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May-June 2025

Coming Up

Sunday School: 9:45 **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. nights 7 pm
Commissions, Tues. June 10, 7 pm
Executive Comm Mtg, Tues, June 10, 7:40
Father's Day, June 15
First Day of Summer, June 20
Andrew on vacation: June 22 after church to June 30; July 11 to 21st.
Eastwood service shared at Springfield, June 29

May-June Attendance & Offering

May 4, 2025; Attendance: 32 plus 5 online

Offering: $950.00; Specials: $36.00

May 11, 2025; Attendance: 33 plus 3 online

Offering: $4,409.00; Specials: $100.00

May 18, 2025: Attendance: 30 plus 3 online

Offering: $515.00; Specials: $520.00

May 25, 2025; Attendance: 33

No offering—Memorial Day Picnic

June 1,2025: Attendance: 39 plus 5 online

Offering: $2,350.00; Specials: $41.50

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
Anthony Garcia
Scott Snyder
Amy Mishler
Jim & Pat Mills
Norma Shanafelt
Ranay Cowie
Tucker
Pastor Andrew
Emily Bell
Donna Davis
Karen Hites
Howard Ludwick
Meredith Morckel
Dick Putt
Beckie Ebie
Terri and Craig

Melissa Reed (friend of the Courie's)
Michael Davis (Donna Davis's great grandson)
Bob and Letha Hatherill (parents of Ranay Cowie)

Prayers for the Wayne Biltz family upon the passing of June on March 24.

Prayers for the family of Grayce Woerz upon the death of her brother Bob who passed May 10th.

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

The 2025 Flower Calendar is on the back bulletin board if you would like to purchase altar flowers.

Inspiration Hills Summer Schedule- copies are on the back table

If you are interested in providing vocal, instrumental, or spoken music during the summer services, please contact Glen Grunder, Sam Courie, or Jean Garcia

Vacation Bible School July 28-31s

Back to School Blast August 3rd

NEW DONATIONS for Annual Conference in June: Kim Morckel will take these to Annual Conference in July. Please bring in: **shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, feminine hygiene products, hairbrushes, gently used children's books**

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

Thanks choir for a wonderful year. We are welcoming the congregation to share their talents in reading a poem, singing or playing an instrument during our summer services.

The May/June newsletter can be found in your email mailboxes or on the back table.

CHURCH CONFERENCES

Annual Conference, July 2-6, Greensboro NC

Theme: Faith Working through Love
Registration opens up w\Wed. March 5th

District Conference, E. Chippewa,

Orrville, OH, Aug 8-9, Moderator is Mike Conner, Pastor of the Painesville CoB

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 sharing a great time with others.

Pastor Andrew's May-June Article

Ancient Faith, Modern Mythology

I love a good story—especially the kind that unfolds over time with multiple streams of history, complex characters, psychological tension, and moral ambiguity. The best stories don't just entertain us; they invite us to wrestle with truth, hope, fear, and purpose. I'm also a bit of a nerd, so I particularly enjoy stories set outside our everyday world—ones filled with ancient magic, futuristic technology, or galaxies far, far away.

Yes, I like Star Wars—and no, that should not surprise anyone.

The first Sunday of May, May 4th, is affectionately known to fans as Star Wars Day ("May the Fourth be with you!"). And while I'm not going to preach a sermon on lightsabers or Jedi Knights, I do think this is a fitting opportunity to reflect on how stories—especially those told in modern mythologies like Star Wars—can help us better understand our ancient faith.

The power of a story lies in its ability to speak to us on more than one level. George Lucas, the creator of Star Wars, was deeply influenced by the work of mythologist Joseph Campbell, who wrote about the "hero's journey"—a narrative arc found in cultures around the world (*The King Arthur and the Knights of the Roundtable, The Tale of Genji, The Odyssey*). At its heart is a simple idea: that the journey of the hero reflects something about the journey of us all. There's a call to adventure, a wrestling with fear, a confrontation with evil, and—if all goes well—a return home changed and renewed.

Luke Skywalker's journey isn't just about fighting the Empire; it's about discovering who he really is and choosing what kind of person he wants to be. At one point, when Luke hesitates to face Darth Vader again, fearing the darkness within himself, Yoda warns: "If once you start down the dark path, forever will it dominate your destiny."

But of course, we know it's not that simple. Luke chooses not to give in to hate. He sees the possibility of redemption even in Vader, his fallen father. And in one of the series' most powerful moments, that redemption comes—not because of power or violence, but because Luke refuses to give up hope, believing redemption is possible even after decades of evil actions.

This theme—of light and darkness in constant tension, of people caught in the middle—is not just good storytelling. It's also deeply biblical.

Paul writes in Romans 7:15, “I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do.” That’s the same kind of internal struggle we see in characters like Luke, Rey, and even Anakin. In Star Wars, as in Scripture, the enemy isn’t just “out there”—it’s also within. The question isn’t whether we’ll face temptation and doubt, but how we’ll respond when we do.

And that brings us back to our faith. Christianity isn’t just a set of doctrines or moral rules. It’s a story—one we’re invited into. It’s the story of a world created in love, broken by sin, and redeemed by grace. It’s a story of flawed heroes, unexpected saviors, and a God who enters the story God’s Self, not as a distant force but as a person named Jesus.

Jesus’ story doesn’t follow the path most heroes take. He doesn’t conquer through power, but through surrender. He doesn’t defeat his enemies with a sword, but with forgiveness. In Star Wars terms, He is both the Jedi who never gives in to hate and the rebel who lays down his life for the sake of others. Like Luke throwing away his saber before the Emperor, refusing to give into the temptation of evil.

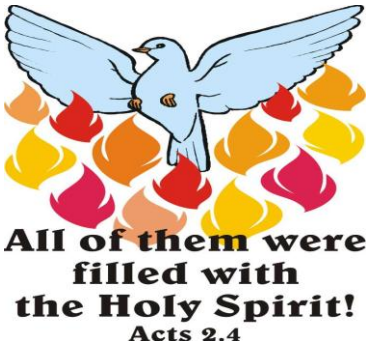
In 2 Corinthians 4:6, Paul says, “For God, who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness,’ made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God’s glory displayed in the face of Christ.” That light is what we carry into a world that often feels divided between darkness and light, a world of twilight or perhaps of dawn.

Modern myths like Star Wars give us new ways to talk about ancient truths. They help us reflect on our own journey—on what kind of people we’re becoming, on what we’re fighting for, and on what it means to live with hope.

So no, I won’t be preaching in Jedi robes any Sunday coming up (tempting as that may be). But I do think we can learn something from the stories we love—especially when they point us back to the greatest story of all. May the Force be with you… and more importantly, may the Lord be with you.

Answers to April Bible Quiz

1. Passover
2. Peter
3. Judas gave Jesus a Kiss
4. Barabbas
5. To have nothing to do with Jesus
6. Jesus the Nazarene, King of the Jews
7. A) Father forgive them for they know not what they do.
   B)You will be with me today in paradise
   C)to mother, here is your son, to disciple, here is your mother
   D. My God, My God why have you forsaken me
   E) I thirst
   F) Father into your hands I commit my spirit
   G) It is finished.
8. The tearing of the veil in the temple
9. Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus
10. Mary Magdalene



May-June Bible Quiz

1. **What Christian holiday does the holiday of Pentecost follow?**

2. **According to the Book of Acts, how many days after Jesus ascended into Heaven did the disciples celebrate Pentecost?**

3. **While everyone was gathered together in a room celebrating the feast, what sound was heard all around them, as described in Acts?**

4. **How does the Bible describe what happened to the disciples when the Holy Spirit entered them?**

5. **Acts describes which one of Jesus' disciples taking the opportunity to stand up and speak to the crowd of people?**

6. **When Peter was speaking to the crowd, what does the Book of Acts state he said would happen to the old men in the city?**

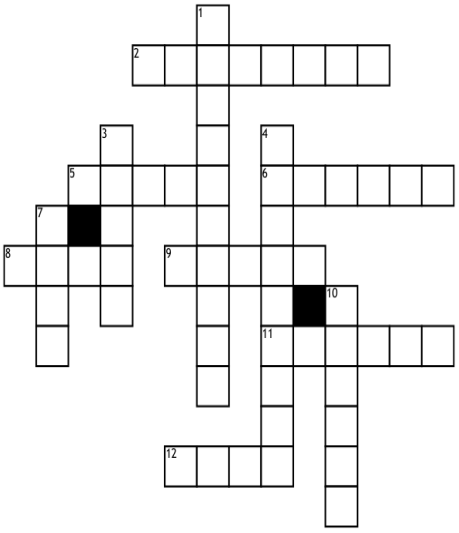
7. **In Acts 2:21, what did Peter say would happen to those that call upon the Lord?**

8. **Who did Peter describe in Acts 2:25 as sitting at the right hand of God?**

9. **According to Peter in Acts 2, what did God tell David would happen to his enemies?**

10. **In what city did this first Pentecostal celebration described in Acts take place?**

Pentecost



Across

2. The eleven followers of Jesus
5. Visited the apostles when they were scared
6. How many apostles were there during Pentecost?
8. How did the Holy Spirit present himself?
9. How many days after Jesus' Resurrection did the Holy Spirit arrive?
11. The _____ was an effect of Pentecost.
12. The Holy Spirit has never _____ the Church.

Down

1. Jesus promised to send the _____ _____.
3. Addressed a crowd and made them realize their sin
4. The event in which the apostles were fill with the Holy Spirit.
7. What did the apostles feel before the tongues of fire appeared on their heads?
10. The Holy Spirit _____ the Church.

JUNE 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Bible Study, 7 pm	5	6	7
8 Sr. youth camp	9	10 Commissions 7 pm, Ex. Comm Mtg, 7:40	11 Bible Study, 7 pm	12	13 Sr. Hi volunteer weekend	14
15 Father's Day Junior Hi camp	16	17	18 Bible Study, 7 pm	19	20 1st day of summer	21
22 Andrew on vacation after church thru 30th	23	24	25 Bible Study, 7 pm	26	27	28
29 Eastwood sharing service at Springfield	30	9:45 am Sunday school 11:00 am Worship Service Also online				

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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

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