to anywhere!
- This version is also posted on the website and mailed out as CDs

Email: Pastor Andrew sends out regular updates from his address

- Pat Mills and Beckie Ebie send out regular prayer needs throughout the prayer chain

Pat:pajimi@aol.com; Beckie: springfieldcob@sbcglobal.net;

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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Sunday Hours of Worship:

Sunday School, 9:30 am
Worship, 10:30 am