# SPRINGFIELD CORNERSTONE

**MISSION STATEMENT**
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# *July 2025*

## Coming Up

**Annual Conference July 2-6**
**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., 7pm**
**Shared service with Eastwood on 7/13**
**Pastor Andrew on vacation 7/11-21**
**VBS 7/28-31, evenings**
**BTSB: Sunday, August 3**

## June Attendance & Offering

**June 1, 2025;** Attendance: 39 plus, 5 online
Offering: $2,350.00; Specials: $41.56
**June 8, 2025**; Attendance: 30 plus 5 online
Offering: $1,856.00; Specials: 0
**July 15, 2025**; Attendance: 29 plus 8 online
Offering: $1,647.00; Specials: $15.00
**June 22, 2015**; Attendance: 27 plus 5 online
Offering: $1,865.00; Specials: $100.00
**June 29, 2025**; (shared with Eastwood CoB)
Attendance: 57 plus 6 online
Offering: $1,850.00; Specials$ 89.00

## 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.

### Keep these friends in your heart

Our church
The Adams
Elizabeth Butera
Bill & Donna Davis
Jean Garcia
Amy Mishler
Meredith Morckel
Dick Putt
Scott Snyder
Ranay Cowie
Pastor Andrew
Emily Bell
Avenell Cippant
Anthony Garcia
Karen Hites
Howard Ludwick
Jim & Pat Mills
Norma Shanafelt
Beckie Ebie
Terri and Craig Tucker
Melissa Reed (friend of the Courie's)
Michael Davis (Donna Davis's great grandson)
Bob and Letha Hatherill (parents of Ranay Cowie)

### *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.

### 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:** Sent out by Pastor Andrew daily including prayer concerns.

## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Keep our Annual Conf delegate Kim Morckel** in your prayers as she and Bruce return from conference.

**Prayers for Pastor Andrew, Lauren and kids** as they vacation this Friday through July 21. For concerns, please contact your deacon or the deacons on call.

**No church meetings in the month of July**.

**We will be sharing the service on July 13 with the Eastwood congregation** at 9:30 am, following project work during their Sunday school time at 10:45 am.

**This year's church picnic** has been scheduled for August 31st. It will be taking place at Maca Park. We will be having our church service at the park at 11 followed by a time of food and fun. We will be extending an invitation to Eastwood to join us. Fellowship and worship will provide plates and utensils, hamburgers and hot dogs, buns, condiments, and some beverages. We ask those who attend bring a dish to share and any yard games you may have. Further details will be provided closer to the event.

**The 2025 Flower Calendar is on the back bulletin board** if you would like to purchase altar flowers. Lots of available spaces, especially in July and August.

**Inspiration Hills Summer Schedule-** copies are on the back table. Jr. Hi Camp this week

**SPECIAL MUSIC FOR SUMMER** If interested in providing vocal, instrumental, or spoken music during the summer services, contact Glen Grunder, Sam Courie, or Jean Garcia

**Vacation Bible School** July 28-31st **BTSB** August 3rd

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

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## CHURCH CONFERENCES

### Annual Conference, July 2-6, Greensboro NC

### District Conference, E. Chippewa,

Orrville, OH, Aug 8-9,

- Moderator is Mike Conner, Pastor of the Painesville CoB
- Theme: "Gace through Faith" from Eph 2: 8-10 and 2 Cor. 6:1.
- Ice Cream Social, Fri. night
- (Moderator Elect is Cindy Peel who will be the Moderator in 2026).
- Delegates: Rita Smyder & Glen Grunder

### Pre-Conference Workshop,

**Friday Aug 8th 1-4:30** pm

District Conference weekend. Joshua Brockway is the speaker/facilitator of this workshop

Theme: Fruit of Discipleship in Shifting Times

Josh is the Director for spiritual formation for the Brotherhood and comes from our part of the district.

### National Older Adult Conf. (NOAC), Sept. 1-5, 2025, Lake Junaluska NC

Theme: Alive in the Spirit

If you are 50 and above, come on down to share a great time with others.

## Pastor Andrew's July Article

# Joy, Mistakes, and the Door We Forgot to Open

*Peter knocked at the outer entrance, and a servant named Rhoda came to answer the door. When she recognized Peter's voice, she was so overjoyed she ran back without opening it and exclaimed, "Peter is at the door!"* - Acts 12:13–14

This reflection was supposed to go out as part of our daily morning series. I had it all written, set aside to upload later—and then, like Rhoda in Acts 12, I got distracted. The result? A joyful moment left standing at the door a little longer than planned. Maybe that's fitting, because this story is all about how joy, mistakes, and a little humor can still be part of God's unfolding story.

In Acts 12, Peter has just been miraculously freed from prison. The early church is gathered in John-Mark's mother's home, praying fervently for Peter's safety. As Peter knocks at the outer gate, a servant named Rhoda comes to the door, inquires who is there, and in her excitement of hearing Peter's voice, forgets the most obvious next step—actually letting him in. She runs back to the others and announces, "Peter is at the door!" Meanwhile, the poor apostle is still standing outside in the dark, fresh from a jailbreak, waiting to be let in off the street.

This moment, brief as it is, has been remembered for two thousand years. It's one of those wonderfully human scenes that reminds us the Bible isn't just full of lofty theology—it's also full of people. People who get excited. People who make small mistakes. People who laugh, sometimes in disbelief, at how quickly and surprisingly God answers prayer.

It's not hard to imagine the early church telling this story with a chuckle: "Remember how Rhoda got so excited she forgot to open the door?" And there's something profound about the fact that Luke, the careful historian and doctor, includes it in the book of Acts. It didn't have to be there. But he tells it, maybe because we all need to remember that joy sometimes looks like running in the wrong direction. That even faithful people forget the obvious when grace shows up.

There's encouragement here for all of us. Because if we're honest, we've all had Rhoda moments—times when we were so caught up in joy or surprise or even busyness that we forgot to follow through. We've left someone waiting at the door. We've started celebrating before the miracle was finished. We've made a small misstep that ended up being part of a much bigger story.

And the good news? God doesn't discard us for that. In fact, sometimes He uses those moments to remind us that His work doesn't depend on our perfection. It depends on His power, and our willingness to respond, even if we respond imperfectly.
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So here's your slightly late reflection, complete with a laugh, a little grace, and a reminder: Joy is sometimes messy. Mistakes can be funny. And even when we forget to open the door, God is still in the business of showing up.

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**Bible Study is on a summer break and will start up again after Labor day.**

**Brethren Disaster Ministries Work**
Our church district sent a group of volunteers to Letcher County Kentucky, area flooding from 2022: Don Earlenbaugh, Sandy Humphrey, Ruth McCrea, Deb Rising, and Linda Smith. The next project will be Sept. 7-13 with already having 5 volunteers ready to go. I know one couple from Eastwood was talking about volunteering this fall. Project days for 2026 will be available in a months time. If interested contact the disaster team: Sandy Humphrey, Pete Snyder and our own Kim Morckel.

**Summer camps coming up**
This week is **Junior camp** through the end of the week.
Beginners Camp and Parents Camp will be July 13 through the 15th.
**Bring your own Big Camp** will be July 15 through the 18th.

**The Labor day family camp** will be Aug 29 through September 1st.

**Woman's Zoom Bible Study**
Cindy Peel wants to start up a zoom Bible study beginning this fall. Interested?? What would you like to study? 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.

**VBS/BTSB**

VBS will be the last week of July, probably in the evenings for 4 days.

BTSB is the first Sunday of August. Contact the people lining up activities for these events and ask how you can help!

## Answers to May/June Quiz

1. **Easter**
2. **10 days**
3. **Rushing Wind**
4. **It empowered them with gifts to continue sharing the gospel.**
5. **Peter**
6. **Dream dreams**
7. **They shall be saved**
8. **The Lord**
9. **They would be defeated by divine intervention**
10. **Jerusalem**

## July Bible Quiz: Acts 12

1. In Acts 12, who arrested some of the church people?
2. Which disciple was killed by a sword at this time? And which disciple was put in prison?
3. What festival were the Jews celebrating at this time?
4. What unexpected visitor woke this disciple up?
5. Where is the first place that Peter went to?
6. Who went to answer the door but was so excited, did not actually open the door?
7. Where was Peter during this time? What happened to him?
8. What was the message that was to be told to James and the others?
9. After Peter left Mary, the mother of John's home, where did he go?
10. What happened to Herod when he went from Judea to Caesarea?
11. When Barnabus and Saul finished their journey where did they end up and who was with them?

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**So glad to see Andrew Kauffman, director at Inspiration Hills visiting us at church this summer! Here is his June message:**

So much is happening at camp this summer! W have been so busy! Sr. Hi camp started the summer. The kids went fishing, explored our site for wild edibles, learned to lash together a tower, made pottery in the kiln and so much more! Jr. High camp followed that with many similar activities. As soon as one group leaves, another is moving in for the weekend. It's just been a packed summer so far!

It is so great to hear the kids' excitement and see them running around knowing that we are providing the Holy Spirit a chance to make a huge impact on their lies. It is always hope that our work and our facilities well be used to further God's kingdom.

We constantly receive feedback about the beauty of the camp and we fully agree. We have been blessed that God has worked through so many people for us to be able to continue to provide this ministry through this site. Thank you to all of the volunteers and donors who give so generously to make this possible! Thank you for your support in this ministry!

**Back in May, he wrote us:** WOW! That's been my reaction to so many things lately. I walk out the door and see all of the green from growing grass, leaves on the trees, etc. WOW! The incredible generosity of the individuals and churches that give financially to help support the camp. WOW! The amazing turnouts we have had to our cookie baking days, wood splitting days, work days, and those who even show up without our asking. WOW!

We hope that you can also get a sense of these blessings. God has given us so much and works in so many amazing ways. May we always be wowed by God's incredible gifts.

Andrew Kauffman, Executive Director of Inspiration Hills.

# JULY 2025

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9:45 am Sunday school<br>11:00 am Worship Service<br>Also online "You Tube" | | 1 | 2 Annual Conf. begins | 3 | 4<br>4th of July | 5 |
| 6 Annual Conf. Sunday; Junior camp all week | 7 | 8 No church mtgs. | 9 | 10 | 11 Pastor on vacation till 21st. | 12 |
| 13 merged service at Eastwood; Beginners & parents camps through 15th | 14 | 15 Bring your Big camp 15th through 18th | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 Pastor on vacation | 21 Pastor Andrew returns from vacation | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 | 28 VBS, evenings | 29 VBS | 30 VBS | 31 VBS | BTSB IS FIRST SUNDAY IN AUGUST. | |

## July Birthdays & Anniversaries

3 Mike Conner
3 Caitlyn King
5 Jayton Levi Hornish
6 Bob Bell
10 Rita Snyder
11 Beckett Wenger
11 Jacob/Janet Watkins
15 Joe/Veronna Stefanka
18 Ron Cordier
21 Boswell Adoption Da
24 Donna Davis
29 David/Christine Davis

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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: 11 AM**
**Sunday school: 9:45 am**
**Worship, 10:30 am**