



Covington Church of the Brethren Weekly News

Monday, October 6, 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

Covington Church of the Brethren

- 10/06-10/10 Cindy on vacation
10/15/2025 Men's Prayer Breakfast
8:00 a.m at Buffalo Jack's

10/15/2025 Church Board Meeting
4:30 p.m. - Church Library
10/19/2025 Welcome/Back
Homecoming Carry-in Dinner
10/20-11/02 Pastor Mike on vacation
11/02/2025 Daylight Savings Time Ends
11/08/2025 Apple Dumpling & Noodle
Event
11/09/2025 Congregational Bus. Mtg.
11/17-11/21 Cindy on vacation
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New Sign Board Update

We are half way through being able to purchase our new sign board with having donations so far in the amount of \$5,595.00 as of September 28, 2025. The Church Board and Trustees thank you and appreciate your support. Please continue to donate to the church New Sign Board project. Every little bit helps.

Bethany Center

Helping Those in Need in Miami County
"Food of the Month"

"Boxed Pasta"

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.)*

Thank you for helping us support this important Miami County outreach *(including Covington families).*

Lets's Eat Together...

Sunday, October 19

Welcome Back/Homecoming

Carry-in Dinner

(right after church)

No Sunday School

Please bring a Dish

Lee's Chicken

Drink &

Table Service

will be provided

Presented by your Deacons

Hope to see you all! ❤️

Choose You.

*Because when you start
choosing you, you start attracting
everything that is also choosing you. ❤️*

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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

♥ **Brethren Service Center, New Windsor**

Ann Stackhouse and Charlene Ingle will be volunteering there October 6th-10th.

♥ **Larry & Judy Clouse and family** - Larry's recent biopsy results show that Larry has cancer on his left kidney His doctor wants to keep an eye on it for now rather than treating it. Larry & Judy are thankful for your continued prayers.

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.

*Red Hearts Indicate
New or Updated Prayer
Messages*



Esther Fields and family - Thank you to everyone for the beautiful get well cards for my foot surgery. They have meant so much to me. Continued prayers would be appreciated as I will need to be off my feet for the next 6-8 weeks to allow my foot to heal. *(If you would like to stop and visit with me, it would be a good idea to call me first to give me a chance to move our dogs to another area. I'm afraid of falling if they are running free in the room when I try to open the door.)* Thank you!

Ron Hyden's shoulder surgery at Upper Valley Medical Center, June 10th was successful. He returned home the same day to begin his recovery. Ron and his family are thankful for your prayers for the surgery and would appreciate continued prayers for healing.

♥ **Elaine Kraus** will be undergoing Cataract surgery tomorrow, October 7th and 21st. Please pray for successful surgeries.

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.

Tori Lamrouex (Sylvia Warner's niece). Tori recently fell and broke her ankle. Through testing the doctors found that she has MS. She is currently undergoing physical therapy for her broken ankle, and will soon be undergoing further MS testing. Tori and family appreciate your prayers.

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Derrick & Shannon McCuistion and family.

Derrick is home from the hospital. He has a very long road to recovery ahead. Many continued prayers are needed. (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.

Angie (Shroyer) Smith (daughter of Patsy Weyant). "Prayer warriors! God and our prayers are working for Angie. She has returned to the rehab center to continue with her rehab. Praise God!.." (*Patsy and her family are very thankful for your continued prayers.*)

John Smith (son-in-law of Wayne & Sharon Marshall and husband of their daughter, Angie) John Smith's recent surgery went well and he is healing at home. He will need to undergo further surgery later in the year. Wayne & Sharon Marshall, and Angie are very glad he is feeling better and are thankful for your prayers.

Cheyenne (Jordan Wolfe's fiancée) - Cheyenne is continuing her chemo and is getting ready to go into a series of weekly chemo. Carolyn & Ed Wolfe, and their family, are thankful for your continued prayers. (Jordan is Ed & Carolyn's grandson)

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A Note from the Church Office:

I will be on vacation October 6-10th,
but will continue to take
prayer calls. Thank you,

Cindy

♥ **Kathy Perrine** (friend of Carolyn Wolfe). Kathy fell twice in the last few days and, due to serious injuries, was recently hospitalized. She underwent surgery on her hip and knee on 9/24 and a second surgery 9/26 on her arm. It is felt that she will be hospitalized for a few days and then will be transferred to a facility near one of her daughters to begin extensive rehab. Continued prayers for Kathy would be appreciated.

To send her a card, please use one of the following addresses:

Kathy Perrine
6832 Douglas Creek
Plano, TX 75023

Or:

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

♥ **Jeremy Ward** (Ed & Carolyn Wolfe's son-in-law), Heather, and their family. Jeremy was admitted to Upper Valley Medical Center 9/29. He is being treated for a blood clot in his right lung, causing breathing issues. Thank you.

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.

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.)

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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

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

People of Israel & Palestine

Southern Ohio District Office encourages us to be in prayer for Good Shepherd Church of the Brethren.



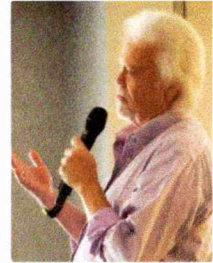
"Pet Friendly Prayer Chain"

Please call:

Office# (937) 473-2415

Cindy's Cell# (937) 448-0100

E-mail covingtoncob@gmail.com

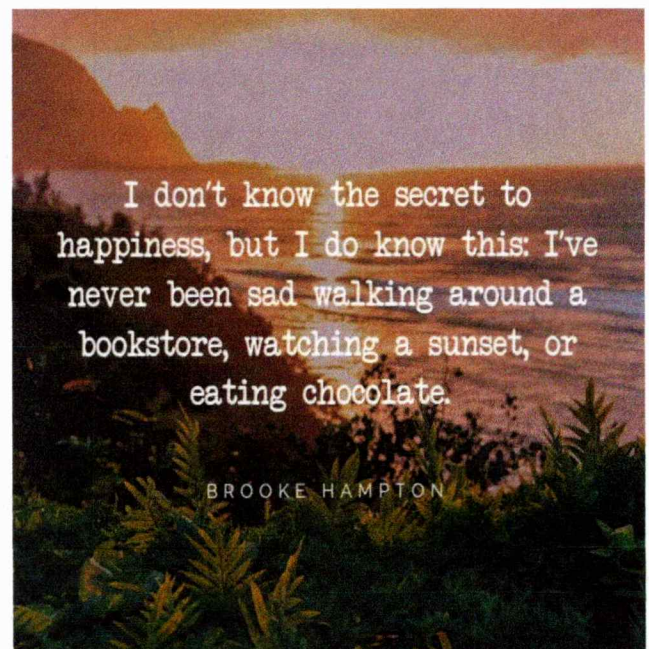


My dear friends,

Merrill Osmond

Some people are here to bless you-others will hurt you. But we're only on this earth for a few short moments. Those who cause pain will carry it until the learn to bless. That's why we forgive, not because they deserve it but because we refuse to carry their darkness. When you've been blessed, rise above the hurt. Let your healing speak louder than their harm. Let them see what it means to be touched by the hand of God.

Your are loved,
Merrill



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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.

We are thankful for everyone's thoughts and prayers for church family and friends.

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!

"Checking-In" w/ Pastor Mike

Please join us on-line every Thursday morning for our 12-15 minute website video. Pastor Mike briefly reflects on the many ways scripture shines the light of Christ on our day-to-day living. (e-mailed Thursday mornings by 9:00 a.m.) Thank you!



Upcoming Birthdays

10/08 Cindy Miller
10/10 Ada Fraley
10/11 Cassidy Wood
10/13 Dan Cain
10/22 Phyllis Rapp
10/23 Charlie Nickel
10/27 Erin Gibson
10/31 Hailey Yingst
10/31 Sydney Goodgame

The Men's Prayer Breakfast will be held Wednesday, October 15, 2025 at 8:00 a.m. at Buffalo Jack's.

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>

*Apparently the serving size
for chips is 10 chips.
Listen, I eat 10 chips while
deciding if I even want chips.*

Gary Goben

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October 12 – Luke 17:11-19
“Found Along the Way”

October 19 – Acts 6:1-7
“Full of Spirit and Wisdom”
We will commission our Deacons during worship
and will commission a Deacon Emeritus.
“Come Back to Homecoming” Carry-In Dinner
following worship on the lower level.
(No Sunday School)

October 26 – Guest Preacher: Dan Leistner
Pastor Mike is on vacation.

November 2 – Guest Preacher: Rev. Pam Hitchcock
Pastor Mike is on vacation.

Working Together . . .
Empowering Disciples

October, 2025



Southern Ohio/Kentucky District Conference

The SOK District met together at the Oakland Church of the Brethren September 26 & 27 for district conference. We would like to thank them for their warm hospitality as they welcomed the us to their campus. 57 Delegates represented 20 congregations at this year's conference. We had a total of 98 attendees. Check the district website for a more complete wrap-up.

The 2026 conference will be held on September 25 & 26 at the Pleasant Hill Church of the Brethren. The Moderator is Linda Brandon Eubank and the theme is "The Least of These".

Camp Sugarwood Updates

Camp Ambassadors Meeting *Camp Ambassadors meeting* will be held at Salem CoB on October 5 from 3:00-4:30. Camp Ambassadors come to find out what Camping and Retreat events are happening this Fall and Winter. In addition to event information, we will have a time of devotion, play a game, have snacks, fellowship, and perhaps sing a song or two. For those unable to attend, please be on the lookout for a camp packet in your church mailbox.

Registration is Open Fall Sewing and Crafting Day Retreat: October 20-22 at Oakland Women's Retreat: October 31-November 1 at Bergamo Retreat Center Fall Family Gathering: November 14-16 at Cricket Holler Fall Family Gathering Worship Service: November 16 at Cricket Holler 10am (no registration needed) Elementary Winter Blast: January 9-10 at Cricket Holler Jr and Sr High Winter Blast: January 16-17 at Cricket Holler Winter Sewing and Crafting Day Retreat: February 5-7 at Happy Corner Information for these events can be found at sodcob.org or from your camp ambassador after October 5.

Worship at Camp Sugarwood Everyone is invited to join in worship at Camp Sugarwood Fall Family Gathering on Sunday, November 16 at 10am at Cricket Holler Schiewetz Leadership Training Center, 6444 Frederick Pike, Dayton, OH 45414. Pastor Lee Saylor will be delivering the message on Isaiah 43:19-21 "Behold, I am doing a new thing!" No registration is needed. Come as you are!

Trotwood CoB Celebrates 125 Years of Ministry

On Saturday, October 18th, you are invited to the Trotwood Church of the Brethren's 125th Anniversary Celebration! A special program will be held at 5:30 in the church sanctuary. As we look back over the church's history, there will be several former pastors in attendance who will be sharing memories. Singing and a special skit will also be part of the program which will then be followed by a time for fellowship. Sunday worship, at 10:45 on October 19th will be a continuation of our 125th Anniversary Celebration. All are welcome to attend! The Trotwood Church of the Brethren is located at 208 East Main Street, Trotwood, Ohio 45426 and is handicap accessible with an elevator near the back entrance. For questions, please contact our church office at 937-837-6604 or office@trotwoodcob.com.

Pittsburg Church hosts "Biblical Exploration"

Mel Menker will be leading a weekend conference on "Biblical Exploration" at Pittsburg Church of the Brethren on October 10th and 11th. The cost is \$35. CEUs will be available for an additional \$10. The opening session begins at 3:00 pm on Friday. for more info go to www.pittsburgcob.org

Southern Ohio/Kentucky Disaster Ministries Updates

Volunteers Needed Oct. 12-18 in TN – A new short-term site is open for eight weeks in Johnson County, TN for Hurricane Helene recovery. We've signed up for a full crew and have four open slots. Housing will be at the First Christian Church in Mountain City, TN. To join a crew call/text Helen Wolf at 937-902-3475 or SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com.

Rebuilding in KY Nov. 9-15 – Flood recovery continues in KY, as we partner with HOMES, Inc. Houses are being built in Chestnut Ridge, a higher ground property in Knott County. There are four openings on this trip. Contact Helen Wolf to sign up.

Cleanup Bucket Assembly – On Thurs., Oct. 23 at 6:30 PM will be the assembly of cleanup buckets for Church World Service. It will be held at Bullen Ultrasonics, 1301 Miller Williams Rd., Eaton. Workers are needed to fill the 500+ buckets with cleaning supplies. Plan to attend!

Sewing Bee/CWS Prep – Come to the Sewing Bee/CWS Prep at Greenville COB on Saturday, Oct. 25 at 9:00 AM. School bags are already cut out, so sewers just need to bring their sewing machine. Non-sewers will prep items for school kits, hygiene kits, and cleanup buckets for Church World Service (CWS). All are invited to bring a sack lunch. This will be our final Sewing Bee in 2025.

Fall Bazaar – New for BDM! Happy Corner COB has invited us to partner with them for their Fall Bazaar. It's on Sat., Nov. 8, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM. We are helping with the Cookie Room. Donations of three dozen cookies per kind, cakes, pies, candies, etc. are needed. Just bring them to the church kitchen on Fri., Nov. 7 from 9:00 - 4:00. Plan to donate homemade baked goods and attend! Proceeds from the event are being donated to S. Ohio/KY BDM.

Save the Date! Appreciation Dinner, Sat., Nov. 22 at 6:00 PM, Troy Church of the Brethren

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**.

Football Positions

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 NOSE GUARD
 LONG SNAPPER
 CORNERBACK
 RUSHER
 LINEMAN
 DEFENSIVE END
 DIMEBACK
 CENTER
 WIDE RECEIVER
 STRONG SAFETY
 PLACEKICKER
 FULLBACK
 GUNNER
 LINEBACKER
 TACKLE
 TIGHT END
 HOLDER

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