



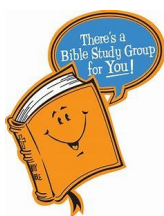
# Springfield Cornerstone

**MISSION STATEMENT:**

“Following Jesus for the glory of God  
and our neighbors good”

**NOVEMBER, 2018**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div style="border: 1px solid orange; padding: 5px;"> <p><b>Every Sunday morning</b>  <b>9:30 am Sunday school</b>  <b>10:30 am Worship Service</b></p> </div>				1 Choir Practice 7 pm	2	3
<p>4 Daylight Savings Time Ends</p> 	5	6 Bible Study , 6 pm	7 Ladies Bible Study, 10 am, Bev's	8 Choir Practice 7 pm	9	10 District Meeting, Center CoB 10-3 pm
11	12	13 Pastor's Lunch, noon Bible Study , 6 pm Commissions, 7 pm, ECM, 7:40 pm	14 Ladies Bible Study, 10 am, Bev's	15 Choir Practice 7 pm	16	17
18	19	20 Bible Study , 6 pm  Newsletter Deadline	21 Ladies Bible Study, 10 am, Bev's	22 Thanksgiving	23	24
25	26	27 Bible Study , 6 pm	28 Ladies Bible Study, 10 am, Bev's	29 Choir Practice 7 pm	30	



**Bible Study** Bible study now meets Tuesday evenings from 6-7 pm in the room next to the kitchen. Everyone invited. Contact Becky Burtoft for more info.

**Ladies Bible Study** The ladies study group meets for Bible Study in Wednesday, October 3rd at 10 am. All women are welcome.

**Deacons will be meeting in early November, following the Deacon Calling.**



**Choir Practice is on** Thursday evenings at 7 pm. All are invited to attend.

**Acme Community Receipts** We are now accepting Acme receipts. This campaign will go until December 29th. These monies are used to fill the pulpit with flowers that go to our shut-ins. Receipts go in the container on the back table.



**Volunteers needed** Needing nursery workers and Sunday school teachers. See Cindy Peel if interested: 234-788-9154; [cynpeel@hotmail.com](mailto:cynpeel@hotmail.com)

**Altar Flowers:** there are still Sunday's available for you to purchase flowers (\$20) to remember and honor loved ones. See the flower calendar on the back bulletin board to sign up.

**Volunteer for Candlelight Service**

It's time to let your talent shine for Jesus' birthday! If you would like to be a part of our candlelight service in December this year, musically, reading a passage, or dramatically, please see Christine Kline or sign up on the back table. If you are interested in being in a candlelight choir, please sign up for that as well.



**Hygiene Kits**



The worship commission is collecting supplies for hygiene kits to be sent to World Church Service. There is a blue box in the back of the sanctuary for you to place needed items. Please bring in your items by the beginning of November. If you like, you can put together your own kit(s). \$2 processing fee. See Pat Mills.

One hand towel measuring approximately 15" x 28" to 16" x 32" (no fingertip, bath, dish towel or micro-fiber)

One washcloth

One wide-tooth comb removed from the package

One fingernail or toenail clipper removed from the package

One bath-size bar of soap in the wrapper

One toothbrush in the package

Ten standard size Band-Aids

\*\*All items need to fit inside a one-gallon plastic zipper closure bag. Remove the excess air from the bag and seal before boxing. Do NOT add any extra items or toothpaste. A tube of extended expiration date toothpaste will be added to each hygiene kit just prior to its final journey. Please do not enclose money, toothpaste or other extra items.



BVser — Please keep Elyssa Kline in your prayers. She is finishing a three week BVS training in Iowa with plans on going to Ireland for her project.



### THANKS

Thanks to Janice Myler for playing the piano in Bev Bridger's absence

Thanks to the deacons and Pastor George for preparing the Love Feast on October 7th.

Thanks to Jeff Carter, President of Bethany Seminary for his participation in our celebration weekend. Also, thanks to Christine Kline for her beautiful decorations and to Jean Nesbitt, the quartet and the choir for organizing and presenting the hymn sing. Thanks to Becky Kline, Seth Frient, Christopher Kline, and Serenity Maze for their skit and to June & Wayne Biltz for the use of their old fashioned buggy used for picture taking. We give our thanks too to the committee for planning this weekend and to those who cooked and cleaned up after the meals. Pastors sharing the celebration were Pastor George and Pastor Tom and Cheri Michaels.

Thanks to those who participated in the district Compelling Vision Conversations on October 14th and the CROP walk on the same day.

### Church Meetings

#### Commissions & Reorganization Meeting

Tuesday, November 13th, 7 pm

#### Executive Committee Meeting

Wednesday, November 13 at 7:40 pm

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

**District Board Meeting**, November 10, 10-3 pm, Center CoB

**Commissions & Executive Committee Meeting**, November 13th 7 pm

**December Newsletter Deadline**, November 20th

**Thanksgiving**, November 22nd

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**, Sunday, December 2nd

**Caroling**, Sunday, December 2nd

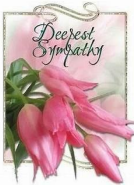
**Advent Dinner**, Sunday, December 2nd, 12:00 pm

**Poinsettia Sunday & Candlelight Service**, December 16th

**Youth New Years Eve Blowout**, December 31, 7 pm—11 am.

**Communion**, Sunday, January 6th, 2019

### CONDOLENCES



**Condolences to the family of Merrell Buckles** who age 54, passed away on October 21, 2018. His service conducted by Paul Markland (former pastor at Eastwood CoB) and Pastor George on October 26. Burial was at the Greenlawn Memorial Cemetery. Merrell has been an active here at Springfield for the past several years. He is a member of Eastwood CoB. For the past year Merrell has been experiencing a number of health concerns.

#### **Condolences to the family of Paul White, Sr, a former Springfield pastor.**

Paul Robert White, Sr., aged 90 years, died on Thursday, October 18, 2018. He was born on December 8, 1927 in Jonesboro, Tennessee. He is survived by his second wife, Geneva Bell White (a lay speaker in Virlina), whom he married in 1987 and by two children, Carol Ann and Paul. He was a pastor here at Akron Springfield from 1967 to 1986. In retirement, Paul served on a part-time basis from 1993-98 as pastor of the Trinity Church in Virlina. He also served as interim at Bethlehem, Rocky Mount-First, Saunders Grove and Vinton before concluding his active ministry in 2009. A memorial service was conducted at the Oak Grove Church of the Brethren, Roanoke, Virginia on October 23, 2018.



**Holiday Craft Show**  
 Once again Eastwood COB will be hosting a Holiday Craft show on Saturday, December 1st from 9 am - 4 pm. Crafts, food, baked goods and more! For information please contact Peggy S. Tobias, Secretary, church office 330-784-2420 - email ewdcob@att.net.

**Tri County Singers, will be singing**



November 4th at 1:30 pm, at the Suffield United Church of Christ, 1115 St. Rt. 43, Suffield.

The Christmas concert will be November 23 at 6 pm at the John S. Knight Center to benefit Children's Hospital.

**Camp Wednesday Work Days (9 am—3 pm)**

Volunteer your time at camp: any skill or talent that you might have will be used in our ever growing "to do" list. Mowing, gardening, cleaning, office work are a few options. Free lunch is served. Call Dale Allen at 330-621-4574.



**Daylight Savings Time** ends next Sunday, November 4th. Remember to set your clocks an hour back. You get an extra hour of sleep!



**Upper Room Devotional** Are you looking for a daily devotional? Every other month, a new copy of the Upper Room publication is available to you—free!

November-December copies are beside the main entrance and there are large print copies, too. Please help yourself!



**Caroling to our shut-ins** will be on Sunday, December 2nd. This will follow our **advent meal** which will be right after the worship service in the Fellowship Hall.



CAROLING

**Fall Council Meeting**



Fall Council Meeting was held Wednesday, October 24th. Reports were received from the Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Commissions, Deacons, and the Pastor.

- ◆ Council approved 2020 District Conference to be hosted by our church – date to be determined.
- ◆ Council approved the waiving of term limited commission member ineligibility for Fall 2018 vote only.
- ◆ The 2019 church budget was approved.
- ◆ Elections were held. The slate was accepted and passed. Thank you to all who allowed their names to be used on the ballot. Election results:

**Board Chair:** Doug Kline (1 yr)

**Christian Education:** Clarajean Knepp

**Witness:** Terri Tucker

**Music and Worship:** Karen Fergus, Becky Kline

**Fellowship & Recreation:** Pat Mills, Rita Snyder

**Trustees:** Bev Bridger, Dale Burtoft

**Annual Conference Delegate:** Glen Grunder; Mike Conner, alt.

**Nominating Committee:** Bonnie Young, Donna Davis







## Pastor George's Report



Ephesians 3:14-21 20 Glory be to him whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine; 21 glory be to him from generation to generation in the Church and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen.

It has been a true pleasure to have begun this partnership with the people of Springfield Church of the Brethren this fall. I have greatly appreciated the welcome and warmth I have so far received.

This has been a time of adjusting to different schedule and responsibilities along with engaging the fairly common tasks of congregational pastoring. Since I am a half-time pastor for my time as interim here and I also commute from the Toledo area, part of the time of adjustment has included working to find a consistent pattern for my presence in Akron. I do have a place where I regularly stay overnight in the Hartville area, about 10 minutes from Springfield COB.

I have been appreciative also of the flexibility shown in my schedule with regard to my wife Karen's recently required surgery, recovery and some appointments for follow-up. This gracious flexibility has helped much in this challenge. Karen is doing very well, and despite several significant restrictions on her physical activities she has returned to doing some substitute teaching. Thank you to the church and the church leadership in this regard.

I have attended to a number of visits of an emergency nature along with several visits to those who are not able to regularly attend worship services at Springfield. The Deacons and I have considered how to best support those who are not able to attend with congregational and pastoral support.

Sermon preparation is of course a significant part of time, along with worship service planning. Some of this can be done while I am in the Toledo area rather than Akron. I was involved with the October 7th Love Feast service planning, am now working with the Funeral services for Merle Buckles, and will be working some on the Advent season worship planning. I have attended a NE Ohio COB pastor's picnic, the Visioning conversation for all persons from area COB churches, and several congregational functions such as the 150th Celebration, the hayride and bonfire. All this has been very good connecting and has been very satisfying and enjoyable. May God bless you! Pastor George O'Reilly

### **November District Youth Activities Recharge, November 2-3, Youth All Nighter**

Dupont Church of the Brethren for youth 6-12 graders. Come for a night packed full of worship, tournaments, door prizes, devotions and much more. Cost \$10

**Powerhouse Regional Youth Conference,** Camp Mack, IN Overnight conference for youth grades 9-12 Nov. 10-11. Cost \$90

### **Advent begins Sunday, December 2nd.**

Advent may well be one of the most overlooked, yet important times of the year. We live in a culture that depreciates the value of waiting. One sad consequence of this is the difficulty we have embracing God's promise that seems so long in coming. We're in danger of losing our ability to yearn for the revelation of God's mystery in our world.

This advent, let's look for the hope, the peace, the joy, and the love that God is revealing to us as we prepare to receive the gift of Jesus.





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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