



Covington Church of the Brethren

Monthly Newsline

August 15, 2026



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- 08/19/2026 **Men's Prayer Breakfast**
8:00 a.m. @ Buffalo Jack's
- 8/19/2026 **Church Board Meeting**
4:30 p.m. in church library
- 09/04/2026 **Senior's Alive**
11:00 a.m.-Lower Level
- 09/07/2026 **Labor Day**
(the church office w/b closed)
- 09/07-11/2026 **Cindy on Vacation**
- 09/09/2026 **Deacon's Meeting**
10:00 a.m. - church library
- 09/16/2026 **Men's Prayer Breakfast**
8:00 a.m. @ Buffalo Jack's
- 09/25-26/2026 **District Conference**
Pleasant Hill COB
- 09/29/2026 **Deacons will be making**
Communion Bread
10:00 a.m. -Lower Level
- 10/02/2026 **World Wide Communion**
- 10/12-16-2026 **Cindy on Vacation**
- 11/08/2026 **Congregational Business**
Meeting
- 11/14/2026 **Apple Dumpling/Chicken**
Noodle Dinner Day
- 11/26/2026 **Thanksgiving**
- 11/29/2026 **Advent (No Love Feast)**

Birthdays

- 08/17 Chelsea Robinson
- 08/20 Irene Reynolds
- 08/22 Grace Miller
- 08/31 Belinda Yingst
- 08/31 Tony Angle
- 09/01 Nancy Mack
- 09/04 Duane Rapp
- 09/05 Tom Mullen
- 09/07 Ann Stackhouse
- 09/16 Bonnie Seitz
- 09/18 Ryan Stackhouse
- 09/18 Wm. Bitner
- 09/19 Wayne Angle
- 09/23 Pat McMaken
- 09/24 Carolyn Wolfe
- 09/27 Becky Mullen
- 09/29 Steve Batdorf
- 09/30 Bonnie Pura

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.)*

Deacon's Meeting

Wednesday, September 9, 2026
10:00 a.m. - in the church Library

Please be present.

*This is our second and last
meeting of the year.*

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Peggy Longendelpher: ♥♥

On behalf of the present church board and the many others you have served on, thank you for your kindness, your lasting influence, your words of understanding and support. It is always a joy to work with you.



Your willing hands serve with quiet grace. A faithful heart in every place. You do not seek the spotlight or the fame. Yet your deeds honor God's name. From the New International Version Matthew Chapter 10, Verse 42: "And whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones, who are my disciples - truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward."

Through every task, both great and small, your love and service bless us all. We see your time, your care and your heart.

Helen Keller in one of her most famous quotes said: "The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or touched. They must be felt with the heart."

With your vision and now losing your vision, you have always shown us the best and most beautiful things are indeed felt with the heart.

Thank you for the many years you have worked with many of us... we look forward to many more, probably not 60 but many more!

In my time as pastor at Covington Church of the Brethren, my three grandchildren have been blessed to have Peggy Longendelpher as their Sunday School teacher. They will tell you that their lives are better because Miss Peggy has touched them in a very special way. Now, multiply that blessing countless times over more than six decades and we begin to get a picture of the enormous magnitude of Peggy Longendelpher's ministry to children in this congregation and in the wider Covington community.

Peggy has approached ministry to children with a level of fierce dedication, integrity, competence, caring and complete authenticity that is unmatched. And every child she has worked with has experienced Peggy's ministry as the unconditional love of God. I am truly appreciative both personally and as pastor for the blessing this congregation has known as a result of Peggy Longendelpher's dedicated ministry to children through our Christian Education program, Vacation Bible School, and all of life in this community.

Thank you Miss Peggy, Pastor Mike

You know I think things happen for a reason, not by accident. Today would have been our mother's birthday; my mother Virginia Longendelpher and Peggy's mother-in-law but mother to her, Virginia. This does not happen by accident. Peggy you spread good deeds like flower seeds and no wonder blessings bloom and we thank you for 60 years of love. - Sherry Lavy

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Seniors Alive!

Eighty-three persons attended the Aug 7th Seniors Alive event to hear an interesting and informative program about Health and Nutrition for Seniors presented by Dr. Brian Olson. Eating healthy foods, exercise and perhaps some vitamin supplements were all discussed along with a question and answer session - a good program to help us keep on keeping on.

September 4th marks the beginning of the fourth year for the Seniors Alive! Outreach program. There are many to thank for this milestone: the Roy J Weikert Trust Fund for the financial support, Linda Daniel, trustee for the fund and her husband, Jim, for their continuous support and encouragement; Pastor Mike for having the idea of Seniors Alive and seeing it through to its fruition each month, Charlie Nickel for always having the microphones and/or projector and screen set up for the many different programs, Cindy Miller, church administrative assistant, for her great promotion each month of the Seniors Alive events, the many volunteers with their beautiful smiles who are always stepping up to help with the food preparation, the drink table, wiping off trays, doing dishes, baking cakes or clearing off the tables after the events. You all are truly awesome! And to all of you who attend, we thank you for attending and the many kind words about the program. We, the Seniors Alive! Team enjoy hosting this program and look forward to the fourth year with great anticipation of more fun, food and fellowship.

The program for September 4th and back by popular demand will be Trivia. Come join us for a fun program of team competition. Please make your reservation no later than August 31st by calling 937-473-2767. Church of the Brethren is handicap accessible at the Wall Street entrance. See you on September 4th at 11:00.

***Food
&
Friendship!***

*Supported by the
Roy Weikert Trust Fund*

***Make Your
Reservation!***

*Thank you to all of our Volunteers who
help make this possible!*

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The Church Board agreed the Weekly Newsletter would be published monthly beginning January 2026. One call, text, and e-mail will be used for the prayer chain. Continue to call Cindy @ (937) 448-0100 to ask for prayer requests to be sent. Text or email is also appreciated. Unless it's an emergency, prayer chain messages (e-mail, text and one-call) are sent starting at 9:00 a.m. and not later than 8:00 p.m. each day.

The prayer list will be in the Monthly Newsletter; however, updates are requested within three months of the original request. If an update is not given to Cindy, the name(s) will be moved to the Ongoing Prayer List. We all know the importance of prayer - the peace the comfort, the concern and the love for one another is so important to those in need. It is also important to give an update to all those answering our prayer requests. Remember when you send a prayer request, YOUR concern becomes OUR concern. It is important to give all those answering your request an update. We CARE too.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Robbin Adams (Marilyn Helman's daughter) is healing following surgery for a broken femur in her right leg. She is continuing rehab and is doing well. Robbin & Rex, Marilyn Helman and family are thankful for your prayers and would appreciate continued prayers for healing.

Linda Dearth (Lea Ann Stevens' sister) Linda has been placed under Hospice Care. She has returned to the nursing home.

Dan & Jayne Hobbs - Dan has finished occupational and physical therapy and is currently in speech therapy. Your prayers are very much appreciated. God bless, Dan and Jayne

Dollie Hurley (Sylvia Warner's sister). Dollie is home from the hospital and seems to be doing a little bit better. She is taking breathing treatments at home. Dollie, Sylvia and family are thankful for your continued prayers.

Charlene & Ed Ingle and family. Charlene was recently vacationing with her family at Norris Lake, Tennessee when she had a mini stroke and is hospitalized in that area. She is feeling some better but would appreciate your prayers.

Shelly Lavy Ginter & Jerry Longendelpher are both facing serious health issues.

Larry & Lori Minnich and family - Larry (Terry Minnich's brother) is back home now. He continues to need our prayers as he tries to regain strength. Carol & Terry are thankful for your prayers.

Rik Minnich (LeaAnn Stevens' & Terry Minnich's cousin) underwent open-heart surgery August 6th. Following the surgery, he had a stroke.

Kay Nickel's surgery to implant a cardiac defibrillator/pacemaker (August 7th) went well. Kay and Charlie are thankful for your thoughts and prayers for its success. Continued prayers for healing would be appreciated. Thank you.

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Kathy Perrine and her family (friend of Carolyn Wolfe and many others in the church). Kathy was recently hospitalized with breathing issues but is back home now recuperating. She really appreciates information she receives from home by mail, text, and e-mail and appreciates your continued prayers. To send a card please use the following address: Kathy Perrine

% Melissa McLeod
1314 Oak Hill Lane,
Murphy, TX 75094

Phyllis & Duane Rapp -Phyllis is recovering at home from kidney stone surgery that was successful June 1st. Prayers for continued healing would be appreciated.

Dee Sutter (friend of Pat Lentz). Dee has been diagnosed with cancer and is undergoing treatments for it that are causing negative reactions.

Jean Swob (sister-in-law of Pat McMaken) has been transferred to Grandview Hospital. The doctors at Sidney Hospital felt they could not perform Jean's surgery to repair her broken hip because they found she has a heart condition. Prayers for the wisdom of the doctors at Grandview to get the surgery performed as soon as possible would be appreciated. Jean is having a lot of pain while she is waiting for surgery. (sent 8/6/2026)

Prayers for Comfort in the Loss of Loved ones:

Family of Sheron Zimmer
who passed away
7/30/2026

Ongoing Prayer List

Bernice Davis

Jay Davis (*Bernice Davis's son*)

Sherry Dye (*Esther Field's daughter*)

Todd McAbee (*Esther Field's nephew*)

Carol & Terry Minnich

Fred Mutzner (*son of the late*

Ralph & Suzann Mutzner)

Martha & Dean Nevin

Pastor Dan Poole

Robin Reck

Angie (Shroyer) Smith (*Patsy Weyant's daughter*)

Theresa Swob (*Esther Field's daughter*)

Jay Wackler

Norman & Virginia Wolfe

Alex Yantis (*nephew of Carol & Terry Minnich*)

Richard & Leslie (Porter) Young

People of Israel & Palestine

People of Ukraine



"Pet Friendly Prayer Chain"

Please call:

Office# (937) 473-2415

Cindy's Cell# (937) 448-0100

E-mail covingtoncob@gmail.com

Our Prayers for the loss of
Virginia & Norman Wolfe's
much loved cat Blackie

7 Signs you are blessed:

1. You opened your eyes today.
2. You can still walk and breathe.
3. You have food to eat.
4. You have joy in your heart.
5. You are loved.
6. You have a roof over your head.
7. You are reading this right now. ❤️

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Looking Ahead

We wrap up summer with a 4-week series that explores “Our Greatest Story.” These four weeks are undergirded by the two greatest commandments: to love God, and to love your neighbor as you love yourself. The series begins with the idea of our lives as stories and, in turn, explores our relationships with God, the author of our story; our self as created in God’s image; and others whom God created and calls us to love.

8/23 - Kings 4:8–21, 32–37; 8:1–6
“The Story I’ll Tell”

8/30 – Acts 10:1–20
“Between Never and Now”

9/06 – Exodus 3:9–12; 4:10–12
“Who Made You?”

9/13 – Luke 10:25–37
“Love is a Decision”

Remembering our Military and Families in Prayer

Danielle Alexander
(Michael Alexander & Brenda Fields’ daughter)

Jacob Finfrock
(Terry Finfrock’s grandson)

Tyler Lambert
(Wayne & Sharon Marshall’s grandson)

Southern Ohio/Kentucky District Office encourages us to pray for:

Aug. 23 - Stonelick COB
Aug. 30 - EYN (COB in Nigeria)
Sept. 06 - Gratis COB
Sept. 13 - Cedar Grove
Sept. 20 - SOK District Conference

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Southern Ohio/Kentucky District Church of the Brethren News:

In action taken at last Saturday's July 25, 2026 meeting of the Southern OH/KY District Board, the board unanimously voted to offer Nick Beam a 3-year contract renewal to serve as the District Executive Minister.

Each of those 3 years will include a review and re-evaluation process annually and as a part of the contract renewal it was also decided to drop the "interim" title from Nick's position.

The board wanted to recognize Nick's ongoing role as fulfilling all the functions of the full and settled District Executive and to allow him to live fully into helping us live into our visioning process as well as allowing Nick to pursue more leadership opportunities within his Council of District Executive role.

"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 viewed from the church's website at covingtoncob.org or our Facebook page at "Covington Church of the Brethren" Thank you!

*The minute you decide you're
capable of more, the universe
starts presenting you with
opportunities to prove it. ♡*

Mally Roncal

Sound Tech Needed

For nearly seven years, Charlie has been in the Sound Booth for the Sunday morning services, weddings, funerals and VBS; in the lower level for Lenten services and Seniors Alive! He has announced he will be retiring from the sound booth on Sept 20th.

Our sincere appreciation to him for his many years of volunteer work in this very important part of our Church.

If you know anyone who would be interested in serving in this position, please contact Kay at (937) 473-2767 or the Church office.

Cookie Time

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 TREAT
 ALMOND
 BATTER
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 MELT
 SHORTBREAD
 DOUGH
 DELICIOUS
 FLOUR
 CRISPY
 CRUNCHY
 CARAMEL
 MOLASSES
 ICING
 GINGER
 PEANUT
 CHEWY

Play this puzzle online at : <https://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/9391249/>

**2026 District Conference: Pleasant Hill Church of the Brethren
September 25 & 26, 2026**

Theme: *The Least of These*

Registration is now open!

This year's District Conference invites us to reflect on Jesus' call to care for "the least of these" from Matthew 25. Friday's sessions will help us better understand the needs of our neighbors through a guided Poverty Experience, followed by presentations from district ministries serving the homeless, immigrants and refugees, foster families, and others in vulnerable situations. The afternoon will also include practical guidance on finding and writing grants to support local outreach. All are encouraged to attend and engage in this meaningful day of learning and service.

District Clerk needed!

The Southern Ohio/Kentucky District is seeking a new District Clerk. The position, previously held by a volunteer, has now been designated as a paid role, and the Board is in the process of updating and clarifying the responsibilities to better support the work of the district. This position may be filled by either a man or a woman. If you—or someone you know—would be willing to serve in this vital leadership role, please contact Interim DE Nick Beam (nbeam@brethren.org) or Trent Smith, District Board Chair (pastortrent@happycornerchurch.org) for more information.

Camp Sugarwood Updates

Many Thanks — Thank you to everyone who supported Camp Sugarwood this summer through gifts, time, and prayer. Your generosity makes this ministry possible, and those at camp see firsthand the impact it has on children, youth, and families. Many blessings and thanks for your continued support.

Save the Dates

- **Women's Retreat** – Oct. 2–3 at Bergamo Retreat Center, with Paula Bowser
- **Fall Quilting & Crafting Day Camp** – Oct. 19–21 at Oakland CoB
- **Fall Family Gathering** – Nov. 6–8 at Cricket Holler
- **Junior Winter Blast (K–5)** – Jan. 8–9 at Cricket Holler
- **Senior Winter Blast (Grades 6–12)** – Jan. 15–16 at Cricket Holler

More details coming soon.

Support CRM with RaiseRight -Turn everyday purchases into support for Camping & Retreat Ministries. Buy gift cards or eGift cards through RaiseRight and brands give up to 20% back to CRM programs. Enroll at raiseright.com with code MGV2V7Y2G92N. Questions? Contact Carrie – cdrees23@gmail.com

Amazon Wish List

New items have been added to the Camp Sugarwood Amazon Wish List: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/17UUZ989BSJ4D?ref=wl_share

Disaster Ministries Updates

Ice Cream Social – Join us at Happy Corner COB on Sat., Aug. 1, 4–7 PM for the annual Ice Cream Social! Supper includes chicken & noodles, sloppy joes, mac & cheese, cowboy beans, coney dogs, pies, and five ice cream flavors. Enjoy music, purchase Share-A-Meal tickets, and return coin jars. All proceeds support S. Ohio/KY BDM.

Golf Scramble – The annual Golf Scramble will be held Sat., Aug. 15 at Beechwood Golf Course, sponsored by BDM and CRM. Registration and hole sponsorship forms are due Aug. 7. Contact Kevin Dull at montpres57@gmail.com for details.

Hurricane Helene Recovery—BDM concludes work in Yancey County in mid-August. Recovery efforts continue in western NC this fall in Buncombe and Ashe Counties, with two sites open through October. Buncombe County work will continue through May 2027.

Volunteer Opportunities —Volunteers are needed for fall trips to western NC: Sept. 6–12, Oct. 11–17, Nov. 8–14. Skilled and unskilled workers welcome. Transportation, housing, and food are provided. Contact Helen Wolf at 937-902-3475 or SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com.

Sewing Bee – Join the Sewing Bee on Sat., Aug. 22 at 9:00 AM at Greenville COB. Volunteers will sew school bags for CWS kids kits. Bring a sewing machine and extension cord; prep work available for non-sewers. Bring a sack lunch.

Good Shepherd Church of the Brethren celebrates 150th Anniversary

Good Shepherd CoB celebrates its 150th Anniversary this year! Join them for a special worship service on **August 16 at 2:00 PM**, followed by fellowship and light refreshments. Come enjoy music, memories, and thanksgiving for all God has done.

*For more information on what is happening in Southern Ohio as well as more details on these events contact your church office, email the Southern Ohio/Kentucky District (sodcob@brethren.org) or visit our website: www.sodcob.org. In addition to this publication, we also email a monthly newsletter. To request a newsletter simply email your request to the same email address. If you would like to add your event to either the website, this publication, or the monthly newsletter please email your information to sodcob@brethren.org **before the 15th of the month.***