



# Covington Church of the Brethren Weekly News

January 11, 2024

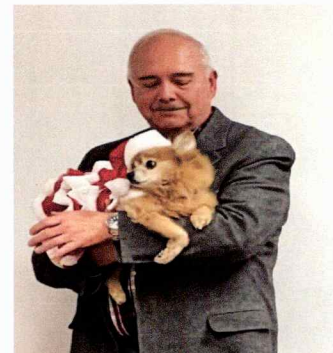


*"Princess Pandora" was a special guest for a Pet Therapy Presentation at the December Seniors Alive! Event.*

*By Nancy Thompson (of Covington Church of the Brethren)*

I would like to introduce "Princess Pandora," a 14 year old Pomeranian adopted from the Humane Society of Greater Dayton. She was homeless but not hopeless! At intake it was evident she had been living in a state of neglect. Hair matted and long, nails so grown out, making it hard for her to move around. Groomers were called in. After bathing and much trimming, she sported a Mohawk haircut with a rat tail. - so adorable!

When the adoption counselors brought her in the room it was "love at first sight!" She chose Jim as her human, and it was very clear at this point that she would be spending her golden years with us, where she would be safe and loved.



*Jim Thompson & Pandora*

It became evident soon after adoption that she needed surgery to correct a floating kneecap on her right leg. She had successful surgery at Med Vet followed by 8 weeks of on-site physical therapy and in-home exercises. She made a remarkable recovery! At this point our ministry was about to be revealed: Jer: 29:11 "I know the plans I have for you"

## **There are many benefits of "Pet Therapy"**

- Senior Pets and Senior Adults are often overlooked. "Both" have so much to offer.
- A pet brought into a facility opens up conversation - about pets etc.
- Love is offered with a calming effect
- A visiting pet reduces anxiety and loneliness
- Many Senior Residents receive no visitors. The longer someone lives in a facility, visitors can cause them to withdraw and isolate.

**Enter Pandora!!** She works for "smiles" delivering them one at a time!

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## **Pandora:**

- Ministers to people quietly with loving eyes.
- She teaches the power of “just being present”
- She speaks silently to those confined to bed - words aren’t necessary.
- Her presence can turn sadness into smiles.

She was recently featured on television in a segment called “Tails of Love.” As we were interviewed and filmed; we shared the benefits

fits of adopting a Senior pet and how they can relate to our Senior Adults.

- Another un-expected blessing!

## **Humane Society of Greater Dayton (HSGD)**

“As Adopt a Senior Pet Month ended last year, the Humane Society celebrated one of their HSGD alumni who was adopted as a senior on their Facebook page. Now, she and her new owner visit senior centers and provide love and companionship to others. What a magical way to show love!

The two of them volunteer their time at StoryPoint Senior Living in Troy. "She brings them so much joy and happiness. As she's going down the hall you can just see the people light up," Nancy said about Pandora. "It's a real ministry. This whole thing has just bloomed into things I could never imagine.”

Nancy had a suggestion for anyone looking for a four-legged addition to their family.

"If you're going along in the kennels and you notice an older dog you may want to take a second look. Because it's not really the quantity of life, but the quality of life which is so important," Nancy said.”

As we left the shelter 2 years ago with this precious pup, I had no idea what the future held for us; but the Lord did. *Ps. 32:8 I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go.*

*I will guide you with my eye.*

**To watch more about “Tails of Love Princess Pandora” please visit following link.**

<https://dayton247now.com/news/your-day/tails-of-love-princess-pandora>

We thank Nancy T. for sharing Princess Pandora with our Seniors and was gracious in allowing us to sharing their story in our Weekly News!





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

**Beverly (Boggs) Heintz** (friend of Kathy Miller) is recovering from Quadruple heart bypass.

♥ **Rhonda & Ted Brumbaugh and family.** "I was able to stop wearing the neck brace after 7 weeks. I was supposed to have a CT and fluoroscopy swallow test this week in hopes of being able to start food by mouth instead of g peg, but Ted and I both came down with COVID, a week later I got the flu, so the tests were moved to late January. I missed holiday treats! We want to thank everyone for your prayers and food that's been dropped off for Ted. We appreciate the kindness more than you know. Much love, Ted and Rhonda Brumbaugh"

**Marcy (Wolfe) Hartman** (daughter of Ed & Carolyn Wolfe and wife of Randy Hartman) - Marcy has completed her radiation treatments. She has a couple of weeks break and then will begin taking cancer pills for 6 months. Carolyn & Ed, Marcy, and family are very thankful for your continued prayers.

**Rick & Sherry Lavy** - Rick recently fell and is also losing weight.

**Gary Lentz** (Dave Lentz's brother) is currently taking radiation and chemo treatments for esophageal cancer. He will eventually be undergoing surgery.

**The Longendelpher Family** would appreciate your prayers as they work their way through having COVID.

**Rich & Pat McMaken** - Rich recently visited the ER after having nearly passed out and a fall. Pat & Rich are thankful for your prayers.

**Wayne & Sharon Marshall and family.** Wayne's recent procedure went quickly. The doctor was unable to safely take the biopsy sample. Wayne recovered quickly and is feeling fine. He will need more tests later. We thank you so much for your prayers. -Wayne & Sharon and family

**Kathy Miller's** January 16th surgeon appointment was moved up to 1/02. So it took place last Tuesday. She will have a CT scan on 1/9 and if all looks ok on the scan, surgery to remove the tumor is scheduled for January 16th. Kathy is thankful for your prayers.

**Brandon Moyer** (Kathy Miller's nephew) is aboard the USS Gerald Ford in the Mediterranean Sea following the Hamas attacks in southern Israel. Please keep his health and safety in your prayers.

**Mark Must** (Ron Hyden's stepson) Needs prayers for strength to fight alcohol addiction. He is trying to quit. He is living with Ron for support in his journey.

**Ralph Mutzner** is healing at home from his recent knee replacements. Ralph and his family are thankful for your continued prayers for healing.

**Gary Pitts** (friend of Norman Wolfe) cancer has returned. Prayers would be appreciated.

**Irene Reynolds** (Nancy Thompson's mother) is having health and mobility issues.

**Rick & DeAnn Rhoades** (son-in-law of Terry Finfrock) is slowly improving and will be undergoing therapy.

### **Angie (Shroyer) Smith** (daughter of Patsy Weyant)

Angie has been diagnosed with LGL Leukemia. It's not a terminal cancer but a rare cancer (only slightly less than 1,000 diagnosed a year in the US). This is a chronic cancer so it will be slower to spread. She will be going to Ohio State later this month for a second opinion. Prayers would be appreciated for the wisdom of the doctors in determining her diagnosis and the best treatment. Patsy, Angie, and family are thankful for your prayers.

♥ -Notes New or Updated  
Prayer Messages



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**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.

♥ **Gregory Swob** (Esther Field's 5-year-old great-grandson) has been released from the hospital and returned to his home last Sunday, (1/10). Parents are Dillon & Briana Swob, Great Grandmother is Teresa Swob. Esther and her family are thankful for your prayers.

**Virginia & Norman Wolfe** - Virginia is currently undergoing Cardiac Rehab. Norman and Virginia are very thankful for thoughts, cards and prayers.

♥ **Mark & Roz Yantis** (Carol & Terry Minnich) - Mark will soon be undergoing testing for his ongoing heart issues at the University of Cincinnati. Mark & Roz and Carol & Terry Minnich are very thankful for your prayers while Mark was working his way through COVID, and for your continued prayers for his upcoming testing.

♥ **Crystal Yingst** (16 year-old grand-daughter of Pastor Mike & Belinda Yingst) is now receiving occupational therapy. Pastor Mike & Belinda are thankful for your prayers.

## **People of Israel & Palestine**

Prayers are needed for all the people of Israel & Palestine involved in the fighting that is happening in Israel.

## **The people effected by the tornadoes in Tennessee**

Sylvia Warner's great niece and her husband are stationed in Clarksville, Tennessee. Their home and car were damaged and they will be staying with friends on base. Also, her niece is in an area that lost power.



## **Ongoing Prayer List**

*Prayer updates would be appreciated*

**Kim Alexander** (Mike Alexander's sister)

**Roberta Brock** (relative of Pastor Mike & Belinda)

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

**Curt and Monica (Batdorf) Goubeaux**

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

**Jane & Terry Lavy**

**Carol Minnich**

**Larry Minnich**

**Linda Newman** (best friend of Carol Minnich)

**People of Ukraine**

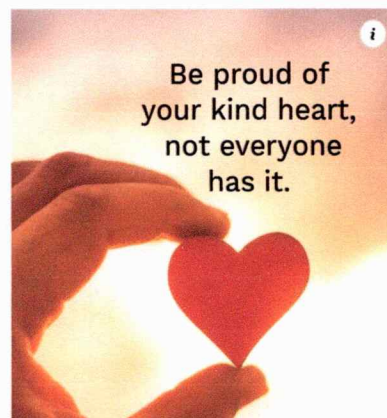
**Robin Reck**

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

**Mike & Carol Sawyer** (relative of Nancy Mack)

**Ron Schultz and Family**

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



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**1/17/2024**

8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast

**1/17/2024**

4:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting

5:00 p.m. Church Board Meeting

**2/02/2024**

11:00 a.m. Seniors Alive!  
Church Lower Level

**UPCOMING  
EVENTS!**

**2/14/2024**

Valentine's Day

**2/14/2024**

Ash Wednesday

**2/18/2024**

First Sunday of Lent

**3/10/2024**

Daylight Savings Time Begins

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## Helping Those In Need!

The Bethany Center would very much appreciate your help in providing non-perishable Foods for those who in need in Miami County (including sheets and blankets that are in short supply).

Our Witness Commission has collection boxes at entrances to our church building for food, as well as sheet & blanket donations that will taken to Bethany periodically.

Bethany also accepts clothing donations throughout the year. If you would like to also donate clothes, please drop them off at the their service location: 339 South Street, Piqua, OH 45356.

For more information, please contact Dean Nevin at (937) 615-6650 or Esther Fields (937) 216-3293.

Bethany supports all Miami County residents (including Covington)



**Seniors Alive!** will meet on Friday, February 2nd in the lower level of the Covington Church of the Brethren at 11:00. Valentine's Day is in February and that means Love. After lunch we will be sharing the love by making no sew blankets to give to shut-ins during the month of February. Games and prizes will conclude another fun day at Seniors Alive! Please call Kay McKinney at 937 473-2767 to make your reservations. The Church is handicap accessible at the Wall Street entrance.



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## "Pet Friendly Prayer Chain"

Please call:

Office# (937) 473-2415

Cindy's Cell# (937) 448-0100

E-mail covingtoncob@gmail.com

**When I needed a hand,  
I found your PAW.**

I ♥ Dogs





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### 2024 Looking Ahead for January 14- February 14

On January 14th, we will wrap up our “How Does a Weary World Rejoice?” series by looking at the importance of trusting fully in God’s love for us.

#### **Jan. 14 – Luke 3:21-22**

“We Trust Our Belovedness”

For the four weeks that will take us to the Season of Lent, we will be in The Gospel of Mark and The Gospel of John, following Jesus as he begins his public ministry. Jesus begins ministering as a somewhat mysterious figure, playing things close to the vest and revealing things only when he is ready. As we explore Jesus’ mysterious identity over these 4 weeks, we hope to discover more about ourselves and a purpose that causes us to live with a sense of urgency.

#### **Jan. 21 – John 1:43-51**

“Now You See it, Now You Don’t”

#### **Jan. 28- Mark 1:14–20**

“An Urgent Mission”

#### **Feb. 4 - Mark 1:21–28**

“Extra, Extra, Read All about It!”

#### **Feb. 11 – Mark 1:29–39**

“Secrets, Secrets, Secrets”

#### **Feb. 14 – Ash Wednesday Prayer Vigil**

10: A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

*Please sign-up for a 30 minute shift.*

*A sign-up sheet will be on the information table in the hospitality room.*

#### **Upcoming Birthdays**

01/13 Charlene Ingle  
01/14 Elijah Gibson  
01/14 Martha Nevin  
01/15 Judi Hittle  
01/23 Jaydn Holsinger  
01/25 Susan Ault  
01/30 Maria Stephenson



**A Special “Thank You”** to the following ladies for a beautiful altar in 2023. ❤️

Peggy Longendelpher	Kay McKinney
Denise Boyer	Pat McMaken
Bonnie Seitz	Mauriena Cain
Kathy Millter	Virginia Wolfe
Pat Lentz	Sherry Lavy
Carol Minnich	

# Animal Rescue

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 MOBILITY  
 COMPANION  
 FAMILY  
 LOVE  
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 HELPER  
 SIT UP  
 BED  
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 TRAINER  
 COLLAR  
 SNUGLER  
 DOWN  
 CARE  
 CAT  
 SOCIALIZE  
 ADOPTED  
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 TAIL  
 DOG  
 TREAT  
 ANIMAL

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