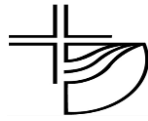


SPRINGFIELD CORNERSTONE



MISSION STATEMENT
 "FOLLOWING JESUS FOR
 THE GLORY OF GOD"

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DEACONS ON CALL FOR SEPTEMBER

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330-699-9128

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September 2024



Ice Cream Social

**THE ICE CREAM
 SOCIAL IS
 COMING SOON !!!**

Saturday,
 September 14th from
 6-8 pm

Invite your friends! Invite your neighbors!
 Bring the whole family!

Our annual Ice Cream Social is on the books! Plan to come for delicious ice cream, wonderful entertainment and great fellowship on Saturday, September 14th! We will have face painting for the kids, enjoy ice cream with all the toppings and share time together from 6 p.m. to 8. The entertainment will begin at 7 with the eight-piece band called "Swingin' Along." They will provide a musical mix of swing, pop, big band, Latin, Christian and beyond. We will be able to sing great night of fun, sweet treats, fellowship and music!

**HOPE TO SEE YOU AT OUR ANNUAL ICE
 CREAM SOCIAL!**

Please reach out to your deacon if you need transportation. We will get you there!

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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.

Church Office

9:00 am-2 pm; Friday.

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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)

Keep these friends in your heart

Our church	Pastor Andrew
Emily Bell	Elizabeth Butera
Wayne/June Biltz	Avenell Cippant
Karen Hites	Dee Kinsey
Howard Ludwick	Amy Mishler
Meredith Morckel	Jim & Pat Mills
Dick Putt	Norma Shanafelt
Bonnie Young	
Bill Davis (Donna's husband)	
Scott Snyder (son of Rita Snyder)	

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
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 Hartville, OH 44632

(daughter, Cathy – 330-603-1912

Norma is living at Gables of Green in Uniontown

HAPPY SEPTEMBER!

Let the sunshine in and a new month begin!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar flowers: Please find the 2024 Flower Calendar on the back bulletin board. there are some slots available for the second part of the year. Flowers are \$20. Please make your check out to the church with a note to altar flowers.

Mum Sunday will be coming up Sunday, Sept. 22. Order forms are on the back table. Deadline to order will be Sunday, Sept. 15.

Prayer Mtg and Bible Study will be starting up again in September. The choir is already back practicing the music for our services. They are looking for new folks to join them!

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.

September-October Upper Room devotionals can be found in the information rack inside the front entry.

The church picnic has been cancelled.

Acme Cash Back begins! The Acme Cash Back program has started and we will be collecting receipts once again. A container will be on the back table. Collect Receipts: August 1, 2024 –February 15, 2025.

Eastwood CoB's Holiday Crafts and more Craft show and Bake Sale will be Saturday, October 5th from 9 am – 3 pm If you or anyone you know is interested in being a vendor, call the church.

Inspiration Hills *Fall Festival is October 5 and they are looking for donations for the basket auction and the dessert auction. *There is a fundraising drive on to upgrade some of the kitchen equipment. If you would like to make a donation, please note that and place in the offering.

***There are multiple weekends in September & October where help is needed in the kitchen** while foodservice employee is on maternity leave. *They are also offering rentals

in November, December & January for Church of the Brethren churches and members at a reduced rate. Please contact the camp for more information.

Thanks from camp

We have had a wonderful summer full of learning experiences! Campers have learned all about prayer! Our staff have been very busy with programming, working in the kitchen, keeping the lawns mowed and our buildings cleaned, and praying for the safety and spiritual development of our campers.

We have learned a lot this summer and have lots of ideas for next year. We have been so blessed to have such a hard-working staff this summer! We have also been blessed with Many volunteers! Our volunteers have helped with counseling, mowing, cooking, and so much more!

We are also very thankful for our donors that give to Inspiration Hills! We wouldn't be able to serve all of our young people over the summer without the people who give to make it possible. We had art supplies donated, medical supplies donated, and office supplies donated off of our wish lists! Thank you!

We also had individuals and churches that have given to the camp to help us continue operationally! Not a day goes by that I don't think of how fortunate the camp, the staff, the district, and the campers are to have such a great group of donors!

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for believing in Inspiration Hills and the transformative power of camp.

Andrew Kauffman,
Interim Executive Director, Inspiration Hills

Pastor Andrew's September Message

(From the Little Pew: The Little Guys; Big Messages from Small Books)

Our Old Testament ends with the Books of the Prophets: the four Major Prophets (Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and Daniel) and the twelve Minor Prophets. Now, the Minor Prophets are not called "minor" because they are less important; rather, their writings are simply shorter and more concise. These prophets were laser-focused on delivering their messages with urgency and clarity. As Kevin Malone from *The Office* famously said, "Why waste time say lot word when few word do trick."

The Minor Prophets represent some of the most profound and impactful work in the Bible, easily some of the best "Prophet-ing". They observed how the people had strayed from God, identified the root causes of this spiritual decline, and issued stark warnings about the consequences if the people failed to repent and return to the Lord. Yet, their messages didn't stop at condemnation. They also offered solutions and hope, reminding the faithful that God would one day make all things right. Through powerful metaphors and vivid symbolism, these prophets conveyed truths that resonates deeply an audience that spans millennia.

Hosea, the first of the group, who uses the metaphor of marriage to illustrate Israel's relationship with God. Hosea's message was clear: just as a spouse would be devastated by infidelity, so too is God grieved by Israel's unfaithfulness. Yet, in a remarkable display of grace, God offers forgiveness and a chance to renew the covenant, illustrating the Lord's steadfast love despite our failures.

Joel spoke of a devastating locust plague as a symbol of God's impending judgment. But Joel also called the people to repentance, assuring them that if they returned to God, they would experience His mercy and restoration. He promises that "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." (Joel 2:32)

Amos, the shepherd-turned-prophet, focused on social justice. He condemned the exploitation of the poor and the corruption within the judicial system, calling the people to "let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream" (Amos 5:24). His message was a stark reminder that true worship of God is inseparable from justice, righteousness, and a moral life.

Obadiah, the shortest book in the Old Testament, addressed the nation of Edom, who had rejoiced over the downfall of Israel. He warned them that their pride and cruelty would lead to their own destruction. Obadiah's prophecy serves as a warning against gloating over others' misfortunes, a reminder of the consequences of pride.

Then there's Jonah, perhaps the most well-known of the Minor Prophets, but also the most unique in the section. A story to teach us about God's boundless mercy. Despite Jonah's reluctance, God sends him to the city of Nineveh to call them to repentance. When they do repent, Jonah is angered by God's mercy, revealing a profound lesson: God's compassion extends to all people, even those we might deem undeserving.

Each of these Minor Prophets had a specific message for their time, but their words continue to speak to us today. Their warnings, calls to repentance, and promises of

redemption are timeless, addressing issues that remain relevant today.

In our fast-paced society, where attention spans are short and distractions are many, the messages of the Minor Prophets are more crucial than ever. They call out that despite our unfaithfulness, God remains faithful. They challenge us to examine the idols in our lives, whether they be wealth, power, or comfort, and to return wholeheartedly to God.

The Minor Prophets may have written less, but their impact is profound. Their concise, powerful messages cut through the noise, offering us both a warning and a promise: that if we turn back to God, He is ready to forgive and restore. So, as we dive into these often-overlooked books of the Bible over coming months, let's not see them as "minor" at all, but as major voices that continue to call us to faithfulness, justice, and hope.

An in-theme crossword:

Across

- 1. Prophet swallowed by a big fish on his way to Nineveh
- 3. Prophet who predicted the fall of Nineveh
- 7. Prophet who married Gomer as a symbol of Israel's unfaithfulness
- 8. Prophet who urged the rebuilding of the Temple after the exile
- 12. Last book of the Old Testament, warned of coming judgment and the messenger

Down

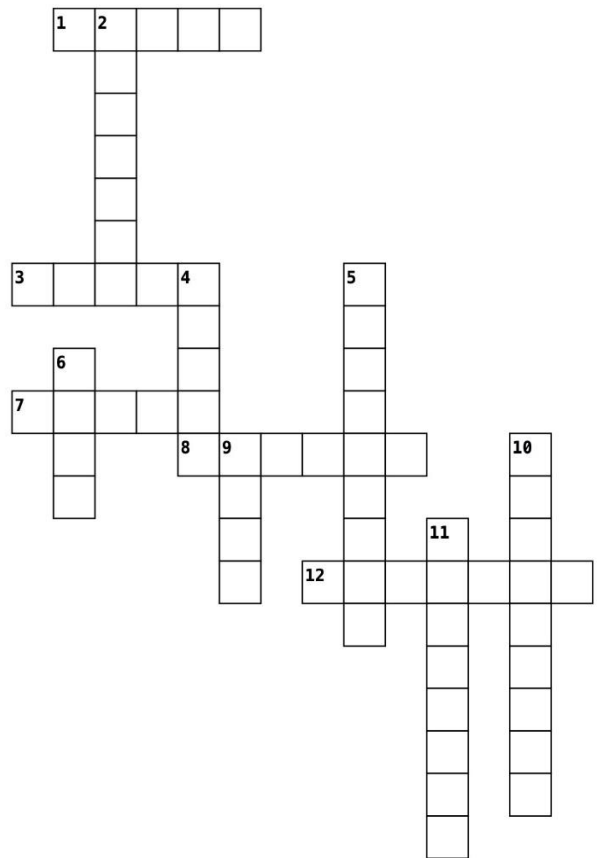
- 2. Shortest book in the Old Testament, condemns Edom's pride
- 4. Prophet who foretold the birthplace of the Messiah in Bethlehem

- 5. Prophet who warned of the "Day of the Lord" and coming judgment
- 6. Prophet who foretold the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the last days
- 9. Shepherd-turned-prophet who called for justice to "roll on like a river"
- 10. Prophet with visions of the coming Messiah and the future kingdom
- 11. Prophet who questioned God about the problem of evil and injustice

MINOR PROPHETS



Minor Prophets





Fall Festival

Saturday, October 5th 10am-3pm

Join us for an unforgettable day at our Fall Festival on Saturday, October 5th! Delight in a variety of activities designed to entertain all ages, ensuring there's something for everyone. Dive into the excitement of our live auction, where you can bid on unique treasures, and satisfy your sweet tooth at our delectable dessert auction. We are also offering hayrides, an archery tournament, mini golf and more! This is a perfect opportunity to create cherished memories with family and friends while embracing the vibrant spirit of the season. Don't miss out on this fantastic event!



Chicken BBQ

Join us for a delightful afternoon at our Chicken BBQ, a crowd favorite that promises to tantalize your taste buds with succulent, perfectly grilled chicken. Running from 11:30 to 1:30, this event is the perfect opportunity to indulge in

delicious BBQ while enjoying great company and a lively atmosphere. Don't miss out on this mouthwatering experience—[learn more](#).



Volunteer Wednesdays

Join us for Volunteer Wednesdays at Inspiration Hills and make a meaningful impact in our community! This is a wonderful opportunity to give back, meet new people, and enjoy the great outdoors while helping us complete important projects that keep our camp beautiful and functional. Lunch will be provided. Call the camp office and let us know when you are coming!



**DONATE
AUCTION
ITEMS**

Auction Donations

Your generous donations can make a significant impact, whether they are for our live auction or our dessert auction. If you're looking for inspiration, don't worry; we've got you covered with a variety of creative basket ideas posted on our Facebook page. Every contribution helps us create a memorable experience and supports our cause!

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.

Coming Up:

**Prayer Meeting 6 pm & Bible Study, 7 pm
Tuesday evenings**

Adult Sunday school: Sunday., 9:30 am

Labor Day, Sept. 2

Kids Closet, Sept. 7

Commissions/Exec. Comm Mtg, Sept. 11

Ice Cream Social, Sept. 14, 6-8 pm

**Mum Sunday, Sept. 22 (order deadline is
9/15)**

Service Project, Sept. 29



Attendance & Offering

August 4, 2024; Attendance: 33 plus 6 online

Offering: \$2,086.00; Specials: \$80.24

August 11, 2024; Attendance: 27 plus 5 online

Offering: \$634.00; Specials: \$41.50

August 18, 2024; Attendance: 22 plus 7 on line

Offering: \$1,450.00; Specials: \$47.00

August 25, 2024: Attendance: 31 plus 6 online

Offering: \$1,042.00; Specials: \$20.00



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

SEPTEMBER BIBLE QUIZ

1. What Island was Paul shipwrecked on?
2. What city was Paul traveling to when he encountered a great and blinding light?"
3. Whose example does Paul say Christians should follow in Ch. 5 of Ephesians?
4. What type of insect did John the Baptist eat in the dessert?
5. Who recognized Jesus as the Messiah when he was presented at the Temple as a baby?

Answers to the August Bible quiz

1. Purim
2. Love your neighbor
3. Miriam, his sister
4. David
5. Simon, Andrew, James



SEPTEMBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 2 Cent offering	2 Labor Day	3	4	5 Choir Practice, 7 pm	6	7 Kids Closet 10-12
8	9	10 Prayer mtg, 6 pm, Bible Study 7 pm	11 Commissions, 7 pm, Ex. Comm Mtg 7:40 pm	12 Choir Practice 7 pm	13	14 Ice Cream Social 6-8 pm
15 Deadline for mum orders	16	17 Prayer mtg, 6pm Bible Study 7 pm	18	19 Choir Practice 7 pm	20	21
22 Mum Sunday Fall Begins	23	24 Prayer mtg, 6 pm Bible Study 7 pm	25	26 Choir Practice 7 pm	27	28
29 Service Project, 9: 30 am	30	9:30 am Sunday school 10:30 am Worship Service Online Also				

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSRIES

3 Janet Watkins	9 Aaron Sells	19 Ashley Naylor
5 David/Joyce Mohler	12 Collin Boswell	21 Dawn Conner
6 Aaliyah Boswell	13 Joe Stefanka	21 Mike/Dawn Conner
7 Janice Myler	16 Duane/Kris Hawk	24 Gail Naylor
8 Norma Shanafelt	19 Kristen Garcia Irvin	24 Logan Welday
8 Grace Wenger		26 Elliott Schulte (Dombek)

The ABC's of an Inspired Life

Ask for what you want.

Be who you say you are.

Care about others.

Dare to live your dreams.

Ease through the day.

Find the best fit.

Give to another.

Hug a friend.

Inspire someone to greatness.

Jump over a boundary.

Kick a bad habit.

Leap across a fear.

Mention something uplifting.

Never say never.



Open your mind and heart.

Pursue your innermost passions.

Quit complaining.

Restore your smile.

Set your sights high.

Trust yourself.

Use all the day.

Value everything.

Wait until it feels right.

Xpress yourself.

Yank weeds from your mental garden.

Zoom into the Now.

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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 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