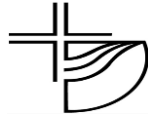


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November 2024



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

NOVEMBER BIBLE QUIZ

Why are the minor prophets called minor prophets?

How many books make up the minor prophets?

Which prophet does not contain a prophetic message but rather a story about a prophet?

Which prophet did not consider himself a prophet but a herdsman and dresser of sycamore figs?

Which prophet writes primarily about a locust plague that would come upon Israel?

ANSWERS TO THE OCTOBER QUIZ

1. Hosea
2. John the Baptist
3. Jonah
4. Obadiah
5. Threw the ship's cargo over

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. If prayers are urgently needed, call Pastor Andrew's cell. Reasons for prayers and names do not have to be disclosed if that is your wish.



Keep these friends in your heart

Our church	Pastor Andrew
Cheryl Adams	Emily Bell
Elizabeth Butera	Wayne/June Biltz
Avenell Cippant	Donna Davis
Anthony Garcia	Karen Hites
Howard Ludwick	Amy Mishler
Meredith Morckel	Jim & Pat Mills
Dick Putt	Norma Shanafelt
Bonnie Young	Scott Snyder
Jenna (stepdaughter of Mark)	
Jeff (father of Erica Jewell)	
Tristan Gerhart (bike accident)	
Jeff Reed (friend of Christine Kline)	

Remembering Our Shut-Ins

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

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

Message from Camp:

It has been yet another season of blessings! We are blessed every day to see the trees changing colors! We are blessed

to have so many rental groups—some even overflowing beyond our capacity! We are blessed to have the prayers of so many as we are working to become more sustainable!

We are also blessed to have the support of many volunteers! There are volunteers working in our churches to talk to the kids in the church about the life-changing experiences they can have and how they can grow in their faith with Jesus at camp! There are volunteers that grilled chicken at our Fall Festival. There are volunteers that have helped us in the kitchen as we don't have enough staff to serve the number of guests that have been coming in. We have volunteers who come in every week to mow our lawn, blow leaves, grade drives, etc. We are also incredibly blessed by the many people who give so faithfully to support our mission of bringing people closer to Christ! Some give on a monthly basis, some give a check or two per year, some give to a special cause (like our kitchen fundraiser), and others give in honor of a loved one. We are so very grateful, not just for the financial support, but for the spiritual support that provides us as well knowing that people are in support of our work. God bless you and thank you! Andrew Kauffman, Interim Executive Director, Inspiration Hills

Church Announcements



Daylight Savings Time ended overnight. Hope you remembered to set your clocks back along with checking your

smoke detectors.

Commissions meet at 7 pm, Wed. November 13 with the Executive Committee meeting at 7:40 the same evening.

Kids Closet donations- The HUGE Christmas stocking will be back soon to fill with socks and underwear for our Kids Closet. If you see a sale, grab these items then! All donations will be used for this much needed and appreciated ministry.

Please continue to bring in your ACME receipts. A container will be on the back table. Collect Receipts: August 1, 2024 – February 15, 2025.

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.

Upper Room devotionals for Nov. and Dec. can be found in the literature rack by the front entrance.

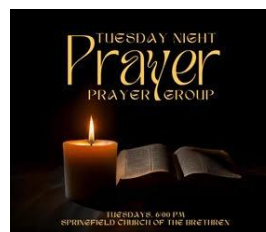
Good Neighbors donations- Week 1, November 3rd: Please remember to bring in peanut butter and jelly today and soup and crackers next week. Personal care items are accepted any time.

Please take a refrigerator reminder on the back table - We will be taking donations for Good Neighbors starting October 6, asking for specific

things each week of the month to help us remember! **Week 1** of each month- PB & jelly; **week 2-** soup and crackers, **week 3-** paper products, **week 4-** pasta and sauce, **week 5-** personal care items. Thank you for supporting the local neighborhoods in need. Put in the container in the back classroom with the copy machine. We are collecting items each week that will go towards.

America Recycle Day from 11/11/24 – 11/15/24.

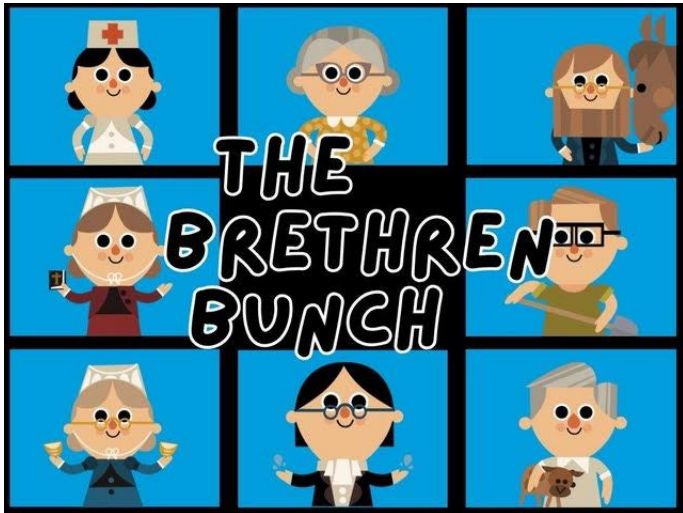
District Board Mtg. Sat, Nov. 9th, Springfield.



Prayer Group (Tuesday @ 6 pm)

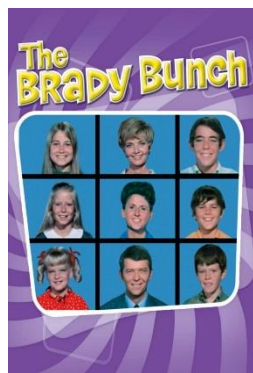
Prayer Group begins at 6 pm. Are you looking for a space to connect with others in prayer and reflection? Join our Prayer Group every Tuesday night at 6 PM. It's a time to come together as a community, lift up our joys, concerns, and struggles, and seek God's guidance in all areas of life. Whether you need prayer or want to pray for others, you are welcome to be part of this supportive and uplifting time. Let's strengthen our faith and hearts together!

Bible Study (Tuesday @7 pm) We Explore the rise and fall of Israel's kings and the lessons that still speak to us today in our Bible study series, ***Crowns & Covenant: The Saga of Israel's Kings***. We meet every Tuesday at 7 PM to dive deep into Scripture, uncovering the stories of faith, leadership, and God's unwavering covenant. Whether you're new to the Bible or a seasoned reader, this study offers something for everyone. Join us and discover how these ancient stories can shape and inspire our walk with God today!



Pastor Andrew's November Message
The Brethren Bunch

Spending most of my childhood in the 90s meant the popular shows of the early 70s were being rerun for parents. So while they were before my time, I did watch *The Partridge Family* and *Little House on the Prairie*. *M*A*S*H* continues to be one of my all-time favorites. And yes, I watched America's favorite blended family, **The Brady Bunch.** You know, "the story of a lovely lady, who was bringing up three very lovely girls."



Now that I've successfully got the theme song stuck in your head, I'll quickly remind you of the show's premise: a man with three sons marries a woman with three daughters, forming a family of eight. They, along

with Alice the snarky housekeeper, navigate what it means to bring two families together and face the challenges of growing up.

To be fair, blending issues only seem to be a major theme in the first season. The remaining four seasons hardly touch on the unique circumstances of their family. The show, though revolutionary for its time, avoided the harder, more challenging aspects of bringing two families together, painting an idealized image of what a blended family can be. As Carol once said to Bobby, "Listen, the only steps in this house are those, the ones that lead up to your bedroom" (**Every Boy Does It Once,** S1, E10).

As we come closer to the yoking of our Springfield family with Eastwood, I've thought more about the reality of blending communities. It's easy to idealize this adventure, picturing everything going as smoothly as the Bradys.

But blending congregations takes more than just a hopeful spirit; it takes intentional work, patience, and grace. Each group brings its own traditions, expectations, and quirks—ham or lamb at Christmas, vacation at the mountains or the beach, how to load the dishwasher, and so on.

Though we can't avoid conflict entirely, we can plan how we will respond to it. (I will note that I, like many of you, am very excited and happy for new adventure, but let us not let excitement cloud possible realities.)

In facing inevitable bumps in the road, we have three approaches to choose from: ignore, treat, or seek help. Not every issue requires the same level of response. We don't take a paper cut to the ER, and we don't ignore a nail stuck in our foot. It's the same with any issues that arise in our yoking process.

First, we ask ourselves if the issue needs attention—something minor that can be discussed with a friend, the pastor, or simply let go. For larger concerns, there are additional denominational resources to help. The important thing is that we treat issues intentionally, rather than allowing them to fester into something harmful. We must not let a small cut become a great chasm.

How can we celebrate the God of Love and Unity if we harbor anger toward a brother or sister? How can we form a new body in Christ if we keep one another at a distance? We must approach each other with openness and honesty, offering trust to those we don't yet know and stepping into this new venture with courage. As Peter wrote to the Christians of Asia Minor, "Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling" (1 Peter 4:7-8).

1 Peter 4:7-8 **Serving for God's Glory**

⁷ But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers. ⁸ And above all things have fervent love for one another, for "love will cover a multitude of sins."

After all, this isn't the union of strangers but of brothers and sisters of the same faith.

As Colossians 3:17 reminds us, "And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." By inviting the Spirit into every part of this journey—our discussions, fellowship, and worship—we're committing to blend not only our traditions but our hearts, grounded in love and gratitude. Just as the Bradys had to learn to love, forgive, and work as one, so can we.

Let's step into this season with hope, trusting that our joined communities will flourish as one faithful family, united and strengthened by God's grace.

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October Attendance & Offering

October 6, 2024; Attendance: 32 plus 7 online

Offering: \$2,190.00; Specials: \$123.07

October 13, 2024; Attendance: 33 plus 5 online

Offering: \$2,119.00; Specials: \$215.00

October 20, 2024; Attendance: 34 plus 4 online

Offering: \$965.00; Specials: 0

October 27, 2024; Attendance: 33 plus 5 online

Offering: \$1,475.00; Specials: \$540.00



Coming Up:

Prayer Meeting Tues. 6 pm

Bible Study: Tues 7 pm

Adult Sunday school:

Sunday., 9:30 am

Choir Practice: Thur. 7 pm

Kids Closet, Sat. Nov. 2

Daylight Savings Time ends, Sun. Nov. 3

Commissions, Executive Comm. Mtg., Wed,
November 13

**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.



NOVEMBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:30 am Sunday school 10:30 am Worship Service Online Also					1	2 Kid's Closet
3 Daylight Savings Time ends 2 Cent Offering	4	5 Election Day Prayer mtg 6 pm, Bible Study, 7:30	6	7 Choir Practice 7 pm	8	9 District Board mtg 10-3 pm
10	11 Veterans Day, America Recycle Day through 11/15	12 Prayer mtg 6 pm, Bible Study, 7:30	13 Commissions and Executive Comm Mtg.	14 Choir Practice 7 pm	15	16
17	18	19 Prayer mtg 6 pm, Bible Study, 7:30	20	21 Choir Practice 7 pm	22	23
24	25	26 Prayer mtg 6 pm, Bible Study, 7:30	27	28 Thanksgiving Day	29	30

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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

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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 Lord Jesus
- to strive with us to "Live for the Glory of God and our neighbor's good."



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Sunday hours of worship:

Sunday school: 9:30 am

Worship, 10:30 am