



# Covington Church of the Brethren Weekly News

Thursday, March 02, 2023



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

**Linda Dearth** (sister of Lea Ann Stevens and daughter) She has returned to the Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation in Covington following a recent fall.

**Dollie Hurley** (sister of Sylvia Warner). Dollie is struggling with health issues and hopes to have a heart ablation soon.

**Emily** (Sylvia Warner's oldest sister), who lives in Michigan, has been hospitalized with pneumonia. She is 93 years old.

**Venus Hurt** (Pat Lentz' sister) has healed from from having RSV but is dealing with additional health issues. Pat & Dave Lentz appreciate your continued prayers.

**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.

**Kathy Miller** is improving at home following to a recent adverse reaction to a change in chemo medication.

**Tom & Becky Mullen and family** - Tom's recent knee surgery went well and he is recovering at home. Becky & Tom and their family are thankful for your prayers.

**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). He was admitted 3/1/2023 into Dayton Children's Hospital for testing due to not being able to keep his food down. Parents are Dillon & Briana Swob, and Great-Grandmother Teresa Swob.

**Norman & Virginia Wolfe** would appreciate our prayers after both falling while leaving our church last Sunday (2/26). After being checked out at the hospital, they are sore but should be okay.

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

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## District Prayer Request (received 3-2-2023)

Please be in prayer for Todd Reish, our district board chair, and his family. Todd's mother, Edna Smith, has passed away. He and his family would appreciate your prayers during this time of loss.

Grace and Peace,

Nick Beam, District Executive Minister  
Southern Ohio/Kentucky District Church of the Brethren

Prayers continued...

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## Mid-Week Reflection

Please join us for Pastor Mike's weekly morning website video (e-mailed Thursday's at 9:00 a.m.). It will generally take 10 minutes or less to watch.

## Brethren Retirement Community (BRC)

Once again, the District Churches will provide a worship service at the BRC in Greenville. Covington Church of the Brethren is scheduled on Sunday, March 12th at 2:30 p.m.

## 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

**2023 Updated Church Board Rosters** are available on an information table in the Hospitality Room.



**Daylight Saving Time** begins on Sunday, March 12, 2023 at 2:00 A.M. On Saturday night, clocks are set forward one hour "spring forward."

## 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.)*

## 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.



## "Pet Friendly Prayer Chain"

Please call:

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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)

**Lisa & Emily Clark & baby Nova** (requested by Brenda and Michelle Alexander)

**Chad Davis, Courtney & their baby boy** (great-grandson of Bernice Davis)

**Tyler Lambert** (in the military) (Grandson of Wayne & Sharon Marshall)

**Regina Lewis** (friend of Bonnie Seitz)

**Carol & John DiMatteo & family**

**Carol Minnich**

**Larry & Laura Minnich** (Terry Minnich's brother)

**Linda Newman** (Carol Minnich's best friend)

**People of Ukraine**

**Jim Perry** (friend of our church residing in a Cincinnati Care Center)

**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 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.

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

**The Men's Prayer Breakfast** will be held Wednesday, March 15th, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. at Buffalo Jack's. Reservations are not required. Please join us.

### March 15, 2023 Church Meetings:

5:00 p.m. Trustees Mtg.

6:00 p.m. Church Board Mtg.



### March Birthdays

03/04 Michelle Holsinger

03/04 Mason Barhorst

03/08 Norman Wolfe

03/10 Travis Hobbs

03/15 Rose Ann Runyan

03/17 Tawni Batdorf

03/18 Aubrye Cain

03/19 Dan Batdorf

03/20 Sydney Kraus

03/24 Jane Lavy

03/26 Carole DiMatteo

03/26 Terry Lavy

03/27 Ellie Cain

03/31 Dorothy Flick

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**On behalf of the Trustees and the Church Board,** we want to take this opportunity to remind our members and guests with special needs to use the Wall Street entrance for your safety.

If needed, there is a wheelchair and walker available at that entrance for your use. Thank You!

Carolyn Wolfe, Trustees Chairperson  
Kay McKinney, Church Board Chairperson

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## **CMA Covington Community Lenten Luncheon Series (2023) The "I AM" Sayings of Jesus**

All of the luncheons will be at 11:30 AM at the Church of the Brethren in the lower level.

3/07 - Covington Church of the Brethren will serve the luncheon.

Pastor Nick Church will offer a reflection on "I AM the Door."

3/14 - Covington Christian Church will serve the luncheon.

Pastor Mike Yingst will offer the reflection on "I AM the Light of the World."

3/21 - St. Teresa Catholic Church will serve the luncheon.

Father Jim Duell will offer the reflection on "I AM the Good Shepherd."

3/28 - Covington Presbyterian Church / Frieden's Lutheran will serve the luncheon.

Pastor Greg Kurtz will offer the reflection on

"I AM the Resurrection and the Life." The Covington HS Choir will share the gift of song with us.

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## **Covington Schools Spaghetti Supper**

The annual Covington High School Spaghetti Supper will be held on March 22, 2023. It will be a dine-in event again this year and we are really looking forward to seeing everyone again! The event will be from 4:30-6:30 in the k-8 cafeteria. All proceeds from the event will benefit the Covington School Scholarship Fund.

Each dinner will include all you can eat Italian spaghetti with meat sauce, homemade coleslaw, garlic toast, and dessert. The cost of this year is \$7.00 for adults, \$5 for seniors, and \$4 for children under 12. Tickets will be purchased the night of the event at the door. Carry out orders will also be available.

The March music concert will be held the same evening in the high school gym, starting at 7:00PM. All community members are welcome to attend both events!

Lastly, the community scholarship fund drive is underway. Donations to the scholarship fund may be sent to Covington High School, C/O Laura Ayres 807 Chestnut Street, Covington, OH 45318 through the end of March.

The Community's support is greatly appreciated!!

Laura Ayres  
7-12 School Counselor  
Covington High School  
PH: (937) 473-2856 - Opt. #1

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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.

3/05/23 – John 3:1-17 / Genesis 12:1-4a  
How Do We Begin Again?

3/12/23 – John 4:5-42 / Exodus 17:1-7  
Will You Give Me a Drink?

3/19/23 - John 9:1-41  
What if We Asked a Better Question?

3/26/23 – John 11:1-45 / Ezekiel 37:1-14  
Can These Bones Live?

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.)

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### **Please Note:**

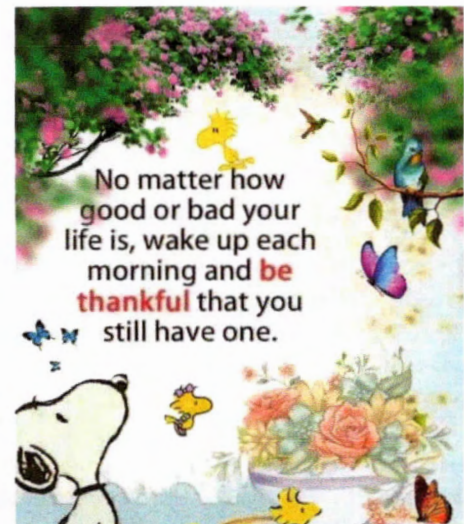
If you have any Repair & Maintenance concerns for the church please contact one of the following people:

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# Farm Animals

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- TURKEY
- ANIMALS
- BUFFALO
- HORSE
- DUCK
- BIRDS
- DOG
- GOAT
- FISH
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