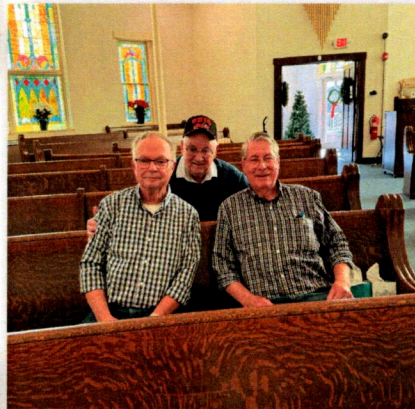




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Wednesday, November 26, 2025

Decorating Our Church for the Holidays ❤️



A big **“THANK YOU”** to all these Santa Elves who came to decorate the church. If you see one maybe say a thank you. ❤️

Bonnie Seitz, Kay McKinney, Mel & Peg Longendelpher,
Jerry & Vicki Longendelpher, Jerry Bridges, Sherry Lavy,
Jayne & Dan Hobbs, Phyllis Rapp, Ron Hyden.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Covington Church of the Brethren

- 11/27/2025 Thanksgiving Day
- 11/28/2025 Church Office Closed
- 11/29/2025 Deacons Set Up for
Advent Feast/Communion
Service
10:00 a.m.
- 11/30/2025 Advent Begins
- 11/30/2025 Love Feast
(following morning worship)
- 12/05/2025 Seniors' Alive Event
11:00 Church Lower Level
- 12/07/2025 All Church Carry-In Meal
& Christmas Party
(following morning worship)
- 12/24/2025 Christmas Eve Candlelight
Communion Service
7:00 p.m.
- 12/29-1/02 Cindy on Vacation

A Friendly Request:

If you would like to sing the choir song "Mary, did you know" on Dec. 21st. We will have a practice that Sunday morning promptly at 8:30 a.m.



Community Choir

Covington Hometown Christmas will be held Friday, Nov 28th beginning with a parade at 5:30. A community choir under the direction of Dee Earl will sing Christmas carols from 6:00 to 6:30 at the corner of Wright and High Street. No practice is needed. Shuttle service will be offered by Fields of Grace for those who do not or cannot drive to the downtown area. Be at the Fields of Grace no later than 5:15 for a ride. Come join in this special event....let your voice be heard.

Love Feast

You are invited to come to the Lord's Table Sunday, November 30th immediately following 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

All Church Christmas Carry-In Dinner

Will be Sunday, December 7th after church in the church lower level (No Sunday School). Beverages and Table Service will be provided. 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 there!

The Men's Prayer Breakfast will be held Wednesday, December 17, 2025 at 8:00 a.m. at Buffalo Jack's.

Train your mind to see the good in everything. Positivity is a choice. The happiness of your life depends on the quality of your thoughts.

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Looking Ahead

As we move into and through Advent, Christmas and Epiphany, we hear many familiar stories from scripture. Throughout the stories of Christ's birth, the angels deliver a consistent message: "Do not fear." In our own time, we might ask: is it even possible to be fearless in a fearful world? When Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, and the magi are each called into God's redemptive story, they do not deny their fears—they move through them. They ask questions, hold fast to courage, trust in good news, and say, "Here I am, Lord." When we find ourselves in fearful times, can we insist on hope?

November 30 (First Sunday of Advent)

Luke 1:5-13

"Longing for God to Break In"

Love Feast on the lower level will immediately follow worship.

December 7 (Second Sunday of Advent)

Matthew 11:1-11

"God is Always at Work"

December 14 (Third Sunday of Advent)

Luke 1:26-39

"We are Called Forward"

December 21 (Fourth Sunday of Advent)

Matthew 1:18-25

"Give Me your Hand"

December 24 (Christmas Eve) 7:00 P.M.

Carols, Candlelight and Communion

Luke 2:1-20

"Proclaim the Good News!"

December 28 (Christmas Sunday)

Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

"God Shows us Another Way"

January 4 (Epiphany Sunday)

Matthew 2:1-12, 16-18

"Led by Hope"

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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.

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.

Derek & Shannon McCuistion and family. Derek started his chemotherapy 10/29 and will be receiving it every other week for a short period of time before progressing to weekly. His health is being watched very carefully. Continued prayers would be very much appreciated. (Shannon is Jerry & Vicki Longendelpher's daughter). Thank you

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.

Angie (Shroyer) Smith (daughter of Patsy Weyant) - Angie has returned to the nursing home for rehab and is doing much better than she has been for several months. She hasn't been in severe pain like she was earlier, so it is tolerable for her now. Rehab is going well. Also, her BP went up when she was exercising yesterday, and they had to stop because of it. In the past, her blood pressure was always dropping. Your prayers are working along with God's great love. Thank you from the bottom of my heart, Patsy

♥ **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

♥ **Cheyenne** (Jordan Wolfe's fiancée) is getting close to finishing her chemo treatments, she has a few more to complete. She is doing fairly well with some side effects. Carolyn & Ed Wolfe, and their family, are thankful for your prayers. Continued prayers would be appreciated. (Jordan is Ed & Carolyn's grandson)

*Red Hearts Indicate
New or Updated Prayer
Messages*



Continued

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♥ **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 addresses:

Kathy Perrine
c/o Melissa McLeod
1314 Oak Hill Lane
Murphy, TX 75094

♥ **A Prayer Request from Southern Ohio/Kentucky District Church of the Brethren:**

Dave Shetler, our former District Executive. Dave has been released from the Wayne Hospital, Greenville, to continue recovering at home after undergoing emergency hernia surgery (11/16). Prayers for healing would be appreciated.

Marlene Wintrow & William Seipel were driving separate cars and were recently involved in a fatal accident. William was killed, Marlene was severely injured. Prayers for both families would be appreciated.

♥ **Norman Wolfe's** cardioversion procedure, November 20th, was successful. Virginia & Norman are thankful for your prayers.

Richard and (wife) Lesley (Porter) Young and family. Richard is home now. Continued prayers would be appreciated. (Lesley is the daughter of the late Ray and Dorothy Porter.)

♥ **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

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)

Caitlin Cain Conner

(daughter of Marc & Aimee Cain and niece of Dan, Bonnie, Lonnie and Stacie)

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)

Brooks Smith & Family

Virginia & Norman Wolfe

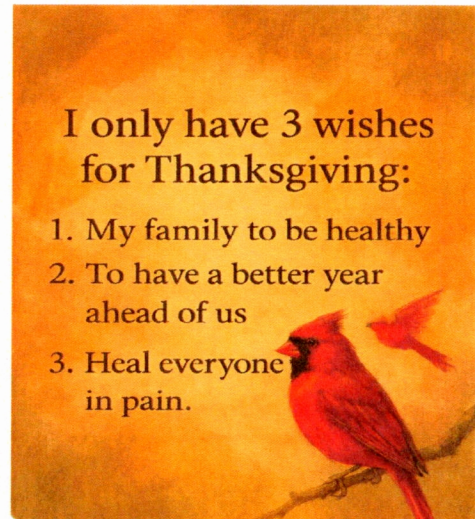
Sharon Zimmer (Peggy Zimmer's sister-in-law)

People of Israel & Palestine

♥ **Southern Ohio District Office** encourages us to be in prayer for On Earth Peace.

I only have 3 wishes
for Thanksgiving:

1. My family to be healthy
2. To have a better year ahead of us
3. Heal everyone in pain.



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Bethany Center "Food of the Month" "Canned Fruit"

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.)*



Upcoming Birthdays

11/29 Kay Nickel
11/30 Jerry Longendelpher
12/01 Ted Brumbaugh
12/02 Peg Longendelpher
12/02 Kyla Milligan
12/05 Clayton Batdorf
12/08 Pastor Michael Yingst
12/10 Rich McMaken
12/12 Bernice Davis
12/19 Don Stackhouse
12/19 Linda Weikert
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

Living with a dog means
having a little soul who
thinks every moment is
magical, just because
you're there.



Larry Clouse

Our love, prayers, and sympathy are expressed to (wife) Judy Clouse and family at the death of Larry Clouse, who passed away 11/16/2025. There was a private graveside service held that Pastor Mike officiated.

To read his obituary, please visit:

<https://www.moorefh.com/obituaries/larry-clouse>



Ron Schultz

Our love, prayers and sympathy are expressed to Judy Schultz and family at the death of Ron Schultz who passed away peacefully 11/14/2025.

Memorial services will be held at 12 p.m. Tuesday,

December 23, at Covington Presbyterian Church, 30 N. Pearl St., Covington, with Pastor Greg Kurtz and Rev. Frank Gready officiating. Friends may visit with the family from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Tuesday at the church. Private burial will be at a later date in Brock Cemetery, Brock. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Covington Presbyterian Church.

To read his obituary, please visit:

<https://www.moorefh.com/obituaries/ronald-schultz>

*Having money in your pocket is nice, but
having the Lord in your heart is a million
times better. ❤️*

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*Food
&
Friendship!*

The Seniors Alive program for December 5th will be an auction of items donated by those attending with proceeds going to help defray expenses for Community Vacation Bible School. This past year 130 children attended Bible School with 50 teachers and assistants participating in this annual June Community program. Items for the auction can be anything you want to donate. Covington Church of the Brethren, 101 N. Wall Street, is handicap accessible at the Wall Street entrance. December 5th at 11:00 - Another Day of Fun, Food and Fellowship at Seniors Alive! Please register by Monday, December 1st by calling (937) 473-2767.

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

*Make Your
Reservation!*



"Pet Friendly Prayer Chain"

Please call:

Office# (937) 473-2415

Cindy's Cell# (937) 448-0100

E-mail covingtoncob@gmail.com

LIVE NATIVITY WALK

DECEMBER 5TH AND 6TH

6-8:30PM

WALKS TAKE PLACE EVERY 30 MINS
STARTING AT 6PM AND ENDING AT 8:30PM



JOIN THE TIMELESS CHARACTERS THAT BRING THE
CHRISTMAS STORY TO LIFE!

LIVE ANIMALS. COOKIES. HOT COCOA AND MORE.
THIS EVENT IS FREE!

STILLWATER COMMUNITY CHURCH
7900 W. SUGAR GROVE RD., COVINGTON
937-473-5270 OFFICE@STILLWATERCC.ORG

*One thing I realized is that everything
always ends up working out.
Sometimes even better
and greater than you
can imagine.
Trust that! ❤️*

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General Church Information

“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!

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!

Church Trustee Notice:

If you have any Repair & Maintenance concerns for the church, please contact Carolyn Wolfe
Home# (937) 526-4852
Cell# (937) 418-3034

**The Weekly News is
available online:**

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

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.

Livestreaming & Video Update

Please note that we are no longer using our website for livestreaming and videos. It may be a few weeks before we have livestreaming accessible by another method. We thank you for your patience as we change our system.

The website continues to function, and will be used mostly for our news and informational purposes.

I DON'T KNOW MUCH,
BUT 3 THINGS I DO.

Prayer has power.
Faith moves mountains.
God's love never fails.

Amen

Apple Pie

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