

Covington Church of the Brethren Weekly News

December 7, 2023



Here's a big **"Thank you"** shoutout to Santa's helpers for decorating the church. ❤️



Jerry & Vicki Longendelpher,
Peggy Longendelpher, Ron Hyden, Phyllis
Rapp, Kay McKinney, Jayne Hobbs, Bonnie
Seitz and Sherry Lavy.



ANGEL TREE

The Angel tree is adorned with the Angels from last year. Additional Angels were added to the tree last Sunday. More Angels & Doves are available. Please see Jayne Hobbs. Angels & Doves can be added to the tree during the last hymn of any service. (This week we will be placing Doves on the Dove tree after the sermon).

Last Sunday (12/03) Advent Devotions Books from "1986" were also given to our church family with memories to share through Advent and beyond.



CHRISTMAS CARD TREE

The Christmas Card Tree is available be in the church lobby for you to attach your favorite Christmas Card with holiday wishes for your church family and friends.

Names from the Christmas Card Tree will be in the Weekly News the week of December 20th. If you do not have a card but would like to put one on the tree, extra cards are in a basket near the tree for your use.

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UPCOMING EVENTS!

12/20/2023

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

12/20/2023

No Church Meetings in December

12/24/2023

7:00 p.m. Candlelight Christmas Eve
Communion Service

12/25/2023

Church Office Closed in
Observance of Christmas

12/25-31/2023

Pastor Mike on Vacation

1/01/2023

Church Offices Closed in
Observance of New Year's Day

1/05/2023

No Seniors Alive!

1/17/2023

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

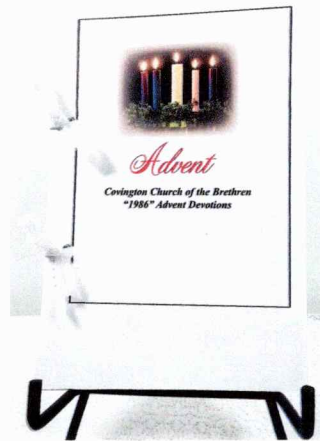
1/17/2023

4:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting
5:00 p.m. Church Board Meeting

2/02/2023

11:00 a.m. Seniors Alive!
Church Lower Level

*Never stop doing little things to help others.
Sometimes those little things occupy the
biggest part of their heart. ❤️
-Daily Dose of Inspiration*



Advent Devotions "1986"

If you would like a copy of the Advent Devotions Memory Book, please contact the church office via e-mail: covingtoncob@gmail.com or contact Cindy at (937) 448-0100.

Thank you -

I would like to thank Cindy and Ann Stackhouse for all the work they did for the 1986 Advent Devotional Book. In 1986 the Advent Book was a labor of love and in 2023 the labor of love continued. Thank you both so much for making it possible to share this book again. God Bless, Jayne

Upcoming Birthdays

12/08 Pastor Mike
12/10 Rich McMaken
12/12 Bernice Davis
12/16 Don Stackhouse
12/19 Linda Weikert
12/20 Ralph Mutzner
12/21 Jim Barhorst
12/22 Denise Boyer
12/22 Kara Milligan
12/23 Ed Ingle
12/24 Merry Unger
12/27 Sharon Root
12/28 Bob Boyer
12/28 Heather Thompson



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

Kelly Alexander (Mike Alexander's sister) recently fell and has various injuries. She is going through some rough times and is in need of prayers.

Dave & Linda Berrett - Dave was recently admitted to Christ Hospital in Cincinnati as blood work and symptoms the last few days, are an indication of internal blood loss. Dave & Linda are thankful for your prayers

Rhonda & Ted Brumbaugh and family. Rhonda has been released from the hospital to heal at home. She has to wear neck a brace for 6 weeks and 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 started her 20 days of radiation 11/13. Marcy, Carolyn & Ed, and family are very thankful for your continued prayers.

♥ **Dollie Hurley** (sister of Sylvia Warner) has pneumonia. Dollie resides in Tuscon, Arizona

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

Jane & Terry Lavy and family - Jane is having health issues. Prayers would be appreciated.

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

♥ -Notes New or Updated
Prayer Messages

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 is continuing with monthly chemotherapy. Her next PET scan is in December. Kathy is thankful for your love and support.

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 has been released from the hospital to continue 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 Finrock) has been undergoing several shoulder surgeries and is currently dealing with infection as a result of the surgery. Continued prayers for healing would be appreciated.

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Ron Schultz and family. Ron has an upcoming appointment and will be undergoing another chemotherapy treatment. He is doing what he is physically able to do. Ron & his family is thankful for your 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.

♥ **Michele Fenner Wisal and family** - Michele is dealing with thyroid cancer. She is undergoing surgery today 12/7/2023.

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

Crystal Yingst (16 year-old grand-daughter of Pastor Mike & Belinda Yingst) recently 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.

People of Israel & Palestine

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

The Southern Ohio District Office encourages us to be in prayer this week for On Earth Peace.

***Food for thought!**
It won't happen overnight.
But... if you quit, it won't
happen at all! - L.M* ♥



Ongoing Prayer List

Prayer updates would be appreciated

Kim Bridges (Brodrick)

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)

Carol Minnich

Larry & Laura Minnich (Terry Minnich's brother)

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)

Angie (Shroyer) Smith (Patsy Weyant's daughter)

Mark & Roz Yantis (relatives of Carol & Terry Minnich)

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

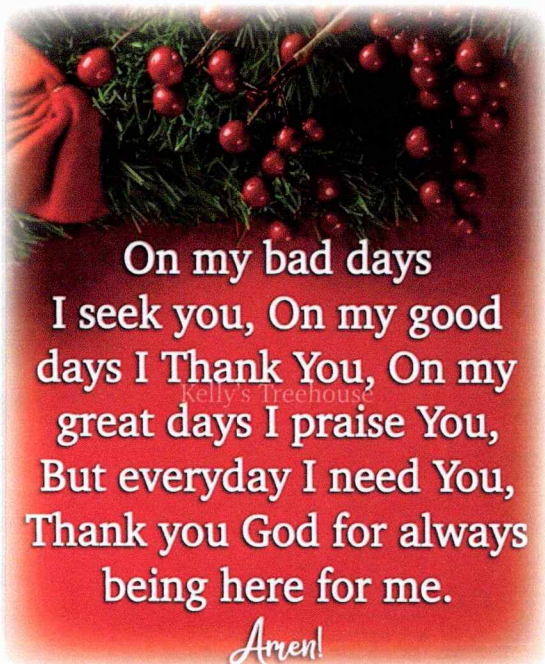
Our love, prayers and sympathy are expressed to Kathy Perrine (friend of Carolyn & Ed Wolfe) and family at the death of Paul Perrine (her husband) who passed away Tuesday, March 5, 2023 at their home in Plano, TX due to a heart attack. Please pray for strength and comfort for the family at this difficult time.

To Share Prayer Updates:

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

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The Apple Dumpling & Noodle Event last month went very well. We are “very” thankful for the many volunteers who helped us make this possible. Also, a BIG!! thank you to the people who stopped in from Covington and surrounding areas to support us by purchasing and enjoying our apple dumplings and noodles! We are pleased to announce that our profit was:
\$2,267.58!



On my bad days
I seek you, On my good
days I Thank You, On my
great days I praise You,
But everyday I need You,
Thank you God for always
being here for me.

Aren!



“Pet Friendly Prayer Chain”

Please call:

Office# (937) 473-2415

Cindy’s Cell# (937) 448-0100

E-mail covingtoncob@gmail.com



Prayers would be appreciated for Patsy Weyant and her Dachshund, Annie (16 years old). Annie has a concerning sore/bleeding issue on her back that Patsy is trying to get under control with the help of Annie’s Vet.

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Thank you to my church family for all the cards, thoughts, and prayers for my recent surgery. I appreciated them very much! ❤️

God bless, Pat McMaken

Thank you for your prayers for Beverly Beckner (friend of Bernice Davis). She is doing much better now. God bless, Bernice Davis ❤️

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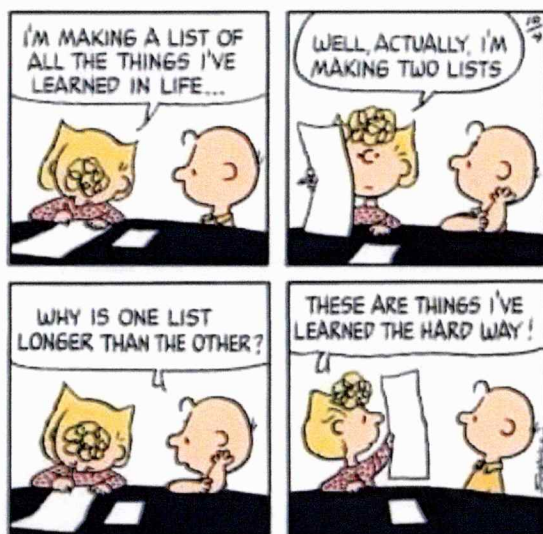
If you have any Repair & Maintenance concerns for the church please contact one of the following people:

Trustees

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Terry Minnich
Home# (937) 473-5183



Paula Deen 5-Minute Fudge

Ingredients:

1 and 2/3 Cups White Sugar
2/3 Cup Evaporated Milk
1 Tablespoon Unsalted Butter
1/2 Teaspoon Salt
1 (6 ounce) Package Milk Chocolate Chips
16 Lg. Marshmallows
1 Teaspoon Pure Vanilla Extract
1 Cup Chopped Nuts

Preparation:

Step 1: Add the sugar, milk butter and salt together in a saucepan. Then cook for 5 minutes, while stirring constantly.

Step 2: Add in chocolate chips while stirring and cook until it melts. Then remove from heat, add marshmallows, vanilla, nuts and stir well.

Step 3: Pour into an 8-inch pan, let it cool, cut into squares! Enjoy!

-Old Fashioned Recipe

*If you want God to close
and open doors, ❤️
let go of the doorknob.*

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CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Covington Church of the Brethren will hold a Candlelight Christmas Eve and Communion Service on December 24th at 7:00 p.m.
Please join us for this beautiful service!

OFFERING ENVELOPES

The 2024 offering envelopes are in the Hospitality Room in alphabetical order for pick up Sunday (12/10/2023) through the end of the year.

If you are in need of envelopes please contact Cindy Miller at cell# (937) 448-0100 or e-mail covingtoncob@gmail.com.

News Articles Coming Soon! Don't Miss Them!!

- *Pandora the Therapy Dog!
- *List of People Wishing You Merry Christmas from our Card Tree
- *Seniors Alive! Update -Dec. 5th Event



The All Church Christmas Party!

A special thank you to all who helped with, and attended, the Christmas Party!
It was well attended by 40 people. The food and fellowship of our church family was wonderful!!

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Looking Ahead

In December, we move through the season of Advent as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior. The fifth line of the Christmas hymn "O Holy Night" proclaims that "a weary world rejoices." The theme for each Advent Sunday this year offers an answer to the question, "How does a weary world rejoice?" As we follow the Gospel of Luke this Advent, we are reminded that our joy is rooted in the truth that we belong to God. We are invited to tether ourselves to that deep truth and remember that we deserve to feel joy—fully. In fact, the world needs our joy, even if we are weary; perhaps, especially if we are weary. And of course, our joy is better when it is shared. "O night divine, O night when Christ was born!"

12/10 - Luke 1:24-45

"Find Joy in Connection"

12/17 - Luke 1:57-66

"Allow Ourselves to be Amazed"

12/24 – Luke 1:46-55

"Sing Stories of Hope"

12/24 – 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve

Candlelight & Communion Service

12/31 – Our guest preacher will be Dwayne Wilson.

Pastor Mike will be on vacation.



Helping Those In Need!

During the holiday season, The Bethany Center would very much appreciate your help in providing

*Non-perishable Foods for those who in need during the holiday season.

*Sheets and blankets are also 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*)

Advent Word Search

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 CHRISTMAS
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 CANDLE
 BETHLEHEM
 GOLD
 JESUS
 JOY
 NATIVITY

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