A photograph of a dirt path winding through a dense forest. Sunlight filters through the trees, creating a dappled light effect on the path and the surrounding foliage. The trees are tall and thin, with thick canopies. The overall mood is peaceful and serene.

I have
chosen

the way

of truth

Psalm 119:30

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January 11, 2026

PRELUDE: “’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus” David Anderson

WELCOME

HYMN: “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” Hymnal #2

HYMN: “O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee” Hymnal #487

PRAISES AND PRAYERS

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: “Andante Con Moto” G. F. Handel

DOXOLOGY

BLESSING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE LORD’S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE: 2 Kings 2:1-12

SERMON: “Climbing the Spiritual Mountain – Solid Footing”

HYMN: “I Stand Amazed in the Presence” Hymnal #273

BENEDICTION: “Go Now in Peace”

POSTLUDE: “Declamation” Gilbert M. Martin

Serving You This Week:

Pastor
Organist
Secretary

Rev. Ed Rinehart
Charles Chevront
Pat Grossi



Prayer Concerns: Scarlet Rettig, Tom and Sarah Moneer, Betty Carr, Kevin Cheney, Mike Lautzenheiser, Missionary James Reynolds, Tom Clutter, Connie Ryan, Anna Grossi, Shannon Russell, Ted Coon, Phillip Butler, Diane Figley, Rob Hyter, Tiffany Smith and Shelia Coon.

Life Situations: Pray for persecuted Christians worldwide. Pray for people suffering from cancer, for the safety of our children in schools, for the mentally ill, the homeless, for people with addictions and their families.

“Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have given me relief when I was in distress. Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!” (*Psalm 4:1*)

Shut-In of the Week: Sarah Moneer is our shut-in of the week. Please take time to send her a card and pray for her. Her address is Springview Manor, 883 W. Spring Street, #310, Lima, Ohio 45805.

Bible Trivia: Who wrote the book of Revelation? (*Hint: Rev. 1:1*)

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| a) John | b) Peter |
| c) Moses | d) Matthew |
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Pondering: “The key is to learn to trust God, no matter what our fears are. And we can trust Him, because He loves us, and He is greater than anything we’ll ever face.” *Rev. Billy Graham*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Annual Meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2026. It will follow the worship service. All members are urged to attend. Our annual directory, as well as our 2025 Tithing statements, will be available. In case of inclement weather, the annual meeting moves to January 25.

Officers up for Re-election:

Elder: Ted Coon
Trustees: Paul Offenbacher and Chris Hoff
Deacons: Melissa Grapner and Julie Monfort



The SOUPER BOWL is back. We will be collecting soup and crackers to be donated to CUP. If you want to donate money, please give your donation to Jeff Grapner and he will shop for you. The Souper Bowl will run from January 4th to February 8th, 2026. You may bring your donations to the church during this time. Thank you for caring for the needy in our area.

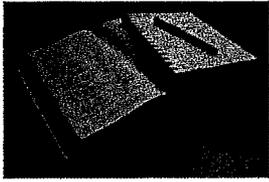
“Blessed are those who are generous because they feed the poor.”
Proverbs 22:9

Giving Statements for 2025 are available. They are in alphabetical order and you will find them on the table near the sanctuary.

Tithing envelopes are also ready for pickup. Remember that the new box starts in March of 2026. Continue using your current box until February 22, 2026.



News from CUP: Please hold off on donating any more egg cartons. We have enough for now. Thank you for the donations. Much appreciated.



You're Invited! A new Bible Study Discussion group will begin meeting Tuesday evenings at 7:00 PM starting January 13th at Alicia Moor's home—and you're invited to join the adventure!

This 12-week study, “Climbing the Spiritual Mountain Trail: From Basecamp to Invitation of Others,” was written by Pastor Ed Rinehart and designed to help you grow in confidence, faith, and your walk with Christ.

Just like any real mountain adventure, we begin at Basecamp, where we'll establish solid footing and gather the spiritual supplies needed for the journey ahead. Throughout the study, you'll be guided by “trained professionals”—insights from Scripture and the Holy Spirit—who have navigated the trail long before us.

Each week will offer new challenges and “confidence builders,” helping you overcome fear, strengthen your faith, and develop a deeper relationship with God, Christ, and the Spirit. Topics will include grace, walking by faith, prayer, and more. Discussions will be heartfelt, personal, and encouraging.

Study copies are available at the church, or Pastor Ed can email you a PDF if you prefer using a laptop or tablet. Want to do the study on your own? That's fine too. Want to bring a friend or neighbor so you don't come alone? Absolutely!

Let's gather around this “campfire” and start our mountain-climbing adventure together. We hope you'll climb with us!

To help defray the cost of printing the **Bible Study** books, a \$10 donation is suggested. Thank you.