



# Covington Church of the Brethren

## Monthly Newsline

Friday, January 9, 2026

### Upcoming EVENTS

#### Covington Church of the Brethren

- 01/21/2026 Men's Prayer Breakfast  
8:00 a.m. @ Buffalo Jack's
- 01/21/2026 Church Board Meeting  
4:30 p.m. -Church Library
- 02/06/2026 Seniors Alive! Event  
11:00 a.m.  
Church Lower Level
- 02/14/2026 Valentine's Day
- 02/18/2026 Ash Wednesday  
(beginning of Lent)
- 02/18/2026 Men's Prayer Breakfast  
8:00 a.m. @ Buffalo Jacka
- 02/18/2026 Church Board Meeting  
4:30 p.m.- Church Library
- 03/08/2026 Daylight Savings Time Begins  
(Clocks Move Forward  
One Hour)

#### Short Prayer

Dear God, when I stumble, lift me up.  
When I stray, guide me back.  
When I feel disheartened,  
fill me with Your peace.  
If I feel defeated, grant me the  
courage to keep going.  
Let Your light and love guide me.  
Let Your grace lead me.  
I place my trust in You.  
Amen



The New Year for Seniors Alive begins on Friday, February 6th at 11:00 at the Covington Church of the Brethren lower level.

Joseph, the Folk Singer and Storyteller, will be our guest providing a fun time of entertainment and music for everyone. Please call (937) 473-2767 no later than Monday, February 2nd to make your reservations. Church of the Brethren is handicap accessible at the Wall Street entrance.



*Joseph*

Folk Singer & Storyteller  
Guitar + Vocals + Banjo +  
Mandolin + Dulcimer + Pipes +  
Pennywhistles + Voice Overs

*Supported by the Roy Weikert Trust Fund  
Thank you to all of our Volunteers who help  
make this possible!*

*"On January 18th, we will commission our  
2026 Church Board Members during  
Worship."*

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## General Church Information /And More

### Request Form:

Dear Church Family & Visitors:

If you would like us to send out a Prayer Chain Message, a Pet-Friendly Prayer Chain Message, Speak to our Pastor, Need a Pastoral Visit, or would like to receive the Weekly News, "Request Forms" are available at each entrance to the church. Please fill one out and put it in one of the offering boxes at each entrance to the Sanctuary. You can also e-mail: covingtoncob@gmail.com or call/text Cindy @ (937) 448-0100. Thank you!

### "Checking-In" w/ Pastor Mike

Please join us every Thursday morning at 9:00 a.m. for our 12-15 minute You Tube video sent via e-mail. Pastor Mike briefly reflects on the many ways scripture shines the light of Christ on our day-to-day living. **To be added to our church e-mail list, please send a message to covingtoncob@gmail.com.**

The "Checking-in" videos can also be watched from the church's Facebook page @ "Covington Church of the Brethren" Thank you!

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### The Weekly News is available online:

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

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### Church Trustee Notice:

If you have any Repair & Maintenance concerns for the church, please contact Carolyn Wolfe  
Cell# (937) 418-3034

### Prayer Requests

Please call/text Cindy @ (937) 448-0100 to ask for prayer requests to be sent. Text or e-mail is also appreciated. Unless it's an emergency, prayer chain messages (e-mail, text and One-Call) are sent starting at 9 a.m. and not later than 8 p.m. each day.

**Prayer Updates would be appreciated.**

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### New Sign Board Update

We are part way through being able to purchase our new sign board with having donations so far in the amount of \$7,380.00 as of January 4th. The Church Board and Trustees thank you and appreciate your support. Please continue to donate to the church New Sign Board project.

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### Bethany Center

#### "Food of the Month"

#### **"Cereal"**

The food of the month donations are appreciated to cover some of their most needed food items for families who have less. *(Donation boxes are available at our church entrances.)*

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*Jesus, I just want to pause  
and say: thank You for every-  
thing - the highs, the lows,  
and all the ways You never  
left my side.   
Amen*

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

**Danielle Alexander** and her family -Danielle and her National Guard Unit have been called to Washington D.C. for additional security needs. Prayers for their safety would be appreciated. Thank you

**Bernice Davis'** Florida home was left uninhabitable by Hurricane Milton's flooding and needs to be completely restored. Bernice has also been diagnosed with a cancerous tumor in one lung. She appreciates our prayers for healing from the cancer and for the restoration of her Florida home  
*(Bernice is back home in Covington, now. Her health has recovered and she is doing well. Repairs to her Florida home are coming along well also.)*

**Jay Davis**, (Bernice Davis' son) who lives in Piqua, needs our prayers after being in a recent accident.

**Dollie Hurley** (Sylvia Warner's sister). Dollie has been released from the hospital from having double pneumonia. Dollie lives in Tucson, Arizona. Thank you.

**Elaine Kraus** needs our prayers for health issues she is working through.

**Jane & Terry Lavy** (Charlene Ingle's sister) and their family - Jane's cancer has spread to her spine and hips. Please continue prayers.

**Tyler Lambert** (grandson of Wayne & Sharon Marshall) Prayers for Tyler's safety would be very much appreciated. He is in the navy and is stationed at Pearl Harbor.

**Red Heart** **Derek & Shannon McCuistion and family.** Derek is in need of our continued prayers as he continues to be seriously ill. Derek and family are very thankful for your thoughts and prayers. (Shannon is Jerry & Vicki Longendelpher's daughter).

**Larry Minnich & Laura Minnich & Family** - (Terry Minnich's brother) has been released from the nursing home. He is home and continuing to recover. Carol & Terry Minnich are thankful for your prayers.

**Kay & Charlie Nickel** - Kay has been diagnosed with Congestive Heart Failure. She is under doctor's care and is healing at home. Please pray for strength and healing for Kay.

**John Smith** (son-in-law of Wayne & Sharon Marshall and Angie's husband). John's recent surgery was unsuccessful. More surgery will be needed at a later date. Prayers for healing and hope that he feels better soon would be appreciated. Thank you

**Red Heart** **Cheyenne** (Jordan Wolfe's fiancée) has undergone her last chemo treatment. She has to wait until April to move forward on her reconstruction surgeries. Carolyn and family, are thankful for your prayers.

**Kathy Perrine** (friend of Carolyn Wolfe). Kathy was released from the rehab center yesterday and is currently staying with Melissa and Tim. She and her family are thankful for your prayers. Continued prayers for her strength and healing would be appreciated. To send her a card, please use the following address: Kathy Perrine  
c/o Melissa McLeod, 1314 Oak Hill Lane  
Murphy, TX 75094

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## ♥ Jim & Nancy Thompson

Jim's meeting with this cardiologist went well. His heart is back in rhythm, and his blood pressure is back to normal. We are thankful for such a good report and appreciate everyone's thoughts and prayers. -Nancy & Jim Thompson and family



## ♥ Sam Woods

Sam Woods cardioversion procedure January 7th was successful and his heart is back in normal rhythm. Sam is very appreciative of everyone's prayers.

**Alex Yantis** (nephew of Carol & Terry Minnich) and son of Roz Yantis. Alex is having some personal issues and is in need of our prayers. Thank you

♥ **Southern Ohio District Office** encourages us to be in prayer for West Milton Church of the Brethren.

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## Ongoing Prayer List

*Prayer updates would be appreciated*

**Roberta Brock** (*Pastor Mike & Belinda's relative*)

**Christina Clark** (*Mother of Michelle Alexander's boyfriend Evan Clark*)

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

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

**People of Ukraine**

**Robin Reck**

**Brenda & Reverend David Rusk**

**Mike & Carol Sawyer** (*Nancy Mack's relatives*)

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

**Brooks Smith & Family**

**Virginia & Norman Wolfe**

**Richard & Leslie (Porter) Young**

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

**People of Israel & Palestine**

I would like to thank everyone that once again participated in the Angel Tree. I believe that it was 4 years ago we started with our Angels. It has turned out to be a loving tribute to our families and friends. I also, would like to thank my sister, Kay McKinney for handing out the Angels for me.

Again thank you all and God Bless  
Jayne



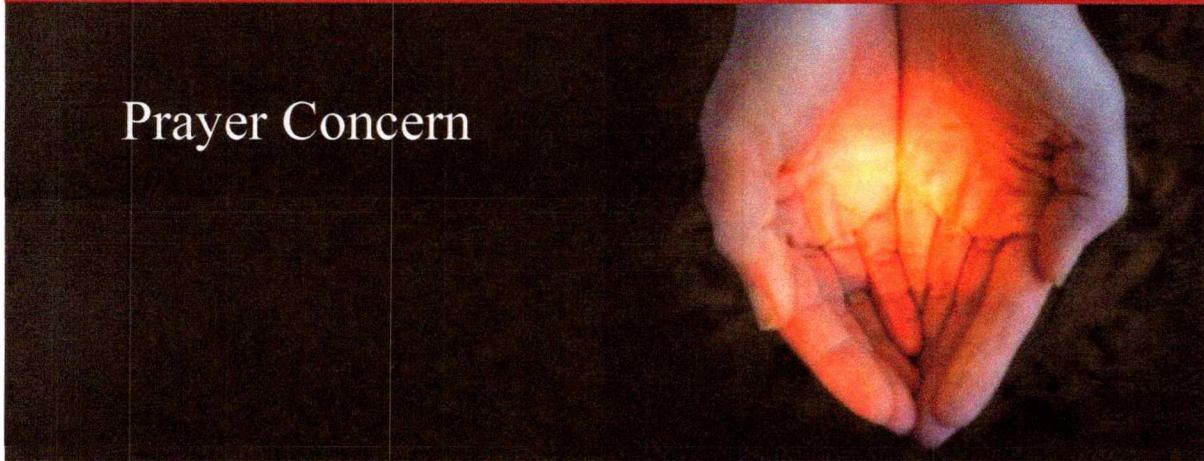
## GOD WANTS YOU TO READ THIS VERSE

**See Exodus 14:14** Everything is going to be alright. God knows you're tired and that you've done your best. He understands your worries about the future. Don't be afraid He's always watching over you and sees your perseverance and refusal to give up. God is making a way for you right now, Don't give up. You are going to make it, no matter what it looks like right now. Remember: God is working behind the scenes for your good. He didn't bring you this far to leave you, Be ready-something you prayed for is about to happen, Have faith and you won't have to fight, God will move the wrong people out of the way. He'll open the door you couldn't open and turn the situation around.

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## **Southern Ohio/Kentucky District Church of the Brethren**

### **Prayer Concern**



Dear friends,

Each year a prayer list for our congregations is created. Each week, we pray for a specific congregation within our district. Next week (week of January 11), we request prayer for the West Milton Church of the Brethren. West Milton continues to see an increase in the needs of the community. As the clothing closet continues to be a resource more and more people are interacting with the closet. As is often the case, when people come, conversations occur and the needs of the people are becoming more and more acute.

The children and staff of the Early Childhood center continue to be blessings to our community. We also know that the students and the staff could use ongoing prayers as educating children is always a place where prayers are appreciated.

Mary Boone  
Director of Communications  
SOKD Church of the Brethren

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### **Looking Ahead**

As we continue moving into this new year, we follow Jesus as he begins his ministry in Galilee. Our scripture passages come from the Gospel of Matthew (and one week from The Gospel of John).

Jan. 11 – Matthew 3:14-17

“Remember Who You Are”

Jan 18 – John 1:29-42

“Ripple Effects”

We will commission our 2026 Church Board members during worship.

Jan. 25 – Matthew 4:12-23

“Called to Be”

Feb. 1 – Matthew 5:1-12

“Your Inner Christ”

Feb. 8 – Matthew 5:13-20

“Light for The World”

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### **Birthdays**

01/09 Ben Lavy  
01/10 Ron Hyden  
01/13 Charlene Ingle  
01/14 Elijah Gibson  
01/14 Martha Nevin  
01/23 Jadyn Holsinger  
01/25 Susan Ault  
02/02 Mel Longendelpher  
02/10 Dave Lentz  
02/17 Lonnie Cain  
02/20 Jim Thompson  
02/21 Sam Woods  
02/22 Swade Holsinger  
02/23 Cathy Barhorst  
02/25 Kaylee Heck  
02/26 Wayne Marshall

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### **A Message to Say Hello ❤**

Hi there,

I'm writing this note from Marion Myers, wife of J Weldon, who pastored there in the 60's. She sends her greeting to those left from the 60's mom turned 99 Dec 5 and is doing great!. Also we both enjoy your newsletter and the puzzle.

Thank you Susan Myers Woodard -  
(just married Ed Woodard Brethren minister  
for 30 years here in Roanoke Va)

To send Marion a message please use the following address:

Marion Myers  
3502 Pinevale Road SW  
Roanoke, VA 24018

### **A Note from the Church Office:**

#### **2025 Church Monetary Donation Reports**

In an effort to be more cost conservative, we will not be automatically sending Monetary Donation Reports out to everyone as we have done in the past. Instead we will send them to you upon your request.

If you would like a copy of your 2025 monetary donation report for the past year, please contact Cindy by calling/texting (937) 448-0100. Thank you.



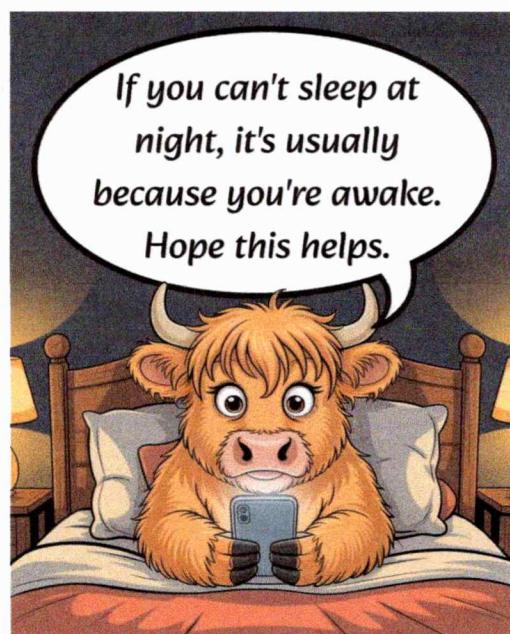
#### **“Pet Friendly Prayer Chain”**

Please call:

Office# (937) 473-2415

Cindy's Cell# (937) 448-0100

E-mail covingtoncob@gmail.com



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### **The Covington Outreach Association and Meijer Partner Up to Fight Hunger**

One in eight Americans face food insecurity nationwide and our community continues to feel its impact\*. More and more members of our community are turning to us for help in ensuring they know where their next meal will come from. The Covington Outreach Association has seen a continued demand in the last year and the resulting economic impact of our nation continues to bring great need and challenges to our community.

In response, we're pleased to announce that the COA has joined forces with the Meijer Simply Give hunger relief program during this difficult time to help fill that void for our local families.

Each Simply Give campaign helps more than 270 food pantries in Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky and Wisconsin feed hungry families by keeping their shelves stocked with food for those in need. The campaign also fosters a sense of community by encouraging Meijer customers to add a \$10 Simply Give donation card to their cart at checkout, which is then converted into a Meijer food-only gift card and given to the local food pantry selected by the store.

The COA will benefit from donation cards at the Troy Meijer store from Dec. 28, 2025, to March 28, 2026.

Help us fulfill our mission of feeding the hungry in Covington by adding a food donation card to your cart during your next shopping trip at Meijer. Tell your friends, relatives, donors, neighbors and co-workers because every dollar makes a difference. Consider adding a Simply Give donation card to your basket.

**Denise Wenrick**  
Program Coordinator



**Covington Outreach Association**  
P.O. Box 125  
Covington, Ohio 45318  
(937) 541-5581  
[www.covingtonoutreach.org](http://www.covingtonoutreach.org)

# Sound Effects

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