



Covington Church of the Brethren Weekly Newsline

May 24, 2022



REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

Wayne Angle & Family - Wayne is having heart issues and would appreciate our thoughts and prayers as he works with doctors to find answers.

Elaine Kraus and Family - Elaine's recent surgery on her finger, to have a steel pin temporarily inserted, went well. Elaine and her family are thankful for your prayers.

Kathy & Joel Miller - Kathy recent testing revealed she will be needing to under chemo. Joel is experiencing increased pain and discomfort as well. Kathy & Joel appreciate your prayers and support as they work through this difficult time.

Carol & Terry Minnich - Carol's outpatient surgery May 16th at South View Hospital went well. She is continuing to heal at home. Terry & Carol are thankful for your prayers.

Tristen (5 yr. old great-nephew of Marty Nevin) is doing well. Skin graphs have been completed. Continued prayers for healing would be appreciated.

Sandy & Dave Wells (family of Ed & Carolyn Wolfe) Sandy is home and slowly improving. Ed & Carolyn are thankful or your thoughts and prayers, and continued prayers for healing.

Virginia & Norman Wolfe - Virginia needs prayers as she and the doctors decide what direction to take with her health issues.

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

To Share Prayer Updates:

Please contact Cindy @ (937) 448-0100 or e-mail covingtoncob@gmail. Thank you!

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.)

Roberta Brock, Henry Brumbaugh, Linda Dearth, Erick Delgado, Colton Foutz & Family, Linda Gibson, Gregory (Esther Field's great-great grandson), Charlene & Ed Ingle, Bill Jackson, Yvonne Lear, Dave & Pat Lentz, Regina Lewis, Bruce Martin, Larry Minnich, Dean & Martha Nevin, Jim Perry, Mike & Carol Sawyer, Angie Shroyer, Marie Stanfield, Jayne Strain, Sam Woods, Reece Wright, Mark & Roz Yantis, Sheron Zimmer, Carolyn Zorn. In the military: Matthew Carder, Tyler Lambert, Prayers for the people of Ukraine.

The Men's Prayer Breakfast will be held June 15, 2022 at 8:00 a.m. at Buffalo Jack's.

June 15th -Church Meetings:

Trustees Meeting - 5:00 p.m.
Church Board Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
Choir Practice - 7:00 p.m.

Important Notice

Covington COB Trustees have concerns about rerouted traffic on Wall Street (due to street work uptown) and our church family's safety. If it's possible for your personal situation, the Trustees would appreciate it if you would consider parking in the lot across from the Wall Street entrance.

Thank you!

Prayer changes things.



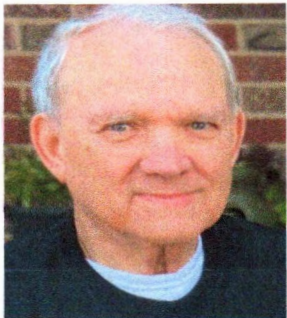
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Our love, prayers and sympathy are expressed to the following:

Elaine Kraus and the entire family at the death of Gene Kraus who passed away unexpectedly May 12, 2022 due to an accident at their home. A Memorial Service was held May 21, 2022, at Covington Church



of the Brethren with Pastor Mike officiating. A meal was also held following the service by our Kitchen Committee. Funeral arrangements by Stocker-Fraleay Funeral Home. To read the complete obituary: <http://www.stocker/fraley.com/obituary/Marvin-Kraus>



Carol Looker (wife) and family at the death of Roger Looker who passed away Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at Hospice of Miami County Inpatient Unit after a long illness. Funeral Services were held May 17th at Moore with

Funeral Home, Covington with Pastor Jon Dillon officiating. To read the complete obituary: <http://www.moorefh.com/obituary/Roger-Looker>

Ron Hyden and family at the death Ron's brother, Mark Hyden, who passed away in his sleep Sunday, May 8, 2022. Funeral service was held May 23, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at Stillwater Community Church with Pastor Jon Dillon officiating.



Looking Ahead:

How often do our best laid plans get turned around or upended by the unexpected? The unexpected may be life-changing or may be a small deviation that serves as a not-so-small annoyance. Our news cycle continuously churns out unexpected and sometimes upsetting information. Our world can seemingly change overnight. Through it all, we can become unraveled. How do we press onward when our tightly-knit plans unravel into loose threads? What do we become when our identity—or the path we're on—comes undone?

On the other hand, In our unraveling, sometimes life surprises us with unexpected joy, love, and hope—with a new beginning we couldn't have imagined. And sometimes we need God to unravel us because we might need to be changed. Whatever the cause of our unraveling, our God can transform the frayed edges of our lives, weaving the fabric of who we are into a new and beautiful creation.

This summer, we will explore twelve stories of unraveling found in the bible. These stories hold the potential to help us see ways that God meets us in times of unraveling and forms us into something new.

May 29 – 2 Samuel 3:7; 21:1-14
“Grief That Inspires Action”

June 5 – Genesis 18: 1-15; 21:1-
“Radical Unraveling of Vocation”

Covington Church of the Brethren
Morning Worship Service
[https://www.covingtoncob.org/
livestreaming-worship](https://www.covingtoncob.org/livestreaming-worship)

The Weekly Newsline:
<https://www.covingtoncob.org/newsline>

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Congratulations 2022 Graduates!!

Adam Scott Long, son of Mark & Sheryl (Rapp) Long of Bethany West Virginia. Grandparents are Duane & Phyllis Rapp.



Adam Scott Long

Adam graduated May 14, 2022 in Business from Morgantown College, WV.



Benjamin Alexander Wills

Benjamin Alexander Wills, son of Amy (Rapp) Wills of Durham, North Carolina. Grandparents are Duane and Phyllis Rapp.

Benjamin will graduate from Rocky Mount High School June 3, 2022.



"Happiness is like a butterfly which, when pursued, is always beyond our grasp, but, if you will sit down quietly, may alight upon you."

- Nathaniel Hawthorne



Southern Ohio/Kentucky District
Church of the Brethren

Prayer Request



Friends,

We have received word that a tree fell on the home of Todd Reish during the wind storm this past Saturday evening. Todd is a chaplain at the Brethren Retirement Center and our current District Board Chair. Todd will not be able to live in his home for at least nine months as repairs are being done. We ask for prayers for Todd during this time of rebuilding. Thank you.

Note to Self:

*When things feel overwhelming
remember....*



*One thought at a time
One task at a time,
One day at a time.*

-Lesson Learn Life

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Honoring 2022 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 2022.

If you have a student/s that you would like recognized, please send graduate details and a photo to 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!

Graduation Sunday will be held June 12, 2022 during morning worship.

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, 2022. 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

"Whatever you choose for a career path, remember the struggles along the way are only meant to shape you for your purpose."



Graduation Party!

The Alexander family invites you to join them in celebration of of Danielle & Michelle Alexander's graduations.

Michelle is graduating from Newton High School.

Danielle recently received her degree in Pre-Veterinary.

Celebration Date: June 12, 2022

Time: 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Where: Covington Church of the Brethren
Lower Level.

*Please join them as they celebration
their very special day!*

New 2022 Church Directories

If you have not picked up a copy of the new church directory for your family, there are copies on the offering tables in the Sanctuary. If you or someone you know are not attending church right now, but would like a church directory, please contact Cindy Miller or Linda Berrett.

Mid-Week Reflection

Please join us on-line every Thursday morning for our 12-15 minute website video. We are invited to be still and know that God is God, as Pastor Mike briefly reflects on the many ways scripture shines the light of Christ on our day-to-day living. (e-mailed Thursday mornings at 9:00 a.m.)

Thank You!

Church Reserved- June 17th & 18th for Westfall/-Baker rehearsal and wedding.

*Wherever you go,
no matter what the weather,
always bring your own
sunshine*

by Anthony J. D'Angelo



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It's time for fun
in the sun!

Covington's Community VBS

WHEN: June 6-10, 9:00 - 12:00
Registration begins at 8:30 on June 6

WHERE: Covington Church of the Brethren

WHO: Kids ages 4 (preschool) - finishing 5th grade

Games*Music*Snacks*Crafts*Experiments*FUN!



Community Vacation Bible School (V.B.S.)

June 6-10, 2022
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

Early Registration
8:45 a.m. - June 6th
Covington COB lower level.

This year's theme
*"Monumental Celebrating
God's Goodness"*

Registration forms
will be in the Hospitality Room
on the Information Table.

V.B.S. Friday Evening Program
June 10th starting with a picnic style meal
at 5:30 p.m. in the church lower level.

Musical Program
will be presented at 6:30 p.m.
in our church sanctuary.

Anyone who would like to help with V.B.S,
please contact the church office (937) 473-2415,
or Peg Longendelpher (937) 753-1198.

Please Note:

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

Trustees

Carolyn Wolfe
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Cell# (937) 418-3034

Mel Longendelpher
Home# (937) 753-1198
Cell# (937) 776-3812

Terry Minnich
Home# (937) 473-5183



"Pet Friendly Prayer Chain"

Please call:
Office# (937) 473-2415
Cindy's Cell# (937) 448-0100
or e-mail covingtoncob@gmail.com

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Who, What, When & Where?

Here's a fun and interesting way to become more acquainted with your Bible. So keep it close at hand because we believe you're going to enjoy searching for the answers to our weekly Bible question. Some questions may be easy to answer, but some might be more challenging for you. Use any means in your search. There will be a new question every week!



Question:

WHO were King Rehoboams's father and mother?

Write Your Answer in this Space:

Blank space for writing the answer to the question.

Look for the answer in next week's Newsline.

Brought to you by your Witness Commission, Dean Nevin, Lois Newman, Linda Berrett and Marilyn Helman. Happy hunting. God bless you all!

Sometimes we need someone to simply be there...Not to fix anything or do anything in particular, but just to let us feel we are supported and cared about.



*(Answer to last week's Bible question)
the ostrich
(Job 39:13-17)*

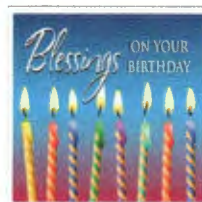
Texting Church Messages

The church office will soon be offering the option of receiving church prayer messages and/or church OneCall messages by directly texting them to your cell phone.

Several times in the past couple of months, some prayer messages were not completed (as many as 14 per message) when we sent them. Usually, those who use Yahoo and Aol e-mail accounts were those that were not completed. Yahoo & Aol deleted the prayers messages and informed us by e-mail that our prayer messages "violate their e-mail policies" and would not allow the e-mails to complete.

In an effort to ensure everyone receives our church messages, we would like to also offer Prayer and/or OneCall messages via Text Messaging. *(for anyone anyone who is interested).*

To receive prayer and/or all church OneCall messages via text message to your cell phone, please contact me at covingtoncob@gmail.com or call my cell at (937) 448-0100. The set up is easy, and I will help you, if you would like to receive messages in this way. Thank you, Cindy ❤️



Birthdays

- 05/21 Aiden Allen
- 05/21 Wyatt Allen
- 05/22 Doug Mertz
- 05/23 Ray Gibson, Jr.
- 05/25 Samantha Lange
- 05/28 Andy Angle
- 05/28 Robbin Adams
- 05/31 Rex Adams



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