

# Covington Church of the Brethren Weekly News

November 17, 2023

## Chicken & Noodles & Apple Dumplings

*Held November 11, 2023*



Thank you to all those who supported the annual Chicken Noodle/Apple Dumpling Day last Saturday!

There were guests from as far as Piqua, Troy, West Milton, Bellbrook, Springfield, Vandalia, Englewood and Lawrenceburg, Ind who came to enjoy the meal.

A very special Thank You to all of those who helped with our annual Fundraiser; the fun and fellowship among all those helping makes it a very special day for our guests and for us.

Again, We Thank You! ❤️

Chicken Noodle, Apple Dumpling Day Committee

### **Love Feast**

You are invited to come to the Lord's Table Sunday, November 26th immediately after Morning Worship in the church lower level. Foot washing, Love Feast, and Communion will all be in observance. Hope to see you there at "His Table" and with us. No Sunday School

### **Make the Church Shine!**

Tuesday, November 28th at 10:00 a.m. we will be decorating the church for Christmas. Come one-come all!! We will need lots of help and there will be something you can do. Thank you!

### **All Church Christmas Carry-In Dinner**

Sunday, December 3rd, after church in the lower level (no Sunday School). Table service and beverage will be furnished. Please bring a dish or two with your favorite food for all. Come and enjoy good food and fellowship. We will have some fun games also. Hope to see you!

### **Candlelight Christmas Eve Service**

Covington COB will hold a Candlelight Christmas Eve and Communion Service December 24th at 7:00 p.m. Please join us for this beautiful service.

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**11/20-27/2023**

Cindy will be on vacation  
(Prayer calls are still available)

UPCOMING  
EVENTS!

**11/23/2023**

Thanksgiving Day

**11/26/2023 Cong. Business Mtg.**

Tie Re-Vote between 2 Nominees  
following Morning Worship

**11/26/2023**

Lovefeast after Morning Worship  
No Sunday School

**11/28/2023**

10:00 a.m. Decorating the Church  
for Christmas

**12/01/2023**

11:00 a.m. Seniors Alive!

**12/03/2023**

First Sunday of Advent

**12/03/2023**

All Church Christmas Carry-In  
Dinner (after Morning Worship)  
No Sunday School

**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

**12/25-31/2023**

Pastor Mike on Vacation

**1/01/2023**

Church Offices Closed in  
Observance of New Year's Day



## THE ANGEL TREE

The Angel tree will be adorned with the Angels from last year. Following are the dates that we will be putting additional Angels on the tree:

**November 26th** I (Jayne Hobbs) will have Angels available to anyone that would like to add to the tree. I also will have the list of the people and the names of their Angels already on the tree if you need it.

**December 3rd** At the end of the Sermon you will be asked to come forward and place your angels on the tree.

**December 3rd** during the children's story time an Advent book will be given to each family in attendance. This book was done by our congregation in 1986. If you like it we would like to do one for Advent 2024. Please let me know your opinion

**December 3rd** we also will be giving each person or family a dove or more than one. What we are doing with the doves will be explained on this date.

**December 10th.** Placing of the doves on the Angel tree after the sermon.



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

♥ **Dave & Linda Berrett** - Dave was been admitted to Christ Hospital in Cincinnati yesterday (11/16) 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.

**Blaine Hedger** (Patsy Weyant's 6 year old grandson) is having breathing issues.

**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.

♥ **Pat & Rich McMaken and family** - Pat's gallbladder surgery 11/09 was successful and she is doing well. She is recovering at home now. Rich & Pat and the family are thankful for your prayers for the surgery and healing.

♥ **Wayne & Sharon Marshall and family.** Wayne's procedure yesterday (11/16) 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 from his knee replacements. Ralph and his family are thankful for your prayers for his surgery and continued prayers for healing.

♥ **Gary Pitts** (friend of Norman Wolfe) cancer has returned. Prayers would be appreciated.

**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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♥ -Notes New or Updated  
Prayer Messages



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**Dwane & Rose Ann Runyan and family** -Dwane has been eating very small amounts of food each day, and is drinking some water that is currently sustaining him for now. The Runyan family is thankful for your thoughts and prayers. Continued prayers would be appreciated.

**Ron Schultz and family.** Ron is healing from surgery at the University of Cincinnati to treat his brain tumor. Please continue to keep him and his family in your prayers including all of the work in front of him.

**Angie (Shroyer) Smith's** (Patsy Weyant's daughter) recent testing result reflected that Angie did not have cancer. She will be undergoing additional testing. Continued prayers would be appreciated. Patsy and her family are thankful for 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.

**Darlene & Larry Wise and family** (friend of Kathy Miller). Darlene fell and broke her leg above her prosthesis that was below her knee. Her leg had to be amputated above her knee. Your continued prayers for healing would be appreciated.

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

♥ **Paul & Bev. Yohey** (Esther Field's neighbor). Paul Yohey's procedure on his kidneys this morning has been completed and he has been released to come home. The cancer testing was positive. Please pray for the wisdom of the doctors to decide how to

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best to proceed after the rest of the testing has been received. In his healing process, he must rest for the next couple of weeks. Esther Fields (neighbor) and the Yohey family are thankful for your prayers.

**Mark & Roz Yantis** (sister of Carol Minnich) Mark recently underwent testing at UVMC, Troy. Carol & Terry are thankful for your prayers.

**Crystal Yingst** (16 year-old grand-daughter of Pastor Mike & Belinda Yingst) fell 10/29 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 Oakland Church of the Brethren.



### Ongoing Prayer List

*Prayer updates would be appreciated*

**Beverly Beckner** (friend of Bernice Davis)

**Kim Bridges (Brodrick)**

**Roberta Brock** (relative of Pastor Mike & Belinda)

**Linda Dearth** (sister of Lea Ann Stevens)

**Curt and Monica (Batdorf) Goubeaux**

**Rick & Sherry Lavy**

**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**

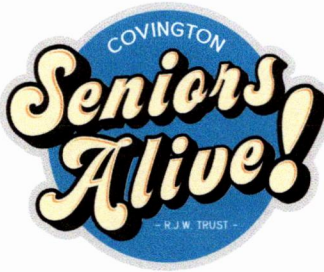
**Brenda & Reverend David Rusk** - Brenda has liver failure and is in need of a transplant.

**Mike & Carol Sawyer** (relative of Nancy Mack)

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



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**Mark your calendars...** December 1st is the next Seniors Alive! Event in the Covington Church of the Brethren lower level. Fun, food, and fellowship starts at 11:00 a.m. Everyone enjoyed our Antique Road Show this month. In December we will have a "White Elephant Christmas Gift Exchange". Please bring a \$5.00 gift wrapped or in a gift bag and mark it "M" for Man, "W" for Woman, or "E" for Either.

Nancy Thompson will also be bringing a special guest, "Pandora" for a Pet Therapy Presentation. Please call Kay McKinney at (937) 473-2767 by November 30th to make reservations for this fun day. The Church is handicapped accessible with an elevator at the Wall Street entrance.



*Supported by the Roy Weikert Trust Fund*

*We also thank all of our Volunteers who help make this possible!*

***Lots of fun!***

***Make Your Reservation!***



**A CHRISTMAS CARD TREE** will soon be in the church lobby for you to attach your favorite Christmas Card with holiday wishes (beginning November 28th) 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 will be laying near the tree for your use.

## **Helping Those In Need!**

Please continue to support our ongoing outreach program, by donating food items for the Bethany Center Food Pantry, Piqua, Ohio (where all Miami County Residents are eligible to be served.)

Your ongoing support has been appreciated and will help local families with food insecurity. Our Witness Commission has collection boxes at entrances to the our church building for your food donations that will taken to the Bethany periodically.

Also, Bethany accepts clothing donations again. If you would like to also donate clothes, please drop them off at the their location: 339 South Street, Piqua, OH 45356. For more information, please contact Dean Nevin at (937) 615-6650.



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## Important Communication from the Church Board

The Nominating Committee announces the Nov 11th Election results as follows:

**Moderator** Sandy Bowman

**Clerk** Bonnie Seitz

**Board Members:** Esther Fields  
Sherry Lavy  
Peg Longendelpher  
Dean Nevin  
Tie Vote: Jayne Hobbs & Kathy Miller

**Nominating Committee:** Denise Boyer and Marilyn Helman

**Annual Conference:** Belinda Yingst

**District Conference:** Elaine Kraus **Alternate:** Marilyn Helman

ByLaws - Article XVIII: One congregational meeting shall be conducted during the year in the Fall. Special meetings including amendments to the bylaws of the Constitution may be called by the moderator or recommended by the Board upon giving seven days written notice.

As a result of the tie vote between two nominees for Church Board, the Church Board and in accordance with the Moderator have recommended another Congregational Business meeting for Sunday, Nov. 26th immediately following the Church service for the purpose of a re-vote between the two nominees. Voting is for members only. The Nominating Committee is being asked to tally the ballots as soon as the votes are cast; in the event, there is another tie, another vote will be taken immediately.

The Church Board extends their appreciation to the Nominating Committee for their time and efforts in preparing and conducting the election process.



### "Pet Friendly Prayer Chain"

Please call:  
Office# (937) 473-2415  
Cindy's Cell# (937) 448-0100  
E-mail covingtoncob@gmail.com

*Everything that happens helps you  
grow, even if it's hard to see right now.*



### Upcoming Birthdays

11/20 Crystal Yingst  
11/24 Jessica Yingst  
11/29 Kay Nickel  
11/30 Jerry Longendelpher  
12/01 Ted Brumbaugh  
12/02 Peggy Longendelpher  
12/02 Kyla Milligan  
12/08 Pastor Mike  
12/10 Rich McMaken  
12/12 Bernice Davis  
12/16 Don Stackhouse  
12/19 Linda Weikert  
12/20 Ralph Mutzner



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## *Weekly News*

### **Looking Ahead**

11/19 – Matthew 25:14-30

“Multiplying Our Impact”

Trustees Annual Report: Carolyn Wolfe

11/26 – Matthew 25:31-46

“Entrusted With Each Other”

Our Feet/Hand Washing, Love Feast and Communion will be on the lower level following worship.

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!”

12/03 - Luke 1:1-23

“Rejoice in the Midst of Weariness”

Our all-church Christmas Party will be on the lower level following worship.

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 – Christmas Eve Candlelight & Communion Service at 7:00 P.M.

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

Pastor Mike will be on vacation.

### **To Share Prayer Updates:**

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



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## Covington Community Thanksgiving Dinner Drive-Thru

**Wednesday, November 22nd**  
**5 p.m. – 6 p.m.**

at Covington Christian Church, 115 N. Pearl St

*Turkey, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, Applesauce, Roll & Slice of Pie*

Free meals must be reserved by ticket,  
available at Covington Christian Church  
Monday through Thursday 9am to 1pm. Limit  
of two tickets per person. No special requests.

Enter Drive-Thru from Pearl Street and exit  
from the rear of the church through parking lot  
to Wright or High Streets. Questions may be  
directed to CCC at 937-473-3443

Dinner is provided, **free of charge** by the  
following:

Covington Christian Church, Covington Church of the  
Brethren, Covington Presbyterian, Friedens Lutheran,  
Friendship Grace Brethren, Old German Baptist – New  
Conference, St. John's Lutheran, St. Teresa's Catholic  
Church, Stillwater Community Church, The Stitchery & the  
Covington Outreach Association

### The Men's Retreat is Back!!!

When: February 9-11, 2024

Where: The Spiritual Center of Maria Stein,  
2365 St. John's Rd.

Maria Stein, OH 45860

(the facility is handicap accessible)

Guest Speaker: Paul Pyle, Pastor of

Discipleship at Patterson Park Church

The Entertainment: "The Padgetts -

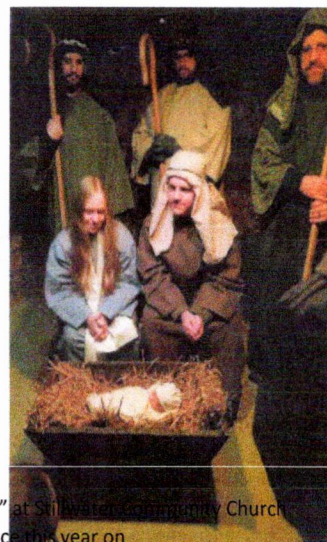
Father & Son"

Watch for more details and how to register soon!

## Live

## Nativity

## Walk



The annual "Live Nativity Walk" at Stillwater Community Church  
will take place this year on

**Friday & Saturday, December 1 & 2**

There will be six guided walks each night.

The **first walk** starts at **6:00 pm.**

There will be one walk **every half-hour.**

The **last walk** will begin at **8:30 pm.**

**Admission is FREE!**

Each walk takes you back in time and tells the story of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. You will walk to the home of Mary, follow Mary to Elizabeth's house, walk into Joseph's carpenter shop in Nazareth, travel to the Bethlehem inn, visit with the shepherds, listen as the angels announce the birth of Jesus, and travel with the shepherds to the stable to see the new-born Savior.

After the walk, warm up by the fire and enjoy some hot chocolate and cookies!

**Stillwater Community Church**  
**7900 W. Sugar Grove Road, Covington**

(½ mile west of St. Rt. 48 between Covington and Pleasant Hill)

• 937.473.5270 • office@stillwatercc.org •

### 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



# Fire Department

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