



Covington Church of the Brethren Weekly News

Wednesday, December 21, 2022



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.

Connor (friend of Sylvia Warner's family) -Connor (a senior in high school) has been allowed to attend school a couple of days a week but continues to be under a medical process that is used following a concussion.

Ben Ferguson (Esther Field's grandson by marriage) Ben is a Marshall who left December 9th (by order) to patrol at the Mexican boarder.

Dollie Hurley (sister of Sylvia Warner). Dollie did not undergo a heart oblation as planned, to allow time to strengthen her heart. Tentative date for the oblation now is the end of December. Sylvia and her family are thankful for your prayers.

Venus Hurt (Pat Lentz' sister) is slowly recovering from congestion, sinus issues and RSV. Dave & Pat are thankful for your prayers.

Sherry & Rick Lavy - We are grateful and thankful for our church family and all the cards, prayers, calls and visits. Rick is improving slowly. Sherry has had her cast removed and has moved to just a brace now.

Kathy & Joel Miller- Joel has been transferred from Piqua Manor to Kettering Medical Center Main Campus in Kettering to see an Interventional Radiologist that is not available in Troy.

Larry Minnich (brother of Terry Minnich) - Larry fell and broke his hip. He underwent surgery at Grandview Hospital 12/8. Terry & Carol are thankful for you prayers and continued prayers or healing.

Stephen Minnich (son of Larry & Laura Minnich) was hospitalized December 20th in an Akron Hospital after having a light stroke. Terry & Carol are thankful for your prayers.

To Share Prayer Updates:

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

Little Liz Konz (daughter of Elizabeth Nevin, and grand-daughter of Dean & Martha Nevin. Little Liz was recently taken to the emergency room and was diagnosed with RSV. She was since released to heal at home. The Nevins are relieved that the RSV is not in her lungs. Continued prayers would be appreciated.

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.

Sam Woods underwent a procedure 12/21/2022 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.

Layne Wright (great-granddaughter of Lois Newman) Layne has been diagnosed with diabetes. Her parents are Tristen Wright and Autumn Weatherhead.

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.)

Scott Alexander, Kelly (Mike Alexander's sister), Beverly Beckner, Dave & Linda Berrett, Kim Bridges (Brodrick), Roberta Brock, Rhonda & Ted Brumbaugh, Linda Dearth, Chad Davis, Courtney and their newborn baby boy, Erick Delgado, Regina Lewis, Carol & John DiMatteo and family, Carol Minnich, Linda Newman, Jim Perry, Dwane & Rose Ann Runyan, Mike & Carol Sawyer, Marie Stanfield, Gregory Swob, Dave Thomas, Sandy & Dave Wells, Pam Williamson, Norman & Virginia Wolfe, Mark & Roz Yantis, Sheron Zimmer. In the military: Tyler Lambert, Prayers for the people of Ukraine.

The Southern Ohio District Office encourages us to be in prayer this week for Bethany Theological Seminary.

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Our love, prayers and sympathy are expressed to:



Bruce Martin

Michael & Kerri (Martin) Burba and their family at the death of Bruce Martin who passed away December 18, 2022 after having COVID. Please pray for peace and comfort for Bruce's family at this difficult time. Service details were not available at the time of this writing.

Joyce Elaine (Stickelman) Dunn (wife), Tom (son) & Cinda Dunn and family at the death of Frank Dunn who passed away December 17, 2022. Frank began teaching at Concord School in 1952, and for thirty-five years he taught, coached, and served as a principal in both the Covington and Troy Schools, positively impacting the lives of thousands of people. He was a long-time member of the Covington Presbyterian Church, the Covington Eagles, and the Covington Buccaneer Boosters. He is an honorary member of the Covington High School Athletic Hall of Fame for his many contributions to the Covington Athletic Program. Arrangements have been entrusted to Bridges Stocker Fraley Funeral Home in Covington. Frank will be interred during a private graveside service at Miami Memorial Gardens, Covington at the convenience of the family. To read the complete obituary: <https://www.stockerfraley.com/obituary/Frank-Dunn>



Frank Dunn



December Birthdays

12/21 Jim Barhorst
12/22 Denise Boyer
12/22 Kara Milligan
12/23 Ed Ingle
12/24 Merry Unger
12/27 Sharon Root
12/28 Bob Boyer
12/28 Heather Thompson

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. If you are unable to join us in person, please join us on our church livestream at <https://www.covingtoncob.org/livestreaming-worship>

OFFERING ENVELOPES

The 2023 offering envelopes are in the Hospitality Room in alphabetical order for pick up. If you are in need of envelopes please contact Cindy Miller at cell# (937) 448-0100 or the church office # (937) 473-2415.

LET'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

TO RECEIVE PRAYER AND CHURCH MESSAGES 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.)

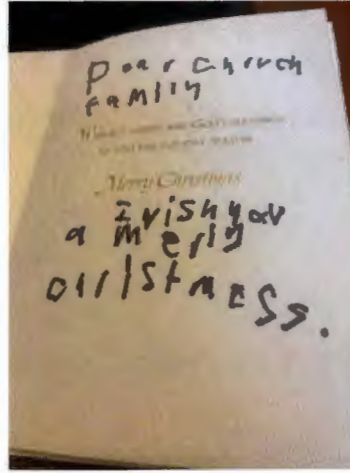
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Covington COB received a beautiful Christmas card
from Miss Lauren Overla and would like to share with you.

Merry Christmas, Lauren! ❤️



Looking Ahead:

Our Advent-Christmas-Epiphany theme is "From Generation to Generation."

December 24th – Christmas Eve Worship with Communion and Candle Light.
Luke 2:1-20
"We Tell this Story"
(Including a Skit by Dean Nevin.)

December 25 – (Christmas Sunday)
John 1:1-14 | Luke 2:15-21
"God Dwells with Us"

January 1 – Our Guest Preacher is Reverend David Rusk
Brenda Rusk will provide Special Music.
Pastor Mike will be on vacation from December 26-January 1.

January 8 – Epiphany Sunday
Matthew 2:1-15
"We Keep Seeking"



"Pet Friendly Prayer Chain"

Please call:

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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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Merry Christmas!



Happy New Year!

Christmas Card Holiday Wishes:
The following church members and friends
wish you a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

On the Card Tree:

Esther Fields
Marilyn Helman
Dan & Jayne Hobbs
Ron Hyden
Elaine Kraus
Rick & Sherry Lavy
Mel & Peggy Longendelpher
Kay McKinney
Rich & Pat McMaken
Grace & Cindy Miller
Terry & Carol Minnich
Lois Newman
Kay & Charlie Nickel
Phyllis & Duane Rapp
Irene & Roger Reynolds
Don & Ann Stackhouse & family
Ed & Carolyn Wolfe
Norman & Virginia Wolfe
Pastor Mike & Belinda Yingst

Sending each and every member of
the Church of the Brethren our best
wishes for a very Merry Christmas and
blessings of good health and joy in the
New Year. Linda & Dave Berrett

On the Office Door:

Nick & Annette Beam
Interim District Executive
Southern Ohio/Kentucky District

Mike Caldwell Audio Productions

Doss Business Systems

David Steele, General Secretary
and the staff and volunteers of
the Church of the Brethren

Your Friends at Bethany
Theological Seminary

Christmas

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 DINNER
 THANKFUL
 CHRISTMAS TREE
 PRAYER
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 CAROLING
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 GIFTS
 LIGHTS
 CANDY
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 SMILES

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