



# Covington Church of the Brethren Weekly News

October 03, 2024

## Covington Church of the Brethren Event Calendar



- 10/04/2024** Senior's Alive! Event  
11:00 a.m.  
Church Lower Level  
Program -Dulcimer Group  
"Hammer Jammers"
  
- 10/13/2024** World Wide Communion  
Sunday
  
- 10/16/2024** Men's Prayer Breakfast  
8:00 a.m. @ Buffalo Jack's
  
- 10/16/2024** Trustees Meeting  
4:30 p.m.  
Church Board Meeting  
5:00 p.m.
  
- 10/21-11/05** Pastor Mike on vacation
  
- 11/09/2024** Chicken Noodle & Apple  
Dumpling Event



*Covington Church of the Brethren*



*Bless the hands that prepare the meal.*

### **Caring is Sharing!**

During the 2023 Mother's Day and Father's Day services, we created a cookbook with many delicious recipes. Fall is now in the air and the holidays are rapidly approaching. As you begin thinking about your recipes for special Thanksgiving and Christmas dishes along with homemade cookies and candy, please write some of your family's favorites on index cards with your name and give to Kay McKinney no later than October 15th. *(Index cards will be available on the little tables at the worship center entrances and/or by asking Kay McKinney.)* The recipes will then be made available to add to your existing book. There will also be complete cookbooks printed and available for gifts.

Thank you for Sharing! ❤️



### **Upcoming Birthdays**

- 10/08 Cindy Miller
- 10/10 Ada Fraley
- 10/11 Cassidy Cain
- 10/13 Dan Cain
- 10/22 Phyllis Rapp
- 10/23 Charles Nickel
- 10/27 Erin Gibson
- 10/31 Hailey Yingst
- 10/31 Sydney Goodgame

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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*)  
**Curt and Monica (Batdorf) Goubeaux**  
**Larry Minnich**  
**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**  
**Eve Welborn and Family**  
**Virginia & Norman Wolfe**  
**Sheron Zimmer** (*Peggy Zimmer's sister-in-law*)  
**People of Israel & Palestine**

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## Info. for Life That No One Tells You:

1. Put your alarm clock in the bathroom. You won't snooze.
2. If someone regularly brags about their wealth, income, or success, just assume the reality is about 50% of what they say.
3. If you want to get better at anything do it 30 minutes per day for 30 days.
4. Go for a 15 minute walk every day. It has a positive impact on your mood, sleep, and metabolism.
5. If you're about to take an emotion-based action, wait 24 hours.

*keys4success*

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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.

**Dave & Linda Berrett** - "Dave Berrett recently had a successful scope to stop another bleed. Prayers that this was the source of his issue. He has been released from the hospital to continue healing at home." - Linda & Dave are thankful for your prayers

**Greg & Stacie Carder and their family** (Kay McKinney's son) - Greg Carder successfully received a pacemaker 9/19. He continues to feel good and was released to continue healing at home last Saturday. Thank you for the prayers, texts, and calls. They were greatly appreciated. - Greg, Stacie Carder and Family

**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.

**Terry Finrock** - "Terry needs prayers of support as she struggles through health issues." Thank you

**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

♥ **Tyler Lambert** (grandson of Wayne & Sharon Marshall) safety. Prayers for Tyler's safety would be appreciated. He is in the navy and is stationed at Pearl Harbor.

**Pat & Rich McMaken** - Pat underwent an epidural in her spine 9/24 at Miami Valley Hospital to help with Sciatica pain that went well. Ongoing prayers for relief from her ongoing pain would be appreciated. - Pat & Rich appreciate everyone's prayers.

### **Kathy Miller** -

I had another chemo treatment Tuesday, September 3. Fortunately, there was no problems this time. My hemoglobin is still down, even after getting five iron infusions. Still tired, with some pain and nausea. My appetite has improved somewhat, but still can't eat too much at one time. I am sincerely grateful for your prayers, concerns, well wishes, cards, and food and appreciate your unwavering support. Thanks, Kathy Miller

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

♥ **Rylon Mutzner**, (14-year-old great-grandson of Ralph Mutzner) of Piqua, Ohio. He is home from the hospital and is recovering at home. Ralph Mutzner and family are thankful for your prayers.

♥ *Red Hearts Indicates New or Updated Prayer Messages*

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♥ **Aldin Poeppleman and all of his family.** Aldin is Dean and Martha Nevin's 14 year-old nephew, who has been diagnosed with a brain tumor. Martha and Aldin are very close, as Martha has been involved in Aldin's life since he was born.

Aldin underwent brain surgery on Tuesday (Sept. 24th) and the tumor was removed. However, spinal fluid has accumulated on his brain and they have been unsuccessful in attempts to encourage the fluid to move down into his spinal cord. Today, Aldin will have a spinal tap procedure to see if that relieves pressure and allows the fluid to move down. If this is unsuccessful, Aldin will have to undergo a second brain surgery in a day or two.

Dean, Martha and all the family deeply appreciate everyone's prayers."

**Phyllis & Duane Rapp** - Phyllis underwent a kidney stone procedure 9/17 at Upper Valley Medical Center. It went well and she is home to continue healing. Duane & Phyllis are thankful for your prayers for the procedure and would appreciate continued prayers for healing.

♥ **Irene Reynolds** (Nancy Thompson's mother). Irene is recovering from a recent fall in her garage. Nothing is broken but she has bruises. Also, she misses friends and fellowship at church.

**City of Springfield, Ohio** - Please pray for those effected by the bomb threats in their community. It is also taking it's toll on teachers, students and staff.

**Ryan Stackhouse and family** (son of Ann & Don Stackhouse). Ryan's surgery, Sept. 6th, was a success. He was released from the hospital same day to continue healing at home. Ann & Don Stackhouse and family are thankful for your prayers for the success of his surgery and continued prayers for healing.

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

**Our love, prayers and sympathy are expressed to Dollie Hurley** (Sylvia Warner's sister) and family at the death of Ed Hurley (Dollie's husband) who passed away last night (10/01). Dollie & Ed reside in Arizona. Please pray for strength and comfort for the family at this difficult time.

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## 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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## 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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## How you can help: Hurricane Helene and its aftermath

Church of the Brethren Newswire  
September 30, 2024

Brethren Disaster Ministries as well as local emergency authorities are strongly advising those who would like to help out NOT to travel to the areas affected by Hurricane Helene, while the roads are not safe, and search and rescue is still happening.

However, here are opportunities to help from home:

**Gifts to the Emergency Disaster Fund Hurricane Response:** Brethren Disaster Ministries anticipates that grants will be requested from the Church of the Brethren's Emergency Disaster Fund (EDF) to help with rebuilding and recovery in the areas affected by this storm. Gifts to the EDF can be made by check to Emergency Disaster Fund, 1451 Dundee Ave., Elgin, IL 60123 (please note "Hurricane Helene" on your check); or give online at

[www.brethren.org/givehurricaneresponse](http://www.brethren.org/givehurricaneresponse).

**Church World Service needs more Clean-Up Bucket Kits:** CWS, a long-term partner organization of the Church of the Brethren, is getting requests for more clean-up buckets, but their inventory is low. Zach Wolgemuth, the CWS director of Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Recovery, reported that as of this morning, the organization has authorized/shipped "3,296 Emergency Cleanup Buckets valued at \$247,200 and 4,360 Hygiene Kits valued at \$65,400 to partners in the impacted region. Additional requests for kits and blankets are coming in almost daily. Unfortunately, our Emergency Cleanup Bucket inventory is less than 1,000 buckets in inventory." Can you put together bucket kits that can be sent to help survivors? More information is at <https://cwskits.org/assemble-kits>.

**Church World Service (CWS) Clean-Up Bucket Kits prepared for shipment** from the Material Resources warehouse at the Brethren Service Center in New Windsor, Md., following Hurricane Helene. Photo by Glenna Thompson

**Requests for help from survivors:** Brethren Disaster Ministries' partners, Week of Compassion and Crisis Clean-up, have opportunities for you to sign up to receive calls through the call center for survivors requesting clean-up help. Get more information at [www.weekofcompassion.org/virtual-volunteers.html](http://www.weekofcompassion.org/virtual-volunteers.html).

— *Jenn Dorsch-Messler, director of Brethren Disaster Ministries, and Roy Winter, executive director of Service Ministries for the Church of the Brethren, contributed to this report. Find out more about the work of Brethren Disaster Ministries at [www.brethren.org/bdm](http://www.brethren.org/bdm) and find out more about the Emergency Disaster Fund at [www.brethren.org/bdm/edf](http://www.brethren.org/bdm/edf).*



**Cleanup Bucket Assembly** – On Thurs., Oct. 10 at 6:30 PM, there will be an assembly of cleanup buckets for Church World Service (CWS). It will be held at Bullen Ultrasonics, 1301 Miller Williams Rd., Eaton. Many workers are needed to fill the 500+ buckets with cleaning supplies. These will be sent to the Brethren Service Center. CWS is counting on these buckets to help meet the needs from Hurricane Helene.

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## Looking Ahead

As we move into the fall season, we will spend a few weeks hearing scripture from the Letter of James. This fall is also presidential election season and James has wise words to offer us about who we are called to be during this anxious and divisive time in our country. James offers words on listening and speaking, mercy and judgment, blessing/cursing from the same mouth, and praying and anointing. Most importantly, James offers guidance to help us be people in Christ together; people who speak and behave differently from the ways of this world.

### Oct. 6 - Mark 10:13-16

“World Communion Sunday”

We will celebrate Holy Communion during worship.

### Oct. 13 - James 5:13-20

“Bound Together in Christ”

Anointing will be offered at the end of the message.

All have the option to either come forward for anointing or remain seated and offer silent prayer and reflection during this time of anointing.



## Powerful Words

### Believe in Yourself

*(believe you can and you will)*

### Stay Strong

*(dream, believe, achieve)*

### Never Give Up

*(A little progress each day adds up to big results)*

### Be Grateful

*(A grateful heart is a magnet for miracles)*

### Work Hard

*(Good things come to those who hustle)*

### Stay Humble

*(Work hard in silence, let success make the noise)*

### Be Kind

*(Kindness makes you the most beautiful)*

### Keep Smiling

*(Because of your smile, you make life)*

*Motivational Quotes*



### “Pet Friendly Prayer Chain”

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**The Weekly News is  
available online:**

<https://www.covingtoncob.org/newsline>

Working Together . . .  
Empowering Disciples

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More information on Disaster Ministry and Camp Sugarwood and other announcements, including complete schedules, registration forms, etc can be found on the district website: [www.sodcob.org](http://www.sodcob.org).

**District Conference 2024** has come and gone. The pre-conference session on Kingian Nonviolence was led by On Earth peace. As we were preparing for supper and worship Friday evening the power went out! as it dead for thousands in the Miami Valley. Undaunted, Moderator Tracy Sturgis continued with a scaled down but meaningful worship. We gathered again Saturday morning with the power still out. Power was restored around 10:30 for the remaining time. Business went smoothly with the slate and budget being approved by a large majority. We heard reports from all committees and were blessed by the presence of General Secretary David Steele, and Stan Dueck who has been guiding the Visioning Team through their process. We are grateful to the Prince of Peace Congregation for their warm, welcoming hospitality.

The 2025 District Conference will be held at the Oakland Church of the Brethren, September 26 & 27 under the leadership of Moderator Tom Menke and Moderator-Elect Linda Brandon Eubank. The theme will be "Embracing our Imperfections". But he said to me, My grace is sufficient fo ryou, for my power is made perfect in weakness. 2 Corinthians 12:9

## Camp Sugarwood Updates

**Wishlist**—Can you help supply Camp Sugarwood with items needed? A wish list has been created through Amazon with items that CRM currently does not have. Many of these items are needed for the camp kitchen and would make it easier to provide meals during camp weeks. If you can help with purchasing an item please go to [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/17UUZ989BSJ4D?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/17UUZ989BSJ4D?ref=wl_share) Items can be shipped directly to Carrie Drees, Director of Camping and Retreat Ministries. If you have questions please contact Carrie [cdrees23@gmail.com](mailto:cdrees23@gmail.com) or 937-564-7346.

**District Game Day** — District Game Day is October 5 from 10am-5pm at West Charleston CoB 4817 S St Rt 202, Tipp City. All ages are welcome to attend. This day of fun and fellowship will give you the opportunity to play board games, card games, and table games with others in the SOK District. Please bring games you wish to play, a snack to share and a monetary donation for lunch. We will be ordering pizza. You are welcome to come and go as you please. Text or email Carrie Drees with games you are bringing, hoping to play, or if you have questions.

[cdrees23@gmail.com](mailto:cdrees23@gmail.com) 937-564-7346.

## **Fall Family Gathering —**

November 1 & 2, 2024 @ Cricket Holler

A new camp for families of all sizes. Gather your family for a weekend of spiritual growth and fun. Cost: \$70 Adults; \$40 Child

Cost for commuting campers: \$60 Adults; \$30 Child

Registrations found on the district website and accepted through October 18.

**Women's Retreat Sessions on Video** - If you missed Women's Retreat or if you attended and would like to hear it again, a video has been made of the sessions. If you would like a copy recorded to a flash drive please let Carrie Drees or Charlene Foster know at [cdrees23@gmail.com](mailto:cdrees23@gmail.com), [charbyclark@aol.com](mailto:charbyclark@aol.com). A suggested donation of \$5 would be appreciated to cover the cost of the flash drive.

## Disaster Ministry Updates

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**Rebuilding Opportunities** – BDM now has two rebuilding sites open. The tornado recovery continues in Dawson Springs, and there is room for more volunteers Oct. 13-19. A new rebuild site is open in Letcher County, KY for recovery from flooding in July 2022. Volunteers are needed for the Nov. 17-23 crew. Transportation, housing, food, and tools will be provided. To join a crew call/text Helen Wolf at 937-902-3475 or [SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com](mailto:SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com). The 2025 schedule is now available on the district website with openings on every trip.

**Sewing Bee/CWS Prep** – More sewers are needed for sewing school bags! Come at 9:00 AM on Sat., Oct. 26 to Greenville COB, 421 Central Avenue. The bags are already cut out, so sewers just need to bring their sewing machine. Non-sewers will prep items for Church World Service (CWS) kits. Bring a sack lunch and come for a time of service and fellowship.

**Appreciation Dinner** – You're invited! Come to the annual BDM Appreciation Dinner on Saturday, Nov. 16 at 6:00 PM. We will thank our volunteers, recognize new volunteers, and share information about the work of S. Ohio/KY BDM. This year the dinner is hosted by Trotwood COB, 208 E. Main Street. **Please RSVP by Nov. 1 to Burt and Helen Wolf at [SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com](mailto:SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com) or call/text 937-902-3475.**

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.**

# Fun with Cake

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- WEDDING
- FLOUR
- MIXER
- MARBLE
- BITE
- BOWL
- POUND
- CHOCOLATE
- SPATULA
- HONEY
- CRUMB
- BIRTHDAY
- FOOD
- MOLD
- COFFEE
- RAISIN
- MOCHA
- PAN
- LAYER
- FUDGE
- ALMOND

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