



Covington Church of the Brethren Weekly News

March 8, 2024

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

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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



Pastor Mike made an appearance last Sunday (March 3rd) as Jesus' disciple Peter.

Peter shared the experience as being transformed by Jesus' love.

photo by Kathy Miller

*If God had a refrigerator,
my picture would be on it.*

*If God had a wallet,
my photo would be in it.*

*He sends me flowers every spring
and a sunrise every morning.*

*When I want to talk,
He always listens.*

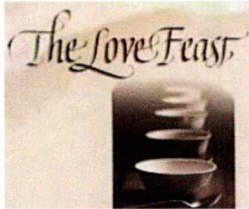
*He could live anywhere in the universe,
and yet, He chose my heart.*

*And that Christmas gift He sent
me from Bethlehem-----*

Face it, He's crazy about me!

shared by Elaine Kraus

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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

To receive Prayer and Church Message via Text Message to your cell phone, please contact covingtoncob@gmail.com or call Cindy at (937) 448-0100. Thank you

(This is very simple to set up and you will receive the messages very quickly.)



Upcoming Birthdays

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
03/20 Sydney Kraus
03/24 Jane Lavy
03/26 Carol DiMatteo
03/26 Patty Angle
03/26 Terry Lavy
03/27 Ellie (Cain) French

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



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

Dogs are family ❤️

I rescued you from a pet shelter, and by your love and beautiful company, you ended up rescuing me.



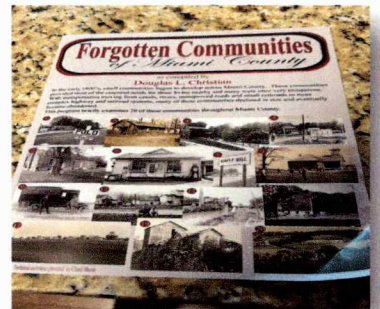
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The Seniors Alive! team thanks all those who attended our March 1st event and heard Doug Christian's informative and educational program about Forgotten Communities. We hope you enjoy some of these pictures from another "fun" day with Seniors Alive! at the Covington Church of the Brethren. We were so blessed to have 90 people join us ❤️



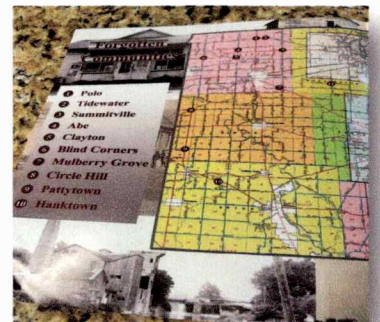
April 5th is the next Seniors Alive! Day at the Covington Church of the Brethren lower level. Fun, Food, and Fellowship starts at 11:00 a.m.



The program will be the story of the Covington Hospital taken from the pages of the 1926 Stillwater Valley News.



It will be followed by the story of the Covington Building & Loan moving into the building presented by Ron Sutherland, CEO at the Covington Savings & Loan. These are interesting stories about Covington with some familiar names you will recognize.



If you have not yet made your reservation, please call Kay McKinney at 937 473-2767 no later than April 1st. The Church is handicap accessible with an elevator at the Wall Street entrance.

Hope to see you on April 5th!

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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. 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”

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 periodical-

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)

♥ **Beverly Beckner** (friend of Elaine Kraus and many of our church family). She is home from the hospital and is hoping to receive in-home Hospice Care. Continued prayers would be appreciated.

♥ **Melody (Trostel) Blankenship** (friend of Kathy Miller) has been receiving treatments for incurable myelofibrosis (a rare blood cancer) for a couple of years. Her body is currently not responding as well to the treatments as it has in the past. Her prognosis is poor. (Melody is a former Covington resident whose dad, Gene, was a meat cutter at Maier's IGA.)

♥ **Rhonda & Ted Brumbaugh and family.** "Last week I was admitted to The James concerning a dislodged g peg that had been causing me a lot of pain. During my stay, the peg fell out, which dropped my pain level drastically. I chose to not get another and to eat by mouth. I feel I'm getting stronger and hopefully, I'll be able to gain enough weight to keep my doctors happy. Ted is having a PET scan this week and we will wait to see what the doctor recommends. Thank you to our wonderful church family for the prayers. They are greatly appreciated!" -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!"

♥ **Carol Dimatteo** will be undergoing testing. She appreciates your prayers as does all of her family.

♥ **David Frank** (friend of Kathy Miller) Recently diagnosed with lymphoma. (Former resident of Covington.)

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** - "Wayne Marshall's kidney biopsy was completed successfully. We will receive the results in a few days. After the results are received, Wayne will be going to his other doctor to get the direction to take from there. We appreciate your prayers." - Sharon & Wayne

*Wayne & Sharon are feeling better after both having COVID, and are slowly getting their energy back.

♥ **Kathy Miller**
My six-week follow up appointment with the surgeon was favorable. A couple minor problems with fluid build up along the incision were addressed in hopes of allowing the incision to fully heal. I'm on the mend, still have a ways to go to get back to normal, but it was so good to be back in church Sunday! As normally done after cancer surgery, I will be having periodic PETscans and CT scans as ordered by the oncologist and surgeon. God has truly blessed my life through your prayers. Thank you!

♥ -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.

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.

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

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.

♥ **Jenna Reynolds** (niece of Nancy & Jim Thompson) and her emotional support dog, Tarragon. He is a huge part of Jenna's mental and emotional stability, and fills a vital, and absolutely necessary roll in her life. Tarragon went in for a routine tooth cleaning and, had a reaction to the pain meds and anesthetic, and has been under critical care since last Friday. Jenna needs prayers for emotional strength, and Tarragon to live through this. Thank you.



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.

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.

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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



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 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).

*It is not the "things" we get,
but the hearts we touch
that will measure our
success in life.*



Stay Positive

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