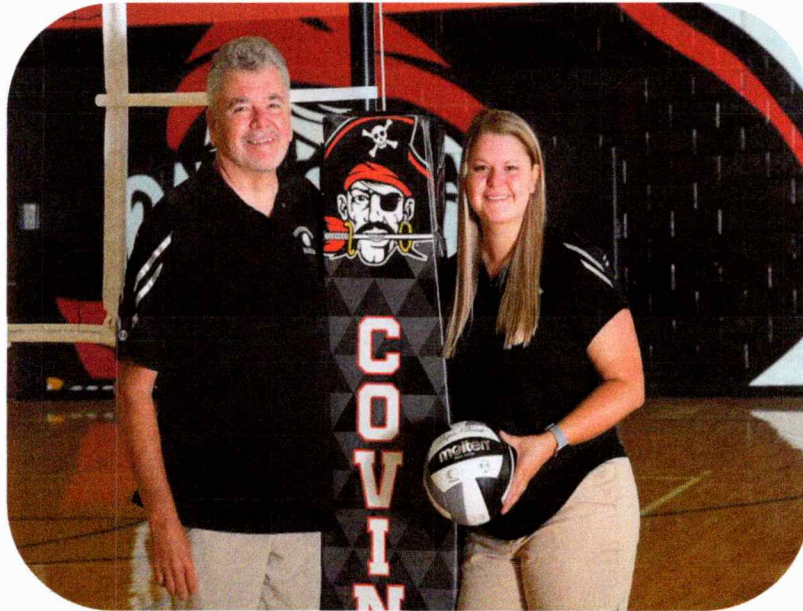


# *Covington Church of the Brethren Weekly News*

March 20, 2024

## ***Congratulations to Lonnie Cain!***



*Lonnie Cain (left) coached volleyball at Covington from 1988-1998 and then from 2016-2021 and assisted his daughter Ellie French (right) the past few years.*

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The Ohio High School Volleyball Coaches Association announces the 2024 Hall of Fame induction of Lonnie Cain, Former Head Volleyball Coach at Covington High School (1988-1998, 2016-2021). Coach Cain also served as Newton HS Junior Varsity (1986-87), Piqua High School varsity assistant (2000-2003), Lehman High School varsity assistant (2004-2015), and Covington High School varsity assistant (2022-2023). Coach Cain enters the Hall of Fame with a varsity record of 225 wins and 148 losses and a career record of 607 wins and 297 losses over a 38 year career.

Lonnie was born in Troy, OH to parents Janet and Teba Cain (both deceased). He graduated from Covington High School and Wright State University. His immediate family includes his daughter Ellie (Todd) French, sister Bonnie (Steve) Seitz, brother Dan (Mauriena) Cain, sister Stacie (Greg) Carder, and brother Marc (Aimee) Cain and Martha Noble.

*To read the complete announcement, please visit:  
[www.gobuccs.com](http://www.gobuccs.com)*

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## Covington Church of the Brethren Event Calendar



**3/24/2024**

Palm Sunday  
Love Feast -  
(in lower level following worship)

**3/26/2024**

12:00 p.m. Lenten Lunch  
Church Lower Level

**3/28/2024**

9:00 a.m. "Checking-In w/Pastor Mike  
(video posted on our website)

**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

**4/04/2024**

9:00 a.m. "Checking-In" w/Pastor Mike  
(video posted on our website)

**4/05/2024**

11:00 a.m. Seniors Alive! Event  
(church lower level)

**4/11/2024**

9:00 a.m. "Check-In" w/Pastor Mike  
(videop posted on our website)

**4/13-21/2024**

Cindy on Vacation  
(prayer calls still taken)

**4/10/2024**

8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast  
@ Buffalo Jack's

**4/17/2024**

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



**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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### Address Update:

Esther Fields  
804 E. Walnut Street  
Covington, OH 45318

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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.)

♥ **Sandy Bowman and her family** - Sandy is home and recovering from her reconstructed foot surgery today (3/20) at Greenville Orthopedic Hospital. The surgery went very well. The doctor said he is very happy with the alignment of the reconstructed foot. Sandy and her family are thankful for your prayers for the surgery and would appreciate continued prayers for healing.

♥ **Rhonda & Ted Brumbaugh and family** - Rhonda has been admitted to the OSU James Cancer Hospital today for procedures Friday to open up her esophagus which has been causing her to lose weight. Ted & Rhonda are thankful for your continued prayers.

**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..

♥ -Notes New or Updated  
Prayer Messages

**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!"

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

♥ **Rick & Sherry Lavy** - Rick is at Koester Pavilion and is doing very well. Sherry & Rick and family appreciate 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 will be meeting with the Doctor this Friday about removing his kidney and mass. Sharon is currently in the hospital receiving treatments for a rare form of hemophilia. We really appreciate all the prayers! - Wayne & Sharon and family

**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 knee replacements. He and his family are thankful for your continued prayers for healing.

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

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**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.

**Patty & Howard Stover** (sister and brother-in-law of Terry Finrock). 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.

♥ **Randy & Megan Winemiller, their two sons, Megan's mother and family** (Randy is a great-nephew of Pat & Rich McMaken). Megan's mother and their two sons were in their house trailer that was destroyed by the tornado that hit Celina while Randy and Megan were at work. Megan's mother received a broken pelvis. (Has been on the news the last few days) Thank you.

**Virginia & Norman Wolfe** - Virginia started cardiac rehab March 11th. Please keep she and Norman in your prayers.

♥ **Doug Zimmer** is back home and is doing well after surgery to repair an aortic aneurysm. He and his family greatly appreciated your prayers.



## Ongoing Prayer List

*Prayer updates would be appreciated*

**Kelly 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**

**Kathy Miller**

**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)

**Sharon Zimmer** (Peggy Zimmer's sister-in-law)

**People of Israel & Palestine**

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Carol DiMatteo

**Our love, prayers,  
and sympathy are  
expressed to:**

John DiMatteo (husband), children, Laura (Donnie) Martindale, John Andrew, Tommy Joe, and Melissa (fiance Rich Smith), grand-children, and sisters Jayne

(Dan) Hobbs and Kay Mckinney at the death of Carol DiMatteo who passed away March 17th at Miami Valley Hospital.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 11:00 AM Monday, March 25th at Covington Church of the Brethren with Pastor Michael Yingst officiating. Interment of Cremains to follow at Highland Cemetery, Covington. Gathering of Family and Friends 9:00 AM Monday until time of service at the church. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Covington Church of the Brethren – Kitchen Fund. To read her complete obituary please visit: <https://www.stockerfraley.com/obituary/Carol-DiMatteo>



## Upcoming Birthdays

03/24 Jane Lavy  
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

## Congratulations! It's a Boy!

Dan and Mauriena Cain are blessed with a new grandson (#3) named Leo, born March 13th to Trenton and Cassidy Wood weighing 9 lb. 11 oz. and 21.5 inches long. Baby Leo and family are all doing well.



## 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 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).

**At the Easter morning Sunrise service**, everyone can park in the parking area on Owens Rd. across from the church cottage. Ed Wolfe will be offering rides down to the fire ring, where we will stay warm as we worship. The renters graciously, will have the cottage open for quick tours and /or a restroom break, if needed. The cottage has been beautifully upgraded and is absolutely worth seeing.

## 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

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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. 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”

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*One day at a time is all we  
should be dealing with.  
We can't go back to yesterday  
and we can't predict tomorrow  
so let's live for today. ♥*  
-Kelly's Treehouse

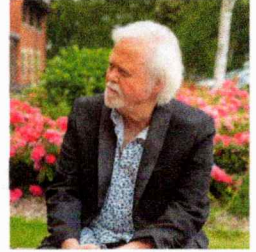
My dear friends,

You need to constantly say to yourself, “I won't look back and regret what I should've said or done.”

What's happened cannot be erased. It will only bring you down in despair, and waste valuable time for you to move forward, correct what you've learned, and begin again. We all make mistakes, we all struggle, anyone who never made a mistake has never lived or tried.

Your greatest strength is being able to keep going when others might fall short.

You're loved, Merrill



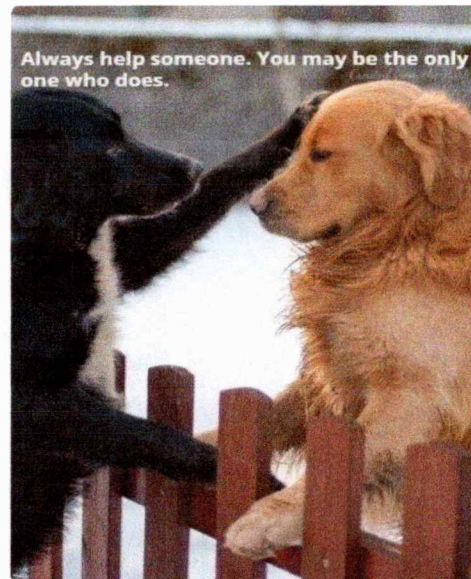
### “Pet Friendly Prayer Chain”

Please call:

Office# (937) 473-2415

Cindy's Cell# (937) 448-0100

E-mail [covingtoncob@gmail.com](mailto:covingtoncob@gmail.com)



# Lazy Sunday

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