



Springfield Cornerstone

DECEMBER 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
EVERY SUNDAY 9:30 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Worship		1	2 5:30 pm Family Meal	3 10 am Bible Study 7 pm Choir Practice	4	5 Camp Holiday Homecoming
6 1 pm Caroling 6:30 pm Youth Meeting	7 6 pm Stephen Ministries	8	9	10 10 am Bible Study 7 pm Choir Practice	11	12 12– 3 pm Parents Day Out
13 Advent Dinner Poinsettia order due	14	15	16	17 10 am Bible Study 7 pm Choir Practice	18	19 10-2 pm Cookie Sale 7 pm Youth Christmas Party
20 9:30 am Children's Program; 7 pm Candlelight service	21 6 pm Stephen Ministries	22 Newsletter deadline	23	24	25 Merry Christmas! 	26
27	28	29	30	31 Camp New Year's Eve Bash Youth Lock-in 6pm—8 am		



Family Night on Wednesday evenings



We are meeting weekly for Family Night this year with a meal serving from 5:30 to 6:30 pm through February. This is a wonderful time of fellowship! **December 2nd** meal – Lasagna, Green Beans, Cole Slaw/ Applesauce, Dessert. This will be the last Family Night until January. Please call Jean Garcia, Dee Kinsey or Pastor Kris for more information.

Candlelight Service You are invited to a Candlelight Service on Sunday, December 20th at 7 pm. Come for a special time of music and storytelling — leading to a time of candlelight and carols. Please invite family and friends to join you for this special time together. Refreshments will be provided after the service. There is a sign-up sheet on the back table for contributions of food for this evening.



Advent Meal will be **Sunday, December 13th** after church. (This is a new date due to the Fellowship Hall floor being



Advent Dinner

refinished the week of December 7th). This is a covered dish dinner. Ham, drinks, and table service will be provided. Please bring side dishes and desserts to share. All are welcome for this time of Fellowship. Carry-outs will be available for shut-ins only.

Christmas Cookie Sale

The Women of the church will be having their annual Christmas Cookie Sale again this year Dec.19th. There will be a sign up sheet on the table at the back of the church if you are willing to provide cookies for this event. We have done well the last several years and are trying to get enough money to use for the church kitchen.



Christmas Caroling Caroling is a wonderful opportunity to show our love to those who cannot get to church during this season. We will eat together after worship on December 6th and leave from the church immediately after lunch at 1 pm to bring the music of Christmas to the homes of some of our church friends and members. Please consider making this part of your Christmas giving this year!!



Thank you to my church family, Thank you for the cards, prayers, concerns, flowers and delicious food. I still have a ways to go, but will get there. Thank you again.
Love, Grayce Woerz

Baptism **Ethan Uselton and Mason Uselton** were baptized into Springfield's family of faith Sunday, November 8th. Blessings to them as they begin their new lives in Christ!

Deacon Ministry Bob & Rita Snyder and Beverly Bridger were chosen as Deacons by the congregation during a special time of Deacon Calling on October 18th as part of the worship service. They have accepted this call to continue as Deacons serving an additional 5-year term.

Deacon Officers for 2016

Chair – Rita Snyder Vice Chair – Doris Van Horn
Secretary – Bev Sheets



Parents Day Out

On Saturday, **December 12th**, the Youth will be providing children's activities here at the church from 12—2 pm. Bring your children – ages 4 through grades 5 for crafts, stories, games, cookie icing, and lunch. Give your child this opportunity for a fun day, while taking a little time for yourself. There is no charge – this is a gift to you from the youth. We are asking that you let us know if your child can come so we can prepare enough for lunch. Please call or text Dustin or Keri Boswell to register your child (ren). Children participating in the Christmas program are to be here at 10 am—12 for practice that day. This gives parents some extra time!!!



Children's Christmas Program

Sshh! Grab your dark shades and go undercover to join the exciting Christmas mission of "We Three Spies". Agents E, L and F are recruits with the CIK (Christmas Intelligence Kids), a covert group of spies who secretly bring Christmas cheer and hope to those who need it. But this year they're facing an especially difficult challenge in the form of a modern day Scrooge! The Junior Worship will present this musical on Sunday morning, **December 20st at 9:30 am**. This will be in place of the Sunday School classes for that Sunday. Refreshments will be provided by the children and the Christian Education Commission.



Address changes

Jay and Susan Knepp: 5108 St. Rt. 59, Lot N7, Ravenna, OH 44266-8800
 Marie Fulks email: mcouriefulks@aol.com
 Karen Hites email: kyhites270@gmail.com

Personnel Changes

The Trustee Commission accepted Jeff and Diana Skalak's resignations as church custodians effective November 22nd. Thank you to Jeff and Diana for the service they have provided to the church in this role over the last few years. The Trustees have hired Carrie Dasco to serve as the custodian on a temporary basis. She began those duties on November 23rd.

Camp Inspiration Hills Holiday Homecoming

December 5 from 9 am—1 pm

Come and share in making memories, holiday decorations and sharing with your church family!
 Bring your family & come for breakfast!

Commission Officers for 2016

On November 10th, the Commissions re-organized and set goals for 2016. The following were called as Commission leaders:

Christian Ed

Chair – Becky Burtoft
 Vice Chair – Terri Tucker
 Secretary – Cindy Peel

Fellowship and Recreation

Chair – Jean Garcia
 Vice Chair – Cecil Van Horn
 Secretary – Keri Boswell

Finance

Chair – Rollin Kinsey
 Vice Chair – Chris Kline
 Secretary – Ranay Hatherill

Music and Worship

Chair and Vice Chair – to be determined
 Secretary – Olivia Davis

Trustees

Chair – Dale Burtoft
 Vice Chair – Jim Mills
 Secretary – Bev Bridger

Witness

Chair – Kim Morckel
 Vice Chair – Pat Mills
 Secretary – to be determined



Advent begins next Sunday

Longing for Freedom



The Advent season is a time of reflection on how God's coming in Jesus releases us from the personal, social, and historical chains that bind us. The theme for this Advent season is "Longing for Freedom". We live in the paradox that we are both moving towards freedom, but encumbered by the burden

and sin we carry; we are carrying the scars of struggle, but living with a new hope. God's freedom takes us down pathways of justice, mercy, trust, love, and service.

Each Sunday will move us further on this journey.

Date	Message
Nov. 29	"The Days are Coming!"
Dec. 6	"To Receive Mercy!"
Dec. 13	"To be Restored!"
Dec. 20	"To Receive Peace!"
Dec. 27	"Put on Love!"
Jan. 3	"Freedom for All!"

Other special events throughout the Advent Season:

Date	Time	Event
Nov. 29	12 pm	Hanging of the Greens
Dec. 6	1 pm	Caroling
Dec. 13	5:30 pm	Advent Dinner
Dec. 20	9:30 am	Children's Christmas Program
Dec. 20	7:00 pm	Candlelight Service

You are invited to be part of this journey as we seek God's freedom and joy throughout the Advent Season.

Pastoral Search Committee Update



The Search Committee has completed the interview process and hope to present a candidate to the congregation soon. Once a candidate is chosen, there will be a time for the congregation to meet the candidate, ask questions, and hear their preaching style. A special

Council meeting will then be held as church members make the final decision on the Pastoral candidate. Please continue to keep the committee in prayer as they work on behalf of the congregation.

Those serving are Jill Smith, chair, Dustin Boswell, Julie Frient, Joyce Mohler, Rita Snyder, Terry Tucker, Cecil Vanhorn, Marissa Watkins, and Glenn Young.



Youth Lock In

January 1st

7 pm until January 2 at 8 am

Congratulations!



Congratulations to Daniel and Kathy Hawk on the birth of Jason Thomas born on Thanksgiving Day. He weighed 8 lbs. 3 oz. and is 22 ½ inches. All (including big brother Jonathan) are doing well.

Acme Community Receipts Program —Place receipts in the tin on the furnace on the entrance level of the church. The money goes to send flowers to shut-ins once a month. Your information is secure.





Poinsettias

Winter is a beautiful time of year, with glistening snow, crisp air, & the sounds and sights of the Christmas holidays. As Christians, there is no better time to celebrate our Lord than by rejoicing in his birth. Share your joy with your family or with someone else

by purchasing Christmas Poinsettias. They may be purchased in Memory of or in Honor of someone. Each Poinsettia will be wrapped in green foil and adorned with a bow. The cost is \$7.35 for a 6 inch plant. All money and orders are due in the offering plate or in Karen Fergus' mailbox by December 13th.

Poinsettia Sunday will be

December 20th

You may take your poinsettias home following the Candlelight service.

Poinsettia Order Form

Your Name _____

How many _____ @ \$7.35each

Amount Paid \$ _____

In honor of _____

Fellowship Hall floor being refinished!

The Fellowship Hall floor, the downstairs bathrooms, and the hallway by the baptistry are being refinished December 7th through the 11th (Monday through Friday). During that time, it cannot be used (or even walked across!). The Advent Dinner has been rescheduled to accommodate this upgrade! Memorial Funds and donations have made this project possible.



Instead of sending Christmas cards to your church friends, consider donating money you would spend on the cards and stamps to the our church Emergency Fund. This fund helps those in our congregation as financial needs arise. Please fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate, along with your donation, **no later than Sunday, December 13.** Thank you. The list will be in the December 20th bulletin.

Christmas Greetings

Your Name _____

(as you want it to appear in the bulletin)

Donation Amount \$ _____

Springfield Cares

We have the opportunity to once again help some children in our area receive Christmas gifts. Through Springfield Cares we have received ideas for gifts for four children and there is a tree in the back of the sanctuary with ideas for a gift for each of these children. If you would like to help out - take a card off the tree, purchase the gift described on the card and return it to the church by Dec. 13th -with the tag taped to the gift. It can be wrapped if you wish. Thank you for considering helping with this project.





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



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Church Custodian: Carrie Dasco

**Sunday Hours
of Worship:**
Sunday School, 9:30 am
Worship, 10:30 am