

Covington Church of the Brethren Weekly News

August 21, 2024

Covington Church of the
Brethren Event Calendar



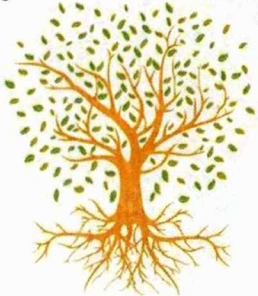
8/22-28-2024 Pastor Mike & Belinda
on vacation

9/01/2024 - Commissioning of Christian
Educators during worship

9/02/2024 Labor Day
(church office closed)

9/18/2024 Men's Prayer Breakfast
8:00 a.m. @ Buffalo Jack's

Happy 65th Anniversary



Congratulations!

Please join
Norman & Virginia Wolfe
in the Hospitality Room after church
this Sunday (August 25th) to
celebrate their
65th Wedding Anniversary!



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!

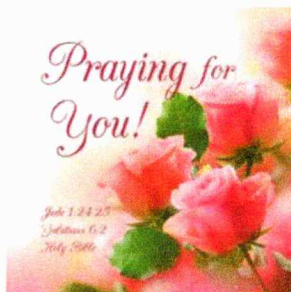
To make your reservation, please call Kay McKinney at (937) 473-2767 by September 1st. If you have made a reservation and cannot attend, please call and cancel it. Your reservation is very helpful in planning our food for this event. Seniors Alive! is held at Covington Church of the Brethren, 101 N.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

Supported by the Roy Weikert Trust Fund

Make Your Reservation!

*Food & ❤️
Friendship!*

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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*)
Angie (Shroyer) Smith (*Patsy Weyant's daughter*)
Brooks Smith & Family
Sheron Zimmer (*Peggy Zimmer's sister-in-law*)
People of Israel & Palestine

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

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

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 Berrett has been released from the hospital to continue healing at home. Linda & Dave are thankful for all your prayers.

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.

♥ **Joseph Dye** underwent gallbladder surgery 8/20 and was hospitalized overnight. Esther Fields (grandmother), Liz Dye (wife) and family are thankful for your prayers and would appreciate continued prayers for healing.

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 is starting radiation and chemo treats on his chest cavity to try to eliminate pain from cancer. Dave & Pat are thankful for your thoughts and prayers.

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 for both of their health issues.

♥ *Red Hearts Indicates New or Updated Prayer Messages*

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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 currently taking outpatient therapy and is doing well. Terry & Carol are thankful for everyone's prayers, cards, and concerns.

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 8th 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** will not be undergoing Cataract surgery on her right eye this week as originally planned, but she may sometime in the future. Irene, Jim & Nancy Thompson, appreciate your thoughts and prayers.

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

"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.

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

You may think that you are completely insignificant in this world.
But someone drinks coffee from the favorite cup that you gave them.
Someone heard a song on the radio that reminded them of you.
Someone read the book that you recommended, and plunged headfirst into it.
Someone smiled after a hard day of work, because they remembered the joke that you told them today.
Someone loves themselves little bit more, because you gave them a compliment.
Never think that you have no influence whatsoever.
Your touch, word and good deed which you leave behind cannot be erased.

shared by Linda Berrett ♥

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Merrill Osmond

My dear friends,

Life can seem downright scary at times. Full of uncomfortable, unpleasant and unimaginable moments that can shape our lives.

Things like death, disease, loss of health and the resources to pay for basic necessities. Sometimes it feel like we need to back away and dig a hole and jump into it or put up walls to protect us from the unknown. But avoiding situations that scare us will only make things worse. We're here to learn and grow, to love and embrace life to its fullest, not to hide in darkness but to arise from it and glory in light.

Don't let fear steal away your life.

You're loved, Merrill



Upcoming Birthdays

- 08/22 Grace Miller
- 08/31 Belinda Yingst
- 08/31 Tony Angle
- 09/01 Nancy Mack
- 09/04 Duane Rapp
- 09/05 Tom Mullen
- 09/07 Ann Stackhouse
- 09/10 Ed Wolfe
- 09/16 Bonnie Seitz
- 09/18 Ryan Stackhouse
- 09/18 Wm. Bitner
- 09/19 Wayne Angle
- 09/23 Pat McMaken
- 09/24 Carolyn Wolfe
- 09/27 Becky Mullen
- 09/30 Bonnie Pura

Southern Ohio/Kentucky District News

The Women's Retreat September 20-21, 2024

The Lord's Prayer:
Discovering Jesus'
Plan for Transformation

Bergamo Retreat Center
4400 Shakertown Road
Beavercreek, OH 45430

Speaker:
Pastor Barbara Menke

Brought to you by:
Camping & Retreat Ministries.

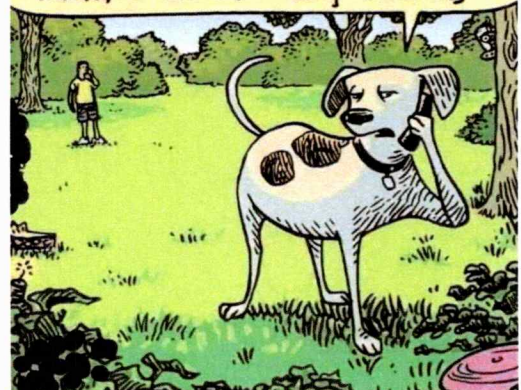
(flyers are available in our Hospitality Room)



"Pet Friendly Prayer Chain"

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

Hey, it's me. I can't find the ball you sent me after, but I found a Frisbee. You want me to bring that back, or should I keep looking?



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Looking Ahead

We have been walking through John 6 together with Jesus showing us all that it means for him to be the Bread of Life. We will conclude our Bread from Heaven series on September 1st. We move toward autumn knowing that we can truly live because the Bread from Heaven lives in and among us! And it is abundant living without end!

August 25 – Guest Preacher - Rev. Ralph Schaafsma
Pastor Mike will be on vacation.

September 1 – We will be commissioning our Christian Educators during worship.
John 6: 56-71
“Bread from Heaven: Truth”

September 8 – A special Grandparents Day worship planned and led by Jayne Hobbs and Dean Nevin.
Flutes Etc. will be with us to provide Special Music during worship.

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*)

"Say, Pooh, why aren't you busy?" I said.
"Because it's a nice day," said Pooh.
"Yes, but ---"
"Why ruin it?" he said.
"But you could be doing something Important," I said.
"I am," said Pooh.
"Oh? Doing what?"
"Listening," he said.
"Listening to what?"
"To the birds. And that squirrel over there."
"What are they saying?" I asked.
"That it's a nice day," said Pooh.
"But you know that already," I said.
"Yes, but it's always good to hear that somebody else thinks so, too," he replied..

Stop and take time to listen today! It's a beautiful day!



Trip to the Zoo

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- AFRICA
- PETING
- REPTILES
- WALKING
- RIDES
- FISH
- FAMILY
- GORILLAS
- APES
- ZEBRAS
- WILD
- BIRDS
- MAMMALS
- EDUCATION
- SHOWS
- ZOOLOGY
- PENGUINS
- SNAKES
- LIONS
- WATER

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