



Covington Church of the Brethren Weekly News

January 05, 2024



Congratulations!❤️

Covington Church of the Brethren welcomed Bill & Jeanie Bitner and Steve & Melody Richardson into our church membership Sunday, December 17, 2023.

photo taken by Kathy Miller



Dear Friends,

I wanted to take this opportunity to say thank you! Covington Church of the Brethren is home. It was during my darkest and scariest moments that I felt all of your prayers. Cancer is a long journey.

My faith has not waivered. In fact, my trust in our Lord has only become stronger. As Grandma Dora always said, pray more worry less. Your prayers have gotten me through 4 months of chemo, losing my hair, a lumpectomy and 20 radiation treatments. I humbly ask for continued prayers as I begin the next treatment phase.

Our God is great and I am so blessed.

Much love to all, ❤️

Marcy (Wolfe) Hartman

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UPCOMING EVENTS!

1/17/2024

8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast

1/17/2024

4:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting

5:00 p.m. Church Board Meeting

2/02/2024

11:00 a.m. Seniors Alive!

Church Lower Level

2/14/2024

Valentine's Day

2/14/2024

Ash Wednesday

2/18/2024

First Sunday of Lent

3/10/2024

Daylight Savings Time Begins

Upcoming Birthdays

01/07 Scott Batdorf

01/08 Dean Snider

01/09 Ben Lavy

01/10 Ron Hyden

01/13 Charlene Ingle

01/14 Elijah Gibson

01/14 Martha Nevin

01/15 Judi Hittle

01/23 Jaydn Holsinger

01/25 Susan Ault

01/30 Maria Stephenson



Thank you to everyone who shared their Christmas wishes on our Card Tree for the holiday season.

Susan Ault & Family

Dave & Linda Berrett

Marilyn Helman

Dan & Jayne Hobbs

Ron Hyden

Kay McKinney

Elaine Kraus

Rick & Sherry Lavy

Mel & Peggy Longendelpher

Rich & Pat McMaken

Nancy Mack

Grace & Cindy Miller

Kathy Miller

Terry & Carol Minnich

Charlie & Kay Nickel

Lauren Overla

Duane & Phyliss Rapp

Irene & Roger Reynolds

Don & Ann Stackhouse and Family

Jim & Nancy Thompson and Pandora

Ed & Carolyn Wolfe

Norman & Virginia Wolfe

Pastor Mike & Belinda Yingst

Peggy Zimmer

*We pray that everyone had a
Merry Christmas & will have
Many Blessings in the 2024! ❤️*

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

Beverly (Boggs) Heintz (friend of Kathy Miller) is recovering from Quadruple heart bypass.

Rhonda & Ted Brumbaugh and family. Rhonda is wearing a neck brace for several weeks. Ted is caring for her at home as she recovers. Rhonda & Ted are thankful for your thought and prayers.

Marcy (Wolfe) Hartman (daughter of Ed & Carolyn Wolfe and wife of Randy Hartman) - Marcy has completed her radiation treatments. She has a couple of weeks break and then will begin taking cancer pills for 6 months. Carolyn & Ed, Marcy, and family are very thankful for your continued prayers.

Rick & Sherry Lavy - Rick recently fell and is also losing weight.

Gary Lentz (Dave Lentz's brother) is currently taking radiation and chemo treatments for esophageal cancer. He will eventually be undergoing surgery.

The Longendelpher Family would appreciate your prayers as they work their way through having COVID.

Rich & Pat McMaken - Rich recently visited the after having nearly passed out and a fall. Pat & Rich are thankful for your prayers.

Wayne & Sharon Marshall and family. Wayne's recent procedure went quickly. The doctor was unable to safely take the biopsy sample. Wayne recovered quickly and is feeling fine. He will need more tests later. We thank you so much for your prayers. -Wayne & Sharon and family

♥ **Kathy Miller's** January 17th surgeon appointment was moved up to 1/02. So it took place last Tuesday. She will have a CT scan on 1/9 and if all looks ok on the scan, surgery to remove the tumor is scheduled for January 16th. Kathy is thankful for your prayers.

Brandon Moyer (Kathy Miller's nephew) is aboard the USS Gerald Ford in the Mediterranean Sea following the Hamas attacks in southern Israel. Please keep his health and safety in your prayers.

Mark Must (Ron Hyden's stepson) Needs prayers for strength to fight alcohol addiction. He is trying to quit. He is living with Ron for support in his journey.

Ralph Mutzner is healing at home from his recent knee replacements. Ralph and his family are thankful for your continued prayers for healing.

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

Irene Reynolds (Nancy Thompson's mother) is having health and mobility issues.

♥ **Rick & DeAnn Rhoades** (son-in-law of Terry Finfrock) is slowly improving and will be undergoing therapy.

♥ **Angie (Shroyer) Smith (daughter of Patsy Weyant)**

Angie has been diagnosed with LGL Leukemia. It's not a terminal cancer but a rare cancer (only slightly less than 1,000 diagnosed a year in the US). This is a chronic cancer so it will be slower to spread. She will be going to Ohio State later this month for a second opinion. Prayers would be appreciated for the wisdom of the doctors in determining her diagnosis and the best treatment. Patsy, Angie, and family are thankful for 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.

♥ -Notes New or Updated
Prayer Messages

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Gregory Swob (Esther Field's 5-year-old great-grandson) underwent emergency surgery Thursday (12/14) for a twisted bowl. He has been moved from the ICU into a regular room. Parents are Dillon & Briana Swob, Great Grandmother is Teresa Swob.

Virginia & Norman Wolfe - Virginia is currently undergoing Cardiac Rehab. Norman and Virginia are very thankful for thoughts, cards and prayers.

♥ **Mark & Roz Yantis** (Carol & Terry Minnich) - Mark was admitted to Upper Valley Medical Center with COVID and is currently stable but on a ventilator. Carol & Terry are thankful for your prayers.

Crystal Yingst (16 year-old grand-daughter of Pastor Mike & Belinda Yingst) fell and dislocated her elbow at the bowling center. She has a long recovery with possible surgery ahead of her. Pastor Mike & Belinda are thankful for your prayers.

♥ **Pastor Mike & Belinda Yingst** - Belinda is doing well and Pastor Mike is improving from having COVID. They are thankful for your thoughts and prayers.

People of Israel & Palestine

Prayers are needed for all the people of Israel & Palestine involved in the fighting that is happening in Israel.

The people effected by the tornadoes in Tennessee

Sylvia Warner's great niece and her husband are stationed in Clarksville, Tennessee. Their home and car were damaged and they will be staying with friends on base. Also, her niece is in an area that lost power.

*If you are praying about it,
God is working on it!* ♥



Ongoing Prayer List

Prayer updates would be appreciated

Kim 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

Carol Minnich

Larry Minnich

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

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

To Share Prayer Updates:

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



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New Angels added to the Angel Tree in 2023

Jeanie and Bill Bitner: Rick Reck and Lincoln Bitner

Sylvia Warner: George, Lela, Dollie and Emily

Ed & Carolyn Wolfe & Family: Blessings to all

Lauren Overla: John & Betty Thompson, George & Norma Hobbs, My great grandparents

Kaylee Heck: Crystal

Becky Mullen: Amy Snyder

Sherry Lavy: Rick

Charlene Ingle: Vic and Reva Batdorf and Van Batdorf

Kathy Miller: Joel Miller and Uncle Dwane Runyan

Church: Hope, Love and Charity (name not provided)

Doves

Kathy Miller: Resilient

Charlene Ingle: Love and Family

Sherry Lavy: Hope

Becky Mullen: Purpose and Unity

Kaylee Heck: Harmony

Lauren Overla: Blessed Family

Carolyn Wolfe: Faith, love, Respectful and Smile

Sylvia Warner: Serve

Jeanie & Bill Bitner: Grand Kids and Great Grand Kids

Esther Fields: Family

Elaine Kraus: Change

Phyllis Rapp: Love

Duane Rapp: Hope

Peg & Mel Longendelpher: Contentment

Sharon Marshall: Love

Irene Reynolds: Faith

Jim Thompson: Faith

Nancy Thompson: Joy

Church: Friendship, Healing, Worship, Helping Hands (name not give)



If you would like to see a list of the Angels from last year, please see Jayne.

Thank you to all that participated.

God Bless

Jayne

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Church of the Brethren Southern Ohio/Kentucky District

Sewing Bee/CWS Prep – In 2024 Sewing Bees will be held February through October on the fourth Saturday of the month at 9:00 AM. They will alternate between Greenville COB and Eaton Community Church. Volunteers will sew school bags for Church World Service (CWS) school kits. Non-sewers will prep items for school kits and cleanup buckets.

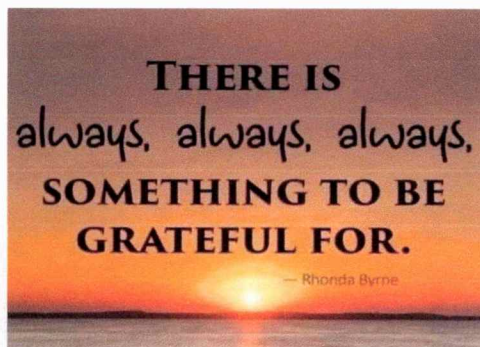
Mark Your Calendar:

District Picnic at Salem Church of the Brethren July 14, 2024: from 4-6 PM--Being Mindful of the Spirit.

2024 District Conference Theme Announced:
"Breathe in the Beloved" by Moderator Tracy Knechel Sturgis

The Southern Ohio/Kentucky District conference will be held on September 27 & 28, 2024 at the Prince of Peach Church of the Brethren, 800 E David Rd, Dayton, OH.

You are also invited to participate in three events which will lead up to District conference. Mark your calendars and plan to be a part of the conversation as we breathe into what God calls us to be.



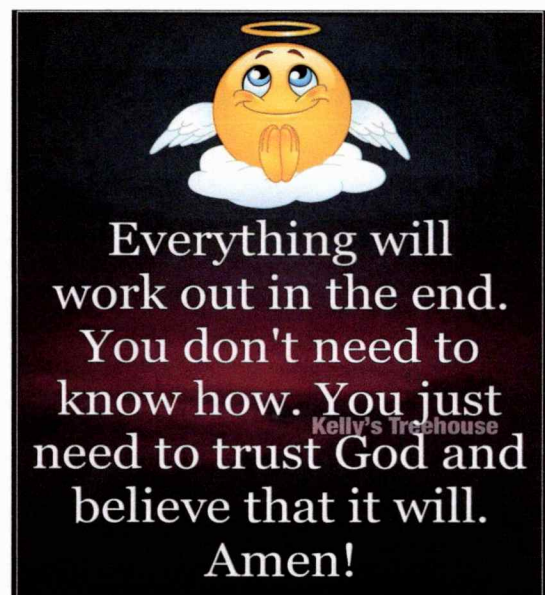
Helping Those In Need!

The Bethany Center would very much appreciate your help in providing non-perishable Foods for those who in need in Miami County (including sheets and blankets that are in short supply).

Our Witness Commission has collection boxes at entrances to our church building for food, as well as sheet & blanket donations that will taken to Bethany periodically.

Bethany also accepts clothing donations throughout the year. If you would like to also donate clothes, please drop them off at the their service location: 339 South Street, Piqua, OH 45356.

For more information, please contact Dean Nevin at (937) 615-6650 or Esther Fields (937) 216-3293. Bethany supports all Miami County residents (including Covington)



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