



**SPRINGFIELD -  
EASTWOOD  
NEWSLETTER**  
*“Joyful News”*

**MISSION STATEMENTS**

**Mission Statement of Springfield Church of the Brethren:** Following Jesus for the Glory of God and our Neighbors Good.”

**Mission Statement of Eastwood Church of the Brethren:** Eastwood Church of the Brethren exists to lead people into encounters with the living Christ, to nurture each other in Christ-like love, to touch others through acts of service.

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**2025**

**Coming Up at Springfield**

- Sunday School:** 9:45 am
- Worship:** 11:00 am
- Jr. Worship-** ages 6-12-after the Children’s Story;
- No class during the SS hour** 9:45-10:45 for children
- Nursery for ages 1-5** open during worship
- Bible Study,** Wed., 7 pm
- Choir Practice,** Thurs. 7 pm.
- Kid’s Closet,** Sat. Dec. 6
- Caroling, Dec 7,** after lunch
- Candlelight Service,** Sun. Dec 14, 7 pm
- Cookie Walk,** Sat. Dec 20

**Coming up at Eastwood**

- Worship:** 9:30 am
- Sunday school:** 10:45 am
- Holiday Craft & Bake Sale,** Nov. 15, 9-3
- Council Meeting,** Sun Nov 16 after Sunday school.
- Combined Worship & Thanksgiving Dinner,** Nov. 30, 10 am
- Christ Closet,** Sat Nov 1 & 15, and Dec. 6 and 20<sup>th</sup>. 11-1 pm
- Christmas eve service,** 7 pm

## Prayer concerns

**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.

### November Deacons for Springfield

Duane Hawk 330-733-2508  
Delores Courie 330-807-9331  
Sam Courie 330-618-4218  
Courie Home 330-966-1960

### Eastwood Deacons

Gary and Trish Griffith  
Edith Kieffaber & Larry Croston  
Gary Lorenz & Rebecca Ebie

## 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](http://www.facebook.com/SpringfieldCOB) New information is posted here; you don't need to have an account to see the page.
- **YouTube:** search Eastwood Church of the Brethren, or Springfield Church of the Brethren
- [www.youtube.com/channel/UCPFzecAEgzFC0Q4LP6ix3pw](http://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:** Sent out by Pastor Andrew daily including prayer concerns.



## Springfield Prayer Concerns

For our church and it's leadership  
Prayers for our Eastwood/Springfield  
Yoked Committee  
Christ's Closet/Kids Closet clothing  
ministry

The Adams	Emily Bell
Elizabeth Butera	Avenell Cippant
Bill & Donna Davis	Anthony Garcia
Jean Garcia	Karen Hites
Scott Snyder	Howard Ludwick
Amy Mishler	Meredith Morekel
Jim & Pat Mills	Dick Putt
Norma Shanafelt	Bonnie Young
Jason Hawk	Erica Jewell

Cecil Van Horn's family upon his passing.  
Joe & Veronna Stefanka  
Gerry Mills (sister of Jim Mills)  
Melissa Reed (friend of the Courie's)  
Michael Davis (Donna Davis's great grandson)  
Bob and Letha Hatherill (parents of Ranay Cowie)  
Michael Hatherill (Ranay's cousin)  
Donna Davis, recovering from hip replacement  
Angel Conner, experiencing eye problems

### **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.

## Eastwood Prayer Concerns

Continued prayers of healing and comfort for: Sue Galloway, Ida Gene James, Jerry & Linda Fuller, Ron & Penny Smith, Galen & Peggy Tobias, Jaxon Fuller, Ron & Hope Mitchell, Warnick family, Bob & Norma Lute, Bob Oxford, Dianne Myers

**Shawn Miller (friend/former boss of Connie Moyers)** diagnosed with a brain tumor. Surgery scheduled for Nov. 7  
**Brian (boss of Karen Warnick)** strength and comfort, new trial meds  
**Ashley (friend of Karen W)** tumor on brain and on spine inoperable  
**Jeanan (friend of Karen W.)** strength & comfort  
**Karen Warnick** – uplifting prayers  
**Bonnie Swisher**, heart attack, recovering at home.  
**Angela (niece of the Griffith's)** treatment for breast cancer  
**Rea (sister of Gary Griffith)** strength in caring for Angela and baby  
**Peggy M. Tobias** –home, recovering from hip surgery doing well  
**Cheryl Neal & family** (friend of Pam Propst) Cheryl is near end of life  
**Gary Lorenz** – recent diabetes diagnosis  
**Dan Petry (former pastor at Springfield)** recovering from pneumonia  
**Megan Warnick (daughter of Karen Warnick)** healing from infection  
**Ruth (friend of Karen Warnick)** recently had pacemaker implanted  
**Tim (friend of Crostons)** strength & comfort, battling cancer.  
**Wayne Kissel (pastor at Akron First)** diagnosed with prostate cancer  
**Prayers for our Eastwood/Springfield Yoked Committee**  
**Christ's Closet clothing ministry** – recipients, contributors & volunteers  
**For our church and it's leadership**

## **EASTWOOD ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Christ's Closet attendance:**

**Sept. 13 140 shopped + 144 shopped for = 284 total people helped ; 68 new people**

**Sept. 27 107 shopped, 114 shopped for equal 221 total people helped; 31 new people**

**Oct. 11 195 shopped + 204 shopped for = 401 total people helped ; 104 new people**

**Oct. 25 73 shopped plus 74 shopped for equals 147 total people helped; 31 new people.**

**We are in need of clothing.** Please pass the word along to friends and family! We are always in need of clothes, esp. children's size 4T-8, winter coats, gloves, hats, etc.

We are sorting clothes on Tue. mornings at 9 am. Also help on Saturday of Christ Closet as numbers are increasing. See Trish or Gary Griffith for more information. Anyone is welcome to join us. Future dates we are open to the public are: Nov. 1 ; Dec. 6 and 20.

**Eastwood will be collecting toaster pastries for Open M.** They need to be turned into church by Nov. 30th.

**CFTLOC (Christmas for the Love of Children) is a beloved annual event coordinated by OPEN M** that ensures families facing financial hardships don't have to choose between paying bills and making holiday memories. Through donations, volunteer power

and community partnerships we distribute: toys/gifts, age appropriate books, pajamas, winter essentials (coats, gloves, etc.) Stocking stuffers, holiday meal ingredients.

**The hat and mitten tree will be up again this year.** We would like to collect insulated underwear for the homeless. Haven of Rest and the Peter Murin Center –say this is the item that they have the least of in their inventory—heavy socks.

**Greeters** – Please check the list on the bulletin board in the lounge to sign up to be a greeter for November and December. Please email/call Peggy S. Tobias if you can cover a few Sundays. Thank you.

**Holiday Choir** – If you are interested in participating in a Holiday Choir please see Gary Lorenz.

**Craft Show Bake Sale** – Our Fall Craft Show will be on Sat. Nov. 15 from 9-3. We will again have a bake sale for the Craft Show. A sign up sheet will be given to each class for baked goods and also to help sell. See Connie Moyers. Thank you!

**Mark your calendars** – Please note Sunday, Nov. 16 will be our **fall Council Meeting following Sunday School at noon.** Also, reminder that we will be hosting our **annual Thanksgiving Dinner ; combined worship here with Springfield on Sunday, Nov. 30. Worship will be at 10 with the meal following at 11. THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL.**

**New Guest Wifi** – ECOB Guest Wifi – password 581Darrow

## SPRINGFIELD ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Daylight Savings Time** Fall is in full swing,



and that daylight saving time has drawn to a close. In the United States,

daylight saving time ends the first Sunday in November at 2 a.m., when clocks "fall back" an hour. In the United States, daylight saving time begins on the second Sunday in March at 2 a.m., when clocks "spring forward" one hour, and ends the first Sunday in November at 2 a.m., when clocks "fall back" an hour.

**Upper Room** The October-November issue of the devotional, the Upper Room can be found in the literature rack by the front door.

**Witness News:** Reminder that we are still collecting ACME receipts. Thanks to Julie Frient for handling this! **Good Neighbors** is still collecting items for those in need. Please put any items in the back classroom with the copy machine. We are now collecting **empty prescription bottles**. They are sent to countries to be used for new prescriptions. Please remove any label and put in that same classroom in the container provided. **Kids Closet** will be open in November and December, but closed in January. Our service project for December is **filling the giant stocking with underwear and socks** for our Kids Closet. Please start looking for sales at stores. These items are always the first to be chosen during our Kids Closet days. We appreciate all your support!

**Ellet Good Neighbor food donations.** Please remember to continue to bring in your Good Neighbor donations: Peanut Butter and Jelly

today with Soup and crackers next week. (They are open the second and fourth Tuesdays from 9:30-11 am.)

**Choir Practice meets on Thursday at 7 pm.** New members are welcome to join in to share our love of music and of God.

**Bible study with Pastor Andrew teaching is meeting Wednesdays at 7 pm.** You may attend in person or by using zoom.

**Eastwood Christ Closet will be** Nov 1 & 15, Dec 6 and Dec 20 from 11 to 1 pm. Clothing, winter coats and children's clothing is needed. You are welcome to donate, to help or to shop.

**District Conf. Wrap-up News can be found on the back table.**

**Holiday Craft show and bake sale,** Nov. 15 from 9-3 at Eastwood.

**Note the date change for the combined Thanksgiving meal/service** at Eastwood to be on Nov 30 at 10 am

**Deacon Calling** will be November 2<sup>nd</sup> during the worship service. Please be in prayerful consideration of those you feel are gifted to serve in this way. You may want to read 1 Timothy 3: 8-12 to give you guidance

**Cemetery Plots** – Cemetery plots for members are now **\$1,000**

**Flower Calendar:** There are still spaces available to purchase flowers.



**Brethren Disaster Ministries Work** Our church district sent a group of volunteers to Letcher County Kentucky, area flooding from 2022. And again this Sept. 7-13. Project days for 2026 will be available any time now. If interested contact the disaster team: Sandy Humphrey, Pete Snyder and our own Kim Morckel

**Woman’s Zoom Bible Study**

Cindy Peel has started up a woman’s zoom Bible Study that meets 7:30 pm Wed night and another Thurs. morning at 9 am. Give Cindy a call if you want to be a part of this study. She is putting out this idea to the entire N. OH church district.

**Answers to the October Quiz**



- 1.It is not easy for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of God.
- 2.The Needle
- 3.No
- 4.It was more than responsibility; it was a measure of accountability
- 5..The prophets
- 6.Wealth, power, platforms
- 7From everyone who has been given much, more will be demanded.
- 8.Because God requires it.
- 9.Because kings & the powerful are seduced by idolatry and injustice. It’s about what happens when wealth becomes a shield against accountability.
- 10.We need to follow the narrow way of the kingdom with mercy, justice, and love.

**October Camp Message**

The staff at camp are busy! While we don’t have groups in all week, having groups using so many of our buildings over the weekend gives us plenty of work to do throughout the week! We have to clean all of the used buildings, keep the lawn mowed, leaves contained, trails cleared, etc. I am also busy in the office this time of year booking groups for yet this year as well as next year!

We still have a lot of rentals ahead of us this year. Things slow down a little in December (for now), But they pick right back up again in mid-January! Usually, December through February is a pretty slow season for us, but we have multiple groups booked and more looking to find a space.

We are so blessed to have this beautiful God-given space to share! It’s amazing when we give tours how quickly people fall in love with Inspiration Hills! It’s a truly special place! Pictures don’t do it justice.

We are especially excited this year to be hosting the CoB Outdoor Ministries Assoc. annual retreat! It will be a great time to worship and learn from others who are in the same ministry that we are! It will be a good time to be in fellowship with each other, get re-energized for the coming year, as well as gaining new ideas about how we can do things better! Thank you for your support in this ministry! Andrew Kauffman, Executive Director, Inspiration Hills

## From the Little Pew: Let's Put a Pin in That

I find that many of the letters I write for the newsletter talk about the parts of the Bible I'm less likely to preach on. Some stories are too strange, too complicated, or a bit too violent for a Sunday morning sermon. But they're still worth telling, because they show us how wide and surprising God's work can be.

Today's story is about Deborah (Judges 4-5). Deborah was one of Israel's Judges, those early leaders who guided the tribes before there were kings. She stands out for several reasons. First, the obvious: she was a woman—and the only woman to serve as Judge. Second, she was a prophet, again the only one to hold that title until Samuel. And third, she was already leading before the crisis began.

The book of Judges usually follows a pattern: the people turn from God, enemies invade, the people cry out, God raises up a Judge, and peace is restored. Then the cycle repeats. But Deborah breaks the pattern. When we meet her in Judges 4, she's already leading, already discerning God's will from beneath her palm tree between Ramah and Bethel. When the Canaanite commander Sisera begins oppressing Israel, Deborah calls for Barak, a commander from the tribe Naphtali, and tells him that God will deliver Sisera into his hands. Barak's response is a mix of courage and hesitation: "If you go with me, I'll go; but if you don't, I won't." Deborah agrees, but warns him that the victory will not be his alone—"the Lord will deliver Sisera into the hands of a woman." At first we assume she means herself, but that's not the case. After Barak's forces defeat Sisera's army, the commander flees and finds refuge in the tent of Jael, the wife of Heber the Kenite. Jael welcomes him in, offers him milk, covers him with a blanket, and promises to stand guard. Exhausted, Sisera falls asleep. Then, quietly, Jael picks up a hammer and drives a tent peg through his temple.

It's a shocking moment—the sort of verse most children's Sunday school teachers skip—but it's also the turning point. The enemy is defeated not by Israel's might but by the courage of an unexpected ally. God's deliverance comes through someone far outside the center of power. And so, Jael quite literally "puts a pin in it." But beyond the violence, the image carries a deeper truth: faith often takes the form of final

decisions. The pin marks an ending—a closure to fear, oppression, or complacency. Sometimes faith means taking a stand, and sometimes it means quietly holding your ground until the right moment comes. Still, the story's heart belongs to Deborah. She is the one who listens first, who leads without fear, who gives space for others to step into God's call. When the victory is won, she and Barak sing together—a song of celebration and challenge. It praises the tribes that showed up and names the ones that stayed home. "The people willingly offered themselves—praise the Lord!" Deborah sings. But she also asks, "Why did you stay among the sheep pens to hear the whistling for the flocks?"



Her words are as pointed as Jael's tent peg. Faith isn't just believing, it's showing up, even when the outcome isn't certain.

I like to imagine Deborah back under her palm tree afterward, listening again. People must have seen her differently now—still wise, still steady, but bearing the experience of the battle that changes how all perceive her. Through her, God shows that leadership isn't about status or strength; it's about availability. She was ready before the battle began because she had already offered herself to God's purpose. Most of us won't face invading armies or hammer tent pegs into the ground, but we do face choices that test our faith—moments when we're called to listen, to act, or simply to stay faithful where we stand.

Maybe "let's put a pin in that" can mean something more than setting an idea aside for later. Maybe it's a way of saying, let's hold this story steady; let's mark this truth and remember it. Let's put a pin in the reminder that God works through those who listen, those who show up, and those who trust that even small acts of courage can change the story.

Because in the end, Deborah, Barak, and Jael each played their part in God's redemption—and that same invitation still stands for us today.

\*Image: 'Jael kills Sisera' by Jacopo Amigoni, 1739-1752

## November Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Eastwood Church

4 Ida Gene James; Jill Griffith  
8 Gary Myers  
10 Justin & Lindsey Beaty  
12 Peggy S. Tobias  
14 Hary Lorenz  
Karen & Don Warnick  
17 Heather Warnick;  
17 Zachary Crowder  
19 Alden Wren Wenger  
24 Georgia Tobias  
25 Gary Griffith  
27 Lee Beaty, Luke Bomberger  
28 Jon & Sarah Lifonzo  
30 Zaine Law

### Springfield Church

2 Kayla Conner  
3 Christian James Mills  
10 Andrew Young  
13 Betty Lambiotte  
13 Kenzie Jean Honish  
19 Alden Wren Wenger  
26 Jason Hawk  
27 Jean Kurtz  
30 Russell Kline

### Election of 2026 Board Members and Annual Conference Delegate and Alternate

**Assistant Moderator/Board chair** – Doug Kline

**Finance** – Anthony Garcia, Dustin Boswell

**Trustees** – Dale Burtoft, Duane Hawk

**Witness** – Keri Boswell

**Fellowship & Recreation** – Terri Tucker

**Treasurer** – Cindy Peel

**Financial Secretary** – Bernita Shorb

Annual Conference delegate – Cindy

Peel delegate & Glen Grunder alternate

**The 2026 budget also passed**

### Fellowship and are Recreation Report 2025

Members: Ranay, Dave, Bernita, Rita, Elyssa

We hosted our annual Easter breakfast in April and had around 20 people participate.

Memorial Day we contributed to Eastwood's picnic and provided beverages and tableware

There were around 80 people there.

In August we hosted the church picnic and provided hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, tableware, condiments, and beverages. Again we had around 80 people there.

We continue to meet and plan for the rest of the year. Upcoming events will be contributing to a Thanksgiving meal hosted by Eastwood, a meal prior to caroling and the time of fellowship following the candlelight service.

# NOVEMBER, 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Kids Closet 10-12 Fellowship Hall reserved afternoon and evening, Hornish party Eastwood Christ Closet 11-1
2 Deacon Calling End of Savings Time 2 cent offering	3	4 Election Day	5 Bible Study 7 pm	6 Choir Practice	7	8
9	10	11 church meetings Veterans Day	12 Bible Study 7 pm	13 Choir Practice	14	15 Eastwood Craft/Bake Sale 9-3 Eastwood Christ Closet 11-1
16 Eastwood Council Mtg. 12 pm	17	18	19 Bible Study 7 pm	20 Choir Practice	21	22
23	24	25	26 Bible Study 7 pm	27 Thanksgiving Day	28	29
30 Eastwood combined service & Thanksgiving meal 10 am						

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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 in the Glory of God and our neighbor’s good.

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**Springfield worship: 11 AM**  
**Sunday, Sunday school: 9:45 am**  
**Eastwood worship: 9:30 am**  
**Sunday, Sunday school: 11:00 am**