



Springfield Cornerstone



**<u>CROP WALK:</u>** Attention parents and grandparents! Our young children will be doing a mock CROP Walk during the Sunday church service on November 5. Pastor Andrew will lead them on a "hike" and a special

offering will be taken and collected by our walkers for CROP instead of the regular 2 Cents a Meal offering. Please encourage your pint sized loved ones to attend!

**<u>2023 Giving Tree</u>** 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.



Commission Meetings, Wed., November 8, 7 pm Executive Committee Meeting, Wed., November, November 8, 7:40 pm



Bible Study is meeting Tuesdays at 7 pm. The Prayer Group is now meeting at 6 pm. Bible Study will be studying Spiritual Beings (First of 3 projects) - Using the Bible Project series we will explore how the ancient Israelites, the

writers of the Bible, and the Jews of Jesus's era understood Spiritual Beings and this has shaped and continues to shape our faith. 7 weeks: Intro, Elohim, Divine Council, Angels & Cherubim, Angel of the Lord, the Satan and Demons, and the New Humanity.

# November 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

Deacons "on call" for November Terri Tucker (330) 733-5306 (330) 322-7266

> Bev Bridger (330) 699-3839 (330) 612-9668 cell



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#### <u>Please pray for:</u>

Pastor Andrew & family Our church Emily Bell Wayne & June Biltz Elizabeth Butera Avenell Cippant Karen Hites ean Garcia Dee Kinsey Howard Ludwick Jim & Pat Mills Dck Putt Faye Reed Rita Snyder Joe/Verona Stefanka Bonnie Young Debbie (Jaylee's grandma) Brian Shorb (brother of Bernita) Chris Burtoft (Sister-in-law to Dale & Becky Burtoft) Cindy & Gus (sister and brother in law to Melanie) Dee & Paul (aunt & uncle of Mike and Mark) Denny (neighbor of Mark) Roger Kraisinger- Health concerns Rachel- Young mother of three battling stage four cancer Lorrie Simmons (friend of Rita Snyder) Parker (Burtoft's grandson)

### **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 Stables of Green in Uniontown)



**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 <u>email springfieldprayers@gmail.com</u>. (If prayers are urgently needed, call Pastor Andrew.) Reasons for prayers and names do not have to disclosed if that is your wish.



Deacon Commission Report— Delivered small gifts, treats & a letter from Pastor Andrew to 21 shut-ins/elderly last June. Provided elements for communion in August, and for he Love Feast in October. Provided an ice-cream social in September with special music. Continually provide services in the areas of transportation, errands, moving, shopping or other needs to our congregation. Assisted in 3 anointings this year. Deacons continue to support the members of their Care Group through prayer, visitation, cards and calls. We keep in touch with members throughout the week. Updated the membership list and prepared for deacon calling. Deacons encourage all members to reach out to their deacon for any need and for any reason. We are here to support, pray and walk with you as we praise and honor our Lord and Savior.





Prayer Meeting: Tues, 6 pm: Bible Study: 7 pm Adult Sunday school class, Sunday, 9:30 am Choir Practice Thursdays, 7 pm Mock Crop Walk, November 5 Daylight Savings Time ends, November 5 Commissions/Executive Committee, November 8 America Recycle Paper Bonus Day, November 13 Kids Closet, Saturday, December 2, 10-12 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent, December 3

### **October Attendance & Offering**

October 1, 2023; Attendance: 28 plus 7 online Offering: \$1,505.00; Specials: \$182.37 October 8, 2023; Attendance: 40 plus 4 online Offering: \$2,394.00; Specials: \$60.00 October 15, 2023; Attendance: 37 plus 5 online Offering: \$1,206.00; Specials: \$50.00 October 22, 2023; Attendance: 36 plus 4 online Offering: \$13,274.00; Specials: \$135.00 October 29, 2023; Attendance: 34 plus 6 online Offering: \$1,502.00; Specials: 0

### **<u>Bible Study:</u>** Bible Study is meeting on Tuesday at 7 pm.

<u>A Prayer Meeting takes place Tuesdays</u> 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!

- <u>Sunday service:</u> 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: <u>www.facebook.com/SpringfieldCOB</u> New information is posted here; you don't need to have an account to see the page.
- YouTube: <a href="http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPFzecAEgzFC0Q4LP6ix3pw">www.youtube.com/channel/UCPFzecAEgzFC0Q4LP6ix3pw</a>
- 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: <a href="mailto:springfieldcob@gmail.com">springfieldcob@gmail.com</a> or the prayer request email: Springfieldprayers@gmail.
- **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

Thanks to all who came last Sunday for our Fall Project in making cards for our friends living at older adult homes. The cards have been distributed to Danbury, Green Gables and Glenwood Home where Norma Shanafelt, Elizabeth Butera and Dick Putt reside.

**Deacon Calling was last Sunday**. Our new deacons will be announced shortly.

America Day Bonus week for recycling paper will be November 13.

**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 Clarajean Knepp.

<u>Acme Receipts</u> 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 on December 2 from 10-12 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 held in the Nursery room and they are following a purchased curriculum. **The adult class meets at 9:30 am Sunday morning**. Let us walk this journey together. This class meets behind the Sanctuary.

**Sister's Fall Retreat:** This retreat has been rescheduled for next spring on April 6th, 2024. Please mark your calendars . Blessings. Billi Janet Burkey

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**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!

**Disaster Relief:** Northern Ohio is committed to send 7 volunteers to work at the 2024 Brethren Disaster Ministries site for 2 weeks - May 19-25 and Sept. 8-14. As of this time, we aren't sure where those sites may be, but it is possible that the site in Dawson Springs, KY will be there all of 2024. We will get the information to you if you are interested. Please let me know as soon as possible if you are interested and which week you prefer and I will reserve a spot for you. Thanks so much for your interest in serving! Kim Morckel

Eastwood CoB is hosting their Fall/Holiday Craft Show to be held on November 11, 2023.9 am-3 pm. 581 Darrow Rd., Akron. Crafts, food, baked goods and more! Table rental \$35 per 8 ft with 2 chairs. For info call Peggy Sue Tobias 330-784-2420; email: ewdcob@att.net.

**Wedgewood UMC church offers a food pantry** the 2nd Monday of each month from 11 am– 3:30 pm. They also offer a hot break-fast (Love in Action) and serve non-perishable bags given out the 4th Sat. of the month from 9-10:30 am. 3450 Wedgewood Dr., Akron, OH

**Eastwood CoB is offering a Christ** Closet (clothes for all ages) the fourth Sat. of November from 11 am-1 pm. Call the church at 330-784-2420 if questions.

**Condolences to the family of Bob Snyder** who passed on October 21<sup>st</sup>. His funeral service was held here at the church.

**Thanks from Camp Inspiration Hills**: "The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God stands forever" Isaiah 40: 8 Thank you for the financial gifts, dedication and prayers that allow us to continue sharing the Word of God with all who seek Him. Many blessings to you and your family throughout this season of Thanksgiving and celebration. Shannon Kahler





### **October 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. Name the great-grandmother of David?
- 2. How many people did Jesus personally raise from the dead?
- 3. What act prompted the writing of Psalm 51, a prayer for mercy?
- 4. In which book does Paul discuss speaking in tongues?
- 5. Which of he seven vials (bowls) prepared the way for the kings of the East in Revelation?



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Answers to October's September's Bible

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## **Fall Council Meeting Notes**

### **Ballot Results from Council Meeting**

Assistant moderator – Doug Kline Christian education – Becky Burtoft Fellowship and recreation – Ranay Hatherill, Jean Garcia Finance commission – Ron Mishler Music and worship – Sam Courie, Glen Grunder Witness commission – Kim Morckel Treasurer – Pat Beach Annual conference delegate – Glen Grunder, Clara Jean Knepp alternate The proposed budget was approved

**Fellowship and Recreation** — The church picnic in September was a nice time with a small attendance. The commission discussed calling this event something different in the future since it is no longer a picnic. We sponsored a Pastor's Appreciation event following church on October 22.

**Finance Commission Report**—Our giving for the year has been consistently less than the money spent. Since last church council meeting it was necessary to transfer money from investments to the general operating fund. We budgeted for next year for a full-time pastor understanding that we will explore our options before next year. These would include yoking (sharing a pastor) with another church, combining with another church, or going to a part-time pastor. The commission met with a new property insurance company and moved our insurance to that company as it was cheaper and better coverage.

**Christian Education Commission**—We provided Easter Bags for children, highlighted several members going on to college and high school, recognized children completing 3rd grade with a children's Bible, invited families attending the BTSB to BVS the following week. We have an adult Sunday school class and a children's class on Sunday morning and give our thanks to these teachers! In the spring the nursery room was moved to the main floor and available for use during the church service. We will be brainstorming ways to include the children during the Christmas season soon upon us.

**Trustee's report**—We had to have some work on the boiler for the insurance company and passed the inspection. Replacement parts arrived for the boiler pumps. Have had some issues with people placing their garbage and yard waste in our recycle bin. Decided on a \$450 fee for non-members.

**Witness Commission Report**—We remain dedicated to spreading God's good news to our community and supporting our denomination's outreach. We thank you for your support and prayers. Our main emphasis this year was the BTSB in August. We secured a grant and used it for all of the supplies, food and fun. The Kid's Closet was held in conjunction and was well lused and appreciated. The Circle of Friends Sunday school class made caards for the people at elder care homes our shut-ins are living. We assist the Kids Closet once a month and continue to send altar flowers to shut-ins.

Music and Worship Report: oral report

**Deacon Report:** See Page 2



# November 2023

Sunday		Monday Tuesday		Wednes-	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
	10:30 ai	Sunday School m Worship Serv Online also!		1	2 Choir Practice, 7 pm	3	4 Kids Closet 10-12		
<ul> <li>5 Daylight Savings Time ends</li> <li>Kid's Crop Walk/ donations</li> <li>12</li> <li>19</li> <li>26</li> </ul>		6	7 Election Day Prayer Mtg, 6 pm, Bible Study, 7 pm	8 Commis- sions, 7 pm; Executive Comm. Mtg 7:40 pm	9 Choir Practice, 7 pm	10	11 Veterans Day		
		paper recy- cling dayPrayer Mtg, 6 pm, Bible Study, 7 pm2021 Prayer Mtg, 6 pm, Bible Study, 7 pm		15	16 Choir Practice, 7 pm	17	18		
				22	23 Thanksgiv- ing Day	24	25		
				29	30	Happy Thanksgiving!			

# November Bírthdays and Anniversaries

2	Craig/Terri Tucker	13	Betty Lambiotte	27	Jean Kurtz
2	Kayla Conner	26	Jason Hawk	30	Russell Kline
10	Andrew Young				



# **Springfield Church of the Brethren**

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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."



Pastor: Andrew Wenger Phone: (717) 725-4695 Email: scob.andrew@gmail.com Pastor's In-Office Hours: Tues.– Fri. mornings, and by appointment

Church Secretary: Beckie Ebie Church Office: 330/628-3058 email: <u>Springfieldcob@gmail.com</u> Office Hours: Friday: 9:00 am—2 pm

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