

Covington Church of the Brethren Weekly News

January 26, 2024



It's Almost Time!



Reserve Your Seat Soon!

We Are Getting Ready!



Seniors Alive! will meet on Friday, February 2nd in the lower level of the Covington Church of the Brethren at 11:00. Valentine's Day is in February and that means Love. After lunch we will be sharing the love by making no sew blankets to give to shut-ins during the month of February. Games and prizes will conclude another fun day at Seniors Alive! Please call Kay McKinney at 937 473-2767 to make your reservations. The Church is handicap accessible at the Wall Street entrance.

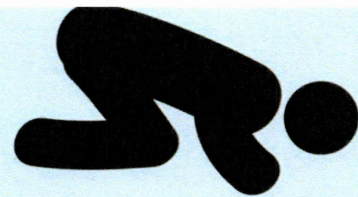
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We also thank all of our Volunteers who help make this possible!

Make Your Reservation!

Covington Church of the Brethren 2023 Benevolence Giving

- Heifer Project - \$240.00
- Kitchen Fund - \$250.00
- One Great Hour Prayer - \$50.00
- Seniors Alive! - \$2,800.00
- Southern Ohio District - \$500.00



Dear God,

I know that I'm not perfect,
I know sometimes I forget to
pray. I know I have questioned
my faith, I know sometimes
I lose my temper, but thank you
for loving me unconditionally
and giving me another day
to start over again.

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2/02/2024

11:00 a.m. Seniors Alive!
Church Lower Level



2/14/2024

Valentine's Day

2/14/2024

Ash Wednesday

2/18/2024

First Sunday of Lent

2/21/2024

8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast

2/21/2024

4:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting
5:00 p.m. Church Board Meeting

3/10/2024

Daylight Savings Time Begins

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

3/31/2024

Easter Sunday

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.)

***To Our Church Family and Visitors:**

Covington COB sends out information daily/weekly that includes the need for Prayers, receiving Weekly News, and the need to speak to the Pastor and/or for a visit. If you, or your family, do not receive any of the above, but would like to, please fill out the information below and put in the Offering Box in the church sanctuary on Sunday, or mail to:

Covington Church of the Brethren
101 N. Wall Street, Box 206
Covington, OH 45318

You can also e-mail: covingtoncob@gmail.com or call Cindy @ (937) 448-0100 to share the info. needed to sign up.) Thank you!

I would like to receive the following:

- Church Prayer Chain Messages
- Pet Friendly Prayer Chain Messages
- The Weekly News
- I Need to Speak to the Pastor
- I Would Like a Pastoral Visit

Name _____

Address _____

City _____, State _____, Zip Code _____

Phone# () _____

Cell# () _____

Upcoming Birthdays



- 01/30 Maria Stephenson
- 02/02 Mel Longendelpher
- 02/10 Dave Lentz
- 02/17 Lonnie Cain
- 02/20 Jim Thompson
- 02/21 Sam Woods
- 02/22 Swade Holsinger
- 02/23 Monica Goubeaux
- 02/23 Cathy Barhorst
- 02/26 Wayne Marshall

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

Rhonda & Ted Brumbaugh and family. "I was able to stop wearing the neck brace after 7 weeks. I was supposed to have a CT and fluoroscopy swallow test this week in hopes of being able to start food by mouth instead of g peg, but Ted and I both came down with COVID, a week later I got the flu, so the tests were moved to late January. I missed holiday treats! We want to thank everyone for your prayers and food that's been dropped off for Ted. We appreciate the kindness more than you know. Much love, Ted and Rhonda Brumbaugh"

♥ **Rick & Sherry Lavy** - Rick is in Kettering Miamisburg Hospital following successful removal of his suprapubic catheter (1/22) that did not require surgery. He is now fighting MRSA. Rick and Sherry, along with their family, are very grateful for their church family's prayers.

Gary Lentz (Dave Lentz's brother) is currently taking radiation and chemo treatments for esophageal cancer. He will eventually be undergoing surgery.

♥ **Wayne & Sharon Marshall and family.** "Wayne Marshall's procedure 1/23 at Miami Valley Hospital was successful. The doctor was able to get biopsies of several places in Wayne's chest. We are waiting for the results that should take 1-3 days. We are glad that this has been completed. We are thankful for everyone's prayers." - Wayne & Sharon

♥ **Kathy Miller** - "There's nothing like being home to recover! I'm taking it easy for a while and letting others do the work. (I bet they hope I don't get used to it.) God truly blessed me and my surgeon through your prayers. I know beyond any doubt that your prayers had a major hand in this great miracle....a successful surgery that went much better than expected and a trouble-free recovery! I have post-op appointments with my surgeon and oncologist on January 29 & 30 to discuss future plans and will have an update after that. Thank you, everyone! I am eternally grateful for each of you!"

♥ **Brandon Moyer** (Kathy Miller's nephew) has returned to the U.S. after being at sea for nine months aboard the USS Gerald Board. Kathy and her family are thankful for thoughts and prayers.

Mark Must (Ron Hyden's stepson)

Needs prayers for strength to fight alcohol addiction. He is trying to quit. He is living with Ron for support in his journey.

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.

♥ **Phyllis & Duane Rapp** - Phyllis Rapp's surgery January 24th at Sycamore Hospital was successful and she is doing well. She has been released from the hospital to heal at home. Phyllis & Duane are thankful for your prayers for the surgery and would appreciate continued prayers for healing.

♥ -Notes New or Updated
Prayer Messages

(continued)

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Irene Reynolds (Nancy Thompson's mother) is having health and mobility issues.

Rick & DeAnn Rhoades (son-in-law of Terry Finfrock) is slowly improving and will be undergoing therapy.

Brooks Smith & family -Brooks is making progress with his life challenges. He continues to need prayers for guidance and life direction as he moves forward in taking the next steps in his life. Brooks' step-mother is Angie Smith (Wayne and Sharon Marshall's daughter). Brooks' father is Angie's husband, John Smith. The Smiths and the Marshalls' greatly appreciate your prayers.

♥ **Jim & Nancy Thompson** -Jim saw his Cardiologist yesterday (1/25). He will be undergoing a heart ablation February 21st at 1:00 p.m. at Grandview Hospital. **Thank you to our church family for all the cards, phone calls, text messages, thoughts and prayers. -Nancy & Jim*

Mark & Roz Yantis (Carol & Terry Minnich) - Mark will soon be undergoing testing for his ongoing heart issues at the University of Cincinnati. Mark & Roz and Carol & Terry Minnich are very thankful for your prayers while Mark was working his way through COVID, and for your continued prayers for his upcoming testing.

Southern Ohio/Kentucky District Prayer Request

Friends,
We are asking that you please remember the Collins/Chronister family in your prayers. Shannon Collins, wife of Anthony Collins and daughter to Jim and Karen Chronister passed away unexpectedly on Monday, January 22, 2024. Jim is the pastor of the Donnels Creek Church of the Brethren.

To read the complete obituary, please visit the following link: <https://www.tributefuneral-homes.com/obituaries/shannon-collins>



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
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.
Angie (Shroyer) Smith (Patsy Weyant's daughter)
Mike & Carol Sawyer (relative of Nancy Mack)
Ron Schultz and Family
Norman & Virginia Wolfe
Crystal Yingst (grand-daughter of Pastor Mike & Belinda Yingst)
Sheron Zimmer (Peggy Zimmer's sister-in-law)
People of Israel & Palestine



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Southern Ohio/Kentucky District News

2024 SOK District Conference Theme Announced: **"Breathe in the Beloved"** by Moderator Tracy Knechel Sturgis

The Southern Ohio/Kentucky District conference will be held on September 27 & 28, 2024 at the Prince of Peach Church of the Brethren, 800 E David Rd, Dayton, OH.

You are also invited to participate in three events which will lead up to District conference. Mark you calendars and plan to be a part of the conversation as we breathe into what God calls us to be.

February 14, 2024: Ash Wednesday Service at East Dayton Fellowship, 3520 E 3rd St, Dayton, OH 45403. There will be a carry-in dinner at 5:30 PM followed by an Ash Wednesday service with congregational sharing at 6:30 pm.

June 15, 2024: Cricket Holler, 6444 Frederick Pike, Dayton, OH 45414 at 8:30 AM. Morning Watch 9-11

July 14, 2024: District Picnic at Salem Church of the Brethren from 4-6 PM--Being Mindful of the Spirit.

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

*The best revenge is none. ❤️
Heal, move on and don't become
like the those who hurt you.*

-Pamela Short

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*)



"Pet Friendly Prayer Chain"

Please call:

Office# (937) 473-2415

Cindy's Cell# (937) 448-0100

E-mail covingtoncob@gmail.com



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2024 Looking Ahead for January 28- February 14

On January 28th we will wrap up our “How Does a Weary World Rejoice?” series by looking at the importance of trusting fully in God’s love for us.

Jan. 28 – Luke 3:21-22

“We Trust Our Belovedness”

We will forego our series in the Gospel of Mark due to only having 2 Sundays left before we move into the Season of Lent. Instead, we will spend two Sundays hearing from the prophet Isaiah about God’s invitation to move forward and God’s promise of grace that enables and empowers us to do so.

Feb. 4 – Isaiah 40:21-31

“One Step at A Time”

Feb. 11 – Isaiah 43:18-25

“Unchained”

Feb. 14 – Lent begins with our Ash Wednesday Prayer Vigil

10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Please sign-up for a 30 minute shift.

A sign-up sheet is on the information table in the hospitality room.



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

To Share Prayer Updates:

Please contact Cindy at (937) 448-0100 or e-mail covingtoncob@gmail.com. Thank you. ❤️

Being a Great Friend

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- CARING
- COMMUNICATION
- CONFIDENTIAL
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- EMPATHETIC
- FAITHFUL
- FORGIVING
- FUNNY
- GENEROUS
- HONEST
- INSEPARABLE
- KIND
- LISTENER
- LOVING
- LOYAL
- TRUTHFUL
- LAUGH
- TALK
- HUG

Special Note:
The Puzzle Software wasn't working correctly this week. Hopefully
will be functional next week. The best I could pull together for this
week. Cindy ;)