

Covington Church of the Brethren Weekly News

Thursday, March 30, 2023



Brenda Baker (daughter of Norman & Virginia Wolfe) is having health issues and would appreciate our prayers.

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 much appreciated.

Dollie Hurley (sister of Sylvia Warner). Dollie was hospitalized March 28th. If all goes as planned, she will be undergoing a heart ablation today. Sylvia and her family appreciate 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

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 good and we feel so blessed."

Pat & Dave Lentz - Pat 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.

Grace Miller (Cindy Miller's mother) - Mom and our family appreciate your thoughts, cards, calls and prayers for my mom's Orthopedic Surgeon appt. this week. They are very much appreciated. Plans are for knee replacement surgery in the next few weeks.

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

Nancy Mack appreciates your prayers for safe travels for her family members who are traveling to Florida. She would also like to share with you that she has returned to her home in Covington for the summer.

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.

Gregory Swob (great-great grandson of Esther Fields) was released the hospital (last Friday) and is at home. Esther and her family are thankful for your prayers.

Nancy & Jim Thompson - Nancy is healing from having bronchitis and would appreciate our prayers to feel better soon.

Norman & Virginia Wolfe would appreciate our prayers after both recently fell when leaving our church.

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

Your peace is more
important than driving
yourself crazy trying
to understand why
something happened the
way it did. Let it go.

-MANDY HALE

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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)

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)

Linda Newman (Carol Minnich's best friend)

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)

To Share Prayer Updates:

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



"Pet Friendly Prayer Chain"

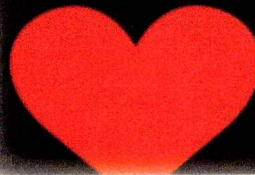
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**When you are
lonely, I wish you love.
When you are down, I wish
you joy. When you are
troubled, I wish you peace.
When things are chaotic,
I wish you inner silence.
When things look empty,
I wish you hope.**



Be Positive Be
Happy 🌻

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.)*

*The biggest failure you can have in
life is making the mistake of never
trying at all. ❤️*

-Inspirational 33/37

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Congratulations! 65th Wedding Anniversary!

Richard Tracy McMaken & Patricia Ann Swob were united in marriage on April 5, 1958. Reverend R.K. Higgins performed the ceremony on Easter Eve in Covington Church of the Brethren.

Mr. & Mrs. Richard McMaken are the parents of 3 daughters, Tammy, Julie & Jennie and 1 son Tracy. 11 Grandchildren, 16 Great Grandchildren, with spouse's The McMaken family has multiplied to 45 people.

Love Feast - April 2, 2023

(Feet or Hand Washing & Communion)

We are preparing the Love Feast Celebration so that you might come and spend time with the Lord and with each other in fellowship around His table. We invite you to come and share in this important Holy Week observance of faith as we all anticipate the death, burial and glorious resurrection of the Lord! Love Feast will take place in the lower level following morning worship.

Easter Sunrise Service & Breakfast

Covington Church of the Brethren will host an Easter Sunrise Service and Breakfast Sunday morning April 9th. The sunrise service will begin at 7:00 a.m. at the church cottage on Owens Road. Breakfast will follow at 8:00 a.m. in Covington COB lower level. Worship will begin at 9:30 a.m. No Sunday School

(Note: Due to bridge construction, please access Owens Road from Falknor Road and drive south on Owens Road to the Church Cottage.

Covington Church of the Brethren Morning Worship Service

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

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

Congratulations! It's a Boy!

Jeanie and Bill Bitner were blessed with their 6th great grandchild, Lincoln Crew, born to Lacey & Jacob Bitner weighing 10 lbs. 2 ounces and 21.1 inches long.

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

Please update your 2023 Church Board Roster with the following changes:

Kay McKinney: Add to Floral Committee

Esther Fields': Phone# (937) 216-3293

Ann Stackhouse: Phone# (937) 570-7796

If you have not picked up a 2023 Church Board Roster, but would like to have one, please e-mail: covingtoncob@gmail.com, or call/text Cindy at (937) 448-0100.

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.

The Men's Prayer Breakfast will be held Wednesday, April 19, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. at Buffalo Jack's. Please join us.

April 19, 2023 Church Meetings:

5:00 p.m. Trustees Mtg.

6:00 p.m. Church Board Mtg.



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Birthdays

03/31 Dorothy Flick
04/03 Lauren Overla
04/04 Amber Stephenson
04/05 Stacie Carder
04/06 Gavyn Konz
04/12 Carol Minnich
04/17 Marti Cain
04/19 Katherine Dunton
04/19 Marilyn Helman
04/26 Dolores Mutzner

*No matter how stressed you are,
remember how **Blessed** you are! ❤️*

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

Phyllis (Angle) Grove's Family

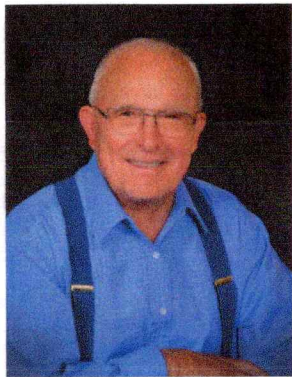
Phyllis passed away March 21, 2023 at Koester Pavilion. Services were held Sunday, March 26 & 27, 2023 at Baird Funeral Home, Troy. Phyllis is Wayne Angle's sister and a very dear friend of Phyllis & Duane Rapp.



Phyllis (Angle) Grove

To read the complete obituary:

<https://www.bairdfuneralhome.com/obituary/PhyllisAAngle-Grove>



Charles Robert "Bob" Fosnight

The Family of Robert "Bob" Fosnight who passed away March 22, 2022 at Ohio Hospice of Miami County. A graveside service was held March 25th at Miami Memorial Park Cemetery, Covington with Rev. Daniel Fosnight officiating with military honors. A Memorial Service

followed at Covington Presbyterian Church with Pastor Greg Kurtz officiating. To read the complete obituary: <https://www.stockerfraley.com/obituary/Charles-Fosnight>

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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Mel Longendelpher
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Cell# (937) 776-3812

Terry Minnich
Home# (937) 473-5183



Janice Meyer

To read the complete obituary:

<https://www.moorefh.com/obituaries/janice-meyer>

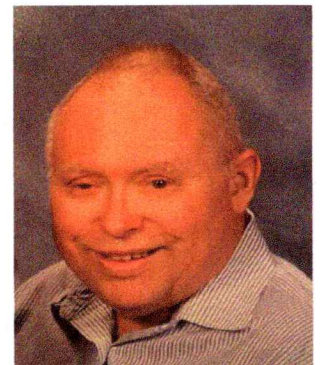
An additional comment:

Janice & Joe were very also close to Ann Stackhouse and my heart both as friends, and through their dedicated volunteer work with Covington Outreach Association (COA). They were always there to help us help others.

-Cindy ❤️

The Perry Family at the death of James Clifton "Jim" Perry who passed March 29, 2023 at the Anderson Nursing Home in Cincinnati.

A Funeral Service will be held Monday, April 3, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church,



James Clifton "Jim" Perry

Covington with Rev. Rachel Patterson, Rev. Dr. Charles Carnes officiating. Visitation will be held from Noon to 1:00 p.m. at the church.

To read the complete obituary:

<https://www.fisher-cheneyfuneralhome.com/obituary/James-Perry>

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Sermon Series for Lent and Easter – Seeking: Questions for Our Deepening Faith

As we move through the Season of Lent, we are invited into a spiritual practice of seeking by asking questions. Our questions won't necessarily lead to answers, but they can help us find clarity and a new perspective. Ultimately, the hope is that they will lead to new beginnings, to restoration, to a wider grace, and to a deepening faith.

4/02/23 – Palm Sunday - Matthew 21:1-11

Where Are You Headed?

Following Worship, we will celebrate our Palm Sunday Love Feast on the lower level.

4/09/23 – Easter - John 20:1-18

Who Are You Looking For?

We will have our Easter Sunrise Service at the Owens Road cottage at 7:00 AM.

Our Easter Breakfast will be on the lower level at 8:00 AM.

(Prepared and served by Bob and Denise Boyer and Family.)

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



Being humble

means recognizing that we
are not on earth to see how
important **we can become**,
but to see how much
difference we can make in
the lives of others. ♥

Easter Fun

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