



Covington Church of the Brethren Weekly News

Wednesday, June 14, 2023



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

***Dave & Linda Berrett** - Dave was released from Christ Heart Hospital after three days of evaluation. We have a follow up today (June 14th) to review everything and see what they recommend and what is best for us in this process. Since release he has had issues with medication changes and we are hoping those resolve soon. We appreciate and are very grateful for all the prayers that are helping us through this journey. God bless, Linda Berrett

Rhonda & Ted Brumbaugh Rhonda has been struggling with health issues since mid March and really needs our prayers. She would appreciate prayers for Ted also, as he is the most patient and kind caregiver she could ever ask for. Thank you.

Nan Meyer Gibson (friend of Kay McKinney & Kathy Miller) is now in Stillwater Nursing and Rehab Center in Covington for physical therapy to gain her strength back after falling several times and also being hospitalized with pneumonia. She expects to go back home in three weeks and will continue chemotherapy. She appreciates all of your prayers.

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

***Marcy (Wolfe) Hartman** (daughter of Ed & Carolyn Wolfe and wife of Randy Hartman) - Marcy has completed 4 (half of her chemo treatments) and is doing well so far. Following her chemo she will be undergoing surgery. Marcy, Ed & Carolyn thank everyone for your prayers.

Jennifer Helman (daughter-in-law of Linda Berrett) has several areas of health concerns. She was scheduled for surgery yesterday, June 13, 2023, to remove her right kidney. We would appreciate prayers that the surgery and recovery go well and subsequent treatments needed will bring complete healing. Thank you, and God bless, Linda

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. Pat & Dave thank you for your continued prayers.

Sherry & Rick Lavy - Rick's recent surgical procedure at Kettering Hospital, Troy went well. Rick & Sherry and family are thankful for your prayers.

Grace Miller (Cindy Miller's mother) - Mom and our family appreciate your continued prayers for her strength and healing.

Kathy Miller is currently undergoing chemotherapy. I feel good, but am still dealing with constant neuropathy in my feet and hands due to the previous chemo drugs. It is a special feeling when I am aware of people praying for me. It gives me strength and comforts me in trying moments. I can't thank each of you enough.

Linda Newman (Carol Minnich's best friend) is healing from surgery at South View Hospital. Prayers for strength and healing would be appreciated.

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

Brenda & Reverend David Rusk - Brenda has liver failure and is in need of a transplant. The Rusks appreciate your prayers.

Ron Schultz and family. Ron is at the University of Cincinnati for treatment and testing.

***Randie & Jeanne Shively** - Randie, a former Covington resident, had been having pain in his neck. He fell last Saturday morning and went to the hospital by ambulance. While doing a CT scan, he had a seizure and his heart stopped, but he was brought back. He is currently in ICU in a hospital near Houston, TX where he is in serious condition. Thank you.

(Randy's parents are the late Fred & Mary Shively)
(Randy also married to Rich McMaken's niece
(Jeanne)

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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.

***Sylvia Warner** will be traveling to the U.S. northwest and Alaska and would like prayers for safe travel.

Norman & Virginia Wolfe are thankful for your prayers after both falling when leaving church.

Please Note:

An asterisk () denotes a new or updated prayer request* ❤️

To Share Prayer Updates:

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

Cookie Sunday will be held Father's Day (June 18, 2023) after morning worship in the Hospitality Room. Please stop over for a cookie and fellowship!

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

Ongoing 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.)

Kelly, Rick & Scott Alexander (Mike Alexander's sister, uncle and brother)

Brenda Baker (daughter of Norman & Virginia Wolfe)

Beverly Beckner (friend of Bernice Davis)

Linda Berrett needs our prayers for issues due to a medical condition.

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)

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

Carol Minnich

Larry & Laura Minnich (Terry Minnich's brother)

People of Ukraine

Robin Reck

Dwane & Rose Ann Runyan

Mike & Carol Sawyer (relative of Nancy Mack)

Ryan Stackhouse (son of Don & Ann Stackhouse)

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

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

Please Note:

If you have any Repair & Maintenance concerns for the church please contact one of the following people:

Trustees

Carolyn Wolfe
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Happy Birthday!

06/14 Kim Bivens
06/18 Terry Unger
06/20 Julie Mullen
06/27 Virginia Wolfe
06/28 Jayne Hobbs
06/28 Dean Nevins

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Covington Church of the Brethren Welcomes Terry Finfrock!

I want to thank everyone at Covington Church of the Brethren for receiving me into membership last Friday. I want to also say a special thank you to the group from CCOB who came to Garbry Ridge to personally welcome me back to the congregation in which I grew up and was baptized. Thank you so much for the wonderful gift bag, too. It all meant so very much to me and was a day I will never forget.

- Terry Finfrock ❤️



Looking Ahead

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

Galatians 5:22 - 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.

6/18/23 – Special Father’s Day Service lead by Kay McKinney with gifts by Sherry Lavy.

6/25/23 – John 15:8-11 / Luke 24:13-32

“Bearing Much Fruit: Joy”

We will receive Holy Communion during worship.

7/2/23 - John 14:25-27 / Ephesians 2:11-18

“Bearing Much Fruit: Peace”

7/9/23 – Guest Preacher will be Rev. David Rusk. Brenda Rusk will provide Special Music.
Pastor Mike will be at Annual Conference this week.

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Handicap Parking

In an effort to gain some additional handicap parking spaces, the Trustees and the Church Board working together purchased reflective parking cones and handicap sleeves; each cone weighs 7 pounds.

The cones will be placed along Wall Street between 8:30 and 8:45 on Sunday mornings; they can be used for other Church activities as well.

The Village and the Police Department were both contacted about this and gave their approval.

Our hope is to provide easier access for those with special needs.

The parking spaces are on a first come, first serve basis.

If anyone would like to take one Sunday a month to set the cones out and then get them back in the Church, it would be greatly appreciated!

We know there are kinks to be ironed out, so please address any comments, questions and/or concerns to Carolyn or Kay.

Church Meetings (June 21st)

The Trustees - 5:00 p.m.

Church Board - 6:00 p.m.

To Receive Prayer and Church Message via Text Message to your cell phone, please contact covington-cob@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.)*

You can't go back and change the beginning, but you can start where you are and change the ending. ❤️



"Pet Friendly Prayer Chain"

Please call:

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*A Note from Nick Beam
District Executive Minister
Southern Ohio/Kentucky District*

Greetings Friends and Colleagues in Ministry,

I read a lot of articles about the church, some of them are more interesting than others and some of them are good enough to keep for future reference.

Of course, we're all aware of the decline in church membership and worship attendance. There are myriads of reasons for this decline. I often think about what the church, as an institution looks like to the world. I also often think about what I, as a Christian, as a church member, look like to the world. As for me, that picture does not look very pretty sometimes and I pray it is only sometimes!

One of those articles I read a while back that was worth saving came from the Alban Institute, which talks about the call to be a beautiful church. I don't mean have the yard perfectly mowed and the shrubbery trimmed and the building all clean and shiny, although these things are important. The article says that on Good Friday we saw the world's ugliness. Jesus' humiliating death on the cross was humanity at its worst. But then on Easter morning, Mary Magdalene looked upon the most beautiful sight she had ever seen. Jesus was not dead after all! She was captivated by God's beauty.

So how much different, the article asks, would the church look, how much different would we look, if we were more concerned about reflecting God's beauty rather than some of things we tend to concentrate on? What might we do differently to be a church that is about the beauty of God's generosity? How might the church reflect God's beauty to their neighbors, friends and people who know what it feels like to be excluded? What does the church have to say about the beauty of God's shalom to a world that seems to be overcome with violence?

Have a beautiful week my friends!

Oakland Garage Sale Benefits BDM - There will be a garage sale at Oakland COB, 8058 Horatio Harris Creek Rd., Bradford. It is on Wednesday, June 28, 5-8PM, Thursday, June 29, 9AM-6PM, and Friday, June 30, 9AM-4PM. This will include a lunch stand and bake sale. All proceeds will go to S. Ohio/KY District Brethren Disaster Ministries. Spread the word and plan to attend!

Sewing Bee/CWS Prep – On Saturday, June 24 at 9:00 AM, a Sewing Bee/Church World Service (CWS) Prep will be held at Greenville COB, 421 Central Avenue. Sewers need to bring a sewing machine to make school bags for CWS. Non-sewers will prep items for school kits and hygiene kits. Bring a sack lunch and come for a time of service and fellowship. For more information contact Barb Brower at 937-336-2442. [Click Here](#) for a flyer with the 2023 schedule.

Brethren Disaster Ministries

Volunteer Opportunities – As recovery continues in Dawson Springs, KY, there are openings for July 9-15, Sept. 10-16, and Oct. 8-14. BDM is working with Habitat for Humanity, building new houses to replace ones destroyed by the tornadoes of Dec. 2021.

A second BDM site will be open for ten weeks this fall. It will be in eastern KY, working on recovery from the flooding of July 2022. The housing site will be in Campton with volunteers repairing damaged homes in Jackson. Volunteers are needed for Nov. 5-11.

Transportation, housing, meals, and tools are provided. Plan ahead and join a crew! Call/text Burt Wolf at 937-287-5902 or SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com. [Click Here](#) for a flyer with the 2023 trip schedule.

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New Senior Program Coming Soon!

"Senior Alive"

Covington Church of the Brethren will be starting a new outreach program on Friday, Sept 1st called Seniors Alive! The program is for all senior citizens; a time to join your friends and neighbors for two hours of fun, food and fellowship supported by the Roy J. Weikert Trust. Please mark your calendars and Save the Date. Watch for more information in the next month about Seniors Alive!



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.

**Have you ever considered
that God has fallen in love
with you?**

**He sends you flowers
every spring. He sends
you sunshine every
morning. Whenever you
want to talk, He listens
to you. He can live
anywhere in the universe,
but He chooses your
heart. Amen**

Community Vacation Bible School

"Registration Forms" are available on our website at www.covingtoncob.org under the tab "Weekly News."

If you would like to volunteer please e-mail: covingtoncob@gmail.com, or contact Cindy @ (937) 448-0100.

Need space this summer?

Covington's Community VBS

WHEN: June 19-23, 9:00 - 12:00

Registration begins at 8:30 on June 19

WHERE: Covington Church of the Brethren

WHO: Kids ages 4 (preschool) - finishing 5th grade

Games*Music*Snacks*Crafts*Experiments*FUN!



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Morning Worship Service

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

The Weekly News

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

Things that are Green

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- EMERALD
- PANTS
- CLOVER
- GREEN APPLE
- BROCCOLI
- ARTICHOKE
- BELL PEPPER
- TENNIS BALL
- CUCUMBER
- BRUSSEL SPROUTS
- CATERPILLAR
- FROG
- CAR
- CHRISTMAS TREE
- AVOCADO
- CACTUS
- LIGHT
- CLOTHES
- LAWN
- LEAVES
- HAT

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