

# Covington Church of the Brethren

## Weekly News

*Praying Always*

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

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

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

**Erin Gibson** (Marilyn Helman's grand-daughter) was being transferred from Troy's Kettering Hospital to the Veteran's Administration Center in Dayton this week due to having heart enzyme issues.

**Griffin Hobbs** 12-year-old grandson of Dan & Jayne Hobbs, and son of Travis & Brianna Hobbs. Griffin fell and broke his arm at the elbow and also dislodged his elbow. He would be seeing an orthopedic surgeon soon.

**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) - Please continue prayers for Marcy and her family. Marcy will be beginning a long journey back to health that starts on May 1st with chemotherapy cancer treatments for 4 months, followed by surgery, and then radiologist. Marcy, Ed & Carolyn thank everyone for your prayers.

**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** was released from the hospital to come home last Friday (4/14/2023). 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 underwent knee replacement surgery at Miami Valley South Hospital this morning. The surgery went as planned, and she is in doing well. Plans are for her to come home tomorrow. Grace, Cindy, Kathy and family are thankful for your prayers for the surgery and continued prayers for healing.

**Kathy Miller** - Following her most recent test results, Kathy will begin a new cancer treatment consisting of IV drugs. Please pray for successful results and strength for Kathy as she goes through her treatment. Thank you.

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

**Linda Newman** (Carol Minnich's best friend) recently underwent surgery 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.

More Prayers.....

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## Continued 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.

**Steve & Donna Wright** were recently thrown from their motorcycle when a deer ran into them. Donna was Careflighted to a hospital with a broken collarbone and head injuries that are very troubling. Steve suffered a broken collarbone and also ribs but was treated and released. They are the maternal grandparents of Aiden Adams (who is a paternal great-grandson of Marilyn Helman). Thank you.

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**Our love, prayers and sympathy are expressed to the family of Amy Snyder who passed away 4/12/2023. (friend of Becky Mullen)**

A service to honor her life will begin a 9:30 a.m. Thursday, April 20, 2023 at the Jamieson & Yannucci Funeral Home with Pastor Larry Butt officiating. Burial will follow at Forest Hill Cemetery. Visitation is being held today from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. To read the complete obituary:

<https://www.jamiesonandyannucci.com/obituary/AMY-SNYDER>

## Ongoing 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)

**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>

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

## Mid-Week Reflection

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

**To Receive Prayer and Church Message** via Text Message to your cell phone, please contact 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.*)

## To Share Prayer Updates:

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

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*Life is too short to wake up  
in the morning with regrets.  
So, love the people who  
treat you right,  
forgive the ones who don't,  
and believe that everything  
happens for a reason.*

*If you get a chance, take it.  
If it changes your life, let it.  
Nobody said it would be easy,  
they just promised it  
would be worth it.*

*-Doctor Seuss*

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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!

4-23-23 – 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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## 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 or call Carolyn @ (937) 418-3034 to arrange pick up.

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

Terry Minnich  
Home# (937) 473-5183

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## 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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## 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!



## Birthdays

04/19 Katherine Dunton  
04/19 Marilyn Helman  
04/26 Dolores Mutzner  
05/01 Peggy Zimmer  
05/04 Sami Angle  
05/04 Joel Lavy  
05/04 Jean Bitner  
05/04 Elizabeth Nevin  
05/05 Diana Health  
05/14 Nick Kraus  
05/14 Melanie Batdorf  
05/16 Deborah Ganger  
05/20 Elaine Kraus  
05/28 Andy Angle  
05/28 Robbin Adams  
05/31 Rex Adams



## "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)



**Nobody is perfect. We all  
make mistakes. We say things  
that are wrong. We fall, we  
get up, we grow, we move on  
and WE LIVE!**

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Camp Sugarwood: A ministry of the Southern Ohio/Kentucky District Church of the Brethren

**Don't Wait, Register TODAY!**

It's time to register for Summer Camp.

Adult/Child Camp June 8-11  
Junior Discovery Camp June 11-13  
Sewing and Crafters Day Camp June 12-15  
Family Camp June 16-18  
Creative Arts Camp June 18-24  
Quilting Camp August 8-11

Registration forms can be found at [www.sodcob.org](http://www.sodcob.org) or contact Covington COB office by e-mailing: [covingtoncob@gmail.com](mailto:covingtoncob@gmail.com) or call (937) 473-2415.

## 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:

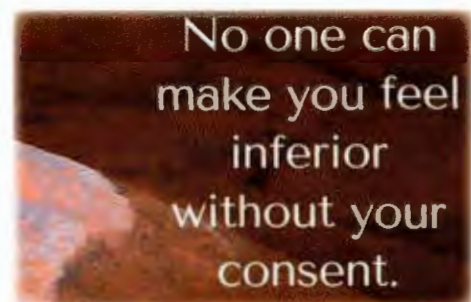
- \* High School groups will come to the home and complete the job (at least one adult will be supervising).
- \* All jobs must be outside the home; students will not enter someone's home.
- \* Basic materials will be provided, such as hand trowels (mulch or other materials must be provided by the homeowner).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

## 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



# Gardening Tools

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- WATERING CAN
- BUCKET
- PICK
- LEAF BLOWER
- LAWN MOWER
- SPADE
- SHOVEL
- KNEEPADS
- AERATOR
- FORK
- EDGER
- MULCHER
- KNEELER
- WORK GLOVES
- TROWEL
- WATERING WAND
- HOSE
- SHEARS
- PRUNER
- SPREADER
- AUGER
- RAKE
- LOPPER
- WEEDER

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