

Springfield Cornerstone

Cookie Walk The time for the annual Cookie walk is here! The event will be held on Saturday, December 16th. We are in need of volunteers to donate cookies! There will be a sign-up sheet on the back table for those who would like to be involved. We also are in need of volunteers to work the event! This is a great fundraiser for our church so please if you are able we would love your help! If you have any questions please reach out to Elyssa Kline

December 2023

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

Contacting Pastor Andrew:
 Call 717-725-4695 or 330-628-3058
 e-mail scob.andrew@gmail.com

2023 Giving Tree The Witness Commission is asking you to keep an eye out for sales on children's underwear and socks. We hope to fill a giant stocking that will be at the back of the church beginning in November with these items and donate them to our own Kids Closet. You can place the clothing donations right in the stocking. If you feel led to donate monetarily, please note your donation for Kids Closet.



Deacons “on call” for December
 Ranay Hatherill
 (330) 633-3051 (330) 524-0017 cell
 Bruce & Kim Morckel (330) 877-6758
 Bruce Morckel (330) 605-1348 cell
 Kim Morckel (330) 618-2379 cell

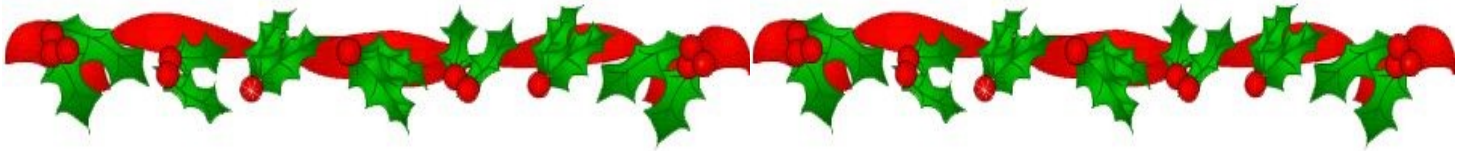
IT'S TIME TO MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE AND KICK OFF THE HOLIDAYS WITH CAROLING AND FUN! It's the most joyful time of the year and time to bring joy to our shut ins through song. Our annual Christmas Caroling will take place after church on Sunday, December 3rd. A lunch of pizza, salad, dessert and beverages will be provided after church before we head out to share the beauty and joy of Christmas to our shut-ins. We would love to have a few carloads of singers that day! Come join in the fun and make a joyful noise! This is a favorite for our shut-ins who always appreciate the visit, music and smiles!



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Candlelight Service Our Candlelight Service will be held the evening of Sunday, December 17th. A time of fellowship will follow the program. We are asking for donations of finger foods/appetizers for that evening. Coffee and punch will be provided. Please mark your calendars for that evening and get into the holiday spirit by attending a wonderful program and then sharing in some great food and conversation with our wonderful church family! Thank you in advance for your yum-



Please pray for:

Our church	Pastor Andrew & family
Emily Bell	Wayne & June Biltz
Elizabeth Butera	Avenell Cippant
Jean Garcia	Karen Hites
Dee Kinsey	Howard Ludwick
Jim & Pat Mills	Dick Putt
Melanie & Cindy Smethers	Rita Snyder
Bonnie Young	Bill Davis (husband of Donna)
Roger Kraisinger	Matt (friend of Duane)
Hazel (sister of Bob)	Barbara Seese (wife of Tom)
Pam Thome (sister of Judi Sammons)	
Family of John Kurtz who passed November 18th	
Family of Grayce Woerz whose sister-in law passed Nov. 19th	



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

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.

The Prayer Chain:

If you have a prayer that you wished to share among the community, you can reach out by: connecting Pastor Andrew's cell, the Church Secretary's phone, or [email springfieldprayers@gmail.com](mailto:springfieldprayers@gmail.com). (If prayers are urgently needed, call Pastor Andrew.) Reasons for prayers and names do not have to be disclosed if that is your wish.

Bible Study is meeting Tuesdays at 7 pm.
The Prayer Group is now meeting at 6 pm.

REMEMBERING OUR SHUT-INS

Elizabeth Butera Glenwood Home, Rm #54
836 34th St., Canton, OH 44709

Elaine Jackson 640 Fulmer Ave, Akron, OH 44312

Milton Kurtz 2471 Christenson Ave,
Akron, OH 44314

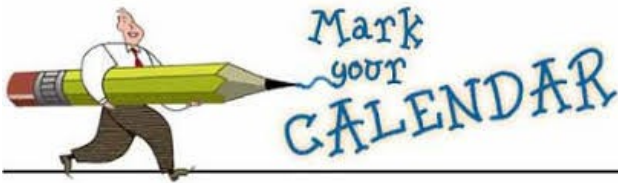
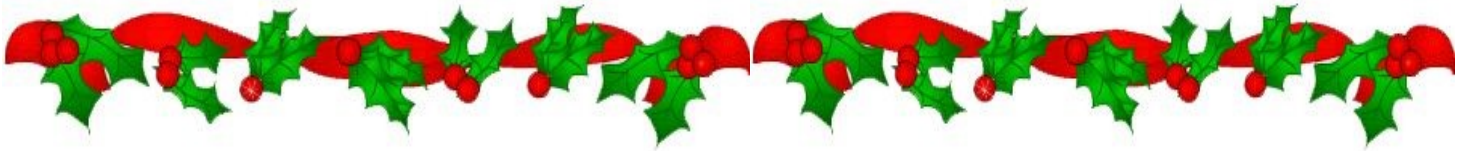
Dick Putt Danbury Sr. Center
73 East Ave. Apt. 237
Tallmadge, OH 44278

Norma Shanafelt 316 Lisa Ave. SW, Hartville, OH 44632
(330-877-3749) (daughter, Cathy—330-603-1912)
(Norma is living at the Gables of Green in Uniontown)

Condolences to the family of Brother John Kurtz who passed November 18th. The service was held Sunday, November 26 here at the church.

Condolences Please remember in prayer the family of Midge Ebie (sister-in-law of Grayce Woerz) Midge passed away November 19th. Services were yesterday at the Bissler Funeral Home in Kent. She leaves her husband, Bob with many children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Painesville CoB is having a Christmas Cantata on Christmas Eve (Sunday the 24th) at 7 pm. Dawn, let us know of any other details we can put in the announcement. Thanks!



Prayer Meeting: Tues, 6 pm:
Bible Study: 7 pm
Sunday school classes, Sunday, 9:30 am
Choir Practice Thursdays, 7 pm
1st Sunday of Advent, December 3
Caroling following church & a pizza lunch,
December 3
Cookie Walk, December 16
Poinsettia Sundays December 17 & 25
Christmas Greeting Deadline, Dec. 17
Candlelight Service, December 17

November Attendance & Offering

November 5, 2023; Attendance: 45 plus 5 online

Offering: \$1,283.00; Specials: \$268.64

November 12, 2023; Attendance: 42 plus 4 online

Offering: \$4,277.50; Specials: \$315.00

November 19, 2023; Attendance: 44 plus 6 online

Offering: \$1,641.00; Specials: 0

November 26, 2023; Attendance: 26 plus 9 online

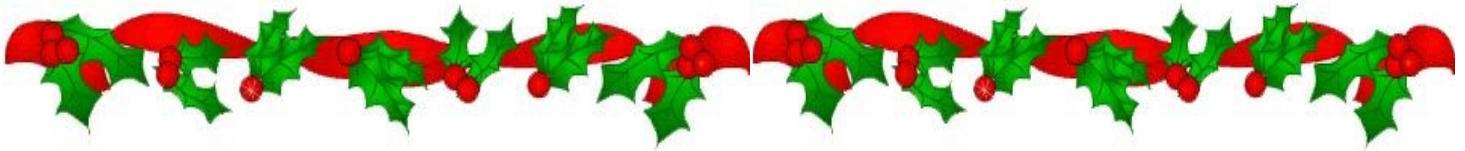
Offering: \$1,696.00; Specials: \$1,270.00

Bible Study: Bible Study is meeting on Tuesday at 7 pm.

A Prayer Meeting takes place Tuesdays at 6:00 pm and will take place downstairs in the Circle of Friends Classroom which is just to the right at the bottom of the stairs. (Link is in the weekly email)

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

- **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 is found below.**
- **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!
- **Mailing of CD's.** 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 or the prayer request email: Springfieldprayers@gmail.com.
- **One Call Now:** Please see page 30 in the new directory for information in using One Call services. If you wish to be added, removed or have contact changed, please inform Pastor Andrew. Email Pastor Andrew or the church office, or call Pastor Andrew or the church office to add prayer concerns, announcements or reminders to be sent out on the One Call Now System.



CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Poinsettia Sundays will be December 17 and 25. Today is the last day to place your order. You will find an order form in your bulletin. Poinsettias are \$10 each, with order and payment to go to Sam Courie.

Christmas Greetings We will be doing "Christmas Greetings" this year. Instead of sending Christmas cards to your church friends, consider donating money you would spend to fund Clean-Up buckets for Church World Service. Please make your donation no later than December 17 with your name as you want it to appear in the bulletin and the donation amount. In making checks, please make them to Springfield Church of the Brethren.



Directory Changes –This is the last week to make any changes to the directory in the back of the sanctuary. You can also email changes and updates to Pastor Andrew.

Ordination of Pastor Andrew was Sunday November 19th. He has completed all the requirements of Ordination and was ordained by Pastor Kris during the worship service. A reception following church was held to congratulate him and celebrate his ordination as our pastor.



Deacon Calling was held the last Sunday of October. New deacons will be announced shortly.

Flower Calendar: Witness Commission is considering taking a break from weekly flowers on the altar. We would like to get your thoughts on this. Please speak with Kim Morckel, Christine Kline, or Clarajeane Knepp.

Acme Receipts Thank you to Julie Frient for continuing to collect and turn in our Acme Receipts. If you shop at Acme, please continue to bring in those receipts!

Kid's Closet is open monthly Saturday mornings with the next

one the first Saturday in February from 10-12 pm

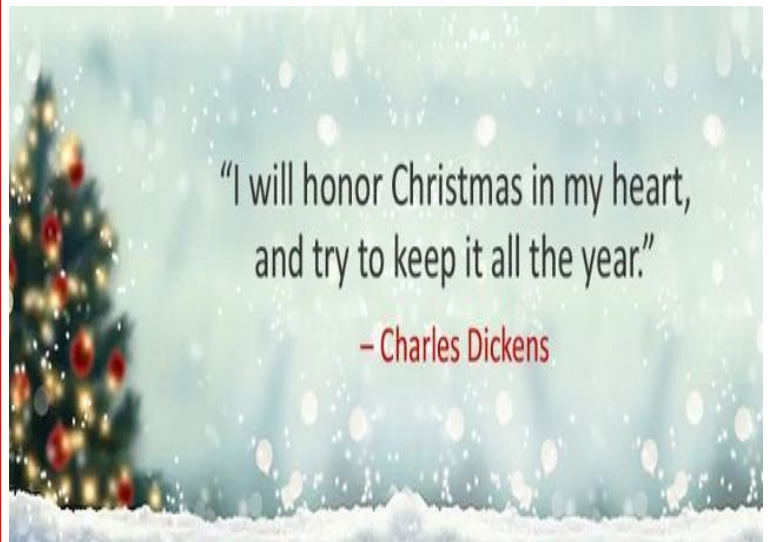
Come and join our choir! Welcome back to our choir who has resumed practice on Thursdays at 7:00 pm at church. We would love to have new members! Come sing and praise God with your voice!

The Upper Room daily devotionals for December and January can be found on the literature rack inside the main entrance.

Bible Study is meeting Tuesdays at 7 pm. **The Prayer Group** is now meeting at 6 pm.

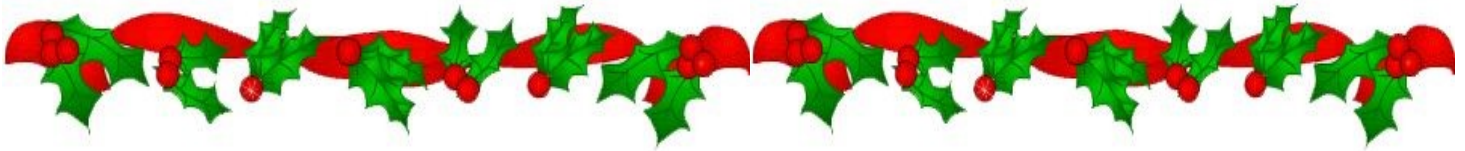


Sunday School classes There are currently two Sunday School Classes taking place on a regular basis. A class for **Pre-School - Second Grade** is **The adult class meets at 9:30 am Sunday morning.** Let us walk this journey together. This class meets behind the Sanctuary.



"I will honor Christmas in my heart,
and try to keep it all the year."

- Charles Dickens



December Bible Trivia

How well acquainted with the Bible are you?

Try your luck on the following questions.

Answers will be in next month's newsletter.

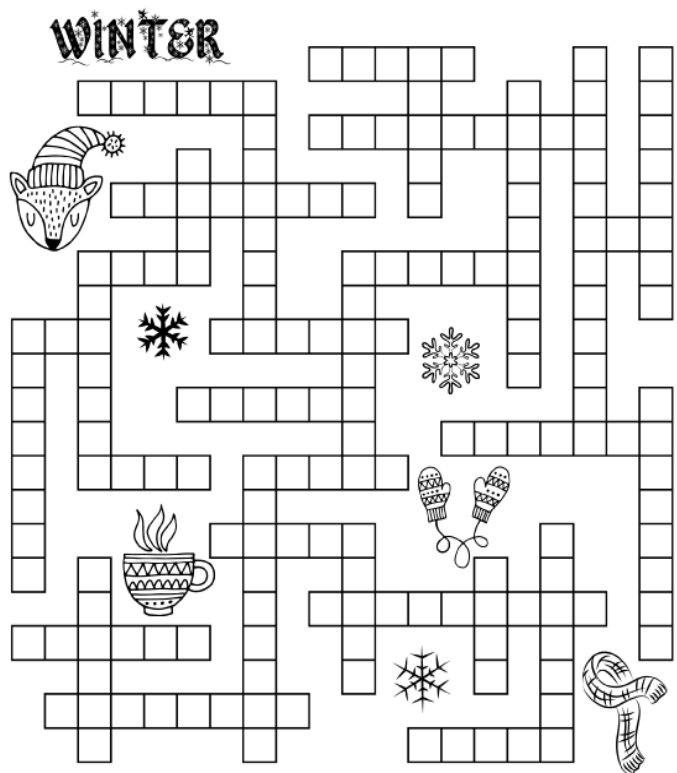
1. What color hair did Essau have?
2. In which books does Paul write about Onesimus?
3. What are the two other first names by which the apostle Peter was sometimes called?
4. During the reign of which two kings of Israel was Nathan an important prophet?
5. What are the two other names by which the city of Constantinople been known?

- Answers to November's Bible Trivia:**
1. Ruth (Matt 1: 5-7)
 2. 3 (Matt. 9: 23; Luke 7: 11-15; John 11: 43-44)
 3. David's adultery with Bethsheba and/or the arranged death of Uriah
 4. 1 Corinthians 14: 4-6
 5. 6th bowl; the 6th angel poured his bowl on the River Euphrates & its water dried up.

Santa Word Search

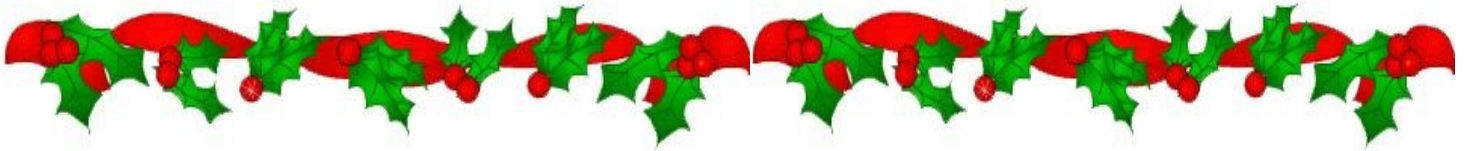
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| Fairies | Sleigh |
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| North Pole | St. Nick |
| Reindeer | Toys |



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| | melt | scarf | gloves | sweater | hot cocoa | longjohns |
| | snow | sleet | heater | wintery | slippery | snowstorm |
| | | slush | jacket | | snowsuit | snowstorm |
| | | snowy | shiver | | solstice | freezing rain |

Tree Valley Academy



CAMP INSPIRATION HILLS

Register for winter camp before Christmas and save \$25! Camps for Junior High and Junior Campers are happening January 12-15, 2024 with Bible studies, crafts, outdoor fun and all of the hot chocolate that you can drink! This camp starts on Friday evening and runs through Monday (MLK Day) and we will have service projects for campers AND their parents in honor of MLK Day. Bring a friend that has never been to camp and save an additional \$10! Registration forms are below, please enclose payment with your registration and return it to: Winter Camp . Inspiration Hills . 4819 West Easton Rd . Burbank, OH 44214

WINTER CAMPS —CAMP INSPIRATION HILLS

Junior (grades 3-5 and Jr. Hi (grades 6-8 January 12-15

(separate programming)

Bring Your Big (ages 3-8 with an adult 18+ February 2-3

Sledding, snowman building, winter hiking

Winter Special!!! Bring your friend who has never been to camp before and you both get a \$30 discount. (Does not apply to “Bring your Big”.)



Winter camp is the perfect way to enjoy for Ohio winter weather and spend time with God!

Inspiration Hills welcomes Andrew Kauffman as the Interim Camp Executive Director!

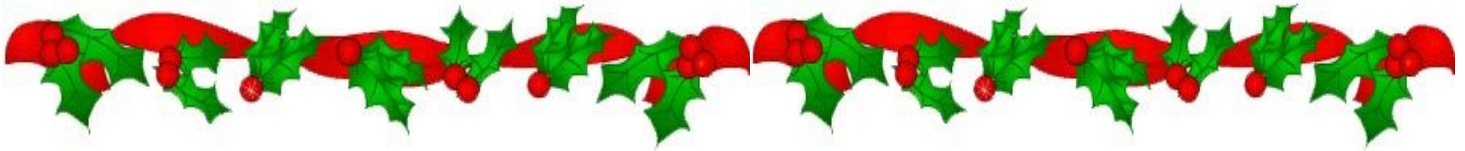
Andrew will begin serving in this calling on December 1, 2023 and will overlap with Shannon Kahler before she retires at the end of December. Andrew brings administrative and relational gifts to this ministry as well as a passion for Christian camping. He also has a deep love for Jesus and a joy in being able to share that faith. Andrew has worked at Camp Mack (the Church of the Brethren Camp in Indiana) for multiple years both as an employee and as a volunteer.




He moved to Arizona in 2008 to teach, also serving as Technology Coordinator and Dean of Students before becoming Principal then Superintendent of the school system. During that time, he returned summers to volunteer at Camp Mack until his administrative roles kept him in Arizona year round.

Inspiration Hills is currently seeking a full-time Facility Manager and full-time Kitchen/Program Coordinator to begin January 1, 2024. A competitive salary and benefits will be offered to the qualified candidate. Please contact the camp at info@inspirationhillscamp.org for more information or application. Job descriptions and qualifications for each position can be found on the camp website.



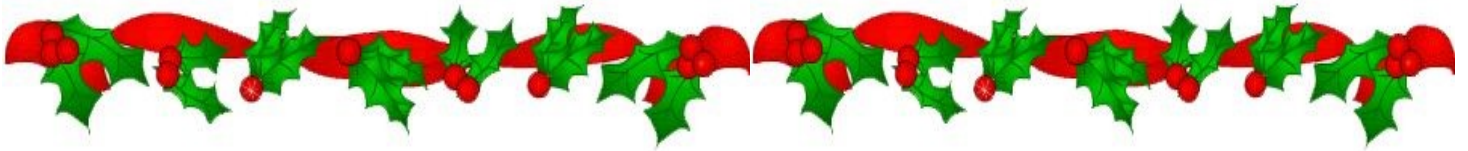


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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednes-	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:30 Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Service Online also!					1	2 Kids Closet, 10-12
3 1st Sunday of Advent; Caroling & Lunch, 2 Cent Meal Offering	4	5 Prayer Mtg 6 pm; Bible Study, 7 pm	6	7 Choir Practice, 7 pm	8	9
10 2nd Sunday of Advent	11	12 Prayer Mtg 6 pm; Bible Study, 7 pm	13 No church meetings	14 Choir Practice, 7 pm	15	16 Cookie Walk
17 3rd Sunday of Advent; Poinsettia Sunday, Candle-light Service	18	19 Prayer Mtg 6 pm; Bible Study, 7 pm	20	21 Choir Practice, 7 pm	22	23
24 4th Sunday of Advent; Poinsettia Sunday; Painesville CoB Cantata, 7 pm;	25 Christmas Day	26 Prayer Mtg 6 pm; Bible Study, 7 pm	27	2Choir Practice, 7 pm	29	30
31 New Year's Eve	Painesville CoB is having a Christmas Cantata on Christmas Eve (Sunday the 24th) at 7 pm. Dawn, let us know of any other details we can put in the announcement. Thanks!					

December Birthdays and Anniversaries

3 Clara Jean Knepp	12 Bill Davis	20 Roger Kraisiner
3 Jay Kinsey	14 Wayne/June Biltz	23 Emmeline Bowling
9 Emily Bell	14 Cody Watkins	26 Erin Howarth
9 Pat Mills	15 Adam Mohler	28 Angie Stockwell
10 Cindy Peel	17 Adam Naylor	31 Denise Sells
11 Katelyn Davis	20 Sam Courie	



Springfield Church of the Brethren

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Church web address: Springfield-cob.com



*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."



Pastor: Andrew Wenger

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Pastor's In-Office Hours: Tues.– Fri.
mornings, and by appointment

Church Secretary: Beckie Ebie

Church Office: 330/628-3058

email: Springfieldcob@gmail.com

Office Hours: Friday: 9:00 am—2 pm

**Sunday Hours
of Worship:**
Sunday School, 9:30 am
Worship, 10:30 am