

Covington Church of the Brethren Weekly News

August 9, 2024



*Food &
Friendship!*

“Thank you” to everyone who attended our August 2nd Senior’s Alive! event. We were blessed to have 92 people join us (including volunteers). The meeting featured Terry Lavy, where we learned about “Plants & Conservation.” We also enjoyed a wonderful salad bar lunch!

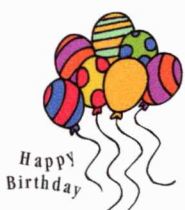
Our next Seniors Alive! Meeting will be held Friday, September 6th beginning 11:00 a.m. One year ago in September was the Kick Off for the first Seniors Alive! outreach program supported by the Roy J. Weikert Trust Fund. On this Seniors Alive! first birthday, Linda Daniel, trustee of the Roy J. Weikert Trust will be sharing some thoughts about her uncle and Seniors Alive!

We will also be welcoming Kelley McKinney Elam, licensed health insurance agent/broker. Kelley is contracted with 9 different insurance carriers. We will learn about the changes in Medicare due to the Inflation Reduction Act passed by Congress in 2022. We hope you can join us!

To make your reservation, please call Kay McKinney at (937) 473-2767 by September 1st. If you have made a reservation and cannot attend, please call and cancel it. Your reservation is very helpful in planning our food for this event. Seniors Alive! is held at Covington Church of the Brethren, 101 N. Wall Street, Covington, Ohio. The Church is handicap accessible at the Wall Street entrance.

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Make Your Reservation Soon!



Upcoming Birthdays

- 08/10 Kerri Burba
- 08/11 Patsy Weyant
- 08/11 Elizabeth Konz
- 08/17 Chelsea Robinson
- 08/20 Irene Reynolds
- 08/22 Grace Miller



“Pet Friendly Prayer Chain”

Please call:
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We have had a few questions and suggestions for our prayer chain and would like to share how it is usually addressed.

When a prayer chain message is requested they are sent via e-mail, text, phone, noted for the office, and kept for the upcoming news.

Unless calls are an emergency, they are usually sent between 9 a.m. and not later than 8 p.m.

Prayers for surgery and procedures are usually sent the afternoon or evening the day before they take place unless requested otherwise.

Prayer messages and updates are sent by permission of the person, family, Pastor Mike and/or the Deacons, when they feel it's appropriate to send them. (Respecting the person's privacy).

Updates following recent prayer requests are important to those praying, and very much appreciated by our church family.

Weekly News prayer updates are also very important to those following the health of our church family and friends each week via our website and postal mailings.

Call Cindy @ (937) 448-0100 to request prayers and/or prayer updates.

We thank and appreciate everyone's thoughts and prayers for church family and friends.



Ongoing Prayer List

Prayer updates would be appreciated

Melody Blankenship (*Kathy Miller's friend*)
Roberta Brock (*Pastor Mike & Belinda's relative*)
Ted & Rhonda Brumbaugh
Linda Dearth (*Lea Ann Stevens's sister*)
David Frank (*Kathy Miller's friend*)
Curt and Monica (Batdorf) Goubeaux
Tyler Lambert (*in the military*) -
(*Wayne & Sharon Marshall's grandson*)
Larry Minnich
Brandon Moyer (*Kathy Miller's nephew*)
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*)
Ron Schultz and Family
Angie (Shroyer) Smith (*Patsy Weyant's daughter*)
Brooks Smith & Family
Crystal Yingst -
(*Pastor Mike & Belinda Yingst's grand-daughter*)
Sheron Zimmer (*Peggy Zimmer's sister-in-law*)
People of Israel & Palestine

Let us be grateful for people
who make us happy. They are
the charming gardeners who
make our souls blossom.

- Marcel Proust



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

Ann Adams (cousin of Pastor Mike & Kathy Miller) - Ann's surgery went well. Ann's family appreciates your prayers.

♥ **Danielle Alexander has arrived to Kuwait.** She and her family are thankful for your prayers for her travels and continued prayers for her overseas responsibilities with the National Guard for the next 9 months to a year.

♥ **Kay Alexander** (Mike Alexander's sister) would like to share the following message:

"I would like to inform y'all that I'm doing good. Slowly healing from a double intense surgery. I was blessed with very good care of my sweet cousin that drove 3+ hours from NC to stay with me in Myrtle Beach, SC to care for me and very special friends. I want to say how much I've appreciated all the thoughts and prayers given for me. God is good. Thank you." - Kay

Dave & Linda Berrett - Dave was transported by ambulance July 31st and was admitted to Christ Hospital for the third time this month. He is weak and has fluid accumulated, causing shortness of breath, also. We would be grateful for prayers that they will find and be able to treat another bleed, successfully remove fluid and start him on the road to healing." Thanks and God's blessings to you all, Linda and Dave

Sandy Bowman and her family - "I am doing very well. My foot is out of the cast. I am gradually using my walker each day. Thank you for all your prayers." - Sandy

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. She the mother of 1 1/2 year old Valerie, wife to Tyler. Prayers are greatly appreciated!"

Bob (Bernice Davis' Nephew) needs our prayers for healing. He is dealing with heart issues and the after effects of a bone infection.

♥ **Nevin Fessler** (Phyllis Rapp's brother) - Nevin has been released and will be starting Cardiac Rehab at Upper Valley Medical Center. Nevin, Phyllis & Duane Rapp and their family are thankful for everyone's prayers and concerns. They have been very much appreciated.

Norman & Donna Gayhart (sister-in-law of Kathy Miller). Norman is under Hospice care and is having issues with passing blood. Thank you.

♥ **Jane & Terry Lavy & Dan & Tawni Batdorf** Jane Lavy is undergoing a new chemo treatment. She is also dealing with severe knee pain that cannot be properly dealt with while she is receiving chemo. Dan Batdorf is recovering from recent heart surgery. Thank you.

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.

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♥ *Red Heart Indicates New or Updated Prayer Messages*

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♥ **Wayne & Sharon Marshall and family** - Sharon's blood issue has improved with the treatments being effective. Sharon & Wayne and their family are very thankful for your thoughts and prayers for healing of both of their health issues.

Kathy Miller - "I am extremely fatigued and nauseous. Recent blood work indicated low hemoglobin levels, prompting me to begin a series of five weekly iron infusions that started on July 23. Additionally, I have commenced a new treatment targeting the protein responsible for the growth of the tumors in my abdomen wall. Those IV treatments are scheduled every three weeks. Your continued prayers are deeply appreciated."

Carol & Terry Minnich - Carol is healing at home now and is doing well. Terry & Carol are thankful for everyone's prayers, cards, and concerns.

Emily Yantis-Houser (Carol Minnich's niece) underwent surgery July 10th. Carol & Terry and their family are thankful for your thoughts and prayers.

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

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

Gary Pitt's (friend of Norman Wolfe) cancer has returned. Prayers would be appreciated.

♥ **Phyllis & Duane Rapp** - Phyllis' did well with her kidney stones surgery August 7th at Upper Valley Medical Center, and the surgery was successful. Duane & Phyllis are thankful for your prayers and would appreciate continued prayers for healing. Thank you.

♥ **Irene Reynolds** - Irene Reynolds' cataract surgery and her follow-up appointment, August 8th, went well. She is recovering at home. Irene, Nancy & Jim Thompson, and family are thankful for your prayers for the surgery and continued prayers for healing.

Jill Stephenson (Virginia & Norman Wolfe's neighbor) needs prayers for healing from eye surgery July 18th.

Sylvia Warner - She is having problems with her back. Prayers that she feels better soon would be very much appreciated.

"Thank you for your prayers for **Eve Welborn**, her biological brother, JT, and their families. The bone marrow transplant 7/24 went well and now we pray for no complications. The Montgomery Welborn family sincerely appreciates the many prayers and well wishes."

Virginia & Norman Wolfe - Virginia is taking cardiac rehab. Please keep she and Norman in your prayers.

God bless every single person who has ever found themselves in a dark place but rose above the pain. And bless every single person who continues to stand tall with all their broken parts still in tact. You may not be where you want to be, but you will get there. Stay strong.

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2024 COA Back to School Program

The Covington Outreach Association has registered 71 Covington children in low-income families in our Back to School program, an increase of 20 participants over last year. Each student will receive a backpack with grade level supplies, gift card to Great Clips for a haircut, and a voucher for new shoes at Shoe Carnival. We do everything we can to help our students "Get Ready To Go From Head To Toe".

We kindly ask for your prayers for our schools. If you are interested in donating a backpack, please see your church's COA representative for details. If you'd like to make a monetary contribution to help pay for haircuts, shoes, and school fees, please make checks payable to COA and mail to PO Box 125, Covington, OH 45318. To learn more about us, please visit www.covingtonoutreach.org.

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)

Covington Church of the Brethren Event Calendar



- 8/21/2024** Men's Prayer Breakfast
8:00 a.m. @ Buffalo Jack's
- 8/21/2024** 4:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting
5:00 p.m. Church Board Mtg.
- 8/22-28/2024** Pastor Mike & Belinda
on vacation
- 9/02/2024** Labor Day
(church office closed)
- 9/06/2024** Senior's Alive! Event

Looking Ahead

Beginning July 28th we began spending five weeks reading through the sixth chapter of John's Gospel. In John 6, Jesus identifies himself as the Bread of Life, therefore I am entitling this sermon series "Bread from Heaven." I invite us to spend the last month of summer walking through John 6 together as Jesus dives deeply into explaining all that it means for him to be the Bread of Life. We can truly live because the Bread from Heaven lives in and among us! And it is abundant living without end!

August 11 – John 6:35-51

"Bread from Heaven: Origins"

August 18 – John 6: 51-58

"Bread from Heaven: Life"

Annual Conference Report
by Belinda Yingst (delegate)

August 25 – Guest Preacher - Rev. Ralph

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Pastor Mike will be on vacati

September 1 – John 6: 56-71

"Bread from Heaven: Truth"

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- CREATE
- PETS
- GAMES
- READING
- NEEDLEPOINT
- ATHLETICS
- WOODWORKING
- EMBROIDERY
- COOK
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