



Covington Church of the Brethren Weekly News

March 15, 2024

*Bring
a
Friend!*



*Food
&
Friendship!*

*Lots
of fun!*



*Mark Your
Calendar!*

April 5th is the next Seniors Alive! Day at the Covington Church of the Brethren lower level. Fun, Food, and Fellowship starts at 11:00 a.m.

The program will be the story of the Covington Hospital taken from the pages of the 1926 Stillwater Valley News.

It will be followed by the story of the Covington Building & Loan moving into the building presented by Ron Sutherland, CEO at the Covington Savings & Loan. These are interesting stories about Covington with some familiar names you will recognize.

If you have not yet made your reservation, please call Kay McKinney at 937 473-2767 no later than April 1st. The Church is handicap accessible with an elevator at the Wall Street entrance.

Hope to see you on April 5th!

Make Your Reservation!

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2024 Looking Ahead

This Lent, we will journey with Peter as he follows Jesus. Peter is steadfast and unsteady, a dear friend to Jesus and a betrayer, a follower and a wanderer. By following Peter's journey, we watch the story of Jesus unfold through the eyes of a very normal human trying to figure it all out—just like us.

Mar. 17 – Matthew 18:15-22
“The Math of Grace”

Mar. 24 – Palm/Passion Sunday

John 12:12-16

“Confusion Amidst the Crowd”

Love Feast will take place on the lower level following worship.

Mar. 31 – Easter Sunday

7:00 A.M. Sunrise Service at our church's cottage on Owens Rd.

8:00 A.M. Easter Breakfast at CCOB on the lower level. (Provided by the Boyers)

9:30 A.M. Worship - Luke 24:1-12 “Running Toward Hope!”

Apr. 7 – John 21:1-19

“The Journey Begins Anew”



Love Feast

You are invited to come to the Lord's Table Sunday, March 24th immediately following Morning Worship in the church lower level. Foot washing, Love Feast, and Communion will all be in observance. 'Hope to see you at "His Table" and with us. No Sunday School



A “Special” Choir Practice

There will be a special Choir Practice on Thursday, March 21st at 7:00 p.m. at the church. The choir will sing Easter Sunday. Any and all who like to sing, please join us.

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

Beverly Beckner (friend of Elaine Kraus and many of our church family). She is home from the hospital and is hoping to receive in-home Hospice Care. Continued prayers would be appreciated.

Melody (Trostel) Blankenship (friend of Kathy Miller) has been receiving treatments for incurable myelofibrosis (a rare blood cancer) for a couple of years. Her body is currently not responding as well to the treatments as it has in the past. Her prognosis is poor. (Melody is a former Covington resident whose dad, Gene, was a meat cutter at Maier's IGA.)

Rhonda & Ted Brumbaugh and family. "Last week I was admitted to The James concerning a dislodged g peg that had been causing me a lot of pain. During my stay, the peg fell out, which dropped my pain level drastically. I chose to not get another and to eat by mouth. I feel I'm getting stronger and hopefully, I'll be able to gain enough weight to keep my doctors happy. Ted is having a PET scan this week and we will wait to see what the doctor recommends. Thank you to our wonderful church family for the prayers. They are greatly appreciated!" -Ted and Rhonda Brumbaugh

Vanessa Clark (Ron Hyden's sister). Vanessa's surgery to put a plate and pins in her wrist was successful. Ron Hyden and family are thankful for your prayers..

Caitlin Cain Conner -"We are requesting on-going prayers for Caitlin. She is the daughter of Marc & Aimee Cain, niece of Dan, Bonnie & Lonnie and Stacie.

Caitlin was recently diagnosed with breast cancer. Caitlin is a mother to 1 1/2 year old Valerie, wife to Tyler. Prayers are greatly appreciated!"

♥ **Carol Dimatteo** is at Miami Valley Hospital North with a diagnosis of diverticulitis and septic blood. Prayers for Carol and her family are needed and greatly appreciated.

David Frank (friend of Kathy Miller) Recently diagnosed with lymphoma. (Former resident of Covington.)

Rick & Sherry Lavy - Rick has developed a bad cough making it hard to rest, and is receiving breathing treatments along with antibiotics. Sherry & Rick and family are thankful for your prayers.

Gary Lentz (Dave Lentz's brother) - Gary will not be undergoing surgery at this time following a PET scan he received that showed he has bone cancer in his right arm and shoulder that needs treatment. Dave & Pat are thankful for your thoughts and prayers.

♥ **Wayne & Sharon Marshall and family** - Wayne's biopsy revealed that the mass on his kidney is cancer and he will be scheduled for surgery to have that kidney removed. Wayne will have further testing to determine whether the lymphoma in his chest cavity needs to be treated or can just be monitored for the time being.

Rylon Mutzner, (14-year-old great-grandson of Ralph Mutzner) of Piqua, Ohio. Rylon is starting radiation due to having cancer in his left shoulder at Cincinnati Children's Hospital. Ralph Mutzner and family are thankful for your prayers.

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.

♥ -Notes New or Updated
Prayer Messages

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Phyllis & Duane Rapp - Phyllis fell shortly after her total shoulder replacement surgery and x-rays have revealed that her shoulder implant was damaged by the fall. She has to resume wearing her splint for 4 more weeks and be reassessed to determine if her shoulder implant will function satisfactorily or if more surgery is needed to repair her implant. Phyllis and Duane would appreciate prayers for healing in hopes that she will not need more surgery.

Irene Reynolds (Nancy Thompson's mother) is being treated by several new doctors who have changed some of her medications. Prayers that this will help Irene to feel better and be able to return to her normal level of activity and vitality are much appreciated.

♥ **Jenna Reynolds'** emotional support dog, Tarragon, was transported to a Cincinnati Hospital for critical care last Friday, and remained there for help over the weekend. He was released to come home March 11th and is doing much better. He is currently working to regain his strength. Jenna, Nancy & Jim Thompson, and their family, are very thankful for your prayers.

Patty & Howard Stover (sister and brother-in-law of Terry Finfrock). They are both going through health issues, including surgeries, and need our prayers. Thank you.

Eve Welborn (daughter of Brent and Amy Montgomery Welborn) is at Cincinnati Children's Hospital. She recently underwent a bone marrow test that reflected she has Acute Leukemia. Prayers for Eve, Brent & Amy, and their family would be greatly appreciated. (friends of Kay McKinney) To send a card please use the following address: Eve Welborn, 3333 Burnet Avenue, ASC-Inpatient Unit, Cincinnati, OH 45229.

♥ **Virginia & Norman Wolfe** - Virginia started cardiac rehab March 11th. Please keep she and Norman in your prayers.

♥ **Doug Zimmer** had emergency surgery for an aortic aneurysm early Sunday morning (March 10) at Miami Valley Hospital. He came through surgery but is not doing well. Among other things, his kidneys are not functioning properly, so dialysis was started, has high CO2, is acidotic, and is confused and restless. Doug is the nephew of Kathy Miller's sister-in-law, Connie Adams, and Peggy Zimmer's cousin's son. Thank you.



Ongoing Prayer List

Prayer updates would be appreciated

Kelly 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

Kathy Miller

Carol Minnich

Larry Minnich

Brandon Moyer (Kathy Miller's nephew)

Mark Must (Ron Hyden's stepson)

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.

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Ongoing Prayers Cont.

Mike & Carol Sawyer (relative of Nancy Mack)

Ron Schultz and Family

Angie (Shroyer) Smith (daughter of Patsy Weyant)

Brooks Smith & Family

Crystal Yingst (grand-daughter of Pastor Mike & Belinda Yingst)

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

People of Israel & Palestine

A Prayer Message from the Southern Ohio/ Kentucky District Office:

Friends,

We are asking that you please remember the Fred Bernhard family in your prayers as Fred passed away this morning. Please remember his wife Joice; his children Barbara and Wayne Huffer, Howard Bernhard, and Tom and Melodie Bernhard and his many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Fred's viewing will be held Friday, March 22 from 4-7 PM at the Oakland Church of the Brethren. The Celebration of Life will be Saturday, March 23 at 1:00 PM also at the Oakland Church of the Brethren.

**The Weekly News is
available online:**

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

Our love, prayers, and sympathy are expressed to Norman & Virginia Wolfe and family at the death of Norman's sister, Linda Pearson, who passed away Wednesday, March 6, 2024, at Miami Valley Hospital, Dayton.



A gathering of family and friends was held March 15, 2024 at Suber-Shively-Vernon Funeral Home, Fletcher, Ohio. A funeral service was held Saturday, March 16th in Lena Baptist Church with Reverend Edward Sollenberger officiating.

To read the complete obituary:

<https://www.vernonfh.com/obituaries/Linda-L-Pearson?obId=30962772>

Our love, prayers, and sympathy are also expressed to the family of Marlin Wiesenbarger (friend of Lonnie Cain) who passed away March 13, 2024. Please pray for comfort and strength for Marlin's family and friends at this difficult times.

Church Trustee Notice:

If you have any Repair & Maintenance concerns for the church, please contact Carolyn Wolfe
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Covington Church of the Brethren Event Calendar



3/19/2024

12:00 p.m. Lenten Lunch
Church Lower Level

3/19/2024

First Day of Spring

3/20/2024

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

3/20/2024

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

3/20/2024

Executive Committee Meeting
(after Church Board Mtg.)

3/21/2024

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

3/24/2024

Palm Sunday
Love Feast -
(in lower level following worship)

3/26/2024

12:00 p.m. Lenten Lunch
Church Lower Level

3/29/2024

Good Friday

3/31/2024

Easter Sunday
7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service
at 3255 W. Owens Rd.
8:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast
Church Lower Level
9:30 a.m. Morning Worship

Southern Ohio/Kentucky District News

Women's Mini Retreat April 13, 2024
8:30AM-Noon at the Salem Church of the Brethren, 6037 Phillipsburg-Union Rd, Englewood, OH 45322. The theme: Created in God's Image focuses on Affirming Ourselves and Welcoming Others. Participants learn about their God-given identity and how their unique story adds to God's creation.

Camp Sugarwood Registration is OPEN Camp Sugarwood camp opportunities are open for registration. We have a variety of camps for all ages throughout the year. June camps are held at Cricket Holler 6444 Frederick Pike, Dayton, OH 45414. New this year is Early Bird pricing for our week long Junior and Senior Creative Arts Camps. Both the Junior week and Senior week discount is available if registration forms are received by April 15. Scholarships are available for all camps. Flyers with more information including how to register for all camps is available on the district website, or check with your church office.

Pieceful Quilting Camp Registration is OPEN- Camp Sugarwood is holding Pieceful Quilting Camp at Bergamo Retreat Center in Beavercreek on August 6-9. At Pieceful Quilting camp you can expect Fellowship, snacks, Bible study, learning new quilting skills, games, and relaxation.

Volunteers are also needed as Camp Grandparents! Camp Grandparents are needed for Junior Creative Arts Camp and Senior Creative Arts Camp. Camp Grandparents do not have a specific task all day long but follow a group of kids with higher needs or simply be of 'presence'. They are around when they can/wish to encourage and be of positive influence. The timing is flexible and can be for as short as an hour to all day

For more information about any of the Camp Sugarwood activities, contact Carrie Drees at cdrees23@gmail.com or call 937-564-7346

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Covington Ministerial Association 2024 Community Lenten Luncheon Series

The "Seven Last Words from the Cross"

All of the luncheons will be at Covington Church of the Brethren in the lower level 101 N. Wall St. Covington, OH 45318

Tuesday March 19 (12:00 PM) Covington Presbyterian Church and Frieden's Lutheran will prepare & serve the luncheon. Pastor Greg Kurtz will offer a reflection on "I am thirsty." (John 19:28)

Tuesday March 26 (12:00 PM) Covington Christian Church will prepare & serve the luncheon. Pastor Nick Church will offer a reflection on "It is finished" (John 19:30).

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).

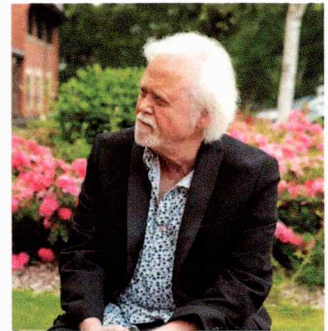
Our Witness Commission has collection boxes at entrances to our church building for food, as well as sheet & blanket donations that will taken to Bethany periodically.

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)

My dear friends,

A friend isn't just the person you've come to know all your life, or will speak nice words about you



when you're not there. The truest kind of friend is the one that remained by your side when times got tough and you needed some help, and they were there even when they didn't need to.

A real friend knows your weaknesses but won't judge you, they will always try to encourage you to keep going when the world tries to put down.

Seek for those rare kinds of friends, they really are very rare.

You are loved,
Merrill

When you Pray,
God Listens.
When you Listen,
God Talks.
When you Believe,
God Works.

Top Views

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"Pet Friendly Prayer Chain"

Please call:

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Upcoming Birthdays

03/15 Aaron Angle
03/15 Rose Ann Runyan
03/17 Tawni Batdorf
03/18 Aubrye Cain
03/18 Dan Batdorf
03/20 Sydney Kraus
03/24 Jane Lavy
03/26 Carol DiMatteo
03/26 Patty Angle
03/26 Terry Lavy
03/27 Ellie (Cain) French



Ingredients

- 1 - crust from 1 box (14.1 oz) refrigerated Pillsbury™ Pie Crusts (2 Count), softened as directed on box
- 2/3 - cup hot fudge topping
- 1 - package (8 oz) cream cheese, softened
- 1 - cup powdered sugar
- 1 - pint (2 cups) strawberries, quartered
- 1/2 - cup strawberry pie glaze
- 1/2 - cup whipping (heavy) cream, whipped, if desired

Steps

Heat oven to 450°F. Make pie crust as directed on box for One-Crust Baked Shell using 9-inch glass pie pan. Bake 9 to 11 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool completely, about 15 minutes.

Spread hot fudge topping in bottom of cooled baked shell. Refrigerate 1 hour.

In small bowl, beat cream cheese and powdered sugar with electric mixer on medium speed until smooth. Carefully spread over chocolate layer in shell.

In medium bowl, gently mix strawberries and pie glaze. Spoon evenly over cream cheese layer. Refrigerate until firm, about 1 hour.

Just before serving, pipe or spoon whipped cream around edge of pie. Store in refrigerator.

Cheerful Things

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