



Covington Church of the Brethren Weekly News

September 16, 2023



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

Danielle Alexander (daughter of Mike & Brenda Alexander, sister Michelle and grand-daughter of Esther Fields) - Danielle and her National Guard Troops in Louisiana, are headed out for extended time maneuvers in the intense heat that is forecast. Please pray for their health and safety.

♥ **Dave & Linda Berrett** - Dave underwent a procedure last week to stop bleeding at Christ Hospital and everything went well. He was released from the hospital to go home September 14th. Linda & Dave are very thankful for your prayers.

Rhonda & Ted Brumbaugh - "I have gotten good results from 3 CT's and swallowing is improving even though I'm swallowing by gravity only. My balance issues are being addressed by a neurologist and I'll need a few tests. A lot of my issues are related to having radiation twice and chemo. Ted and I continue trying to keep a positive outlook and pray for continued healing. We appreciate and are thankful for all prayers to help us through this." -Rhonda and Ted Brumbaugh

♥ **Lonnie Cain** fell and tore a tendon in his right leg. He underwent surgery September 14th. Lonnie and his family are thankful for your prayers.

Tammy Cole (Pat Lentz' sister-in-law). Tammy is having health issues. She resides in Kentucky. Pat & Dave are thankful for your prayers.

♥ **Marcy (Wolfe) Hartman** (daughter of Ed & Carolyn Wolfe and wife of Randy Hartman) - Marcy has completed her chemo and will be undergoing testing for the next couple of weeks before her surgery planned for October 13th. Marcy, Carolyn & Ed, and family are very thankful for your prayers.

♥ -Notes New or Updated
Prayer Messages

♥ **Parker Hoying** (great-grandson of Pat & Rich McMaken). Parker's leg was broken last weekend playing football for Covington. Parker underwent surgery (9/9) at Children's Hospital. He is the son of Alex & Jessica Hoying, and grandson of Dusty & Tammy Furrow. Parker and his family are thankful for your prayers.

Venus Hurt (Pat Lentz' sister) and family. Venus is under Hospice Care.

♥ **Rick & Sherry Lavy** - We are doing much better and are very thankful for your cards, prayers and cards. We have such a special church family. God bless

Gary Lentz (Dave Lentz's brother) Gary is currently having health issues.

♥ **Wayne & Sharon Marshall and family.** Medical tests have shown that Wayne has a mass on his right kidney. He is undergoing further testing before having surgery. Continued prayers would be appreciated.

♥ **Kathy Miller** - The treatment to hydrate my corneas was successful. Your prayers were gratefully appreciated.

Ralph Mutzner's has COPD. He continues to appreciate prayers for his breathing difficulties.

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

Phyllis & Duane Rapp - Phyllis underwent a kidney stone procedure 8/29 at Upper Valley Medical Center. The procedure was successful and she is healing at home. Phyllis & Duane are thankful for your prayers.

Ron Schultz and family. Ron recently underwent surgery at the University of Cincinnati to treat his brain tumor. The procedure went well. Please continue to keep him and his family in your prayers including all of the work in front of him.

(prayers continued...)

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John Smith (son-in-law of Wayne & Sharon Marshall and husband of their daughter Angie). John is having health issues and needs our prayers. Thank you, Wayne & Sharon

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.

♥ **Darlene & Larry Wise and family** (friend of Kathy Miller). Darlene fell and broke her leg above her prosthesis that was below her knee. Her leg had to be amputated above her knee. Your continued prayers for healing would be appreciated.

♥ **Virginia & Norman Wolfe** - Virginia is home and doing well following her heart valve replacement procedure (Sept. 5th). Virginia and Norman are very thankful for your cards, calls and prayers for the heart procedure and healing.

Reece & Laney Wright - Reece is adjusting to recently receiving an insulin pump. Laney is waiting for approval for a pump also to best control their diabetes. Reece & Laney are great-grandchildren of Lois Newman, and parents Tristen & Autumn Wright.

Prayers for the students, families, bus drivers, and faculty for the tragic school bus accident that happened the morning of 8/22/2023 on its way to their students' first day of school at the Northwestern School District in Springfield, OH. One student tragically lost their life, and 28 students were taken to the hospital.

To Share Prayer Updates:

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

Ongoing Prayer List

Prayer updates would also be appreciated

Beverly Beckner (friend of Bernice Davis)

Kim Bridges (Brodrick)

Roberta Brock (relative of Pastor Mike & Belinda)

Linda Dearth (sister of Lea Ann Stevens)

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

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

Carol Minnich

Larry & Laura Minnich (Terry Minnich's brother)

Linda Newman (best friend of Carol Minnich)

People of Ukraine

Robin Reck

Dwane & Rose Ann Runyan

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

Mike & Carol Sawyer (relative of Nancy Mack)

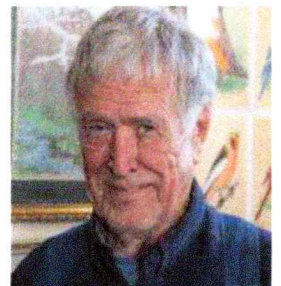
Angie (Shroyer) Smith (Patsy Weyant's daughter)

Ryan Stackhouse (son of Don & Ann Stackhouse)

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

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

Our love, prayers and sympathy are expressed to the family of Steve McClung of Portland, Indiana, who passed away September 13, 2022. (He is Esther Fields' first cousin.) A funeral service was held today, (9/16) at Baird Freeman Funeral Home



To read the complete obituary:

<https://www.bairdfreeman.com/obituary/ste-phen-mcclung>

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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

Prayers would be appreciated for:

Ted & Linda Fields (Ted is Esther Field's son) at the loss of their 180 lb. Newfoundland family dog named Maggie that they have loved for 10 years.

My Mom (Grace Miller's) 13 yr old Corgi dog, Skeeter. She is Mom's best friend. Skeeter is having trouble standing up and walking due a bone slipping out of socket in her left leg. A brace will be arriving to try to help Skeeter walk soon. We are hoping it all goes well. -Cindy



September Birthdays

9/16 Bonnie Seitz
9/18 Ryan Stackhouse
9/18 Bill Bitner
9/19 Wayne Angle
9/19 Dwane Runyan
9/23 Pat McMaken
9/24 Carolyn Wolfe
9/27 Becky Mullen
9/30 Bonnie Pura

"You don't always need a plan. Sometimes you just need to *breathe, trust, let go, and see what happens.*"

Upcoming Events:

09/20/2023

8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
(at Buffalo Jack's)

5:00 p.m. Church Board Meeting

6:00 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting

10/06/2023

11:00 a.m. Senior's Alive!
(Church Lower Level)

11/11/2023

Apple Dumpling & Noodles Event
(Church Lower Level)

11/12/2023

Congregational Business Meeting
(Church Sanctuary after Morning
Worship) - No Sunday School

12/03/2023

First Sunday of Advent



The Pitsburg Church of the Brethren would like to invite the district to an open house on Sunday, October 8, 2023 from 5:30-7:00 PM.

With primarily volunteer labor, they have remodeled a mostly unusable space (approximately 45' x 20') into a dedicated nursery and classrooms and installed a lift to provide access.

They will be serving pulled pork, macaroni salad, a veggie tray and pies.

Our sisters and brothers at Pitsburg would like to encourage other churches to know that with God's help, anything is possible.

Watch for an article in the fall issue of Together magazine which will speak of this work.

To God be the glory,
Pastor Ken Oren

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Looking Ahead

As we move into the fall season of changing colors and changing temperatures, we will be focusing on the vital role gratitude plays in our call to be vessels of God's overflowing generosity, through our stewardship of God's good gifts.

9/17 – Exodus 17:1-7

“Obstacles to Gratitude: Nostalgia”

9/24 – Philippians 4:1-9

“Obstacles to Gratitude: Worry”

10/1 – World Communion Sunday

Galatians 3:23-29

“One in Christ Jesus”

We will celebrate Holy Communion during Worship.

10/8 – Matthew 22:1-14

“Obstacles to Gratitude: Entitlement”

10/15 – Guest Preacher: Reverend Ralph Schaafsma

Pastor Mike will be on vacation.

10/22 - Matthew 22:15–22

“Obstacles to Gratitude: Greed”

10/29 - Deuteronomy 34:1–12

“Obstacles to Gratitude: Disappointment”

11/5 – Guest Preacher: Reverend Ralph Schaafsma

Pastor Mike will be on vacation.



We Could Learn a Lot from Crayons:

*Some are sharp,
some are pretty,
some are dull,
while others are bright,
some have weird names.
But they all have learned
to live together in the same box.*
by JoyEachDay

Covington Church of the Brethren Morning Worship Service

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

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

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Seniors Alive! will meet on Friday, October 6th in the lower level of the Church of the Brethren at 11:00.

If you haven't made your reservation yet, please call Kay McKinney (937) 473-2767 or Sherry Lavy (937) 773-7546 no later than Friday, Sept 29th.

Plans for the day include lunch, making no sew pumpkins, and other fun activities. Hope to see you there!

Please Note:

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

Trustees

Carolyn Wolfe
Home# (937) 526-4852
Cell# (937) 418-3034

Mel Longendelpher
Home# (937) 753-1198
Cell# (937) 776-3812

Terry Minnich
Home# (937) 473-5183



*If speaking kindly to plants
helps them grow,
Imagine what speaking kindly
to humans can do.*

My dear friends,

Be a person who breaks the cycle:

If you were judged, choose understanding.

If you are rejected, choose acceptance.

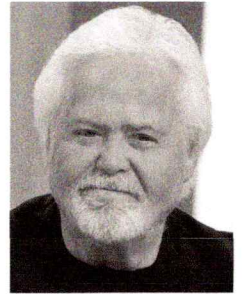
If you were shamed, choose compassion.

Be the person you needed when you were hurting, not the person who hurt you.

Vow to be better than what broke you, to heal instead of becoming bitter.

Act from your heart, not from your pain.

You're loved
Merrill

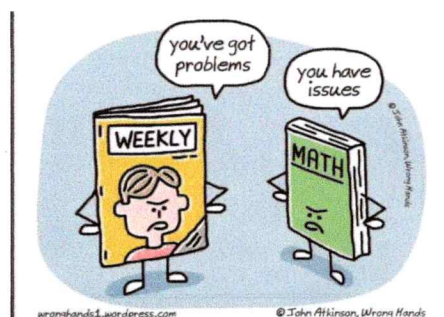


Helping Those In Need!

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.



Staying Healthy

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8. diet 9. doctor 10. exercise 11. fats 12. fiber 13. fitness 14. fruit 15. gym
16. heart 17. holistic 18. immunity 19. iron 20. lifestyle 21. magnesium
22. medicine 23. milk 24. minerals 25. protein 26. relax 27. rest 28. robust
29. selenium 30. sleep 31. stamina 32. strength 33. strong 34. vitamins 35. walk
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