



Springfield Cornerstone

EVERY SUNDAY

9:30 am – Sunday School
 10:30 am – Worship
 6:00 pm – Youth Meeting

FEBRUARY 2015



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communication SS class starts Superbowl Sub Sunday	2 6-8:30 pm Stephen Ministries training	3 7-9 pm Volleyball @ Mt. Pleasant	4 5:30-6:30 pm Family Night	5 10 am Women's Bible Study 7 pm Choir	6	7 4 pm Volleyball @ Hartville
8 12 pm carry-in dinner; Naming our Fears 2 pm bowling	9 6-8:30 pm Stephen Ministries training	10 7 pm Commission & Executive Comm. Meeting. 7-9 pm Volleyball	11 5:30-6:30 pm Family Night	12 10 am Women's Bible Study 7 pm Choir	13 Winter Camp thru Sunday (ages 8-11)	14 10-12:30 Sisters Tea at Ashland Dickey CoB 5:30 pm Volleyball @Hartville
15 2 pm bowling	16 6-8:30 pm Stephen Ministries	17 7-9 pm Volleyball @ Mt. Pleasant	18 5:30-6:30 pm Family Night	19 10 am Women's Bible Study 7 pm Choir	20 Jr. High Rally, Maple Grove	21 Jr. High Rally 5:30 pm Volleyball @ Hartville
22 2 pm bowling 7 pm Lenten service	23 6-8:30 pm Stephen Ministries training	24 7-9 pm Volleyball @ Mt. Pleasant	25 5:30-6:30 Family Night 6:30 pm Celebrating our Past	26 10 am Women's Bible Study 7 pm Choir	27	28 5:30 pm Volleyball @ Hartville

Superbowl Subs are coming February 1st!

Order yours now! E-mail/text to Dustin and Keri Boswell by **Mon., January 26th**.





LENT 2015



The area wide Church of the Brethren congregations meet to observe the season of Lent. Refreshments following each service. Services begin at 7 pm Sunday evenings.

February 22	Akron Eastwood	Anthony DiMarco	Words to Remember: Trust	John 14
March 1	Center	Rebecca Ebie	Words to Remember: Love One Another	John 15
March 8	Hartville	Paul Bozman	Words to Remember: Grief to Joy	John 16
March 15	Location to be determined	Bruce Jacobsen	Words to Remember: Unity	John 17
March 22	Akron Springfield	Festival of Choirs		

Family Night on Wednesdays!



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! Please call Jean Garcia, Dee Kinsey or Pastor Kris for more information.

February Commission Meetings
Tuesday evening,
February 10th, 7 pm

February Executive Committee Meeting
Tuesday evening, February 10th, 7:40 pm

Continuing as deacon - Avenell Cippant has been called to continue serving as deacon for a five year term. We are grateful for her willingness to minister in such a meaningful way.



District Tea Time
Sister's Valentine Tea
Saturday, February 14, 2015
10 am—12:30 pm

Ashland Dickey CoB
1509 Twp Rd. 655, Ashland, OH
Speaker: Mrs. Linda M. Luedeman,
Ambassador with Women at Risk, Int'l
Topic: Human Trafficking/(for women 16 and older)
(light lunch/love offering)
Register by February 9th
Contact Janis Turk 419-685-1302
jmturk2@frontier.com



Camp Inspiration Hills - Winter Camp for ages 8-11 (grades 3-5)



“Power Up” Feb. 13-15 \$75. Register by Feb. 9 for \$10 discount. See flyers on back table.

Junior High Winter Rally, February 20-21 at Maplegrove CoB. Registration flyers on back table.

Bowling League The church bowling league started on January 11 and will last for 12 weeks. Bowling will be at 2 pm at Bill White Lanes. Please see Mark Conner for details and to sign up.

Acolytes Any child that is eight years or older and has not been contacted about being an acolyte, please contact Dick Putt at 330-784-7165.



Mark your Calendars

The Church of the Brethren is offering a **church leadership conference** at the Frederick, Maryland CoB May 14-18. Church leaders & board members are encouraged to attend.

Annual Conference will be July 11-15 in Tampa Bay, Florida. Non delegate registration begins February 25th.



District Conference this year will be at the Mohican CoB in W. Salem from Friday, July 24 through Saturday, July 25th.

2015 National Older Adult Conference (NOAC) will be September 7-11 at Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center in western North Carolina. The conference theme is “Then Jesus told them a Story.” See the church website for more information: brethren.org/NOAC.

A Thank You

Marie Fulks wants to thank the carolers for thinking of her with their music and fruit basket. She remarked “what beautiful music and I just love the little ones!” She also wants to thank the Jean Garcia for bringing her meals on Family Night and to Pastor Kris for bringing meals on days when Family Night was cancelled.

A Thank you



Thanks for your cards, well wishes and prayers. May God bless. In Christian love, Charles A. Hartley

Thank You!

Support Camp Inspiration Hills!

Join the IH365 Club. Changing the future dollar by dollar and day by day! Pledge \$1 a day for a year means new ministry opportunities & growth through updated facilities, improved programs and ultimately more people reached with the gospel of Christ. You can have gifts marked in memory of or in honor of someone.



Make checks payable to Inspiration Hills Camp. Put in the offering with a notation or mail to the camp at 4819 W. Easton Rd., Burbank, OH 44214.





Naming Our Fears!

In the Bible, fear and love stand in opposition to each other. The source of this opposition is control over us! When we are afraid, when we feel fear, we grant control over us to whatever is the source of that fear. When the Bible says fear God, it is essentially telling us to grant to God control over us! But since God is love, we grant control to love... not to fear!

Often in life we act out of fear but we do not always recognize this because we do not acknowledge our fears. The act of naming our fears is the opening round of our battle to disempower our fears and take back control of our lives, hopefully then granting it to God!

I have worked at identifying a list of the top ten fears churches and their members often face. Let's see if I have included yours!

Fear of change	Fear of Failure
Fear of Financial Issues	Fear of Offending Others
Fear of Risks, Critics, and Nitpickers	Fear of Losing Control to Power centers
Fear of Success & Leadership Issues	Fear of Those Who are Different
Fear of Appearing to be Something We're Not	Fear of Exposing Our Perceived Weaknesses and Incompetencies

To these we can add a list of personal challenges rooted in fears often originating from our childhood.

- Abandonment: Lack of self-worth, personal value, and trust
- Arrogance: I am always right, I know more than you, I am better than you
- Damaged: I am damaged goods, a failure; something is wrong with me
- Inferiority: I am hopeless, boring, worthless, stupid, not good enough
- Rejection: I am unwanted, undesirable, a burden to others; nobody likes me
- Shame: I am bad, evil, a mistake, a monster, disgusting

Behaviors for building trust to overcome our fears (improving congregational health)

Listening — Understanding — Affirming

At the root of the core challenges is a lack of acceptance and a deep feeling of disconnection from others. Here are some core beliefs to transform these personal challenges through reconnecting to self, God, and others.

- I am worthy of love.
- I can learn from and see goodness in everyone I meet.
- I am whole & complete just as I am. I can choose to love me just as I am.
- I am a good and valuable person who can make meaningful contributions
- I am an attractive and interesting person, worthy of relationships
- I must be gentle with myself and others like me; I am loved!

There is a homework assignment in preparation for our meeting on Sunday, February 8, 2015, after a church carry-in:

- Name your major fears for our church and within yourself. (The meeting will focus on your fears for our congregation, but it is helpful to think about both.)
- Figure out how they started.
- What do you need to overcome them?



Celebrating New Life!

Serenity Maze, Torri Paveloi, and Coby Watkins were baptized on January 11th during the worship service; Seth Frient on January 25th. They each shared the statement of faith they had written and answered yes to each of these questions – questions each of us were encouraged to remember as we reflected on our own baptisms.

Do you believe that Jesus is God's Son and do you accept Him as Savior and Lord in your life?

With the help of the Holy Spirit will you live according to the teachings and example of Jesus – growing to be more like Him?

Will you become part of this church family supporting it with your prayers and your presence, your service and your substance (giving)...learning from us as we learn from you?

May we support and pray for these young brothers and sisters in Christ as they begin their lifetime of discipleship in Jesus Christ.

Congregational Assessment – Plan for Redevelopment

Our Congregational Assessment conducted by Pastor Tom shows that we are in the stage of aging (declining). The plan for action recommended based on this stage is called “Redevelopment”. A new and different purpose can reverse decline and move us again into a stage of growth.

The **beginning steps** and time frames are included below. Please set aside these dates as we together work to heal and grow.

Action Plans for Redevelopment:

Naming & confronting our fears – Sunday, February 8th. Carry-in dinner **after church** followed by discussion led by Pastor Tom. Naming those things we fear lessen the power of those fears in our lives. All are encouraged to attend and share and listen during this time together. (see article by Pastor Tom on page 4 for more information.)

Celebrating & grieving our past – Wednesday, February 25th at 6:30 pm after the Family Night meal. All are encouraged to attend and share and listen as Pastor Tom leads us in this time of looking back so we can begin to look forward.

Teaching on improving communication and conflict management. Sunday mornings during Sunday School February 1st – March 29th. Youth and adults are invited to be part of this class learning how to improve our communication within the church and within our lives.

Identifying our mission & core values – February – April 2015 (initially by Executive Board & deacons – more information to follow)

Please contact Pastor Tom with questions or for more information.



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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 our Lord Jesus



*Continuing the work of Jesus.
Peacefully. Simply. Together.*



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

Games are played at the Hartville Church at 4:00
and 5:30 pm Saturdays.

1. Lakeview Lighthouse
2. Calvary
3. Springfield
4. Hartville



2015 Volleyball League

Date	4:00	5:30
Saturday		
1/17/15	1 vs 2	3 vs 4
1/24/15	2 vs 3	4 vs 1
1/31/15	1 vs 3	4 vs 2
2/7/15	4 vs 3	2 vs 1
2/14/15	1 vs 4	3 vs 2
2/21/15	1 vs 2	3 vs 4
2/28/15	2 vs 4	3 vs 1
3/7/15	2 vs 3	4 vs 1
3/14/15	3 vs 4	1 vs 2
Tournament 3/21/15	Seed 4 vs Seed 1	Seed 3 vs Seed 2
Champion- ship Game 3/28/15	Lowest Seed vs Highest Seed	Banquet