



# Covington Church of the Brethren Weekly News

February 29, 2024

**3/05/2024**

12:00 p.m. Lenten Lunch  
Church Lower Level



**3/10/2024**

Daylight Savings Time Begins  
(clocks spring forward)

**3/12/2024**

12:00 p.m. Lenten Lunch  
Church Lower Level

**3/19/2024**

12:00 p.m. Lenten Lunch  
Church Lower Level

**3/19/2024**

First Day of Spring

**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

**3/20/2024**

Executive Committee Meeting  
(after Church Board Mtg.)

**3/24/2024**

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

**3/26/2024**

12:00 p.m. Lenten Lunch  
Church Lower Level

**3/29/2024**

Good Friday

**3/31/2024**

Easter Sunday  
7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service  
at 3255 W. Owens Rd.  
8:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast  
Church Lower Level  
9:30 a.m. Morning Worship



## A "Special" Choir Practice

There will be a special Choir Practice on Thursday, March 21st at 7:00 p.m. at the church. The choir will sing Easter Sunday. Any and all who like to sing, please join us.



## "Pet Friendly Prayer Chain"

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

Most of us  
have been told  
that angels  
have wings.  
But some of  
us have  
learned  
that they  
have paws.

I ♥ Dogs

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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 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).



### Helping Those In Need!

The Bethany Center would very much appreciate your help in providing non-perishable Foods for those who in need in Miami County (including sheets and blankets that are in short supply).

Our Witness Commission has collection boxes at entrances to our church building for food, as well as sheet & blanket donations that will taken to Bethany periodically.

Bethany also accepts clothing donations throughout the year. If you would like to also donate clothes, please drop them off at the their service location: 339 South Street, Piqua, OH 45356.

For more information, please contact Dean Nevin at (937) 615-6650 or Esther Fields (937) 216-3293.  
Bethany supports all Miami County residents (*including Covington*)

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

♥ **Dave & Linda Berrett** - Dave Berrett was released from the hospital February 23rd and is feeling better. In addition to the EGD scope to take care of two bleeds in his stomach, they have made several changes and additions to deal with the continual bleeding episodes in his digestive tract. Dave will be closely monitored to see if these changes will be beneficial. We went back Monday to Cincinnati for the first injection of this new drug. We certainly appreciate all your prayers and we are keeping you all in our hearts and prayers. In Christian Love," -Linda Berrett

**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's surgery to put a plate and pins in her wrist was successful. Ron Hyden and family are thankful for your prayers..

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

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!"

♥ -Notes New or Updated  
Prayer Messages

**Rick & Sherry Lavy** - Rick has developed a bad cough making it hard to rest, and is receiving breathing treatments along with antibiotics. Sherry & Rick and family are thankful for your prayers.

**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** - Wednesday (2/21), Wayne went to the doctor, and his test came back positive for COVID. The result of the biopsy growth in his chest was lymphoma. He is scheduled for a biopsy on his kidney on March 4th. We both have COVID now. We appreciate your prayers so much."

-Wayne & Sharon Marshall

**Kathy Miller** - "With a heart full of gratitude, I want to thank everyone for your prayers, cards, calls, and food while I've been recovering from surgery. Although I am still sore and having some slight problems that are normal after surgery, I am pleased to say I'm getting better. I'll be seeing my surgeon for a post-op follow up visit on Feb. 28 to see if he agrees with me. To God be the glory! Every moment of my life is a wonderful gift from His generous hands."

**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.

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♥ **Linda Pearson** (Norman Wolfe's sister) who lives in St. Paris. Linda fell 2/25 and fractured her hip, received a small brain bleed, and also broke her elbow and wrist. She is at Miami Valley Hospital. Virginia & Norman are thankful for your prayers.

**Phyllis & Duane Rapp** - Phyllis fell shortly after her total shoulder replacement surgery and x-rays have revealed that her shoulder implant was damaged by the fall. She has to resume wearing her splint for 4 more weeks and be reassessed to determine if her shoulder implant will function satisfactorily or if more surgery is needed to repair her implant. Phyllis and Duane would appreciate prayers for healing in hopes that she will not need more surgery.

♥ **Irene Reynolds** (Nancy Thompson's mother) is being treated by several new doctors who have changed some of her medications. Prayers that this will help Irene to feel better and be able to return to her normal level of activity and vitality are much appreciated.

♥ **Patty & Howard Stover** (sister and brother-in-law of Terry Finfrock). They are both going through health issues, including surgeries, and need our prayers. Thank you.

**Jim & Nancy Thompson** - Jim Thompson's ablation this week at Kettering Hospital, Dayton (Grandview) went very well and all was corrected. He has been released from the hospital and is healing at home. Nancy & Jim and family are thankful for your prayers.

**Eve Welborn** (daughter of Brent and Amy Montgomery Welborn) is at Cincinnati Children's Hospital. She recently underwent a bone marrow test 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.

♥ **Marlin Wiesenbarger** (friend of Lonnie Cain). He is undergoing pancreatic cancer treatments. Your prayers are very much appreciated.

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



## 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)

**Sharon Zimmer** (Peggy Zimmer's sister-in-law)

**People of Israel & Palestine**

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My dear friends,

Wouldn't it be wonderful if we lived in a world where we saw someone's nose grow when they told us a lie?

**Could you imagine** the time that would save trying to determine whether they told us the truth or not? Wouldn't it be wonderful if everyone would be a little more gentle and understanding towards each other?

**Could you imagine** the love that would create? Wouldn't it be wonderful if we all just took a second to think before we speak, to refrain from being unkind and judgmental in the moment?

**Could you imagine** how that would create more peace for everyone involved?

I believe our world could change if we became more Christlike.

You're loved,❤️  
Merrill



## Slow-Cooker Cheesy Bacon Potato Soup

### Ingredients:

- 4 slices bacon
- 1-1/2 cups chopped onion
- 5 cups diced peeled russet potatoes (about 5 medium)
- 1 medium stalk celery, chopped (1/2 cup)
- 1 carton (32 oz) Progresso™ chicken broth (4 cups)
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1-1/2 cups half-and-half
- 1 bag (8 oz) shredded American and Cheddar Cheese blend (2 cups)

### Steps

In 12-inch skillet, cook bacon over medium heat, turning occasionally, until browned and crispy. Remove from skillet, reserving fat in skillet. Drain bacon on paper towel, then refrigerate. In same skillet, cook onion in bacon fat over medium heat 4 to 5 minutes, stirring frequently, until tender.

Spray 3 1/2- to 4-quart slow cooker with cooking spray. In cooker, mix onion, potatoes, celery, broth, salt and pepper.

Cover; cook on Low heat setting 6 to 7 hours.

In small bowl, beat flour and half-and-half with wire whisk until well blended; stir into soup. Increase heat setting to High. Cover; cook about 30 minutes longer or until thickened. Stir in cheese until well melted. Crumble bacon; sprinkle over soup.

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## 2024 Looking Ahead

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.

**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”



### Upcoming Birthdays

03/04 Mason Barhorst  
03/04 Michelle Holsinger  
03/08 Norman Wolfe  
03/10 Travis Hobbs  
03/15 Aaron Angle  
03/15 Rose Ann Runyan  
03/17 Tawni Batdorf  
03/18 Aubrye Cain  
03/18 Dan Batdorf

### Love Feast

You are invited to come to the Lord's Table Sunday, March 24th immediately following Morning Worship in the church lower level. Foot washing, Love Feast, and Communion will all be in observance. 'Hope to see you at "His Table" and with us.

No Sunday School

# Eat Healthy

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- VEGETABLE
- BRAN
- DAIRY
- GRAINS
- MEDICAL
- CARROTS
- WATER
- IMPROVE
- PROTEIN
- SPINACH
- CALCIUM
- EAT
- SALAD
- FRESH
- ENERGY
- JUICE
- MILK
- EXERCISE
- FRUIT
- FAT
- YOGURT
- AVOCADO
- FOOD
- NUTS

Play this puzzle online at : <https://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/6780820/>

Working Together . . .  
Empowering Disciples

March, 2024



## **Camp Sugarwood Updates**

For more information about any of the Camp Sugarwood activities, contact Carrie Drees at [cdrees23@gmail.com](mailto:cdrees23@gmail.com) or call 937-564-7346

### **Camping and Retreat Ministries Presents District Game Day**

March 16, 2024 10am-5pm You are welcome to come and go as you please. West Charleston CoB, 4817 S. St. Rt. 202 Tipp City, OH 45371

Please bring games you wish to play, a snack to share and a monetary donation for lunch. We will be ordering pizza. No registration is required, but please text or email Carrie Drees to let her know which games you are bringing or hoping to play.

### **Women's Mini Retreat**

April 13, 2024 8:30AM-Noon at the Salem Church of the Brethren, 6037 Philipsburg-Union Rd, Englewood, OH 45322.

The theme: *Created in God's Image* focuses on Affirming Ourselves and Welcoming Others. Participants learn about their God-given identity and how their unique story adds to God's creation.

### **Camp Sugarwood Registration is OPEN**

Camp Sugarwood camp opportunities are open for registration. We have a variety of camps for all ages throughout the year. June camps are held at Cricket Holler 6444 Frederick Pike, Dayton, OH 45414. New this year is Early Bird pricing for our week long Junior and Senior Creative Arts Camps. Both the Junior week and Senior week discount is available if registration forms are received by April 15. Scholarships are available for all camps. Flyers with more information including how to register for all camps is available on the district website, or check with your church office.

### **Registration is OPEN for Pieceful Quilting Camp**

Camp Sugarwood is holding Pieceful Quilting Camp at Bergamo Retreat Center in Beavercreek on August 6-9. At Pieceful Quilting camp you can expect Fellowship, snacks, Bible study, learning new quilting skills, games, and relaxation.

### **Camp Sugarwood Volunteers Needed**

Volunteers are needed in various areas during Junior Discovery Camp (June 16-18), Junior Creative Arts Camp (June 16-22), and Senior Creative Arts Camp (June 23-29).

### **Volunteers are also needed as Camp Grandparents!**

Camp Grandparents are needed for Junior Creative Arts Camp and Senior Creative Arts Camp. Camp Grandparents do not have a specific task all day long but follow a group of kids with higher needs or simply be of 'presence'. They are around when they can/wish to encourage and be of positive influence. The timing is flexible and can be for as short as an hour to all day

**Camp set-up at Cricket Holler 6444 Frederick Pike, Dayton, OH 45414 for all of our June camps is on June 5** beginning at 9:00am until completed.

## **Disaster Ministries Updates**

**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. A flyer with information about all upcoming trips can be found on the district website, or ask in your church office.

**Volunteer Opportunities** - Serve with BDM in 2024. We're working on tornado recovery in Dawson Springs, KY through June. An updated flyer with all the 2024 trip dates is available on the district website, or ask in your church office. 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.

**Cemetery Cleanup Workday** – We've been invited to join workers from the South/Central Indiana District to work on Lybrook Cemetery, which has fallen into disrepair. It's the first COB cemetery in Indiana and is located south of Richmond. The workday is Sat., March 9 starting at 8:00 AM. Workers will gather at Four Mile COB, 5022 Kitchel Rd., Liberty, IN and shuttle to the sight. Needed are pickup trucks, chain saws, weed eaters, clippers, workers to carry wood & debris, and kitchen help. Lunch will be provided at Four Mile Church. **RSVP to Anitra Kraus by March 1**(440-444-7017, [akraushouse@gmail.com](mailto:akraushouse@gmail.com)). Additional workdays will be scheduled.

**Sewing Bee/CWS Prep** – The first sewing bee of 2024 will be held on Saturday, March 23 at 9:00 AM at Eaton Community Church. 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 flyer with the 2024 schedule can be found on the district website, or inquire in your church office.

### **Trotwood CoB Offers Scholarships for College Students**

The Trotwood Church of the Brethren has five scholarships for college students. You can learn more details and ask for an application form by emailing the church at [office@trotwoodcob.com](mailto:office@trotwoodcob.com) or calling 937-837-6604 to leave a message. The amount of each scholarship will be determined by the number of applications, the resources available and the guidelines of each contributor. Applications will need to be turned in by April 12, 2024.

*For more information on what is happening in Southern Ohio as well as more details on these events contact your church office, email the Southern Ohio/Kentucky District ([sodcob@brethren.org](mailto:sodcob@brethren.org)) or visit our website: [www.sodcob.org](http://www.sodcob.org). In addition to this publication, we also email a monthly newsletter. To request a newsletter simply email your request to the same email address. If you would like to add your event to either the website, this publication, or the monthly newsletter please email your information to [sodcob@brethren.org](mailto:sodcob@brethren.org) **before the 15th of the month**.*