



Covington Church of the Brethren Weekly News

Thursday, September 18, 2025



With 94 in attendance, September 5th marked the beginning of the third year for Seniors Alive! The past two years have been filled with fellowship, fun and interesting programs as well as good food. We thank the Roy J. Weikert Trust for their support and each of you who attend. Your appreciation of the program, your kind words and helping us by making desserts, helping prepare the lunches, helping at the drink table, helping clear off the tables after the events, WE THANK YOU!

Thank you to the Troy Senior Dancers for their fun program of Line Dancing to many familiar tunes. Did you see a familiar face in the group? Good job, Sherry! The program for Friday, October 3rd will be "Reporting Yesterday's Stories" presented by Tom Millhouse and Marilyn Helman. They will be relating stories from their tenure at the former Piqua Daily Call when Tom was Editor and Marilyn was one of the reporters. "It's Your Turn" will even be revived for Seniors Alive! The event begins at 11:00 a.m. If you would like to attend, please call (937) 473-2767 to make your reservation no later than Sept. 30th.

Church of the Brethren is handicap accessible at the Wall Street entrance.

*Thank you to all of the volunteers,
and The Roy Weikert Trust Fund for
making this possible!*

***Make Your
Reservation!***

*To follow are some photos of
our September Seniors' Alive
Event for you to enjoy!*

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♥ *A few memories of Seniors' Alive September 2025* ♥

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

Danielle Alexander and her family -Danielle and her National Guard Unit have been called to Washington D.C. for additional security needs. Prayers for their safety would be appreciated. Thank you

♥ **Teresa Bachelor** (Sylvia Warner's niece) underwent reverse shoulder replacement surgery 9/15. The surgery went well and she was released to go home the same day. Sylvia and her family are thankful for your prayers and appreciate continued prayers for healing.

Southern Ohio District Interim DE, Nick Beam has been released from the hospital. Nick and his family are thankful for your thoughts and prayers. His medical leave has been extended to September 29th. Your continued prayers would be appreciated.

Bob & Denise Boyer -Bob is dealing with very serious shoulder issues.

♥ **Larry & Judy Clouse and family** - Larry's recent biopsy results show that Larry has cancer on his left liver His doctor wants to keep an eye on it for now rather than treating it. Larry & Judy are thankful for your continued prayers.

Bernice Davis' Florida home was left uninhabitable by Hurricane Milton's flooding and needs to be completely restored. Bernice has also been diagnosed with a cancerous tumor in one lung. She appreciates our prayers for healing from the cancer and for the restoration of her Florida home *(Bernice is back home in Covington, now. Her health has recovered and she is doing well. Repairs to her Florida home are coming along well also.)*

Jay Davis, (Bernice Davis' son) who lives in Piqua, needs our prayers after being in an accident a couple of weeks ago.

Esther Fields and family - Thank you to everyone for the beautiful get well cards for my foot surgery. They have meant so much to me. Continued prayers would be appreciated as I will need to be off my feet for the next 6-8 weeks to allow my foot to heal. *(If you would like to stop and visit with me, it would be a good idea to call me first to give me a chance to move our dogs to another area. I'm afraid of falling if they are running free in the room when I try to open the door.)* Thank you!

Ted Foster (Charlene Foster's husband) has been diagnosed with bladder cancer and is learning treatment options. Charlene and Ted are members at Brookville Church of the Brethren. Charlene is very active in leadership of COB camping ministries. She was Pastor Mike's first camp counselor, 55 years ago.

Ron Hyden's shoulder surgery at Upper Valley Medical Center, June 10th was successful. He returned home the same day to begin his recovery. Ron and his family are thankful for your prayers for the surgery and would appreciate continued prayers for healing.

Jane & Terry Lavy (Charlene Ingle's sister) and their family - Jane's cancer has spread to her spine and hips. Please continue prayers.

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

*Red Hearts Indicate
New or Updated Prayer
Messages* ♥

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♥ **Tori Lamrouex** (Sylvia Warner's niece). Tori recently fell and broke her ankle. Through testing the doctors found that she has MS. She is currently undergoing physical therapy for her broken ankle, and will soon be undergoing further MS testing. Tori and family appreciate your prayers.

Derrick & Shannon McCuiston and family.

Derrick is back in Miami Valley Hospital. He has very a long road to recovery ahead. Many continued prayers are needed. (Shannon is Jerry & Vicki Longendelpher's daughter). Thank you.

Larry Minnich & Laura Minnich & Family -

(Terry Minnich's brother) has been released from the nursing home. He is home and continuing to recover. Carol & Terry Minnich are thankful for your prayers.

Angie (Shroyer) Smith (daughter of Patsy Weyant). My wonderful prayer warriors! Angie is showing some improvement after having fallen in a rehab center in Vandalia this week, where she had passed out, and fell and hurt her ankle. She was taken to Grandview Hospital where they were also concerned for her high blood pressures levels and kidney issues. Patsy and her family are very thankful for your continued prayers.

John Smith (son-in-law of Wayne & Sharon Marshall and husband of their daughter, Angie) John Smith's recent surgery went well and he is healing at home. He will need to undergo further surgery later in the year. Wayne & Sharon Marshall, and Angie are very glad he is feeling better and are thankful for your prayers.

Cheyenne (Jordan Wolfe's fiancée) - We are hoping her prayer warriors will get behind her for a good outcome from her 20 weeks of chemo treatments that began August 6th. She received her second chemo September 3rd. Carolyn & Ed Wolfe, and their family, are thankful for your continued prayers. (Jordan is Ed & Carolyn's grandson)

♥ **Jeremy Ward** (Ed & Carolyn Wolfe's son-in-law) received stitches in 4 different places today (9/18) and was released from the hospital after having a 300 lb. piece of equipment fall on him. He will be returning to Covington on Saturday. He was working in Reno Nevada. Ed & Carolyn, Jeremy & Heather and family are thankful for your prayers.

♥ **Steve Winemiller** (Pat McMaken's nephew) and family. Steve is showing gradual improvement and is now recuperating in Shelby Care Center in Sidney. Pat & Rich and family are thankful for your prayers.

Richard and (wife) Lesley (Porter) Young and family. Richard is home now. Continued prayers would be appreciated. (Lesley is the daughter of the late Ray and Dorothy Porter.)



Upcoming Birthdays

09/18 Ryan Stackhouse
09/18 Bill Bitner
09/19 Wayne Angle
09/23 Pat McMaken
09/24 Carolyn Wolfe
09/27 Becky Mullen
09/29 Steve Batdorf
09/30 Bonnie Pura

THE Lord WILL
FIGHT FOR YOU;
YOU NEED ONLY TO
Be Still.
Exodus 14:14

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Ongoing Prayer List

Prayer updates would be appreciated

Roberta Brock (*Pastor Mike & Belinda's relative*)

Christina Clark (*Mother of Michelle Alexander's boyfriend Evan Clark*)

Caitlin Cain Conner

(*daughter of Marc & Aimee Cain and niece of Dan, Bonnie, Lonnie and Stacie*)

Linda Dearth (*Lea Ann Stevens's sister*)

Linda Newman (*Carol Minnich's friend*)

People of Ukraine

Robin Reck

Brenda & Reverend David Rusk

Mike & Carol Sawyer (*Nancy Mack's relatives*)

Brooks Smith & Family

Virginia & Norman Wolfe

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

People of Israel & Palestine

Southern Ohio District Office encourages us to be in prayer for SOD District Conference Church of the Brethren.



Please call/text Cindy @ (937) 448-0100 to ask for prayer requests to be sent. Text or e-mail is also appreciated. Unless it's an emergency, prayer chain messages (e-mail, text and One-Call) are sent starting at 9 a.m. and not later than 8 p.m. each day.

We are thankful for everyone's thoughts and prayers for church family and friends.

Request Form:

Dear Church Family & Visitors:

If you would like us to send out a Prayer Chain Message, a Pet-Friendly Prayer Chain Message, Speak to our Pastor, Need a Pastoral Visit, or would like to receive the Weekly News, "Request Forms" are available at each entrance to the church. Please fill one out and put it in one of the offering boxes at each entrance to the Sanctuary. You can also e-mail: covingtoncob@gmail.com or call/text Cindy @ (937) 448-0100. Thank you!

In Response to Questions: **Most Common Symptoms of COVID (Coronavirus)** **include:**

A new continuous cough
A blocked or runny nose
(*feel much like sinus infection*)
Sneezing
Fatigue
A sore throat
A headache
Muscle or body aches
Shortness of breath, tight chest
or wheezing
A high temperature (fever)
(*this is usually about 38C or higher
(100.4F)*)
Loss of taste or smell
Nausea or vomiting
Diarrhea
Mental Confusion

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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Bethany Center

Helping Those in Need in Miami County
"Food of the Month"

"Cereal"

The food of the month donations are appreciated to cover some of their most needed food items for families who have less. *(Donation boxes are available at our church entrances.)*

More ways we can help those who have less:

*Moving into fall, the Bethany Center would appreciate **Men's socks** for the homeless shelter. (While new socks would be appreciated, used socks that are in good condition would also be appropriate.

***Grocery bags** would also be appreciated

Thank you for helping us support this important Miami County outreach *(including Covington families).*



"Pet Friendly Prayer Chain"

Please call:

Office# (937) 473-2415

Cindy's Cell# (937) 448-0100

E-mail covingtoncob@gmail.com



UPCOMING EVENTS

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- 9/21/2025 Commission of Christian Educators during morning worship
- 9/26-27/25 District Conference @ Oakland COB
- 10/05/2025 Lower Level Reserved 12:30 p.m.
- 10/06-10/2025 Cindy on Vacation
- 10/15/2025 Church Board Meeting 4:30 p.m. - Church Library
- 11/02/2025 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 11/08/2025 Apple Dumpling & Noodle Event
- 11/09/2025 Congregational Bus. Mtg.

Commissioning of Christian Educators

Covington COB will commission our Christian Educators on September 21st. during morning worship.

New Sign Board Update

We are half way through being able to purchase our new sign board with having donations so far in the amount of \$5,380.00 as of September 14, 2025. The Church Board and Trustees thank you and appreciate your support. Please continue to donate to the church New Sign Board project. Every little bit helps.

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September: A Good Time to Reboot

This time of year is often a time of renewal, especially for those with school-age children and grandchildren. Even for those of us who haven't been in a classroom this century, it can be a time for reinvention and renewal, getting back to a routine after the activities and relaxation of summer. In very personal letters to fellow followers of Jesus, Paul outlines some of the most practical transformations that occur in the life of a disciple, ranging from the reconciliation of broken relationships to finding peace in a world bent on possession. Christ is making all things new, even us. As students head back to school, and summer gives way to fall, this series reminds churchgoers us that it's never too late to make a new start.

September 21 - 1 Timothy 2:1-7
“Reframe Prayer”

September 28 - 1 Timothy 6:6-19
“Rethink Happiness”

October 5 – World Communion Sunday
Luke 17:5-10
“The Power of the Faith You Have”
We will celebrate Holy Communion during worship.

*The sweetest time of the day
is when you pray. Because
you are talking to the one who
loves you the most. ♥*

*Never forget,
Nothing is more powerful
than prayer,
Nothing is stronger than faith,
and Nothing is greater than God!
Amen ♥*

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Brethren Disaster Ministries News

Volunteers Needed Oct.12-18 in TN – A new short-term site will be open for eight weeks this fall in Johnson County, TN for Hurricane Helene recovery. We've signed up for a full crew and have many open slots. Housing will be at the First Christian Church in Mountain City, TN. BDM will be partnering with International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC). To join a crew call/text Helen Wolf at 937-902-3475 or SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com

Rebuilding in KY Nov. 9-15 – Flood recovery continues in KY, as we partner with HOMES, Inc. Houses are being built in Chestnut Ridge, a higher ground property in Knott County. There are four openings on this trip. Contact Helen Wolf to sign up

2026 Trip Schedule – Trip dates are Jan. 11-17, Feb. 8-14, Mar. 8-14, Apr. 12-18 (Oakland), May 10-16, May 31-June 6 (Happy Corner), July 5-11 (Intergenerational), Sept. 6-12, Oct. 11-17, and Nov. 8-14. Sign up now!

Sewing Bee – On Sat., Sept. 27 come at 9:00 AM to Eaton Community Church, 813 Camden Road to sew school bags. The bags are already cut out, so sewers just need to bring their sewing machine. Bring a sack lunch and come for a time of service and fellowship. This month there will not be work prepping items for Church World Service kits. That will resume at the Oct. 25 Sewing Bee at Greenville COB.

Cleanup Bucket Assembly – On Thurs., Oct. 23 at 6:30 PM will be the assembly of cleanup buckets for Church World Service. It will be held at Bullen Ultrasonics, 1301 Miller Williams Rd., Eaton. Workers are needed to fill the 500+ buckets with cleaning supplies. Plan to attend!

Fall Bazaar – New for BDM! Happy Corner COB has invited us to partner with them for their Fall Bazaar. It's on Sat., Nov. 8, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM. We are helping with the Cookie Room. Donations of three dozen cookies per kind, cakes, pies, candies, etc. are needed. Just bring them to the church kitchen on Fri., Nov. 7 from 9:00 - 4:00. Plan to donate homemade baked goods and attend! Proceeds from the event are being donated to S. Ohio/KY BDM. More info will be coming soon.

Save the Date!

Appreciation Dinner, Sat., Nov. 22 at 6:00 PM, Troy Church of the Brethren

With Appreciation – August was fundraising month for S. Ohio/KY BDM. There were about 285 people in attendance at the Ice Cream Social, raising about \$8,000. The Golf Scramble that was held with Camping & Retreat Ministries had 26 teams, and we're expecting the amount of money raised to be similar to last year, which was about \$3,700 for BDM. The Darke County Fair parking at Orthopedic Associates had proceeds of just over \$3,000. We appreciate the support of the S. Ohio/KY District!

Walking the Dog Day

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