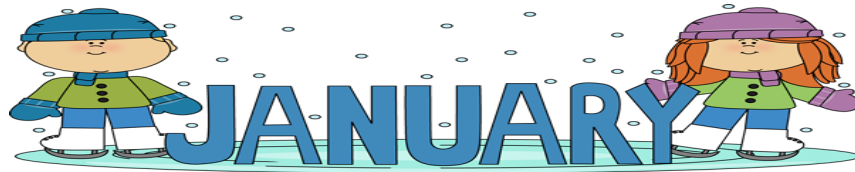


Springfield Cornerstone

JANUARY 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Happy New Years!! Youth Outing at camp	2	3	4 10 am Ladies Bible Study 5:30 pm Family Meal 6:00 pm TOPS	5 7 pm choir practice	6	7
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Family Night on Wednesday evenings

Family Night this year offers an opportunity to gather on Wednesday for a meal together through the winter months. We are serving from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. This is a wonderful time of fellowship! There will not be any meals Dec. 28 because of Christmas. Family Night will be starting up again on Wednesday, January 4th with Dustin and Kari cooking.

Ladies Study Group This group is meeting for on Wednesday mornings from 10 am till 11:30 am at Bev Sheet's home. They will not meet until January 4th (weather permitting), and are starting a new study on Mark and invite and encourage you to come.

Choir Practice The choir is practicing on Thursday evenings at 7 pm. Contact Bonnie Young if interested in joining the choir.

Acme Receipts Program Please keep collecting your Acme receipts and turning them in to the Acme box in the back of the Sanctuary. This money will be spent for altar flowers once a month for our shut-ins. Deadline for collecting is February 4, 2017.

Bowling: Bowling will start January 8th for 12 weeks at \$9 per week. See Mark Conner.

Good Neighbors is in need of non-perishable food, personal care items, cleaning supplies, small household items, clothing and financial contributions.

Cookie Sale

A big Thank you to all of you who donated cookies for the annual cookie sale, as well as those who helped set things up and selling them, and to Cecil who put up and took down the signs. Despite the icy roads, about \$700.00 was made. We have people who come to buy every year and look forward to getting their Christmas cookies at our church. Plans are to use the money for needs for the kitchen.

Holiday Schedule

Vacation Days for Pastor Alan in December & January: December 27, 28, 29th and January 1st. Cindy Peel will be preaching on New Years Day. Please call your deacon or the deacons-on-call should you have any needs during the days Pastor Alan is on vacation. Also, please have information for the January 1st bulletin into the office by Tues, Dec. 27th. The office will be closed December 29th and 30th.

Commission Meetings

Tuesday, January 10th, 7 pm

Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday, January 10, 7:40 pm

Cup and Bread Communion

We will be celebrating the Bread and Cup Communion Sunday, January 8th during our worship service.

Inspiration Hills

Youth New Year's Eve Event "Choices"

December 31, 7 pm to January 1 at 2 pm

Inspiration Hills — Grades 6-12

Junior High Winter Camp (gr 6-8)

Inspiration Hills, Feb. 10-12; Cost \$90

Junior Winter Camp (gr. 3-5)

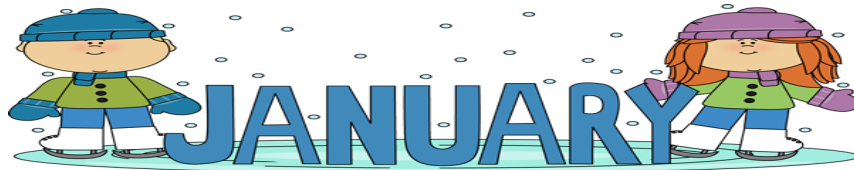
Inspiration Hills, Feb. 17-19; Cost \$90

Call 419-846-3010 —See bulletin board

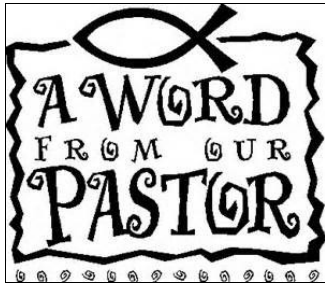
"What's Happening at Camp"

on bulletin board. This has news about winter camps, summer camp schedule and the Walnut Lodge remodeling.





Pastor Alan's Message



In the final days of 2016, as I begin to put together my Pastoral Letter, I realize that this year, 2016, was a year of transition for the Springfield congregation and, of course, for my wife and myself.

The year began with a snowy Sunday in January. My wife and I met the full congregation and I delivered my trial sermon. With the call of the church for me to become the next pastor, the transition began to move right ahead. My wife and I accepted the call; we then returned to the Yellow Creek congregating to resign and

begin to say our goodbyes.

We returned to Ohio the end of January to secure our housing. Then we began to box everything up for the move which took place the first weekend in April. Many from our church were there to help us unpack and move in with a delicious dinner delivered to us on Saturday evening after the move. Just for the record, it snowed that weekend also—you would think that we moved to the Northeast Ohio “snow belt” with all the snow!

Then it was time to get to work as your pastor and getting to know the congregation. Of course, with that the congregation also had the opportunity to get to know us. The transition was now fully engaged; we began to get to know one another and listen to one another. I found out that someone in our church really likes Tootsie Rolls!

Returning to our home from an August Sunday service, we received a call that a house in Brighten Bay was available for us. We said “yes” and out came the boxes AGAIN! It was the end of September and we moved across the road to our new address: 2840 Pintail Court. Again our congregation stepped up and helped us with our second move in so many ways.

It has been nine months since we moved here and began our pastorate. The transition may not be complete as we turn the calendar to 2017. I feel that it is time for the church to boldly begin to ask the question, “Where are we going for the glory of God and His church.” So let us begin the New Year asking ourselves and one another, “What does God have for us as individuals and as a church for 2017?”

Your pastor, Alan

We have been blessed over the holiday with cards, gifts and visits. We would like to say Thank You to all of you! Pastor Alan and Sally

2018 Springfield 150 Celebration



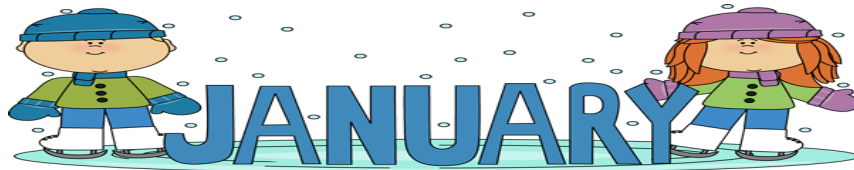
A 150th anniversary committee of our church is being formed. Contact Pastor Alan If you are interested in serving on this committee or for any ideas you have for this special reunion. The committee will soon be meeting to brainstorm ideas.

New Deacons

New deacons are Sam & Delores Courie, Doug & Christine Kline, and Chris & Becky Kline.

We regret that Cecil & Doris Van Horn are resigning as deacons. We appreciate their faithfulness in their service as deacons.

There will be a deacon meeting on Sunday, January 15th following worship service.



DIRECTORY UPDATE



Church Directory

We are working on the 2017 directory and hope to publish it in the next several weeks.

We need your help to make sure all our information is correct.

If there are no changes to your information in the directory, you do not need to do anything.

If there are any changes, please list them on the form below and put it in the offering plate by **January 15**. You may also make the changes in the directory on the back table or call them to the church office. **Thank you!**

PRAYER CHAIN UPDATE

Prayer needs are communicated to our congregation through sharing time in worship, by phone, and by e-mail. In order to make sure we are communicating in the way that works best for you, we are asking for updated information.

If you are currently on the telephone or email prayer chain list and have no changes, you do not need to do anything. If you would like to be added or removed from one of these lists, or need to change your phone number or email address, please complete the form below and put it in the offering plate by **January 15th**. **Thank you!**

DIRECTORY UPDATE FORM

Name _____

Please change the following information

Address

Phone Number _____

Email address _____



PRAYER CHAIN FORM

Name _____

TELEPHONE Prayer Chain

(You will receive prayer information by a phone call and be asked to phone that information on to another.)

Please add my number to the phone list

Phone number(330) _____

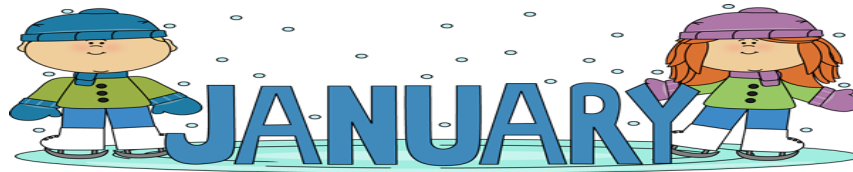
Please remove my name from the phone list _____

E-MAIL Prayer Chain.

Please add me to the e-mail list E-mail address _____

Please remove this address from the E-Mail list

E-mail address _____



Thanks



Thanks from Ann Mishler for sharing carols with her and for the very good fruit basket. She says your thoughtfulness meant

more to her than words can express.

Thanks from Alice Kenngott

Thank you Church of the Brethren for all your support of us at home. I appreciate so much the Christmas caroling group and the fruit basket. Also, all the cards and visitations and the flowers, and the disks of the Sunday services. You make me feel a part of the church, and of the congregation. The work all of you do is perhaps appreciated by your home congregation more than you know. My prayers are with you all and I thank you again and again. In Christian love, Alice Kenngott

Thanks from Phyllis Kurtz for serenading her with caroling Sunday and for the lovely fruit basket! She appreciates this thoughtfulness!

Heifer International thanks us for our contribution of healthy animals and training in their care to help struggling families.

Manchester University thanks us for our contribution.

The Church of the Brethren thanks us for our faithful support of the denomination.

Ellet Good Neighbors thanks us for our donations. In November they were able to help 55 families, 60 adults, and 30 children with clothing. They were able to help 30 families, 44 adults, and 25 children with food. They had 4 new clients with 7 volunteers who worked 96 hours.

Rose Hyre moved to Stow Kent Retirement yesterday. Her new address is Stow Kent Retirement at 4285 Kent Road, Cedar 553, Stow, OH 44224. Her home phone is 330-686-7553. Email: rhre31@gmail.com Her cell remains the same.

New Address!



Sondra Grund is now at Stow Glen, Cedar Hall #544, 4285 Kent Road, Stow, OH 44224.

Imogene Gordon, new address: 384 Julien, Akron, OH 44310

Conferences

District Conference will be July 28-29 at the Hartville Church with Josh McDowell speaking both Friday and Saturday evenings.

Annual Conference will be June 28—July 2 at Grand Rapids, MI at the DeVos Convention Center. Jean Nesbitt is our delegate to this conference. Theme: Risk Hope.

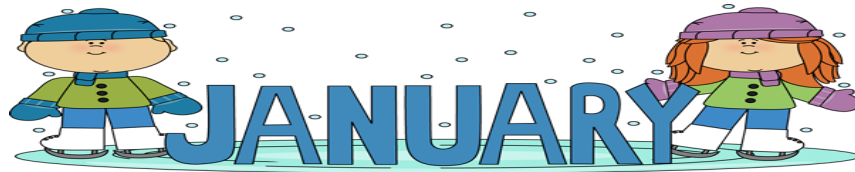
NOAC: National Older Adult Conference will be September 4-8, 2017 at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina

National Youth Conference 2018, will be held July 21-26, 2018 at Colorado State University in Fort Collins.

Merry Christmas from Lisa & Steve Van Houten:

May you be filled with the beauty, the peace, & the wonder that is Christmas and wishing all the Springfield Church family God's blessings on each of you throughout the New Year!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from your secretary. It has been and continues to be a joy serving you as the church secretary. Blessings to all. Rebecca



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