



Covington Church of the Brethren Weekly News

August 29, 2024

Covington Church of the Brethren Event Calendar



- 09/01/2024** - Commissioning of Christian Educators during worship
- 09/01/2024** - Last day to reserve your seat for the September 6th Senior's Alive! Event
- 09/02/2024** Labor Day
(church office closed)
- 09/08/2024** Grandparent's Day
Special Church Service
w/Special Music
- 09/18/2024** Men's Prayer Breakfast
8:00 a.m. @ Buffalo Jack's
- 09/18/2024** Church Board Meeting
5:00 p.m.
- 09/25/2024** Church Choir Practice
7:00 p.m.
- 11/09/2024** Chicken Noodle & Apple
Dumpling Event

Current Address

for Danielle Alexander:

2 LT Alexander, Danielle
135th mp co-mpo
APO AE 09330

Thank you! ❤️

I would like to thank my church family for the many cards and phone calls received during my recovery and recent birthday. Your thoughtfulness brightened each day! I also enjoyed a special visit from Pastor Mike. Many blessings from caring friends. - Irene Reynolds

Grandparents Day

On Sunday, September 8th we will be celebrating Grandparents Day! Special music will be Flutes Etcetera! We will also will have individuals with microphones walking around the sanctuary for you to share a story about your Grandparents! Please come, share your story and enjoy some great music! See you all September 8th!

- Dean, Esther and Jayne

You're invited!

The Choir will be having choir practice on Wednesday, September 25th at 7:00 P.M. we are looking forward to seeing you then.

Thank you, Elaine

Thank you! ❤️

Grace Miller (my mom) enjoyed the many birthday wishes she received online, phone calls and beautiful cards in celebration of her birthday August 22nd. Your kindness means so much to us.

- God bless, Cindy

Thank you! ❤️

We are thankful for the party, your kind words, and cards in celebration of our 65th Wedding Anniversary! We appreciated it very much!

- Norman & Virginia Wolfe

David Frank (Kathy Miller's friend) is in remission and grateful for your prayers. ❤️

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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' sister*)
Curt and Monica (Batdorf) Goubeaux
Tyler Lambert (*in the military*) -
(*Wayne & Sharon Marshall's grandson*)
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

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.

♥ **Dave & Linda Berrett** - Dave Berrett has been treated for his ongoing health issues and will be coming home from the hospital today (8/28). Dave & Linda are thankful for your continued thoughts and 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 - Esther Field's grandson) was released from the hospital (8/21) to recuperate at home. Esther and her family are thankful for your prayers for the surgery and 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.

♥ **Kathy Miller** -

"The past few weeks have been somewhat challenging for me. I experienced an adverse reaction to my second new chemo treatment just as it was concluding, necessitating a few extra hours at the clinic until I improved. Ironically, my first treatment proceeded without any issues. The five iron infusions I've undergone have somewhat boosted my energy levels. I continue to be nauseous and my appetite is not good. I have an appointment with the doctor on Friday, August 30, and my next chemo session is scheduled for Tuesday, September 3. I appreciate all your thoughts, prayers, cards, and messages."

♥ *Red Hearts Indicates New or Updated Prayer Messages*

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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.

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.

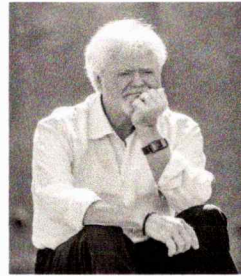
Southern Ohio District Office encourages us to be in prayer this week for EYN (COB in Nigeria) Church of the Brethren.

Southern Ohio/Kentucky District Visioning Process

10 Signs you're doing well in life:

1. You have someone that loves you
2. You ate today
3. You have a roof over your head
4. You have goals
5. You have clean water
6. You have a family
7. You are able to exercise
8. You have your health
9. You have a job
10. You woke up today ❤️

-key4success



Merrill Osmond

My Dear Friends,

You can never, build your happiness on someone else's unhappiness. If you think you can tear someone down a little, and it will somehow miraculously lift you up, you are being blinded by jealousy. If you feel that if you are negative enough, you can keep everyone down to a flawed level so that your flaws won't be so glaring, you are deceiving yourself.

We are all flawed. That is the reality of mortality. Don't tear others down. Lift them up and you will find yourself lifted up as well.

Learn to appreciate the small things in life, embrace things that make you feel stronger and wiser.

I've learned that it's so much better to live without bitterness and resentment toward anyone. What others choose to say or do really has nothing to do with you. They act out their own frustrations and sometimes you are in the line of fire.

Refusing to take the behavior of others personally is letting go and setting yourself free. The only thing that matters is what YOU think and feel and what response, if any, will give you the most peace.

You are loved, Merrill



"Pet Friendly Prayer Chain"

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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!

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

Esther Fields, 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*)



Upcoming Birthdays

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

*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.

2024 SOK District Conference Registration open September 27 & 28, 2024

at Prince of Peace Church of the Brethren
800 E David Rd, Dayton, OH 45429

With District Conference now being less than a month away, all we now need is you! Please register as soon as possible. Deadline is September 15, 2024.

Ted and Co Benefit Performance for On Earth Peace - September 28 - at Bridgewater Church of the Brethren and streaming online

Join On Earth Peace for its 50th Anniversary celebration with a performance by Ted & Co TheaterWorks entitled, "Just Give 'Em the News." For 50 years "On Earth Peace" has been advancing the joyful vision that accompanied the birth of Jesus by developing and walking with leaders working for justice and peace. Ted and Co use humor and professional storytelling to talk about issues of faith and social justice, provoking both laughter and reflection, as all good comedy does. This show, "Just Give 'Em the News" is an original, delightfully askew, musical take on the first Christmas, when the good news of "on earth peace" was proclaimed. For more information and to purchase tickets, use this link: [Ted & Company Benefit Performance](#)

Camp Sugarwood Updates

Camp Ambassadors Meeting—The Fall Camp Ambassadors Meeting will be held September 8 from 3:00-4:30 pm at Salem CoB 6037 Phillipsburg Union Rd. Englewood, OH 45322 Ambassadors will gather for fellowship, hear news of the many exciting upcoming events, and enjoy refreshments.

Women's Retreat — Registration is Open for Women's Retreat, and they are due September 4. Women's Retreat will be held September 20-21 at Bergamo Retreat Center 4400 Shakertown Rd. Beavercreek, OH 45430. This year's theme is *The Lord's Prayer: Discovering Jesus' Plan for Transformation* and is being led by Barbara Menke. Please see the registration form for more details. Scholarships are available. Please contact Carrie Drees for questions: cdrees23@gmail.com or 937-564-7346.

Golf Scramble — The Golf Scramble was held August 17 at Beechwood Golf Course near Arcanum. Thank you to everyone who participated either by golfing on a team, providing door prizes or hole sponsorships or volunteering your time to make the Golf Scramble fundraiser a success. Your generosity greatly benefits Brethren Disaster Ministries and Camping and Retreat Ministries. A special thank you to Happy Corner Women's Fellowship for providing lunch for the day.

Mark your Calendars — District Game Day will be held October 5 from 10am-5pm at West Charleston CoB 4817 S St Rt 202 Tipp City, OH 45371. 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. You are welcome to come and go as you please. Bring games you wish to play, a snack to share and a monetary donation for lunch. We will be ordering pizza. For questions, contact Carrie Drees at cdrees23@gmail.com 937-564-7346.

Fall Family Gathering will be November 1-2 at Cricket Holler 6444 Frederick Pike, Dayton, OH 45414. A new camp for families of all sizes. Gather your family for a weekend of spiritual growth and fun. Registration opens September 9.

Disaster Ministry Updates

With Appreciation — August was fundraising month for S. Ohio/KY BDM. There were 330 people in attendance at the Ice Cream Social, raising about \$9,100. The Golf Scramble that was held with Camping & Retreat Ministries had 23 teams, and we're awaiting the amount raised. The Darke County Fair parking at Orthopedic Associates had proceeds of \$3,000. We appreciate the support of the S. Ohio/KY District!

Rebuilding Sites — A new long-term BDM rebuilding site opens in September in Letcher County, KY. This is in southeastern Kentucky, where flooding occurred in July 2022. BDM is partnering with HOMES, Inc., an organization that was already working on affordable, sustainable housing prior to the flooding event. BDM will build new homes and do repairs on ones that were flood damaged. We'll have crews working Sept. 8-14 and Nov. 17-23. Volunteers are needed for the November crew.

The short-term site that will be open for ten weeks this fall is in Dawson Springs, KY. BDM has already served here and will now be completing homes that we started, as well as build two more. Volunteers are needed Sept. 15-21 and Oct. 13-19. Transportation, housing, food, and tools will be provided. To join a crew call/text Helen Wolf at 937-902-3475 or SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com.

Sewing Bee/CWS Prep — More sewers are needed for sewing school bags! Come at 9:00 AM on Sat., Sept. 28 to Eaton Community Church, 813 Camden Road. 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.

Save the Date!

Cleanup Bucket Assembly — Thurs., Oct. 10, 6:30 PM, Bullen Ultrasonics, Eaton

Appreciation Dinner, Sat., Nov. 16 at 6:00 PM, Trotwood Church of the Brethren

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) or visit our website: 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 **before the 15th of the month.**

Going Fishing

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