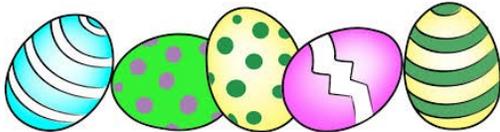


Springfield Cornerstone

APRIL 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Service Online also! </div> 					1	2 Kids Closet 10-12 pm
3 Jeff Bach, speaker Mt. Pleasant, Festival of Choirs 7 pm	4	5 Bible Study, 7 pm	6	7 Choir Practice 7 pm	8	9 Fellowship Hall reserved, 1-6 pm
10 Palm Sunday	11	12 Bible Study 7 pm	13 Commissions, 7 pm; Board Mtg. 7:40 pm	14 Love Fest, 7 pm	15 Good Friday	16
17 Easter Sunday; Tulip Sunday; Sunrise Service, Breakfast	18	19 Bible Study 7 pm	20	21 Choir Practice 7 pm	22 Earth Day	23
24 Potluck Dinner following service CoB Q&A session, 3-5, Ashland 1st	25	26 Bible Study 7 pm	27 Spring Council Meeting, 7 pm	28 Choir Practice 7 pm	28 Arbor Day	30 Sisters Retreat, Mansfield 1st

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





We Worship Jesus Together



We are so happy and honored to have you join us in worship today. Masks are provided in the back for those who would like one. For those who feel unsafe gathering, we continue to offer worship live online. Worship is live-streamed on YouTube every week for our family who joins us from home. Please subscribe there and follow us on Facebook for regular updates.

March Weekly offering & attendance

February 27, 2021; Attendance: 39; Offering: \$1,680.00; Specials: \$3,410.00
March 6, 2022; Attendance: 39; Offering: \$2,785.00; Specials: \$773.00
March 13, 2022; Attendance: 34; Offering: \$1,385.00; Specials: \$1,520.00
March 20, 2022; Attendance: 43; Offering: \$1,565.00; Specials: \$394.00
March 26, 2022; Attendance: 30; Offering: \$2,156.80; Specials: \$2,562.00

Commission Meetings
Wednesday, April 13th, 7 pm
Church Board Meeting
April 13th, 7:40 pm
Spring Council Meeting
April 27th, 7 pm



Dear Springfield, Thank you again for your continued support of the camp ministry; we certainly appreciate your generosity & thoughtfulness. We are beginning to see small peeks of spring amidst the snow, ice & rain & I continue to marvel at God's handiwork as the crocuses & daffodils try to push through the melting snow. One of the small wonders of creation that we get to experience every year & a reminder of the greatness of our God & the work of his hands. Many blessings to you throughout this Lenten Season, Shannon M. Kahler

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 & newsletter. Include the person's first & 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. Use this email in sending us your prayer requests.

Bulletin information: If you have any information or prayer concerns you would like in the bulletin, please email them to the church by Thursday each week. Thanks.

CD's of the worship service available: Please let the secretary know if you would like an audio CD mailed to you each week.



Thanks! The youth and the Christian Education committee would like to thank everyone for supporting us in the sub sandwich fundraiser. We made one hundred twenty sub sandwiches, and many people donated extra money for the youth. We cleared \$849.50. Thank you all so much! The support from our congregation for this fundraiser is such a blessing!

Thank you from the Core Ministries of our denomination for our recent contribution which supports the missions and ministries of the CoB.

Thanks for all sharing refreshments for the church Lenten service on March 20th.





HOLY WEEK

Thursday, April 14 Maundy Thursday

Love Feast & Holy Communion

Love Feast We will gather on Thursday, April 14th at 7 pm to share in our Maundy Thursday Love Feast. If you claim Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, you are invited to the Love Feast table.

In this service, we will remember the events surrounding Jesus sharing his last meal with the disciples in the upper room. Following a time for reflection, feet washing service and common meal, we will share the communion elements of the Bread and Cup as we renew our commitment to follow the example and teachings of Jesus and the New Testament. Please accept your invitation from Jesus to share in the worship experience.

Friday, April 15th Good Friday

God proved His love on the Cross. When Christ hung, and bled, and died,
it was God saying to the world, 'I love you.' – Billy Graham



Sunday, April 17th Easter Sunday

Easter Day will begin with an outdoors sunrise service in the cemetery (weather permitting) at 8 am which will be followed by a simple breakfast that will be served at 8:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.

Sunday school will be at 9:30 am and our Worship Service at 10:30 am. This is an exciting day as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and also a wonderful Sunday to invite those you care about who do not have a church home.



Easter Tulips: Thank you for sharing your tulips with us on Easter Sunday. You may take them home with you following the service.



Please note that the youth will **not be** making and selling Easter candy.



CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jeff Bach, Director of the Young Center of Anabaptist & Pietist Studies at Elizabethtown College, will be our speaker Sunday, April 3rd.

Festival of Choirs will be Sunday, April 3rd at 7 pm at the Mt. Pleasant Church of the Brethren. Choir to be present at 6 pm to practice.

Easter Sunday, we will meet for the Sunrise Service at 8 am, followed by breakfast at 8:30 am.

Potluck Dinner: We will meet in the fellowship hall, Sunday, April 24 following the service for a potluck dinner. All are welcome.

Condolences to the Cordier family. Brother Ron passed away March 29. His funeral service was held yesterday here at church.

An update on brother Bob, It is confirmed that he suffered a heart attack, most likely caused by the valve put in in 2012. Decisions & tests are being made, including the possibility of another valve replacement. At this time he is resting easily. Prayers are greatly appreciated.

Easter Tulips – Deadline for ordering tulips is April 10th. \$9.00 each. Turn in to Sam Courie or put in his mailbox. Order forms are in the back.

“The War Room” Sunday school class will continue meeting at 9:30 am. All are welcome! This class is meeting in the classroom found off the hallway behind the sanctuary. Attending Sunday school class is a great way to grow and strengthen our faith in God while enjoying spiritual growth & fellowship with one another.

Cemetery lot prices are now \$500 per lot for members and persons of lineage to members. The discounted rate is no longer in effect. See Mark Conner.

Volunteers needed for Sunday school teachers & nursery helpers. Christian Ed. will be starting a Sunday school class during the Sunday School hour for our younger children. We need a teacher for this class. Please, please, keep this need in your prayers. We need someone to fill this position. **We also need people to help in the nursery during regular church services.** There is a Nursery Sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the back of the sanctuary.

VBS Director needed: We are planning to have Vacation Bible school this year, August 8th-11th. We need someone who is willing to serve as VBS director. Please pray about these needs and consider volunteering to help. We cannot nurture Christian growth and values in our children without adults who are interested and willing to help.

Volunteers are needed to share in our worship service at 10:30 each Sunday: worship leaders, acolytes, greeters/greeter coordinator, & sound booth operations. We also welcome special music and new choir members. Please talk with the pastor if you are interested in any of these opportunities.

Flower Calendar: The Flower Calendar is on the back board. If you would like to honor or recognize the memory of someone in the coming months, please add the contact information. See Sam Courie if you have questions. The cost is \$20 for altar flowers.

Tuesday night Bible Study All are invited to join for this time of fellowship and renewal online or in person 7 pm at the church (Circle of Friends room, downstairs). A study of Isaiah will follow after Easter.





- April 2 Kid's Closet
- April 3 Jeff Bach speaking Sunday morning
- April 3 Festival of Choirs, Mt. Pleasant, 7 pm
- April 9 Fellowship Hall reserved 1-6 pm
- April 10 Palm Sunday,
- April 13 Commissions & Board Mtg.
- April 14 Love Feast
- April 17 Tulip Sunday, Sunrise Service, Break fast, Easter Service
- April 24 Potluck dinner following church
- April 24 CoB Q&A session, Ashland First
- April 27 Spring Council Meeting
- April 30 Sisters Retreat, Mansfield CoB
- May 8 Mother's Day
- May 22 Conference Delegate Briefing
- June 19 Father's Day
- July 10-14 Annual Conference, Omaha, NE
- July 23-28 NYC
- July 31 Bread & Cup Communion
- Aug. 7 Back to School Blast
- Aug. 8-11 VBS, evenings
- Aug.12-13 District Conference, Popular Ridge

New address: Isaiah Naylor's new address is 10453 St. Rt. 403, Seward, PA 15954. Please make the change in your directory.

New phone number: Please add this number to Andrew Hamilton's information in the directory on page 23 under Former Pastors. He recently moved to N. Carolina and with Laura, are new grandparents. Address is 134 Charles St., Canton, NC 28716 and phone # is 717-690-9600.

A prayer of praise and joy from Brother Dick. Sister Shirley has returned to Danbury. We praise God for this update. We also pray that Shirley is feeling more herself and that her medication is doing as they hope & expect.

Prayers for our neighbors, Steve and Karen, they live three doors down from the church building. Their home caught on fire around lunch last month. Everyone is safe they are spared most of their possessions. They attend the Church of the God down the road, & their church family came out to offer help. Thank you to our congregation for providing food and coffee. Contributions of gift cards are welcome.

Condolences to the Morckel and Zak family. Please be in prayer for Bruce Morckel and his family. Bruce's mom, Clara Zak, passed away March 7th. Calling hours are today, March 13th 4-6 at Hopkins Lawver in Ellet and Monday 10-11 with the funeral at 11 - also at Hopkins Lawver. The full obituary can be found at <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/name/clara-zak-obituary?id=33576171>





From the Pastor's Desk

Just a short thought today about Joseph of Arimathea. We know very little about him, though he is mentioned by name in all four Gospels as the man who opened his family's tomb for the body of Jesus. Legends have sprung up about him and he features prominently in the Arthurian legends concerning the Holy Grail. But legends aside, each gospel tells us a little bit about Joseph. We know that he is wealthy and influential, he has a seat on the Sanhedrin (the Jewish ruling body), probably as a Pharisee, and has the ability to appeal directly to Pilate for the release of Jesus's body. All four Gospels imply that he personally went, collected, wrapped and entombed Jesus's body. John adds that Nicodemus the Pharisee bought and brought the spices, assisting Joseph in the preparation for burial.

It is easy to compare the bravery of Joseph and Nicodemus to the Disciples who spend this time in hiding. But that isn't the message, the lesson is about the use of power. These two men knew their standing in Jerusalem. Though they may have been believers in and friends of Jesus, they also knew that those who opposed Jesus were not likely to directly attack them. They had their reputations, wealth, and official standings that made them somewhat immune to the displeasures of the Temple Elite. On the other hand, the 11 had no protection. They risked execution or punishment if they were caught. Joseph and Nicodemus's actions set the stage not only for the Resurrection, but also Pentecost and the birth of the Church by allowing the leaders to be to remain in hiding during a time of extreme danger.

Sometimes we are like Peter and the others, and it is best for us to keep our heads down until it is safe. Other times we are in the position of Joseph of Arimathea, where we can use our privilege to protect others or do the right thing in the face opposition. As we approach Easter and you think about the new life that you were promised by the empty tomb that Joseph volunteered, ask yourself how you will use that new life to build up the Kingdom of Heaven.

Prayer Meetings & Bible Study

Starting April 19th, we will begin a new Bible Study series that will examine the Book of Isaiah. This study will be offered twice a week (same lesson, two sessions) from April 19th until May 24th, then we will take a break until September 6th.

We will also continue to offer a Prayer Meeting, which personally I have found extremely beneficial for my spirit and highly encourage all to join. This will be offered 1 hour before each of the Bible Studies and will continue through the summer.

Tuesday, April the 5th - Prayer Meeting 7-8, online and in person

Thursday, April the 14th - Love Feast at 7!!!

Starting April 19th:

Tuesday Evenings: Prayer Meeting 6-7, Bible Study 7-8*

(On Tuesdays, both meetings will be offered in person & online)

Wednesday Afternoons: Prayer Meeting 1-2, Bible Study 2-3*

No Bible Study after May 24th until September 6th





DISTRICT NEWS

District Upcoming Dates—There are flyers on the back table listing upcoming district activities.

Conference Quilt block Our congregation is invited to create a block for the 2022 Annual Conference quilts. See flyer on bulletin board.

Annual Conference Covid Response Plan copies are on the back on table.

SISTERS’ Spring Retreat April 30th, Location will be the Mansfield First CoB. Guest speaker: Laura Kell, Center CoB Visit www.nohcob.org/sisters for more information.

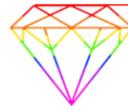
Disaster Volunteer Work Hello to all Church of he Brethren members. N. Ohio has been away from doing disaster volunteer work because of COVID. Well it’s time to think about volunteering to help others in their time of need. Please look at he schedule and added information which can be found on the back bulletin board and come and join us on a disaster trip. We will be asking for volunteers, so be ready and willing to serve.



Camp News: visit the camp web page for summer camp info:

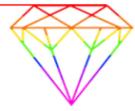
<http://www.inspirationhillscamp.org/camp/> See schedule on back board. Camp March Newsletter: <https://conta.cc/3HZOPAi>

Camp Spring Cleanup: April 29-30. If possible, please make plans to attend. Details on web page. RSVP to Ben Allshouse at 330-621-4574. Meals, fellowship & housing provided. Bring work boots, gloves and a smile. This might make a nice small group activity with carpooling down together.



Resource Gems

Ideas & Resources
Connecting Congregations



Volume 1: Issue 1
Winter 2022

Welcome To Resource Gems

Introducing a quarterly newsletter: Resource Gems, published by the District Board Connections Commission. Go to: www.nohcob.org/resource for current and archived issues. If you have a submission to share, please email Resource Gems Editor, Billi Janet Burkey, at billijanetburkey@yahoo.com or call 330-418-1148. A few copies can be found on the back table.

MISSION MOMENT

NORTHERN OHIO CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN GLOBAL MISSION

MOMENT
Pause for a moment to pray. A brief moment in time. 90 seconds to pray for those around the world and in your own community.

FEBRUARY 2022

Global Mission of the Church of the Brethren USA
The 11 countries where there are registered Church of the Brethren denominations as of Sept. 2020 are in orange.
The 8 countries where the Global Mission office has partnerships are in green.

Introducing a monthly newsletter: **Mission Moment**, published by Moses & Jocelyn Siakula, Global Mission Advocates for the Northern Ohio District Church of the Brethren. Visit www.nohcob.org/mission for current and archived issues. If you have additional prayer requests to add to the monthly Global Mission for Northern Ohio list please email them to Moses and Jocelyn Siakula at siakula2018@gmail.com. Thank you!

Sunday, April 24th, 3-5 pm at Ashland First CoB Question and Answer Session with David Steele (CoB General Secretary) and David Sollenberger (Conference Moderator).

Sunday, May 22, 3-5 pm, Annual Conf. Delegate Briefing with David Sollenberger (CoB Moderator)

Annual Conference, July 10-14, Omaha, Nebraska

National Youth Conference, July 23-28th

District Conference. Fri. & Sat. Aug 12, 13, Popular Ridge COB, Defiance, OH. Our theme is “ALLELON: We the Church” (One Another, Mutually, Together), Hebrews 10:24.



Social Media

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 beginning a new study. Meeting time is 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=cjVacXN0RHdVc1Y2YTM2WFB4WXpqdz09;>

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

Call-In: 1 312 626 6799, followed by Meeting ID 553 074 408
f you need assistance contact Pastor Andrew (717-725-4695)



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

- **Facebook:** www.facebook.com/SpringfieldCOB
New information is posted 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.
- The church office sends out regular prayer needs throughout the prayer chain
springfieldcob@gmail.com;

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

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

Spiritual Life - A hand in praying

Praying is a conversation with God, where one lifts up to God praises and worries and listen's for God's whispers. Sometimes though, we get lost in our prayers and it helps to have a framework. The Five-Finger prayer is a simple one that is easy to remember.

Press your palms together so that your finger run upwards against their mates, as you are probable taught as a small child. Then pray down your fingers from thumbs to pinky. For each finger, raise specific prayers:

Thumbs: For those closest to you (family, friends...)

Index: For those who serve the community (teachers, pastors, police, social workers...)

Middle: For leaders (congress, presidents (ours & beyond), governors, mayors...)

Ring: For those in need (for healing, safety, loneliness, poverty...)

Pinky: For yourself





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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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**Office Hours: 9:30 am—2 pm
Tues, Thurs, Fri**

Sunday Hours of Worship:

Sunday School, 9:30 am

Worship, 10:30 am