



Covington Church of the Brethren Weekly News

February 16, 2024

2/18/2024

First Sunday of Lent



2/21/2024

8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
@ Buffalo Jack's

2/21/2024

4:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting
5:00 p.m. Church Board Meeting

2/28/2024

Last Day to Register for Seniors Alive!
March Event

3/01/2024

11:00 a.m. Seniors Alive! Event

3/10/2024

Daylight Savings Time Begins
(clocks spring forward)

3/20/2024

8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast

3/20/2024

4:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting
5:00 p.m. Church Board Meeting

3/24/2024

Palm Sunday
Love Feast -
(in lower level following worship)

3/29/2024

Good Friday

3/31/2024

Easter Sunday
7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service
8:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast
9:30 a.m. Morning Worship

"Remember no one can make you feel inferior without your consent. ♥"

-Eleanor Roosevelt

***To Our Church Family and Visitors:**

Covington COB sends out information daily/weekly that includes the need for Prayers, receiving Weekly News, and the need to speak to the Pastor and/or for a visit. If you, or your family, do not receive any of the above, but would like to, please fill out the information below and put in the Offering Box in the church sanctuary on Sunday, or mail to:

Covington Church of the Brethren
101 N. Wall Street, Box 206
Covington, OH 45318

You can also e-mail: covingtoncob@gmail.com or call Cindy @ (937) 448-0100 to share the info. needed to sign up.) Thank you!

I would like to receive the following:

- Church Prayer Chain Messages
- Pet Friendly Prayer Chain Messages
- The Weekly News
- I Need to Speak to the Pastor
- I Would Like a Pastoral Visit

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Phone# () _____

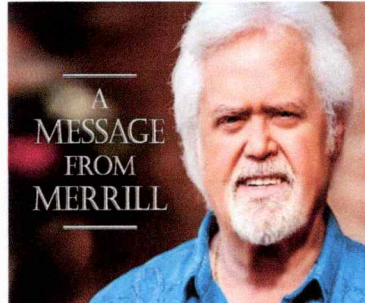
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Begin your day with an 'I get to' mentality instead of an "I have to" thought process... I GET to go to work. I GET to have a busy day. Whatever it may be. We often dress our opportunities as stress, but they are in fact blessings! ♥

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My dear friends,

We're exactly where we're supposed to be on our journey. There are not accidents. Even the daily



trials we face have meaning. The unwavering power of true faith in God and his eternal promise of peace to the faithful, will unlock the mysteries of God's plan for each of us.

We need to surrender our doubts and fears and solely rely on God's daily guidance. Faith proceeds the miracle of complete understanding in the end.

You're loved, Merrill ❤️

St. Teresa Catholic Church
FISH FRY
3-piece dinner, green beans,
dinner roll, applesauce
\$10.00

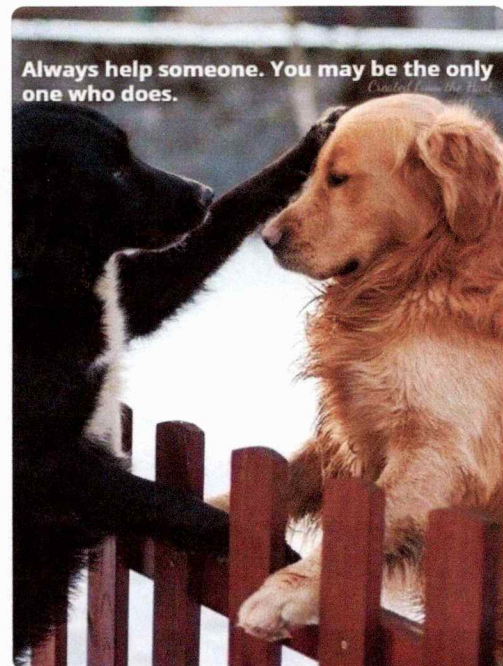
Dine in or Carry out!
Serving 4 to 7 :00 PM
Plus homemade desserts and bake sale.
February 23rd
March 8th
March 22th

St. Teresa's Catholic Church
6925 US RT 36 Covington Ohio
937-473-2970



"Pet Friendly Prayer Chain"

Please call:
Office# (937) 473-2415
Cindy's Cell# (937) 448-0100
E-mail covingtoncob@gmail.com



Upcoming Birthdays



02/17 Lonnie Cain
02/20 Jim Thompson
02/21 Sam Woods
02/22 Swade Holsinger
02/23 Monica Goubeaux
02/23 Cathy Barhorst
02/26 Wayne Marshall

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

Sandy Bowman will be having Reconstructive Left Foot Surgery for arthritis on March 20th. At this time she is having pain and more difficulty in walking. The doctor has asked her not to put the foot under more stress than necessary. The pain is worse in the mornings, rainy and cold weather. She has to be very careful and not fall. This surgery will require no weight on her foot for 3-4 months. She will have three different casts over the 3 month period. They will put plate and screws in her foot which will be permanent. She will not return to church on Sunday mornings until after July 1. She does plan on attending the February board meeting. Please keep her in your prayers.

Rhonda & Ted Brumbaugh and family. "I had a swallow test in January and passed it so I am incorporating soft foods into my diet along with still being fed by peg for the time being. I'm counting on this to gain weight and give me more strength.

♥ **Ted** went to a surgeon February 15th to get help in deciding what direction to take for his current health condition. We appreciate our church family and your continued prayers. Love, Ted and Rhonda Brumbaugh

♥ **Vanessa Clark** (Ron Hyden's sister). Vanessa fell last Wednesday and broke her left wrist. She was scheduled to undergo surgery yesterday (2/15) to put a plate and pins in her wrist.

Caitlin Cain Conner - "We are requesting on-going prayers for Caitlin. She is the daughter of Marc & Aimee Cain, niece of Dan, Bonnie & Lonnie Cain.

Caitlin was recently diagnosed with breast cancer. Caitlin is a mother to 1 1/2 year old Valerie, wife to Tyler. Prayers are greatly appreciated!"

♥ **Rick & Sherry Lavy** - Rick has developed a cough. He is at Koester. Thank you church family for all your cards, concerns and prayers, and prayers for all of you too.

Gary Lentz (Dave Lentz's brother) - Gary will not be undergoing surgery at this time following a PET scan he received that showed he has bone cancer in his right arm and shoulder that needs treatment. Dave & Pat are thankful for your thoughts and prayers.

♥ **Wayne & Sharon Marshall and family** - Wayne had a doctor appointment February 15th to receive more information regarding his biopsy. Wayne & Sharon are thankful for your continued prayers.

Kathy Miller - "My post op visits on the 29th & 30th with the surgeon and oncologist went very well. The best part was hearing the oncologist say, "No more chemo!" He was as happy to say that as I was to hear it! He also said that I should be dancing, and that I could go home and enjoy a glass of wine to celebrate! Haha!

Thank you all for your prayers, cards, food, and texts! I'm still sore and weak, but each day gets better. Recovery will take time, but I'm actually enjoying the rest and relaxation.

I'll still be under the care of both doctors who will be ordering scans over the next several years as a precautionary measure (even though pathology showed all cancer was removed).

God, faith, and prayers win! Precious and glorious things are waiting for me! Thanks to all of you and to God who has walked with me on this journey."

- Kathy

♥ -Notes New or Updated
Prayer Messages

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Rylon Mutzner, (14-year-old great-grandson of Ralph Mutzner) of Piqua, Ohio. Rylon is starting radiation due to having cancer in his left shoulder at Cincinnati Children's Hospital. Ralph Mutzner and family are thankful for your prayers.

Ralph Mutzner is healing at home from his recent knee replacements. Ralph and his family are thankful for your continued prayers for healing.

Gary Pitts (friend of Norman Wolfe) cancer has returned. Prayers would be appreciated.

Phyllis & Duane Rapp - Phyllis Rapp's surgery January 24th at Sycamore Hospital was successful and she is healing at home. Phyllis & Duane are thankful for your prayers for the surgery and would appreciate continued prayers for healing.

♥ **Irene Reynolds** (Nancy Thompson's mother) is also undergoing some testing to hopefully learn more regarding the health difficulties she is experiencing.

Rick & DeAnn Rhoades (son-in-law of Terry Finfrock) is slowly improving and will be undergoing therapy.

♥ **Eve Welborn** (daughter of Brent and Amy Montgomery Welborn) is at Cincinnati Children's Hospital. She underwent a bone marrow test this week that reflected she has Acute Leukemia. Prayers for Eve, Brent & Amy, and their family would be greatly appreciated. (friends of Kay McKinney) To send a card please use the following address: Eve Welborn, 3333 Burnet Avenue, ASC-Inpatient Unit, Cincinnati, OH 45229.

Virginia & Norman Wolfe - Virginia will be starting cardiac rehab soon. Please keep she and Norman in your prayers.

Mark & Roz Yantis (Carol & Terry Minnich) and their family. Mark Yantis has been moved to Ohio Hospice of Miami County. We are thankful for your thoughts, prayers, and concerns for Mark and our family. - Carol & Terry



Ongoing Prayer List

Prayer updates would be appreciated

Kim Alexander (Mike Alexander's sister)

Roberta Brock (relative of Pastor Mike & Belinda)

Linda Dearth (sister of Lea Ann Stevens)

Curt and Monica (Batdorf) Goubeaux

Tyler Lambert (in the military) -

(Grandson of Wayne & Sharon Marshall)

Jane & Terry Lavy

Carol Minnich

Larry Minnich

Brandon Moyer (Kathy Miller's nephew)

Mark Must (Ron Hyden's stepson)

Linda Newman (best friend of Carol Minnich)

People of Ukraine

Robin Reck

Brenda & Reverend David Rusk - Brenda has liver failure and is in need of a transplant.

Mike & Carol Sawyer (relative of Nancy Mack)

Ron Schultz and Family

Angie (Shroyer) Smith (daughter of Patsy Weyant)

Brooks Smith & Family

Crystal Yingst (grand-daughter of Pastor Mike & Belinda Yingst)

Sheron Zimmer (Peggy Zimmer's sister-in-law)

People of Israel & Palestine

The Southern Ohio District Office
encourages us to be in prayer this week
for West Charleston Church of the Brethren.

To Share Prayer Updates:

Please contact Cindy at (937) 448-0100 or
e-mail covingtoncob@gmail.com. Thank you.

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Save the date!... March 1st is the next Seniors Alive! Event in Covington Church of the Brethren lower level. Fun, food and fellowship starts at 11:00 a.m.

Many enjoyed tying fleece blankets as part of our February "Sharing the Love" theme for Valentine's Day. We tied 10 blankets that are being given to shut-ins. In March we will be honored to have Doug Christian, Retired Miami County Engineer, as our guest speaker. His topic will be "Forgotten Communities."

Please call Kay McKinney at (937) 473-2767 to make reservations by February 28th for our next upcoming fun event. The church is handicap accessible with an elevator at the Wall Street Entrance.

Supported by the Roy Weikert Trust Fund

We also thank all of our Volunteers who help make this possible! ❤️

Make Your Reservation!

A Note of Thanks

I would like to thank the wonderful participants in Seniors Alive for the fleece blanket!! Its colors brightened my day! It is so cozy and warm and I am enjoying wrapping myself in it. Thank you again!! Rhonda Brumbaugh ❤️

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

Trotwood Church of the Brethren

Phone 937-837-6604

You are invited!

Anna Wible and Earlham College Student will give a presentation on the culture, environment and outdoor recreation they experienced in New Zealand, February 25 2024 at 4:00 p.m. (Location: 208 East Main Street, Trotwood, OH 45426)

Tea and biscuits...and of course KIWI plus other refreshments will be served afterwards. Please come and join us.

Questions call Pam Jones at 937-854-1104 or 937-344-7657

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2024 Looking Ahead for February 18 – April 7

This Lent, we will journey with Peter as he follows Jesus. Peter is steadfast and unsteady, a dear friend to Jesus and a betrayer, a follower and a wanderer. By following Peter's journey, we watch the story of Jesus unfold through the eyes of a very normal human trying to figure it all out—just like us.

Feb. 18 – Luke 5:1-11
“The Journey Begins”

Feb. 25 -Matthew 14:22-33
“Stepping into the Storm”

Mar. 3 – Matthew 16:13-20
“Transformed by Love”

Mar. 10 – Matthew 16:21-23
“When the Plan Changes”

Mar. 17 – Matthew 18:15-22
“The Math of Grace”

Mar. 24 – Palm/Passion Sunday
John 12:12-16
“Confusion Amidst the Crowd”

Love Feast will take place on the lower level following worship.

Mar. 31 – Easter Sunday
7:00 A.M. Sunrise Service at our church's cottage on Owens Rd.
8:00 A.M. Easter Breakfast at CCOB on the lower level. (Provided by the Boyers)
9:30 A.M. Worship - Luke 24:1-12 “Running Toward Hope!”

Apr. 7 – John 21:1-19
“The Journey Begins Anew”

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Covington Ministerial Association 2024 Community Lenten Luncheon Series

The "Seven Last Words from the Cross"

All of the luncheons will be at Covington Church of the Brethren in the lower level
101 N. Wall St. Covington, OH 45318

Tuesday, February 20 (12:00 PM) St. John's Lutheran Church will prepare & serve the luncheon. Pastor Rachel Patterson will offer a reflection on "Father forgive them for they know not what they are doing." (Luke 23:24).

Tuesday, February 27 (12:00 PM) Covington Church of the Brethren will prepare & serve the luncheon. Pastor Mike Yingst will offer a reflection on "'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.'" (Luke 23:43)"

Tuesday March 5 (12:00 PM) St. Teresa Catholic Church will prepare & serve the luncheon. Father Jim Duell will offer a reflection on "Woman, here is your son... Here is your mother." (John 19:26-27)

Tuesday March 12 (12:00 PM) Covington Church of the Brethren will prepare & serve the luncheon. Pastor Mike Yingst will offer a reflection on "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?" (Mark 15:34)

Tuesday March 19 (12:00 PM) Covington Presbyterian Church and Frieden's Lutheran will prepare & serve the luncheon. Pastor Greg Kurtz will offer a reflection on "I am thirsty." (John 19:28)

Tuesday March 26 (12:00 PM) Covington Christian Church will prepare & serve the luncheon. Pastor Nick Church will offer a reflection on "It is finished" (John 19:30).

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Southern Ohio/Kentucky District Brethren Disaster Ministries Volunteers Needed

Volunteer Opportunities - Serve March 10-16 in Dawson Springs, KY! Eight volunteers are needed to fill the crew. The work is on new builds, as we help with tornado recovery. Note that the October date is 13-19, a week later than originally announced. Call/text Burt Wolf at 937-287-5902 or SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com to join a crew.

Intergenerational BDM Trip – New this year! July 21-27 is a BDM trip for adults and youth. It's also an opportunity for grandparents/youth (15 yrs. +), parents/youth (14 yrs.+) to work together rebuilding homes for disaster survivors. The location hasn't been determined yet by BDM, but transportation will be provided. BDM also provides housing, food, tools, and leadership. Call/text Helen Wolf at 937-902-3475 or SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com to join the crew or for more information.

Sewing Bee/CWS Prep – The first sewing bee of 2024 will be held on Saturday, February 25 at 9:00 AM at Greenville COB. Sewers need to bring a sewing machine to make school bags for Church World Service (CWS). Non-sewers will prep items for school kits and cleanup buckets. All are invited to bring a sack lunch.

*A life without prayer is like
a car without gas.
Both may look good, but they
are both powerless. ❤️
-author unknown*



Amish “No Bake” Cookies

INGREDIENTS

½ cup butter
½ cup milk
2 cups granulated sugar
3 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa
½ cup peanut butter
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
¼ teaspoon salt
3 cups quick cooking oats not instant
½ cup coarsely chopped pecans

INSTRUCTIONS

In a small saucepan over medium heat bring to a boil and cook butter, milk, sugar, and cocoa for 1 minute.

Remove from heat and stir in peanut butter, salt and vanilla extract. Mix in oats and pecans.

Once you get your batter completely mixed, you can take a spoon or a cookie scoop and put them onto a parchment paper-covered cookie sheet. Let them sit at room temperature until they firm up (about an hour).

Kind Folks

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- COACH
- BROTHER
- WIFE
- GIFTS
- MENTOR
- GREET
- CARE
- FRIEND
- GENEROUS
- HAPPY
- SMILE
- DONOR
- LOVE
- LAUGH

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