

Covington Church of the Brethren Weekly News

Friday, January 20, 2023



Todd Alexander (Mike Alexander's brother) had a minor stroke due to blood clotting. The doctors have addressed his medication, he is doing well and has returned to his normal activity.

Kelly Alexander (Mike's sister) will be undergoing knee replacement in January. She is doing okay and further health conditions will be addressed later.

Rick Alexander (Mike's only living Uncle) is having neck and shoulder work performed in January.

Scott Alexander (Mike's brother) was taken off chemotherapy due to liver complications. Please continue to pray for God's intervention to help the doctors with his cancer.

Mike Alexander is thankful for everyone's prayers for his family members.

Lisa & Emily Clark and baby Nova - (requested by Michelle & Brenda Alexander) Emily had Nova by emergency C-Section (4 lbs. 11 oz.). Prayers for healing for Emily and prayers for Nova being new to this world.

Dollie Hurley (sister of Sylvia Warner). Dollie's ablation is tentatively planned for February. Sylvia and her family are thankful for your prayers.

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."

Larry & Laura Minnich (brother of Terry Minnich) Larry is home now and is continuing to undergo therapy.

Stephen Minnich (son of Larry & Laura Minnich) has been released from the hospital and is doing well.

Terry & Carol are thankful for your prayers for both Stephen & Larry.

Robin Reck (niece of Bill & Jean Bitner) has cancer and needs our prayers.

Brooks Smith & family -Brooks is experiencing serious life difficulties and needs prayers for guidance, life direction, and safety. 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.

Ryan Stackhouse is healing well from surgery, January 12th. Don, Ann, Ryan & Neil are thankful for your prayers for the surgery and continued prayers for healing.

Virginia & Norman Wolfe - Virginia was diagnosed with COVID last week. She is not feeling well but is currently healing at home. Virginia and Norman are thankful for your prayers.

Sam Woods recently underwent a procedure to implant a stimulation device in his back. The hope is that this will decrease the pain he is experiencing. Sam appreciates your prayers for a successful procedure and is very grateful for all of your prayers.

*"Life is like riding a bicycle.
To keep your balance, you must
keep moving."*

-Albert Einstein

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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.)

Beverly Beckner (friend of Bernice Davis)

Dave & Linda Berrett

Kim Bridges (Brodrick) graduated with Melody Richardson (daughter of Mel & Peg Longendelpher)

Roberta Brock (relative of Pastor Mike & Belinda)

Linda Dearth

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

Ben Ferguson (Esther Field's grandson by marriage)

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

Regina Lewis (friend of Bonnie Seitz)

Carol & John DiMatteo & family

Carol Minnich

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)

Marie Stanfield (Carol Minnich's friend)

Gregory Swob (Esther Swob's great-great grandson)

Dave Thomas (Bernice Davis's neighbor)

Sandy & Dave Wells (Ed Wolfe's sister)

Pam Williamson (Martha Nevin's sister)

Norman & Virginia Wolfe

Layne Wright (great-granddaughter of Lois Newman)

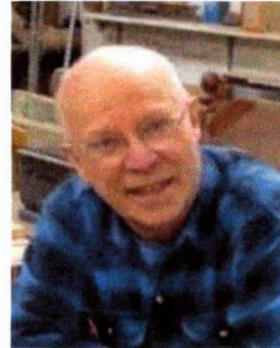
Mark & Roz Yantis (sister of Carol Minnich)

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.

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.)*



Terry Thoreen

Our love, prayers and sympathy are expressed to the Terry Thoreen Family (friend of Duane & Phyllis Rapp and Pastor Mike).

Terry passed away Wednesday, January 11, 2023. He was a resident at the Brethren Retirement in Greenville, OH.

He lived in Pleasant Hill over 40 years, was a member of Pleasant Hill Church of the Brethren, and was a teacher at Newton for 35 years.

Visitation was held January 16, 2023 at Jackson-Sarver Funeral. Funeral was held January 17, 2023 at Pleasant Hill Church of the Brethren.

To read the complete obituary please visit:
<https://www.jackson-sarver.com/obituary/Terry-Thoreen>

The Passing of D. Bruce Martin III

(a note to our church from daughter, Kerri (Martin) Burba)

My family (parents Bruce and Vicki Martin) attended Cov. COB for many years. My dad passed away a few weeks ago on Sunday, Dec. 18, 2022. Mom passed away on June 22, 2021. Thank you for all of your prayers and concerns through the years. My family and I loved this congregation and these wonderful people.



Bruce Martin

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

"Believe you can and you're halfway there." ♥

~Theodore Roosevelt

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Congratulations! It's a Boy!

Rhett Jonathan Nichols was born on January 13th. He is welcomed by his parents, Ryan & Rachel, and big sister Raelynn. Grandparents include Greg & Stacie Carder. Great Grandmother: Kay McKinney

The Men's Prayer Breakfast will be held Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. at Buffalo Jack's. No reservations are required. Please join us.

February 15th Church Meetings:

5:00 p.m. Trustees Mtg.

6:00 p.m. Church Board Mtg.

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

Looking Ahead

Sermon Series for Epiphany Season – Gifts that Keep on Giving. With the traditional “gift-giving season” behind us, we are invited to focus on some of God’s unexpected gifts that we can enjoy long after the Christmas season. God’s gifts are gifts that reveal themselves in new ways as time goes on. Part of our challenge as the Church is discovering the gifts God offers and embracing the challenge to accept them.

1/22/23 – The Gift of Bold Action
Matt. 4:12–23

1/29/23 – The Gift of a New Perspective
Matt. 5:1–12

2/5/23 – The Gift of Generosity
Matt. 5:13–20

2/12/23 – The Gift of Outrageous Grace
Matt. 5:21–37

2/19/23 - The Gift of the Unpredictable
Matt. 17:1–9

A Note of Appreciation!

These ladies made our Altar beautiful in 2022 and need a “BIG THANK YOU!” Peg Longendelpher, Denise Boyer, Pat McMaken, Bonnie Seitz, Carol Minnich, Pat Lentz, Kay McKinney, Virginia Wolfe and Sherry Lavy.

January Birthdays

01/23 JadyN Holsinger

01/25 Susan Ault

THIS YEAR I WANT
TO FOCUS MORE
ON MY *peace*
THAN ON MY *pace*.

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Are you looking for a meaningful way to help children and families after disasters?

Do you have a warm heart, patience, team spirit, a sense of adventure, and time to give?

Children's Disaster Services Volunteer Workshop

March 17-18, 2023

Friday 4:30pm-Saturday 5:00 PM

at

**Oakland Church of the Brethren
8058 Horatio-Harris Creek Rd
Bradford, OH 45308**

A \$55 registration fee covers materials and trainer costs.
Meals and overnight accommodations are provided by the host organization.
Late registration (3 weeks prior to workshop) is \$65.

Visit www.childrensdisasterservices.org for registration information.



"Pet Friendly Prayer Chain"

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- LAVENDER
- CREAM
- PUCE
- MAHOGANY
- BEIGE
- PINK
- PURPLE
- TANGERINE
- BROWN
- PEACH
- SILVER
- NAVY
- PEARL
- DARK
- LIGHT
- DENIM
- GOLD
- TURQUISE
- ORANGE

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