



Springfield Cornerstone

MAY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 2 cent offering	2	3 Prayer Mtg, 6-7; Bible Study, 7-8 pm	4 Prayer Mtg, 1-2; Bible Study, 2-3	5 Choir Practice, 7 pm	6	7 Kids Closet, 10 am –12 pm
8 Mother's Day	9	10 Prayer Mtg, 6-7; Bible Study, 7-8 pm	11 Prayer Mtg, 1-2; Bible Study, 2-3 Commissions 7 pm ECM 7:40	12 Choir Practice, 7 pm	13	14
15	16	17 Prayer Mtg, 6-7; Bible Study, 7-8 pm	18 Prayer Mtg, 1-2; Bible Study, 2-3	19 Choir Practice, 7 pm	20	21
22 Conference Delegate Briefing	23	24 Prayer Mtg, 6-7; Bible Study, 7-8 pm	25 Prayer Mtg, 1-2; Bible Study, 2-3	26 Choir Practice, 7 pm	27	28
29	30 Memorial Day	31 Bible Study resumes Sept. 6th.	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Service Online also! </div>			

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





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.

April Weekly offering & attendance

April 3, 2022; Attendance: 32; Offering: \$1,920.00;
Specials: \$121.11
April 10, 2022; Attendance: 38; Offering: \$2,349.00;
Specials: \$342.93
April 17, 2022; Attendance: 78; Offering: \$2,570.00;
Specials: \$1,743.00
Sunrise service attendance: 15
April 24, 2022 Attendance: 68; Offering: \$1,150.00;
Specials: \$0

Commission Meetings

Wednesday, May 11th, 7 pm
Executive Committee Meeting
May 11th, 7:40 pm

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

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.

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: One of the most vital ministries that we offer one another is our prayers. We pray for each other in times of health and sick-

ness, in moments of joy and sorrow. Sometimes, prayers are needed between our worship services or they are ones that we don't want to publicly share but wish to be lifted up by the group. For these times we offer 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.

The call for prayers are then put out in two ways: the Email Group and the Call Chain. If you wish to be added to either of these groups, please contact the church secretary. Also, the Call Chain has been updated in the new Church Directory, please consult it if you are on or have been on the Call Chain to confirm who should call you, whom you should call, and that you are on the list if you want to be.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Prayers asked for the Ludwicks. Sister Mary Ann is having health issues and has been experiencing coughing, shortness of breath, and nausea (thankfully it is known to not be COVID). Brother Howard had a pacemaker replacement last Monday. It went well. Prayers and notes are greatly appreciated.

Last Sunday we celebrated the life of Emmeline Mary-Eloise Bowling with a dedication to God, which included her family and our deacons.

Tuesday & Wednesday Bible Study All are invited to join for this time of fellowship and renewal online or in person. We will meet for a prayer meeting from 6-7 pm and Bible study from 7-8 pm Tuesday. We will also meet Wednesdays from 1-2 and 2-3 pm for prayer and Bible Study meeting at the church building (Circle of Friends room, downstairs). Prayer meetings will continue into the summer, with Bible Study ending May 24.

Annual Conference Delegate briefing with David Sollenberger (CoB moderator) to be held at the E. Chippewa CoB Sunday, May 22 from 3-5 pm.

Spring Camp News “What’s Happening At Camp” can be found on the bulletin board and on the back table

“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.

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 Christine Kline or Sam Courie (Music & Worship Commission) if you are interested in any of these opportunities.

Conference Quilt block Our congregation is invited to create a block for the 2022 Annual Conference quilts. There will not be any quilting at conference because of Covid, but a special gift quilt will be given to the moderator for his service on the last day. See flyer on bulletin board.

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

Disaster Volunteer Work The spring and summer schedule of work camps is on the bulletin board. Please look at the schedule and added information and come and join us on a disaster trip. We will be asking for volunteers, so be ready and willing to serve.



Thanks to all who contributed delicious dishes for our potluck dinner last Sunday and thanks to all who stayed for wonderful Christian fellowship.

Thanks from Manchester University for our recent contribution of \$250. Melanie Harmon VP for Advancement reminds us that “the world has changed through the years, but some things never do. Manchester is still a place that instills integrity, where students clarify their own values & discover their best selves. They then are able to strengthen their communities, build peace, promote justice and reflect love on whatever individual journeys they choose.”

Thanks from Jeff Boshart of Global Food Initiative for our contribution to help people facing hunger with the food they need.

Thanks to all who shared with the breakfast and the service on Easter Sunday and the Love Feast on Maundy Thursday. Also, thanks to all who purchased tulips to remember loved ones and to celebrate Easter.

Thanks from camp for generously supporting the camp ministry. On April 23 a new summer camp group arrived for tours and the leader was in tears because she felt so overwhelmed by the presence of God in this place. This group will be bringing about 200 campers from a variety of backgrounds to camp this summer to experience the wonder of God’s creation and the healing power of His grace. Please continue to surround the camp ministry in your prayers as we rebuild and minister to the needs of the campers and guests that God sends our way. In Christ, Shannon Kahler



Camp News:

See schedule on back board.

Camp March Newsletter: <https://conta.cc/3HZOPai>

Visit the camp web page for summer camp info:

<http://www.inspirationhillscamp.org/camp/>

Prayer Meetings & Bible Study

We have recently started 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 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





Spring Council Meeting Notes

Christian Education Commission Minutes

- Two adult Sunday school classes: one studying The War Room material, led by Bev Sheets, the other led by Mike Conner.
- Jr. Worship meeting during church service with the nursery available during morning worship.
- Bags of Easter candy passed out to children on Easter.

Fellowship & Recreation Commission

- Refreshments after the candlelight program.
- Lenten service held at our church.
- Easter Breakfast
- Carry in meal on April 24.

Finance Commission

- Reviewed Treasurer's Report noting the extent we were near the budget and amounts in Special Holding & Emergency Fund Expenditures. Pastor's budget & Secretary's hours were also reviewed.
- Investments monitored and interest received discussed.
- Cemetery lot prices discussed & increased as of April 1st. Sales of 12 lots were arranged in March.
- Utility rates reviewed and a lower rate was found for gas and electric to be reviewed this month. The audit for 2020 records discussed.

Music and Worship Commission

- Decorated church for "Hanging of the "Greens" .
- Organized the ordering of Poinsettias
- Secured proper CCLI licensing for our music ministry thanks to Janice Myler.
- Continuing to work at streaming our worship service thanks to Mike, Dawn Conner and Pastor Andrew.
- Updating use of sound booth and audiovisual equipment thanks to Mike, Dawn Conner, Doug

Kline & Anthony Garcia.

- Decided on yearly event dates for calendar.
- Distributing birthday cards to members.
- Purchased palms for Palm Sunday & decorated worship center for Lent & Easter with help from Christine Kline.
- Organized purchase of tulips & gifts to be given out on Mother's & Father's Day.
- Put together instructional packets for the sound booth & audiovisual equipment.
- Working on securing special music for summer.

Trustee Commission

- Furnace annual maintenance done in November. Making slight increase in the charge of headstone footers to 10 cents an inch. Cemetery operating funds is taking care of expenses in the cemetery except mowing.
- Changes being made to rental agreement: no tape on ceiling, only masking tape used, no glitter or confetti, no stickum discs.
- Railing placed on stairs NW of bldg. for Kids Closet. Fascia on front of church repaired.

Witness Commission

- Set up the Giving Tree to help supply Kid's Closet.
- Continue to designate shut-in's with altar flowers financed by all Acme receipts.
- Kim, Clarajean & Mike attended the Revitalization Seminar & continue to be active.
- Prepared & delivered 17 Easter baskets to shut-ins & those not attending for awhile.
- Thanks to Becky Burtoft with running the Kid's Closet with help from the commission.
- Planning the BTSB and could use volunteers.
- Working on paperwork for a grant from the Brotherhood Mutual Foundation to help with funding BTSB & Kid's Closet.



Spring Council Meeting Notes, continued

- Everything we do is a result of the generosity of church members. Thank You!

Deacons Report

- Deacon's Calling held on October 31st. Four people were called.
- Our Reorganization meeting held in December. Officers chosen, Deacon on Call list completed, formed the Bereavement Committee. Discussion on the Beyond Care groups with decision to continue this ministry.
- Delivered 10 poinsettias to all shut-ins for Christmas in lieu of fruit baskets due to the increased cost of baskets.
- Care groups created in January.
- Communion prepared and held on January 31, also taken to shut-ins.
- Funeral meals provided for the families of Peggy Swinehart, Sondra Grund and Ron Cordier.
- Meals delivered to many members due to illness, surgeries, & special needs for a period of 2 weeks for each person.
- Homemade bread, balloons & a personal note from Pastor Andrew delivered to 17 shut-ins in March.
- Anointing service on April 10th with deacons helping.
- Love Feast on April 17 with deacons setting up, preparing food and working along side Pastor Andrew.
- Deacons continuing to send cards, call and visit their care group members.
- We encourage all members to reach out to their deacon when a need arises to celebrate happenings, to pray, to talk, to walk together in Christ.

Revitalization Committee

This committee is an outgrowth of the following people attending the District Revitalization Workshop in early March.

- This committee has met three times so far with Pastor Andrew (facilitator), Bev Sheets, Kim Morckel, Clarajean Knepp, Rany Hatherill and Mike Conner attending.
- Discussing activities started in March with positive feedback such as,
- New Sunday school class well attended
- Anointing service on Palm Sunday.
- Prayer groups and Bible Study
- Potluck dinner after church
- Discussed the importance of prayer with a prayer meeting held using the 5 finger method of prayer.
- Planning activities that are "easy" to do such as fellowship meals or refreshments, and sending cards to people in nursing homes & in community.
- Possible ideas to do in future: prayer meetings for Sundays, Vesper type of prayer, potluck once a month, setting up a prayer room, healing services.
- Discussed the involvement in community and volunteer opportunities such as Open M ministry, Haven of Rest, or Battered Women's Shelter.
- Discussed supporting B.T.S.B., being that it is an outreach activity that needs support to be successful.
- Discussed how to cultivate the Holy Spirit in each of us? The need is felt that the total congregation needs strengthening and better and more prayer warriors. Preach Christ all the time.

Result of the ballot for District Conference Delegates:

Chosen as delegates are Mike Conner and Pastor Andrew. Jean Garcia was chosen as alternate.



From the Pastor's Desk: How do you pray?

How do you pray? Do you close your eyes or stare into the corner of the room? Do you recite a prayer that you memorized so far back that you don't remember when you first learned it? Or are your prayers more free-flowing, allowing every thought to pour out of your heart to God? There is no right way to pray, so long as you take the time, even if it is only breath's worth as you head into work or an appointment. It is important that we take the time to recognize God in our lives and call upon God for help in living in this world. Prayer is the backbone of our spiritual lives as Christians, it is the most basic practice that we are taught first and one that should be maintained throughout our lives. But because of that, often our prayer life becomes... stale. I hope that is not true for you, but I know for many it is. There are number of reasons:

First, we grow as people but our prayer life doesn't always grow with us. The prayer that my daughter says every night is perfect for her. It is tailored to her world and her concerns, but it is not enough for me. I need a prayer that engages with the complex worries of my adult life, I need my prayers to sometimes be angry or sad, I need time to struggle with God. I may also need new frameworks (outlines or full prayers) to offer me new paths in my conversation with God. The prayers that we have always said are great, but we also need to recognize that we are not the same people, so our prayer life must grow too.

Second, we only pray in one way. If you take a moment and search "types of prayer" on the internet, you see people offering lists 4 to 12 'types' of prayer. Usually they include such types as: petition, praise, & thanksgiving. You probably engage multiple types in a single prayer, or perhaps you aren't, or there is a type that you have never really tried. I invite you to try others and to push your boundaries in what you say to God.

Third, we talk too much! When was the last time you sat silently in prayer (without thinking a prayer either) and listened for God's voice? It isn't truly a conversation with God if you don't give God a chance to talk back. This is one of the hardest and most awkward skills to learn in our prayer lives, which may be the reason that many of us don't engage with it very well. However, it is also powerful and opens us to be in closer relationship with God. Give yourself some exercise on that skill, start small and work your way towards longer moments of silence and listening.



Lastly, we pray alone too much. When is the last time you prayer with someone? (And I don't mean during Sunday morning worship!) Prayer is meant to be communal as well as private. We are invited to pray for and with one another. Open prayer with a small group or just one other person invites us to be in deeper relationship with one another and Christ. (If you are looking for a group to pray with, you are invited to join us at the church building at 6pm on Tuesdays and 1pm on Wednesdays for prayer.)

A word of warning, revitalizing your prayer life opens you to a dangerous power, God. You never know where God will lead you when you listen, but of course, you will also live a life more fulfilling by doing so! Good luck and I pray that you will find the Spirit runs rampant in your life.



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, “Isaiah” Meeting time is Tuesday at 7:00 pm using Zoom. A Prayer Meeting will precede at 6:00 pm.

Also: Bible Study Wednesday from 2-3 pm with prayer time before from 1-2 pm. The prayer meetings will last through the summer; Bible study will conclude May 24 until fall.

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



- May 7 Kids Closet, 10-12 pm
- May 8 Mother's Day
- May 11 Commissions & Executive Committee
- May 22 Annual Conf. Briefing, E Chippewa CoB, 3-5 pm
- 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

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!



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Peacefully. Simply. Together.*

We Invite You

- to join with us in the fellowship of a Christian family.
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Sunday Hours of Worship:

Sunday School, 9:30 am

Worship, 10:30 am