

# Covington Church of the Brethren Weekly News



Thursday, April 13, 2023

**Doris & John Cheney**, Nancy Mack's sister and brother-in-law, and along with Nancy's niece Carol and husband Brian have contracted COVID. Nancy is thankful for your thoughts and prayers.

**Carol Dimatteo and her family.** Carol is home from the hospital and is working on rebuilding her strength. Continued Prayers would be very appreciated.

**Carolyn** (sister-in-law of Sylvia Warner) was taken to the hospital this past week with AFIB and very low blood pressure. She lives in Florida.

**Dollie Hurley** (sister of Sylvia Warner). Dollie was released from the hospital, Tuesday 4/04, but returned to the hospital on Thursday 4/06. Her recent ablation did not work. Her heart rate had gone up to 159, which is very serious. Continued prayers for Dollie, Carolyn, Sylvia, and family would be greatly appreciated.

**Marcy (Wolfe) Hartman** (daughter of Ed & Carolyn Wolfe and wife of Randy Hartman) has been diagnosed with an aggressive form of breast cancer. Additional testing will be completed this coming week in a Tampa Florida Hospital to find what stage the cancer is in. Marcy & Randy live in Port Charlotte, Florida. Prayers for the best test results possible would be appreciated.

**Venus Hurt** (Pat Lentz' sister) and family. Venus has stopped her cancer treatments and is entering Hospice Care. Pat & Dave appreciate your continued prayers.

**Pat Lentz** is doing better every day following her recent surgery. She is very thankful for all the cards, prayers, and calls for her surgery and continued healing.

**Dave Lentz** Dave Lentz is doing much better. He is currently undergoing therapy at Upper Valley Medical Center. Current plans are for him to go home Friday. Dave & Pat are thankful for your prayers and continued prayers for healing.

**Sherry & Rick Lavy** - Rick is in StoryPoint Assisted Living in Troy. "Rick and Sherry thank you again for all the cards, prayers, thoughts and visits. Rick is doing well and we feel so blessed."

**Pat & Rich McMaken and family.** Pat underwent surgery 4/11 at Miami Valley Hospital. All went as planned and she is doing well. She was released from the hospital to come home 4/12. Rich & Pat are thankful for your prayers for the surgery and would appreciate prayers for healing.

**Grace Miller** (Cindy Miller's mother) - Mom's upcoming knee surgery will be April 19th at Miami Valley South. Prayers would be appreciated for a successful surgery and strong healing.

**Jessie Milligan** (daughter of Bonnie Seitz) is awaiting results of a recent outpatient procedure.

**Linda Newman** (Carol Minnich's best friend) will be undergoing surgery tomorrow (4/14) at South View Hospital. Prayers for a successful surgery and strength for Linda, Carol and the family would be appreciated.

**Robin Reck** (niece of Bill & Jean Bitner) has cancer and needs our prayers.

**Brenda & Reverend David Rusk** - Brenda was born with a liver condition that has recently deteriorated. She is now in liver failure and needs a transplant, that their insurance does not cover. Brenda & David would appreciate your prayers.

**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.

**Norman & Virginia Wolfe** both recently fell when leaving our church. They are very thankful for all the prayers and well wishes in their healing.

**Sam Woods'** implanted back stimulation device has been scheduled to be adjusted. Sam is thankful for your continued prayers.

Prayers continued...

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## Continued Prayers:

*(In an effort to keep this continual prayer list active, we ask for your help in sharing prayer updates for your love ones and friends every 30 days.)*

**Kelly, Rick & Scott Alexander** (Mike Alexander's sister, uncle and brother)

**Brenda Baker** (daughter of Norman & Virginia Wolfe)

**Beverly Beckner** (friend of Bernice Davis)

**Dave & Linda Berrett** - Dave is doing better.

Linda needs our prayers for issues due to a medical condition.

**Kim Bridges (Brodrick)** graduated with Melody Richardson (daughter of Mel & Peg Longendelpher)

**Roberta Brock** (relative of Pastor Mike & Belinda)

**Linda Dearth** (sister of Lea Ann Stevens)

**Chad Davis, Courtney & their baby boy**

(great-grandson of Bernice Davis)

**Nan Meyer Gibson** (friend of Kay McKinney &

Kathy Miller)

**Tyler Lambert** (in the military) (Grandson of Wayne & Sharon Marshall)

**Kathy Miller**

**Carol Minnich**

**Larry & Laura Minnich** (Terry Minnich's brother)

**People of Ukraine**

**Dwane & Rose Ann Runyan**

**Mike & Carol Sawyer** (relative of Nancy Mack)

**Ryan Stackhouse** (son of Don & Ann Stackhouse)

**Marie Stanfield** (Carol Minnich's friend)

**Dave Thomas** (Bernice Davis's neighbor)

**Pam Williamson** (Martha Nevin's sister)

**Mark & Roz Yantis** (sister of Carol Minnich)

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

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## Covington Church of the Brethren Morning Worship Service

[https://www.covingtoncob.org/  
livestreaming-worship](https://www.covingtoncob.org/livestreaming-worship)

## The Weekly News

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

Our love, prayers and sympathy are expressed to Dennis & Don Christian and the entire family at the death of Jane Christian, who passed away 4/11 at Upper Valley Medical Center Hospice Unit. She was 101 years old. (Esther Field's sister-in-law)

Funeral service will be 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Bridges-Stocker-Fraley Funeral Home, Covington with Pastor Greg Kurtz officiating. Visitation 1:30 p.m. until time of service. To read the complete obituary: <https://www.stockerfraley.com/obituary/Jane-Christian>

**To Receive Prayer and Church Message** via Text Message to your cell phone, please contact [covingtoncob@gmail.com](mailto:covingtoncob@gmail.com) or call Cindy at (937) 448-0100. Thank you, Cindy *(This is very simple to set up and you will receive the messages as soon as posted.)*

## Mid-Week Reflection

Please join us for Pastor Mike's weekly morning website video (e-mailed Thursday's at 9:00 a.m.). It will generally take 12 minutes or less to watch.

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

## To Share Prayer Updates:

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



*The smile on someone's face  
does not mean their life is perfect.  
It means that despite their challenges,  
They choose to focus on  
their blessings.*

*-Quotes/@greykatniss*

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## Looking Ahead

As we celebrated the resurrection of Christ on Easter Sunday, we also entered into the season of Easter. Easter season, also known as Eastertide, is a 50 day period that takes us all the way to the birth of the Church, Pentecost Sunday. Throughout Eastertide, we will continue to be reminded that we truly are Easter people, children of the resurrection!

4-16-23 - John 20:19-31

“Reach Out and Touch”

4-23-23 – John 21:1-19

“The Work of Easter”

4-30-23 – Guest Preacher – Rev. Ralph Schaafsma

Pastor Mike will be on vacation

April 24 – April 30

5-7-23 – John 14:15-21

“The Spirit that Abides”

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## Honoring 2023 Graduates

Plans are underway for recognizing Graduates in upcoming newsletters. The church office would like your help in acknowledging high school and college graduates for 2023. If you have a student/s that you would like recognized, please send graduate details and a photo to [covingtoncob@gmail.com](mailto:covingtoncob@gmail.com) or snail mail to Covington Church of the Brethren, Box 206, Covington, OH 45318. If you have questions, please contact Cindy @ (937) 448-0100. Thank you!

## A Note from the Church Trustees

There are some old file cabinets and shelving available in the lower level Sunday school classroom (off the basement back hallway near the restrooms). If you would like any of them, please put your name on them to pick up later. The person picking up is responsible for moving and loading. Please e-mail [covingtoncob@gmail.com](mailto:covingtoncob@gmail.com) or call Carolyn @ (937) 418-3034 to arrange pick up.

## Covington Church of the Brethren

### Scholarship Award

This annual award is known as the Church of the Brethren Scholarship Fund (formerly known as the Fern Frey Scholarship Fund).

This award is awarded each year to a student(s) who actively attend the Covington Church of the Brethren and is a member of the current graduating class or an enrollee in advanced education.

To be eligible a person must apply to the Finance Committee by June 30, 2023. The person must be enrolled in or in the process of enrolling in college, technical school or must be pursuing a career in a full-time adult vocational program.

Applications will be reviewed by Finance Committee. The Finance Committee has the right to decide on the number and amount of the award on an annual basis.

If you would like to support the scholarship fund, donations can be made at the church office.

Scholarship applications are available by contacting the church office @ 473-2415 or e-mail: [covingtoncob@gmail.com](mailto:covingtoncob@gmail.com)

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### Please Note:

If you have any Repair & Maintenance concerns for the church please contact one of the following people:

#### Trustees

Carolyn Wolfe

Home# (937) 526-4852

Cell# (937) 418-3034

Mel Longendelpher

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Cell# (937) 776-3812

Terry Minnich

Home# (937) 473-5183

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You are invited to a Zoom Evening

with

the Women of SOD/KY District



Fruits of the Spirit

April 28, 7-8:30 PM

Galatians 5:22-23 New International Version

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

Please join us on April 28th at 7:00 PM for an evening of study, music, and prayer. We invite you to “show & tell” us of any object that reminds you of one or more fruits of the spirit. Carrie Drees, the new Director of Camping and Retreat Ministries, will set up our Zoom meeting.

You may sign up by sending M Kathryn Reynolds a Messenger text through Facebook, or email Carrie at [cdrees23@gmail.com](mailto:cdrees23@gmail.com).

Wishing you Peace, Love, & Joy —

Carrie Drees (Oakland), Pam Jones (Trotwood), Emma Batdorf (Troy), and Kathy Reynolds (Lower Miami)

## Community Clean Up

**Who:** Covington High School’s National Honor Society, Junior Optimist Club, and Student Council.

**When:** Saturday, April 22, 2023  
8:30-11:30 (weather permitting)

**What:** Cleaning up landscaping outside the home, pulling weeds, laying new mulch, picking up debris, getting flower beds ready for spring planting.

**Cost:** Free!

### Details:

- \* High School groups will come to the home and complete the job (at least one adult will be supervising).
- \* All jobs must be outside the home; students will not enter someone’s home.
- \* Basic materials will be provided, such as hand trowels (mulch or other materials must be provided by the homeowner).
- \* We are not planting flowers or mowing lawns at this time.



## Birthdays

04/17 Marti Cain  
04/19 Katherine Dunton  
04/19 Marilyn Helman  
04/26 Dolores Mutzner

## Lets’s Share.....

The Bethany Center in Piqua could use some donations of food items. All Miami County residents can be served by this agency. Director Shawn says they always need non-perishable food items and would greatly appreciate donations. He said canned tuna, canned vegetables and canned soups are especially needed, as well as pasta items. The center also needs plastic grocery sacks.

Our Witness Commission will have collection boxes located at entrance to the church building. Donated items will be taken to Bethany Center periodically.

If you have questions, please call Dean Nevin at (937) 615-6650

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National Pet Day - (was April 11, 2023)



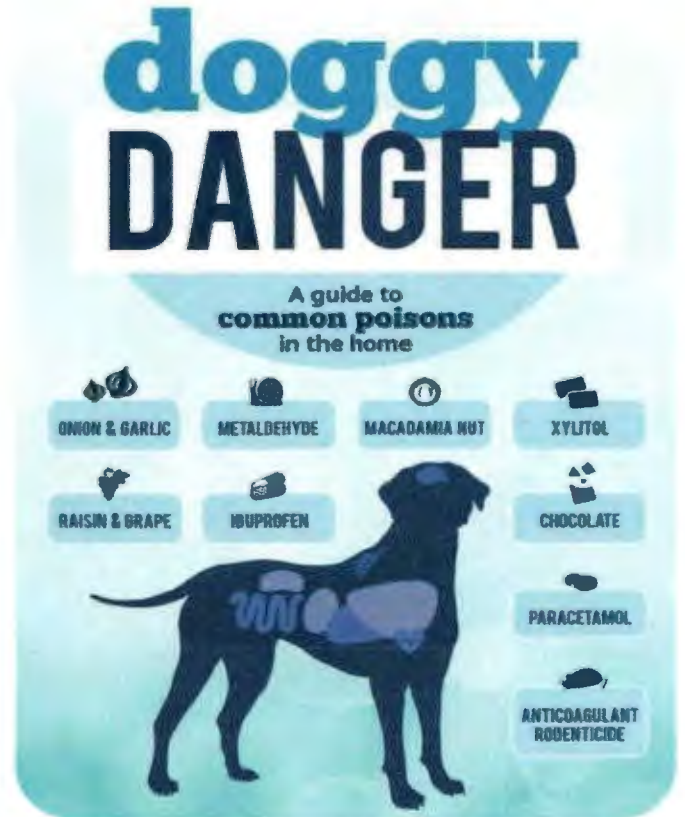
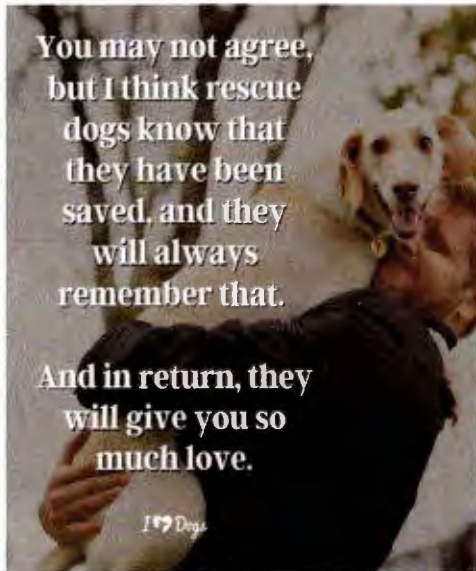
## “Pet Friendly Prayer Chain”

Please call:

Office# (937) 473-2415

Cindy’s Cell# (937) 448-0100

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



## A Guide To Common Poisons in the Home



# Essential Kitchen Supplies

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- TOASTER
- BAKING SHEET
- BLENDER
- NAPKINS
- TONGS
- POTS
- SILVERWARE
- BOWLS
- WHISK
- CLOTHS
- CASSEROLE DISH
- FRYING PAN
- DISH SOAP
- CUPS
- CUTTING BOARD
- PLATES
- SPATULA
- SKILLET
- FOOD
- HOT PADS
- OVEN
- TIMER
- SPONGE

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