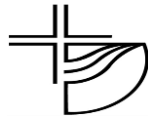


SPRINGFIELD CORNERSTONE



June 2024

Summer Camps

MISSION STATEMENT
"FOLLOWING JESUS FOR THE GLORY OF
GOD"

CONTACTING PASTOR ANDREW
CALL (717) 725-4695 OR (330) 628-3058
EMAIL: SCOB.ANDREW@GMAIL.COM

DEACONS ON CALL FOR JUNE
TERRI TUCKER

330-733-5036 HOME
330-322-7266 CELL

BEV BRIDGER
3390-699-3839 HOME
330-612-9668 CELL

Bring yourself and a friend and have a at time learning about God as we swim, hike, play, and worship Christ.

- # Sr. High Camp June 9-14
- # Jr. High Weekend Bash June 14-15
- # Jr. High Camp June 18-23
- # Bring Your Big Camp June 30 to July 3
- # Grand Camp June 30 to July 3
- # Junior Camp July 7-12
- # Beginners Camp July 14-17
- # Launch Pad July 14-17

For more information, contact the camp office
In addition, Summer camp counselors are needed, especially lifeguards.

Fifth Sunday of the month plans

Please join us on Sunday, June 30, during the Sunday School hour for a Prayer Walk. A Prayer Walk is simply walking and praying at the same time, and we will be walking around the church neighborhood. You can walk as far as you'd like, praying silently or aloud. We are hoping to gift each house we pass by a 9-volt battery for their smoke alarm and would appreciate any donations of new batteries - there will be a box in the back of the sanctuary for the donations. If you have one of the neon green t-shirts we wore at District Conference a few years back, please wear it that day. We are looking forward to being together that morning in prayer and service. All ages are welcome!

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Remembering Our Shut-Ins

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

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



Keep these friends in your Heart

Our church Pastor Andrew
Cheryl Adams Emily Bell
Elizabeth Butera Wayne/June Biltz
Avenell Cippant Karen Hites
Dee Kinsey Milton Kurtz
Howard Ludwick Amy Mishler
Meridith Morckel Jim & Pat Mills
Dick Putt Bernita Shorb
Norma Shanafelt Joe Stafanka
Melanie & Cindy Bonnie Young
Bill Davis (husband of Donna)
Matt (friend of Duane)
Scott Snyder (son of Rita Snyder)
Dee and Paul (relatives of Mark Conner)
Letha (Raney's mother)
Jeff (father of Erica Jewell)



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.

We encourage you to keep the members of our congregation in your thoughts.

Call those who have not been attending for various reasons and encourage them to come to church. Also, continue to support and care for all people in our congregation.

for and to care for each other!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissions In June, commissions will meet Wednesday, June 12th at 7 pm. Executive Committee Meeting will follow at 7:40pm on the same date. Mark your calendar.

Graduation & Attendance Recognition Sunday will be Sunday, June 16th. Please let Christian Education know of graduates to be recognized.

June Cornerstone Newsletters can be found in your church box or email box.

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Back to School Blast Just a reminder that this year's "Blast" will be on Aug. 4 at 4 o'clock

- 6 pm. We are in need of help that day! Please reach out to a Witness commission member (Clara Jean Knepp, Christine Kline or Kim Morckel) if you are willing to help. Thank you.

District Herald: There are some copies of this summer's (District Conference) Herald on the back table.

Kids Closet Our next Kids Closet will not be until Sunday August 4th, the day of our Back to School Blast. If you know of a friend or relative in need of new socks and underwear and gently used clothing for their elementary age child, please let them know about our Kids Closet.

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Sunday school classes: A pre-school-second grade class is meeting at 9:30 am Sunday morning as well as an adult class in a classroom behind the sanctuary.

Camp Inspiration Camp registration: please check out the dates in the May Newsletter or flyer on bulletin board for camps this summer. inspirationhillscamp.org.

Prayer Meetings & Bible Study You are welcome to join in our prayer meetings at 6 pm, and Bible Study at 7 pm, every Tuesday, here at the church. These meetings are also online. Please contact Pastor Andrew for details. We have started new Bible study with reading and discussing David Fitch's, "What is the Church?"

Thanks from camp:

As we prepare to light campfires, and look forward to the echoes of laughter during the summer, we want to take a moment to express our deepest gratitude for your incredible support in May.

Thanks to your generosity, the upcoming months will be filled with unforgettable moments for our campers. We hope you have been able to see the joy on the faces of our campers on the pictures we have posted on our social media and our website.

The opportunities to enable the growth and development of these young minds and spirits as they learn about God, explore nature, build friendships and discover the wonders around them are all made possible because of your generosity.

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for believing in Inspiration Hills and the transformative power of camp. Andrew Kauffman, Interim Executive Director



Bible Study & Prayer Meetings

Bible Study: Meeting time is Tuesday at 7:00 pm using Zoom. A Prayer Meeting will precede at 6:00 pm. The Bible Study and Prayer Meetings are held downstairs in the Circle of Friends Classroom which is just to the right at the bottom of the stairs.

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

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.
- **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.
- **On call Now:** Please see the new directory — pages 27-28—for information 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 all Now System.

Coming Up:

Prayer Meeting: Tues, 6 pm

Bible Study: 7 pm

Adult Sunday school:, Sunday, 9:30 am

Graduate & Attendance Recognition

Sunday, June 16th

Father's Day, June 16th

Commissions, Wed. June 12th

7 pm/Executive Comm Mtg. 7:40

May Attendance & Offering

May 5, 2024; Attendance: 30 plus 4 online

Offering: \$1,160.00; Specials: \$146.00

May 12, 2024; Attendance: 37 plus 4 online

Offering: \$3,211.00; Specials: \$100.00

May 19, 2024; Attendance: 35 plus 7 online

Offering: \$1,322.00; Specials: 0

May 26, 2024; Attendance: 39 plus 3 online

Offering: \$1,670.00; Specials: \$0

Church Office

9:00 am-2 pm; Friday.

Phone: 330-628-3058 Email:

springfieldcob@gmail.com

Pastor: In office hours: Mon-Off

Tues: 8:30-2:30, 5:30p-8p

Wed: 8:30-5

Thur: 8:30-2:30, 5:30p-8p

Fri: 8:30-5 & by appointment

Phone: 717-725-4695 (cell)

Facebook: Akron Springfield Church of the Brethren

Website: <http://www.springfield-cob.com>

[youtube.com/@akron-springfieldCOB](https://www.youtube.com/@akron-springfieldCOB)



Annual Conference Registration Open March 1st July 3-7 – Grand Rapids,MI



ROMANS 16:2 (CEB)

**WELCOME+
WORTHY**

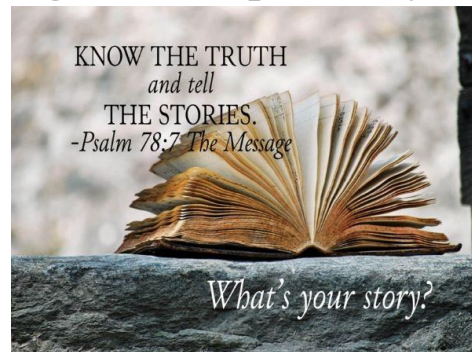
2024 CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN ANNUAL CONFERENCE

District Conference

August 9 & 10

Hartville Church of the Brethren

Registraton opens May 1st



The Silent Auction for the Peace Endowment Fund at District Conference

We need you to bring handmade items and godies (hancrafted items, artist's work, homemade food) for the auction. Themed baskets are also welcome. Come to bid on the donated items in this silent auction.

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Pastor Andrew's June Message: Laban: Imperfect Fatherhood



There are many fathers in the Bible, but very few moments of fatherhood. David has many kids, though he allows his family to fall into disarray and fratricide (2 Sam. 13-18). Abraham almost sacrifices Isaac (Gen. 22:1-19) and abandons Ishmael (Gen. 21:8-21). Joseph is a protective father to Jesus, but he prematurely disappears (Mat. 1:18-25; Luke 2:41-52). But there is one father who appears as a fairly regular presence over a long period and overall is a good dad: Laban.

In case you forgot about him, Laban is the brother of Rebekah, who married Isaac (Gen. 24:29). He is the father of Leah and Rachel (Gen. 29:16). Now, he isn't an upstanding person for most of the story. He tricks Jacob into marrying Leah after promising Rachel and forces him to work an extra seven years, 14 in total (Gen. 29:25-30). He attempts to keep Jacob and his family close to profit from them (Gen. 30:27). When they do flee, he chases

them down and is kept from doing something violent thanks to God's intervention (Gen. 31:22-24).

But let's turn the story around and see things from Laban's side. He invites in his nephew, who is on the run from an abusive situation at home (Gen. 27:41-45). When he learns that Jacob is in love with his daughter, he sets forth a task to test Jacob's resolve and work ethic. After all, he doesn't really know anything about this young man (Gen. 29:15-20). When Jacob passes the test with flying colors, Laban decides to trick him into marrying Leah. Perhaps he saw Jacob's success and knew he would be a good caretaker for both daughters and that keeping him close would be helpful to the entire tribe (Gen. 29:21-28). When Jacob wants to return to his parents, Laban attempts to set a fair price for Jacob's work that will keep him around for some time yet, giving Laban more time with his daughters and grandchildren (Gen. 30:25-34).

He doesn't become upset until Jacob tricks him in the payment of his wages and then runs away with his family and Laban's gods (Gen. 31:1-21). (Jacob didn't know Rachel stole the gods.) Laban chases them in anger for a week until God warns him not to resort to violence (Gen. 31:22-24). Still angry, Laban confronts Jacob. After a series of conversations and his failure to find the gods (Rachel was tricky too), Laban and Jacob come to an understanding (Gen. 31:25-55).

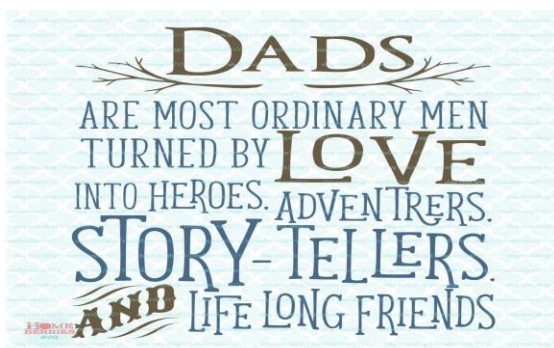
Laban promises to let them go in peace and respect boundaries, and Jacob promises to be a good and protective husband and father. Laban then kisses his daughters and grandchildren and departs (Gen. 31:55).

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Is Laban perfect? By no means! He is controlling, making decisions based on his own needs and wants, and doesn't take into consideration others' opinions. He is untrustworthy and untrusting (those two often go together) and is frightening enough that Jacob feels he needs to flee while Laban is away from camp (Gen. 31:20). However, he is also a good dad who is looking out for the best for his whole family, not favoring one child over another. He has his eye on the future and wants to ensure that his loved ones are cared for even when he can't. He loves his daughters and his grandchildren and wants the best for them, even if it hurts him. And he gave a down-on-his-luck kid a chance to thrive.

Fatherhood is complicated and messy. Dads sometimes make the wrong decisions out of good intentions and acceptable concerns. Laban is a good example of what can go right and wrong. Dads need to learn to balance their instinct to protect with their children's need to grow. They must not only be approachable when it comes to difficult matters but extend that trust to others. And when that day comes when their children fall in love and leave the nest, they can be present as a friend, advisor, and dad as needed, and a watcher from a distance at other times.

A Happy Father's Day to all dads. May you walk well in the messiness that is fatherhood and be the best dad you can be.



HOW WELL ACQUAINTED WITH THE BIBLE ARE YOU? TRY YOUR LUCK ON THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS?

JUNE BIBLE QUIZ

1. What did Jacob give Joseph that sparked jealousy from his brothers?
2. How did Moses' mother save him from the Egyptian soldiers?
3. How many plagues did God send Egypt?
4. Who baptized Jesus?
5. What were Issacs' sons names?

Answers to the May Bible quiz

1. Luke 12:7 KJV-- But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows
2. Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?"
3. Esther
4. Isaiah Isaiah 24:20
5. Satan Job 1: 12

Happy FATHERS Day!



- TOOLS
- JOKES
- SPORTS
- HOME
- BBQ
- CARING
- FAMILY
- PROTECTIVE
- RESPECT
- LOVE
- DADDY
- TIE
- SPECIAL
- GIFTS
- HONOR
- HUGS
- FUNNY
- THOUGHTFUL
- MEMORIES
- STRONG



With his hand, Dad held me when I was small, steadied me when I stumbled, and guided me in the right direction. When I needed help, I could always count on Dad's hands.

Sometimes Dad's hands corrected me, disciplined me, shielded me, rescued me. Dad's hands protected me.

Dad's hand held mine when he walked me down the aisle. His hand gave me to my forever love, who, not surprisingly, is very much like Dad.

Dad's hands were the instruments of his great big, rugged-tender heart.

Dad's hands were strength.

Dad's hands were love.

With his hands he praised God.

And he prayed to the Father with those big hands.

Dad's hands. They were like Jesus' hands..

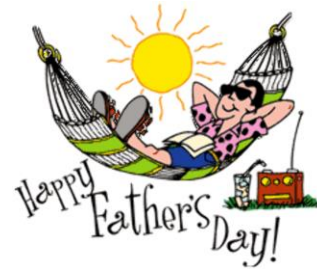
Dad's Hands

By Mary Fairchild

Most fathers don't realize the extent of their influence and how their godly behavior can make a lasting impression on their children. In this poem, a child focuses on her father's strong hands to illustrate his character and express how much he has meant to her life.

Dad's hands were king-size and strong. With his hands, he built our home and fixed all the broken things.

Dad's hands gave generously, served humbly, and loved mom tenderly, unselfishly, completely, unendingly.





JUNE, 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:30 am Sunday school 10:30 am Worship Service Online Also						1
2 Two cent offering	3	4 Prayer Mtg. 6 pm, Bible Study, 7 pm	5	6	7	8
9 Sr. Hi Camp begins	10	11 Prayer Mtg. 6 pm, Bible Study, 7 pm	12 Commissions, 7 pm; Execu. Comm Mtg, 7:40 pm	13	14 Flag Day Jr. Hi Weekend bash	15
16 Father's Day, Grad and Recognition Sunday	17	18 Prayer Mtg. 6 pm, Bible Study, 7 pm Jr. Hi Camp rest of week	19	20 Summer begins	21	22
23	24	25 Prayer Mtg. 6 pm, Bible Study, 7 pm	26	27	28	29
30 Service Project Bring your Big Camp to July 3						

JUNE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



3 Mike & Julie Frient	19 Carolyn Mishler	27 Chris Davis
9 Jeff Myler	19 Lauren Wenger	27 Jim & Pat Mills
10 Avenell Cippant	25 Jacob Watkins	28 Melanie Smethers
17 Jacob Myler	25 Jim Mills	30 Bruce Morckel

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