

Covington Church of the Brethren Weekly News

April 9, 2025

Lenten Lunch Series

April 8, 2025



*Covington Presbyterian
Church & Friedens
Lutheran Church
prepared and served
the meal.*



*Pastor Greg Kurtz of
Covington Presbyterian Church
shared the service.*



*Thank you to all
who attended.*



*The Covington High School
Choir shared their beautiful
voices for all to enjoy.*



*Thank you to all of the volunteers
who helped to make the
Lenten Lunch Series a success!*

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Covington COB Daily/Extended Prayer List (updates are appreciated)

Dave & Linda Berrett -

We have so appreciated all the prayers and thank all for them and the cards, calls etc. Both of us must remain diligent with all the viruses as both of our immune systems have been affected by our health conditions. -God bless, Dave & Linda

Bernice Davis' Florida home was left uninhabitable by Hurricane Milton's flooding and needs to be completely restored. Bernice has also been diagnosed with a cancerous tumor in one lung. She appreciates our prayers for healing from the cancer and for the restoration of her Florida home.

Dollie Hurley (Sylvia Warner's sister) - Dollie was diagnosed with a pinched cranial nerve, which causes stroke-like symptoms. She is recuperating at home. Sylvia and family are thankful for your prayers.

Terry Finfrock - "Terry needs prayers of support as she struggles through health issues." Thank you

Jane & Terry Lavy - Jane Lavy is undergoing chemo treatments. She is also dealing with severe knee pain that cannot be properly dealt with while she is receiving chemo.

Tyler Lambert (grandson of Wayne & Sharon Marshall) Prayers for Tyler's safety would be very much appreciated. He is in the navy and is stationed at Pearl Harbor.

Kayla McEldowney (friend of Dan & Mauriena Cain) and family -Kayla's mother is in Hospice Care at home and may not be with us more than two weeks. (Kayla coached with Dan)

♥ **Bill Mellinger** (brother-in-law Jim & Nancy Thompson) received a pacemaker Monday 4/7/2025. All went well. Your prayers were very much appreciated.

Wayne Mullinex (friend of Dave Lentz). He is working his way through health issues that may last for the next couple of months.

Ralph Mutzner & Family - Ralph is under Hospice Care and continues to deal with cancer.

Dean & Martha Nevin - Martha recently had total knee replacement surgery. So far, the recovery process has been extremely difficult and physically taxing for both of them. Please pray for the daily strength and energy they both need as they work at Martha's recovery together. Thank you.

Darcy Spade (sister to Denise Boyer & Annie Harrison) is struggling at home with many different cancer issues.

Sylvia Warner & Family - Sylvia is home from Kettering Hospital (Troy) after being taken to the hospital 3/9/2025. Sylvia, Yvonne and family are very thankful for your thoughts and prayers.

Barb Wheeler & Family - (neighbor of Dave and Pat Lentz). Barb's daughter-in-law, Sue Wheeler, has had surgery postponed due to several medical conditions that need to be under control before they can proceed with the surgery. Thank you.

Red Hearts Indicate
New or
Updated Prayer
Messages ♥

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Ongoing Prayer List

Prayer updates would be appreciated

Danielle Alexander (*Esther, Brenda & Michelle*)
Roberta Brock (*Pastor Mike & Belinda's relative*)
Ted & Rhonda Brumbaugh
Christina Clark (*Mother of Michelle Alexander's boyfriend Evan Clark*)
Vanessa Clark (*Ron Hyden's sister*)
Caitlin Cain Conner
(*daughter of Marc & Aimee Cain and niece of Dan, Bonnie, Lonnie and Stacie*)
Linda Dearth (*Lea Ann Stevens' sister*)
Larry Minnich
Mark Must (*Ron Hyden's stepson*)
Linda Newman (*Carol Minnich's friend*)
People of Ukraine
Robin Reck
Brenda & Reverend David Rusk
Mike & Carol Sawyer (*Nancy Mack's relatives*)
Angie (Shroyer) Smith (*Patsy Weyant's daughter*)
Brooks Smith & Family
Eve Welborn and Family
Virginia & Norman Wolfe
Sheron Zimmer (*Peggy Zimmer's sister-in-law*)
People of Israel & Palestine

Southern Ohio District Office encourages us to be in prayer for Trotwood Church of the Brethren.

"Checking-In" w/ Pastor Mike

Please join us on-line every Thursday morning for our 12-15 minute website video. Pastor Mike briefly reflects on the many ways scripture shines the light of Christ on our day-to-day living. (e-mailed Thursday mornings by 9:00 a.m.) Thank you!



Please call Cindy @ (937) 448-0100 to ask for prayer requests to be sent. Text or e-mail is also appreciated. Unless it's an emergency, prayer chain messages (e-mail, text and One-Call) are sent starting at 9 a.m. and not later than 8 p.m. each day.

We are thankful for everyone's thoughts and prayers for church family and friends.

Request Form:

Dear Church Family & Visitors:

If you would like us to send out a Prayer Chain Message, a Pet-Friendly Prayer Chain Message, Speak to our Pastor, Need a Pastoral Visit, or would like to receive the Weekly News, request forms are available at each entrance to the church. Please fill one out and put it in one of the offering boxes at each entrance to the Sanctuary. You can also e-mail: covingtoncob@gmail.com or call/text (937) 448-0100 (Cindy). Thank you!

Church Trustee Notice:

If you have any Repair & Maintenance concerns for the church, please contact Carolyn Wolfe
Home# (937) 526-4852
Cell# (937) 418-3034

The Weekly News is available online:

<https://www.covingtoncob.org/newsline>

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Covington Church of the Brethren

- 4/13/2025 Palm Sunday**
Love Feast Following
Morning Worship
(No Sunday School)
(see insert)
- 4/16/2025 Men's Prayer Breakfast**
8:00 a.m. @
Buffalo Jack's
- 4/16/2025 Church Board Mtg.**
4:30 p.m.
in the church library
- 4/18/2025 Good Friday**
- 4/20/2025 Easter Sunday**
7:00 am Sunrise Service
8:00 am Easter Breakfast
(no Sunday School)
(see insert)
- 5/11/2025 Mother's Day**
- 5/26/2025 Memorial Day**
(church office closed)
- 6/15/2025 Father's Day**
- 6/16-20/2025 Community
Vacation Bible School**
- 6/30/2025 Scholarship Application
Deadline**



Upcoming Birthdays

- 4/12 Carol Minnich
4/19 Marilyn Helman
4/26 Dolores Mutzner

Love Feast

You are invited to come to the Lord's Table Sunday, April 13th immediately following Morning Worship in the church lower level. Foot washing and Hand washing, Love Feast, and Communion will all be in observance. 'Hope to see you at "His Table" and with us. No Sunday School

At the Easter morning Sunrise service, everyone can park in the parking area on Owens Rd. across from the church cottage. Ed Wolfe & Ron Hyden will be offering rides down to the fire ring, where we will stay warm as we worship. Please note the cabin will be open at 6:30 a.m. for those who would like to see the improvements inside. Restrooms will also be available.



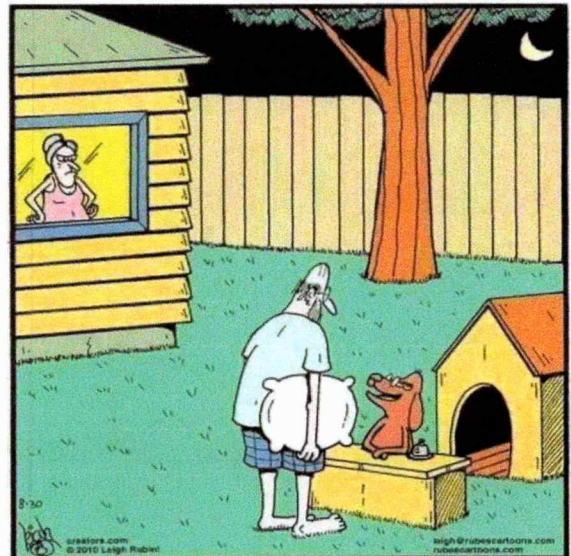
"Pet Friendly Prayer Chain"

Please call:

Office# (937) 473-2415

Cindy's Cell# (937) 448-0100

E-mail covingtoncob@gmail.com



"Welcome back, sir. Are you planning on being our guest for one night only, or will this be your usual extended stay?"

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Bethany Center Helping Those in Need in Miami County “Food of the Month”

The **April** food of the month to help Bethany Center families in need is:

“Pancake Mix”

While all non-perishable foods are always needed, the food of the month donations would be very much appreciated to cover some of their most needed food items for families who have less.

Our Witness Commission has collection boxes at entrances to our church building for food to be taken to Bethany periodically.

Thank you for helping us support this important Miami County outreach (*including Covington families*).

Southern Ohio/Kentucky District CIT (Counselor in Training) Sessions

Camping and Retreat will be hosting two Counselor in Training sessions. Only one session needs to be attended. These sessions are for those 16 years old and up who are interested in learning to be a camp counselor with the possibility of counseling for Buddy Camp and Adult Vacation Bible School. The dates will be May 4 and May 17. More info will be available soon. Please pass on to the teens in your congregations, more info will be coming soon. If interested please contact Carrie Drees at cdrees23@gmail.com or text 937-564-7346.

Covington Church of the Brethren Scholarship Award

This annual award is known as the Church of the Brethren Scholarship Fund (formerly known as the Fem Frey Scholarship Fund).

This award is awarded each year to a student(s) who actively attend the Covington Church of the Brethren and is a member of the current graduating class or an enrollee in advanced education.

To be eligible a person must apply to the Finance Committee by June 30, 2025. The person must be enrolled in or in the process of enrolling in college, technical school or must be pursuing a career in a full-time adult vocational program.

Applications will be reviewed by Finance Committee. The Finance Committee has the right to decide on the number and amount of the award on an annual basis.

If you would like to support the scholarship fund, donations can be made at the church office.

Scholarship applications are available by contacting the church office @ 473-2415 or e-mail: covingtoncob@gmail.com.

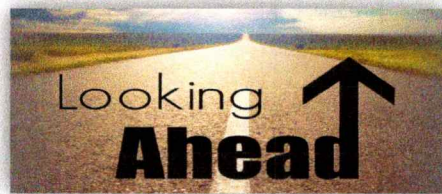
Honoring 2025 Graduates

Plans are underway for recognizing Graduates in upcoming newsletters. The church office would like your help in acknowledging high school and college graduates for 2025. If you have a student/s that you would like recognized, please send graduate details and a photo to covingtoncob@gmail.com or snail mail to:

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101 N. Wall Street, Box 206
Covington, OH 45318.

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Looking Ahead – Lent Through Easter 2025

As we move through March and April, we will allow the Gospel of Luke to guide us through Lent. Beginning with Jesus setting his face toward Jerusalem (Luke 9:51), our worship will flow through several familiar stories—the Good Samaritan, Mary and Martha, the fruitless fig tree, the Lost Sheep, Zacchaeus, and more. Finally, we will arrive at the Palm Sunday celebration, enter into Christ's Passion through Love Feast and celebrate the miracle of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Each week, we will look at two topics that appear to be opposites and explore the complexities that often lie in-between. In times that can feel as if we are living in a very divided world, we are invited to seek a spiritual life that trusts in a God who shows up at the extremes and everywhere in between.

April 13 – Palm Sunday / Luke 19:29-40

“Everything in Between: Shouting & Silence”

We will celebrate Love Feast on the lower level immediately following worship. (No Sunday School)

April 20 – 7:00 A.M. - Easter Sunrise Service will be held at the church cottage on Owens Rd.

8:00 A.M. - Easter Breakfast will be served on the lower level here at Covington COB (Easter Breakfast is prepared and served by the Boyers.)

9:30 A.M. Easter Worship / Luke 24:1-12

“Everything in Between: Grief & Hope”

Sports with a ball

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 DRIBBLE
 PITCH
 GOAL
 SKITTLES
 SOCCER
 TENNIS
 POOL
 BASKETBALL
 SOFTBALL

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