



Covington Church of the Brethren Weekly News

August 09, 2023



**Daily, Extended &
Ongoing Prayer Lists**
(updates are appreciated) ♥

Danielle Alexander (daughter of Mike & Brenda Alexander, sister Michelle and grand-daughter of Esther Fields) - Danielle and her National Guard Troops in Louisiana, are headed out for extended time maneuvers in the intense heat that is forecast. Please pray for their health and safety.

***Dave & Linda Berrett** - Dave is improving daily with just a few setbacks. They hope he will be sent home within the week. Dave & Linda thank you for your prayers.

Rhonda & Ted Brumbaugh - Rhonda's swallowing test showed she failed it 100% and is swallowing by gravity only. She is trying a new medication to help with that and is hoping it will work. She had chest and neck CT's and will go over the results next week with her medical oncologist. She is also scheduled to see a neurologist for balance issues. Ted and she would appreciate continued prayers, as they know prayers work!

***Tammy Cole** (Pat Lentz' sister-in-law). Tammy is having health issues. She resides in Kentucky. Pat & Dave are thankful for your prayers.

***Nan Gibson** - Entered Hospice Care of Miami County, August 4, 2023. (friend of Kay McKinney & Kathy Miller)

Marcy (Wolfe) Hartman (daughter of Ed & Carolyn Wolfe and wife of Randy Hartman) - Marcy had complications with her chemo dosage. It is now being broken down into small amounts causing a 5-6 week delay in having her surgery. Marcy, Carolyn & Ed, and family are very thankful for your prayers.

(*)Notes New or Updated Prayer Messages.

Bill & Diana Heath - Bill recently fell from a ladder at their home fracturing two vertebrae in his lower back and hitting his head. After his emergency testing at the hospital, he was released to come home to heal, but will not be able to work for 6 to 8 weeks.

Dollie Hurley (sister of Sylvia Warner). Please continue prayers for Dollie due to her heart condition.

Venus Hurt (Pat Lentz' sister) and family. Venus is under Hospice Care.

***Rick & Sherry Lavy** - Rick is doing much better and getting ready to move to the Brethren Retirement Community in the near future. Rick & Sherry are thankful for your prayers.

***Gary Lentz** (Dave Lentz's brother) Gary is currently having health issues. Thank you!

***Kathy Miller** -

My monthly chemo went well on the 8th and blood work was great! I'm still dealing with neuropathy, tiredness, and some new eye problems that are all caused by the chemo. I am getting some new treatments for neuropathy that are a combination of several things. That protocol includes diet (Rats! No dairy...this will be a hard one for me as I enjoy my milk, cheese, yogurt, ice cream and cottage cheese), a new drink supplement that tastes awful, four hours of daily home therapy with three different devices, and twice a week visits to the doctor for three months. About my eyes.....chemo caused my oil glands to scar over with no reversal, so eye drops forever to help with the dry eye syndrome, and temporary large, medicated contacts to heal my damaged corneas. As far as being tired....who doesn't like a mid afternoon nap? Thank you for your prayers, love and support. Please don't feel sorry for me. I am handling all of it in a positive way with faith and joy in everyday life.....I just would like you to know how to pray specifically. You've been praying for me for quite some time now, and I thank you! I'm still claiming my miracle of complete healing.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY!!

(prayers continued...)

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Ralph Mutzner's has COPD. He continues to appreciate prayers for his breathing difficulties.

Lois Newman is considering a local alternative for having a post-test aneurysm procedure in place of going to Cleveland Clinic.

***Irene Reynolds** is recovering from her recent fall but now has fasciitis in her heel. Prayers for healing would be appreciated.

Ron Schultz and family. Ron recently underwent surgery at the University of Cincinnati to treat his brain tumor. The procedure went well. Please continue to keep him and his family in your prayers including all of the work in front of him.

Angie (Shroyer) Smith, daughter of Patsy (and the late Bill) Weyant, and husband John Smith. She is awaiting test results to know how to best handle her health issues. Patsy, Angie, and family are thankful for your prayers.

***John Smith** (son-in-law of Wayne & Sharon Marshall and husband of their daughter Angie). John is having health issues and needs our prayers. Thank you, Wayne & Sharon

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.

Virginia & Norman Wolfe - Norman Wolfe underwent a procedure Friday, July 28, 2023 to implant a pacemaker at Kettering Main Campus in Dayton. Everything went well. Prayers would be appreciated as he recovers. Thank you.

Reece & Laney Wright - Reece is adjusting to recently receiving an insulin pump. Laney is waiting for approval for a pump also to best control their diabetes. Reece & Laney are great-grandchildren of Lois Newman, and parents Tristen & Autumn Wright.

Ongoing Prayer List

Prayer updates would also be appreciated ❤️

Beverly Beckner (friend of Bernice Davis)

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

Roberta Brock (relative of Pastor Mike & Belinda)

Linda Dearth (sister of Lea Ann Stevens)

Curt and Monica (Batdorf) Goubeaux are recovering had a serious barn fire.

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

Dwane & Rose Ann Runyan

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

Mike & Carol Sawyer (relative of Nancy Mack)

Ryan Stackhouse (son of Don & Ann Stackhouse)

Mark & Roz Yantis (Carol Minnich's sister and husband)

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

A Note of Appreciation

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By reading the newsletter, I'm very appreciative and so glad to hear of each of you. Glad to hear of those doing well, and we so much appreciate your prayers for us. God bless and guide each of you. -

Rose Ann and Dwane Runyan

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.)*

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Margot Francine Basye

Our love, prayers and sympathy are expressed to Michael Basye & Maria Jo Ann Mohler and family (neighbors of Kathy Miller) at the unexpected death of (5 month old) Margot Francine Basye who passed away Sunday, August 6, 2023

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, August 11, at St. Boniface Catholic Church, 310 S. Downing St., Piqua, with Rev. Fr. James Duell officiating. Burial will follow in Highland Cemetery, Covington. Friends may visit with the family from 4-7 p.m. Thursday at Moore Funeral Home, 10 S. High St., Covington. To read the complete obituary:

<https://www.moorefh.com/obituaries/margot-basye>



September Birthdays

8/09 Jeff Longendelpher
8/10 Kerri Burba
8/11 Patsy Weyant
8/11 Elizabeth Konz
8/14 Betty Willoughby
8/15 Marsha Rapp
8/17 Chelsea Robinson
8/20 Irene Reynolds
8/22 Grace Miller
8/31 Belinda Yingst
8/31 Tony Angle

*Never regret a day in your life.
Good days give you happiness,
Bad days give you experience,
Worst days give you lessons,
and best days give you memories.*

Thank you

The McMaken Families. Julie Wright and Scott Wright thank everyone for their prayers and concerns.

Rich & Pat thank Pastor Mike, Cindy and our church family for their cards, texts and prayers.

Morgan's funeral day was a very emotional time. There were families and friends from Covington, Key West, Florida and the Cumberland Lake Area.

The prayers at the funeral service were given by Morgan's Step-Grandfather. The message was shared by Morgan's dad, Scott.

It was very sad and touching when Morgan's step-brother Max, and Morgan's Classmates from Southwestern High School wore their football jerseys. The jerseys were worn by his pallbearer's.



**People may not
always see the treasure
God has placed within
you, so don't place
too much value on the
opinion of others.
Trust that God knows
what's in you, and
He will choose you
even when others
overlook you.**

You are very
Special!

Covington Church of the Brethren Morning Worship Service

[https://www.covingtoncob.org/
livestreaming-worship](https://www.covingtoncob.org/livestreaming-worship)

The Weekly News

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

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Covington Church of the Brethren, located at the corner of Wright and Wall Street, is starting a new Outreach Program for the area senior citizens called ***Seniors Alive!***

The program will be ***supported by the Roy J Weikert Trust.*** Roy was an active member of our Church and Community; he always remembered and loved Covington in his life and in his passing.

This new program is an opportunity to interact with others once a month for ***fun, food, games and activities*** as well as some informative/educational programs.

The meetings will be held the first Friday of each month from 11:00 to 1:00. ***The first meeting will be Friday, September 1st*** at 11:00 in the lower level of the Church of the Brethren. The Wall Street entrance is handicap accessible.

Please call Kay McKinney at (937) 473-2767 or Sherry Lavy, (937) 773-7546 to make reservations for the complimentary lunch and a fun time visiting with friends and neighbors at Seniors Alive! We are requesting reservations so there will be food for everyone so ***please call with your R.S.V.P. by August 25th.***

We look forward to seeing you all soon! ❤️



Please Join Us!

"The Melody Men Chorus" will be Covington COB's Special Music during our August 13, 2023 Worship Service this weekend. They will begin sharing their voices at 9:25 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. Don't miss this special performance! (Our church is handicap accessible. We have handicap parking and an elevator inside the Wall Street Entrance for your convenience.) See you there!



Helping Those In Need!

Thank you to everyone who has been supporting our ongoing outreach program, by donating food items for the Bethany

Center Food Pantry, Piqua, Ohio (servicing all Miami County Residents). 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 is now accepting 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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Looking Ahead

As we move through the months of summertime, we continue to look at the ways the Holy Spirit enables us to bear much fruit into this world.

Galatians 5:22-23 - By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.

8/13 - The Melody Men will share their ministry of song during worship.
Galatians 5:22-26
"Gifted to Bear Much Fruit!"

8/20 - Isaiah 40:3-11 / Matthew 11:28-30
"Bearing Much Fruit: Gentleness"

8/27 - Rev. Ralph Schaafsma will be our Guest Preacher. Pastor Mike will be on vacation.

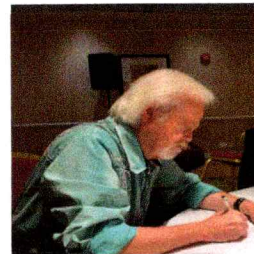
9/03 - We will commission our Christian Educators during worship.
Proverbs 16:32 & 25:28 / Philippians 2:5-11
"Bearing Much Fruit: Self-Control"

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

Church Meetings:

Date: August 16, 2023
4:30 p.m. Trustees
5:00 p.m. Church Board

The Men's Prayer Breakfast will be held August 16, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. at Buffalo Jack's.



If you want to be happy,
you have to be happy on purpose.
When you wake up, you can't just
wait to see what kind of day it will be.
You have to decide what kind of day
it will be and then make it happen no
matter what the world throws at you.
You are in control.

You're loved,
Merrill



"Pet Friendly Prayer Chain"

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Hello friends!

The Southern Ohio/Kentucky District Conference is only a couple months away! Your Program and Arrangements Commission has been making plans for an inspirational time of worship, discussion of important issues and fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Southern Ohio and Kentucky. This year's conference will be held on October 6 & 7 at the West Charleston Church of the Brethren, 4817 St Rt 202, Tipp City, OH 45371.

District Conference is the annual meeting of the district to which delegates from our congregations and others interested participate in business sessions, worship, and fellowship to give implementation to the district purpose. District Conference is the final authority of the district on policy, program and procedure. District Conference must approve the District Budget, elect Board Members, District Conference Officers, members of the Program and Arrangements Committee and various representatives to denominational offices.

Each congregation shall have one vote for each delegate attending District Conference. Each congregation with less than 201 members shall be entitled to four delegates. Larger congregations shall have additional delegates based on current Church of the Brethren practices for allocating additional delegates for Church of the Brethren Annual Conference (each congregation having more than 200 members may send one additional for each 200 or fraction thereof.) The pastor and the leader of the governing board shall be delegates because of their office. A fellowship is entitled to send four voting delegates to District Conference.

We encourage you to attend conference, whether or not you are serving as a delegate. You will be encouraged to know that you are a part of something larger than your local congregation. The fellowship with our sisters and brothers across Southern Ohio and Kentucky is one you will cherish for a lifetime.

The West Charleston CoB has graciously offered their campus as a venue for the conference. However, we are inviting, even encouraging, all of you, our friends from across the district, to offer your time and talents to serve as a volunteer during the conference. You will be given the opportunity to volunteer when you complete the registration form.

Visit this link to register or volunteer:

https://www.sodcob.org/_forms/view/33714

Visit this link for more information concerning conference schedule, special guests and business at this year's conference.

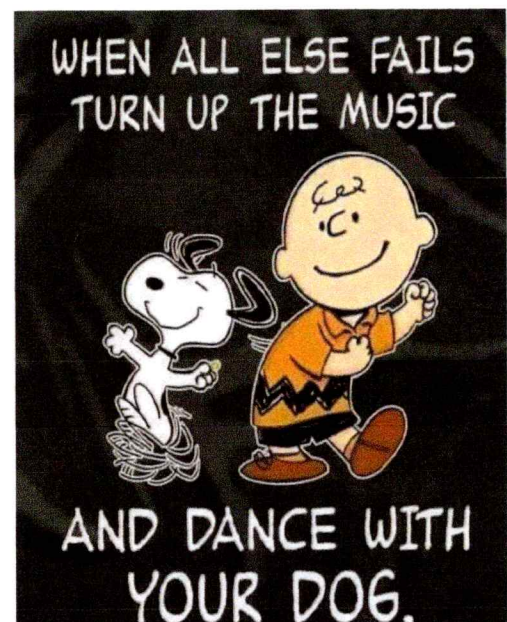
<https://www.sodcob.org/empowering-leadership/district-conference/>

More is being added to this as decisions continue to be made. So, check back often.

We hope to see you all in October.

Your Program and Arrangements Committee,

Ty Pyles, Moderator Tracy Knechel-Sturgis, Moderator Elect Isaac Zika Karen Garrett Mary Boone, Director of Communications Nick Beam, Interim District Executive



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