



Covington Church of the Brethren Weekly News

Friday, September 12, 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

Covington Church of the Brethren

- 9/17/2025 Men's Prayer Breakfast
8:00 a.m. @ Buffalo Jack's
- 9/17/2025 Church Board Meeting
4:30 p.m. in Church Library
- 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
- 11/02/2025 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 11/08/2025 Apple Dumpling & Noodle
Event
- 11/09/2025 Congregational Bus. Mtg.



Upcoming Birthdays

- 09/14 Kevin Ganger
09/16 Bonnie Seitz
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

A Note of Thank You

I would like to thank everyone for their Birthday wishes, cards and surprises for my 90th birthday. Grandchildren texting or calling, children surprising me with a little help from Phyllis by bringing lunch and spending time was wonderful. I have been blessed in many ways. Thanks and blessing to all. Duane Rapp

Commissioning of Christian Educators

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

"Checking-In" w/ Pastor Mike

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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

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 was recently admitted to Upper Valley Medical Center and diagnosed with cancer on his kidney. His biopsy September 4th went well. He will receive his results next Wednesday at his upcoming doctor appt. 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 leg. She is healing at home now and will need to undergo additional testing in September. Sylvia, Tori and family appreciate your prayers.

♥ **Derrick & Shannon McCuistion 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). Angie continues to be in Kettering Hospital Main Campus following her surgery August 29th. She has had a few setbacks. Hopefully things will continue to improve. Angie, Patsy Weyant, and family are thankful for your prayers, and would appreciate continued prayers for Angie to feel better soon.

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.

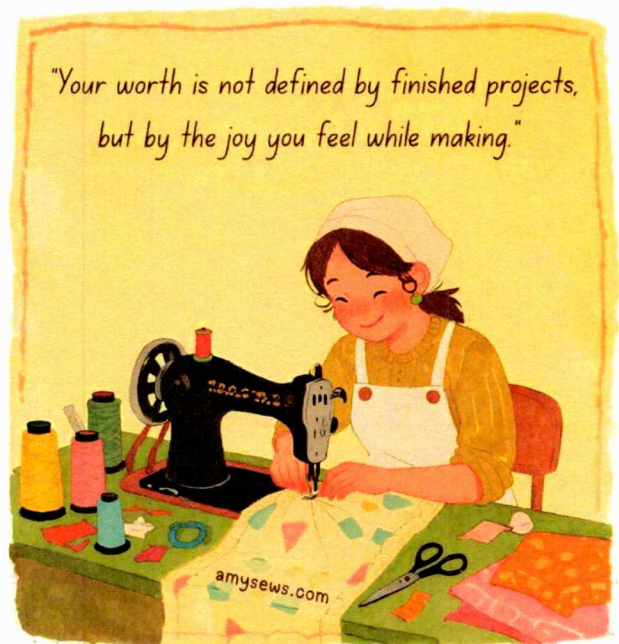
Cheyenne (Jordan Wolfe's fiancée) - We are hoping her prayer warriors will get behind her for a good outcome from her 20 weeks of chemo treatments that began August 6th. She received her second chemo September 3rd. Carolyn & Ed Wolfe, and their family, are thankful for your continued prayers. (Jordan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

♥ **Raven** (Sylvia Warner's great-niece) Raven went into pre-mature (very early labor) this week at only 25 week of pregnancy.

Steve Winemiller (Pat McMaken's nephew) and family. Steve recently had serious issues after having a heart attack, and is being treated at St. Rita's Hospital in Lima. *(He is being removed from ICU. Pat & Rich celebrate his gradual improvement and are thankful for your prayers.)*

♥ **Pastor Mike & Belinda Yingst and family** - Pastor Mike and Belinda have both tested positive for COVID. Our thoughts and prayers are with both of them.

♥ **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.)



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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

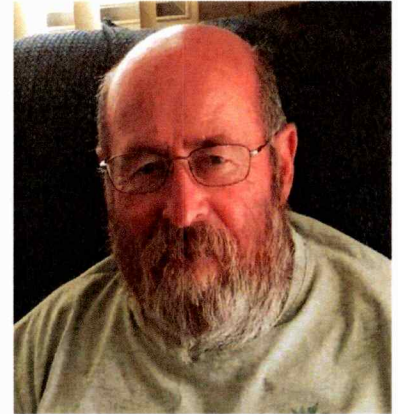
Southern Ohio District Office encourages us to be in prayer for Cedar Grove Church of the Brethren.



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.

Our love, prayers and sympathy are expressed to Janice Sarver (wife) and family at the death of Larry Sarver who passed away September 9th at his home. (his parents were Wilbur & Opal Sarver).



Larry Sarver

Funeral services will be held 10:30 AM Tuesday, September 16, at Common Ground Christian Church, 120 W Oakwood St, Bradford. Pastor John Shelton will officiate with interment following at Miami Memorial Park, Covington. The family will receive friends from 4:00-7:00 PM Monday at Stocker-Fraley Funeral Home, 131 W Oakwood St, Bradford.

To read his complete obituary, please visit:

<https://www.hale-sarver.com/obituary/Larry-Sarver>

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!

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

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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 14 – 1 Timothy 1:12–17
“Reimagine Regret”

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.

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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)*.

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 \$5,315.00 as of September 7, 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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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



"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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