



Covington Church of the Brethren Weekly News

August 2, 2024

Covington Church of the Brethren Event Calendar



- 8/21/2024** Men's Prayer Breakfast
8:00 a.m. @ Buffalo Jack's
- 8/21/2024** 4:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting
5:00 p.m. Church Board Mtg.
- 8/22-28/2024** Pastor Mike & Belinda
on vacation
- 9/02/2024** Labor Day
(church office closed)
- 9/06/2024** Senior's Alive! Event

In Support of Brethren Disaster Ministry:

With the Golf Scramble coming on Aug. 17, Trotwood COB shares their putt-putt competition. Upcoming is their 3rd event with lots of fun while raising funds for BDM. *(Please see the attached description and photos in this Weekly News.)* We were invited to plan a similar event!

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

Upcoming Birthdays

- 08/05 Kay McKinney
08/07 Kay Kurkowski
08/09 Jeff Longendelpher
08/10 Kerri Burba
08/11 Patsy Weyant
08/11 Elizabeth Konz
08/17 Chelsea Robinson
08/20 Irene Reynolds
08/22 Grace Miller
08/31 Belinda Yingst
08/31 Tony Angle



Looking Ahead

Beginning July 28th we began spending five weeks reading through the sixth chapter of John's Gospel. In John 6, Jesus identifies himself as the Bread of Life, therefore I am entitling this sermon series "Bread from Heaven." I invite us to spend the last month of summer walking through John 6 together as Jesus dives deeply into explaining all that it means for him to be the Bread of Life. We can truly live because the Bread from Heaven lives in and among us! And it is abundant living without end!

August 4 - John 6:22-35

"Bread from Heaven: Dialogue"

August 11 - John 6:35-51

"Bread from Heaven: Origins"

August 18 - John 6: 51-58

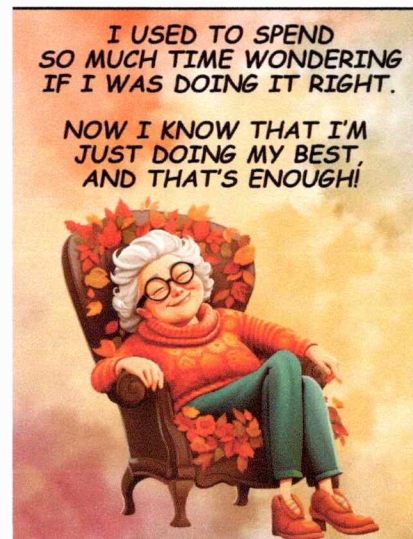
"Bread from Heaven: Life"

August 25 - Guest Preacher - Rev. Ralph
Schaafsma

Pastor Mike will be on vacati

September 1 - John 6: 56-71

"Bread from Heaven: Truth"



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

Ann Adams (cousin of Pastor Mike & Kathy Miller) - Ann's surgery went well. Ann's family appreciates your prayers.

"Please pray for **Danielle Alexander**. She shipped out to Kuwait on June 23rd and will be overseas for 9 months to a year. Danielle and her family would appreciate prayers for safe travels and being safe while she is in Kuwait. Prayers are appreciated for Danielle & the troop."

♥ **Dave & Linda Berrett** - Dave was transported by ambulance yesterday afternoon (7/31) and admitted to Christ Hospital for the third time this month. He is weak and has fluid accumulated, causing shortness of breath, also. We would be grateful for prayers that they will find and be able to treat another bleed, successfully remove fluid and start him on the road to healing." Thanks and God's blessings to you all, Linda and Dave

Sandy Bowman and her family - "I am doing very well. My foot is out of the cast. I am gradually using my walker each day. Thank you for all your prayers." - Sandy

Vanessa Clark (Ron Hyden's sister). Vanessa's surgery to put a plate and pins in her wrist was successful. Ron Hyden and family are thankful for your prayers.

Caitlin Cain Conner - "We are requesting on-going prayers for Caitlin. She is the daughter of Marc & Aimee Cain, niece of Dan, Bonnie & Lonnie and Stacie. Caitlin was recently diagnosed with breast cancer. She the mother of 1 1/2 year old Valerie, wife to Tyler. Prayers are greatly appreciated!"

Bob (Bernice Davis' Nephew) needs our prayers for healing. He is dealing with heart issues and the after effects of a bone infection.

Nevin Fessler (Phyllis Rapp's brother) - Nevin is now home from rehab to continue healing at home. Duane & Phyllis and their family are thankful for your prayers and would appreciate continued prayers for healing.

♥ **Norman & Donna Gayhart** (sister-in-law of Kathy Miller). Norman is under Hospice care and is having issues with passing blood. Thank you.

Gary Lentz (Dave Lentz's brother) - Gary will not be undergoing surgery at this time following a PET scan he received that showed he has bone cancer in his right arm and shoulder that needs treatment. Dave & Pat are thankful for your thoughts and prayers.

Wayne & Sharon Marshall and family - Sharon Marshall was released from Miami Valley Hospital (May 23rd), and was so happy to be home. Sharon & Wayne and their family are very thankful for your thoughts and prayers for healing of both of their health issues.

Kathy Miller - "I am extremely fatigued and nauseous. Recent bloodwork indicated low hemoglobin levels, prompting me to begin a series of five weekly iron infusions that started on July 23. Additionally, I have commenced a new treatment targeting the protein responsible for the growth of the tumors in my abdomen wall. Those IV treatments are scheduled every three weeks. Your continued prayers are deeply appreciated."

Carol & Terry Minnich - Carol had to stay an extra night in the hospital following her surgery last week. She is healing at home now and is doing well. Terry & Carol are thankful for everyone's prayers, cards, and concerns.

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♥ *Red Heart Indicates New or Updated Prayer Messages*

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Emily Yantis-Houser (Carol Minnich's niece) underwent surgery July 10th. Carol & Terry and their family are thankful for your thoughts and prayers.

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

Rylon Mutzner, (14-year-old great-grandson of Ralph Mutzner) of Piqua, Ohio. Rylon is undergoing radiation due to having cancer in his left shoulder at Cincinnati Children's Hospital. Ralph Mutzner and family are thankful for your prayers.

Gary Pitt's (friend of Norman Wolfe) cancer has returned. Prayers would be appreciated.

♥ **Josie Price** (daughter of Pastor Tony Price of Cedar Grove Church of the Brethren) Josie is recovering from a 3.5 hr. surgery to remove a massive blood clot from her leg. The surgery was successful. Prayers for her recovery would be appreciated.

♥ **Phyllis & Duane Rapp** - Phyllis is dealing with pain due to Kidney stones. She required treatment in the ER and will need to have kidney stone surgery next week. Duane's compression fracture is healing. His physician has advised him that healing bones happens slowly. Phyllis & Duane are thankful for your thoughts and prayers.

♥ **Irene Reynolds** - After discussions with Irene Reynolds' doctors regarding whether or not to have stint removal surgery again, it was felt that the lowest risk is not to undergo surgery at this time unless she has any adverse symptoms. Her doctor will periodically check on her to ensure she is doing okay. Irene, Nancy & Jim Thompson, and their family are thankful for your cards, thoughts, and prayers.

Jill Stephenson (Virginia & Norman Wolfe's neighbor) needs prayers for healing from eye surgery July 18th.

♥ **Sylvia Warner** - She is having problems with her back. Prayers that she feels better soon would be very much appreciated.

♥ "Thank you for your prayers for **Eve Welborn**, her biological brother, JT, and their families. The bone marrow transplant 7/24 went well and now we pray for no complications. The Montgomery Welborn family sincerely appreciates the many prayers and well wishes."

Virginia & Norman Wolfe - Virginia is taking cardiac rehab. Please keep she and Norman in your prayers.



Ongoing Prayer List

Prayer updates would be appreciated

Melody Blankenship (Kathy Miller's friend)

Roberta Brock (Pastor Mike & Belinda's relative)

Ted & Rhonda Brumbaugh

Linda Dearth (Lea Ann Stevens' sister)

David Frank (Kathy Miller's friend)

Curt and Monica (Batdorf) Goubeaux

Tyler Lambert (in the military) -

(Wayne & Sharon Marshall's grandson)

Jane & Terry Lavy

Larry Minnich

Brandon Moyer (Kathy Miller's nephew)

Mark Must (Ron Hyden's stepson)

Linda Newman (Carol Minnich's friend)

People of Ukraine

Robin Reck

Brenda & Reverend David Rusk

Mike & Carol Sawyer (Nancy Mack's relatives)

Ron Schultz and Family

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

Brooks Smith & Family

Crystal Yingst -

(Pastor Mike & Belinda Yingst's grand-daughter)

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

People of Israel & Palestine

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Beth Ellen (Lavy) Kiehl

Our love, prayers, and sympathy are expressed to sister-in-law Sherry Lavy (Beth was sister of the late Rick Lavy), and the many family members at the death of Beth (Lavy) Kiehl who passed away Friday morning, July 26th.

The family received guests at Bailey Zechar Funeral Home, Versailles, OH July 31, 2024 followed by a graveside service at Harris Creek Cemetery, Bradford OH.

To read the complete obituary:

<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/versailles-oh/beth-keihl-11915223>



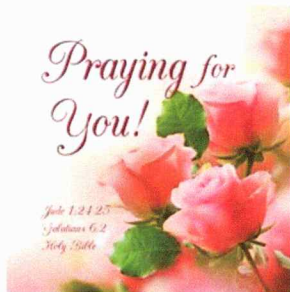
Carolyn Stone

Our love, prayers, and sympathy are expressed to Pat McMaken & family at the death of Carolyn Stone who passed away July 24th. A funeral service was held July 30, 2024 at New Hope United Methodist Church, 8985 W. Mason Rd. Sidney, OH 45365

with Pastor Rob Berryman officiated. Burial was held at Shelby Memory Gardens.

To read the complete obituary please visit:

<https://www.cromesfh.com/obituary/Carolyn-Stone>



We have had a few questions and suggestions for our prayer chain and would like to share how it is usually addressed.

When a prayer chain message is requested they are sent via e-mail, text, phone, noted for the office, and kept for the upcoming news.

Unless calls are an emergency, they are usually sent between 9 a.m. and not later than 8 p.m.

Prayers for surgery and procedures are usually sent the afternoon or evening the day before they take place unless requested otherwise.

Prayer messages and updates are sent by permission of the person, family, Pastor Mike and/or the Deacons, when they feel it's appropriate to send them. (Respecting the person's privacy).

Updates following recent prayer requests are important to those praying, and very much appreciated by our church family.

Weekly News prayer updates are also very important to those following the health of our church family and friends each week via our website and postal mailings.

Call Cindy @ (937) 448-0100 to request prayers and/or prayer updates.

We thank and appreciate everyone's thoughts and prayers for church family and friends.

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2024 COA Back to School Program

The Covington Outreach Association has registered 71 Covington children in low-income families in our Back to School program, an increase of 20 participants over last year. Each student will receive a backpack with grade level supplies, gift card to Great Clips for a haircut, and a voucher for new shoes at Shoe Carnival. We do everything we can to help our students "Get Ready To Go From Head To Toe".

We kindly ask for your prayers for our schools. If you are interested in donating a backpack, please see your church's COA representative for details. If you'd like to make a monetary contribution to help pay for haircuts, shoes, and school fees, please make checks payable to COA and mail to PO Box 125, Covington, OH 45318. To learn more about us, please visit www.covingtonoutreach.org.

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)



"Pet Friendly Prayer Chain"

Please call:

Office# (937) 473-2415

Cindy's Cell# (937) 448-0100

E-mail covingtoncob@gmail.com

Best Family Photo Ever!



Small habits = BIG CHANGE

Waking up just 30 minutes earlier = 

10,950 extra minutes a year to get things done.

Walking 10k steps a day =

66 marathons per year.

Doing 30 minutes of exercise a day =

182 hours of strength and stamina building.

Reading just 10 pages per day =

over 10 books per year.

5 minutes of gratitude journaling =

1,825 minutes you can be thankful for your life.

1 hour study a day =

365 hrs. dedicated to bettering yourself.

For the last two years, Trotwood Church of the Brethren has held a putt-putt competition as a fund-raiser for BDM on the Sunday before the Golf Scramble.

It is a lot of fun and almost everyone gets involved. Either by participating or by cheering the others on.

We raised \$162 the first year and \$225 the second year for BDM. We hope to keep swinging higher each year! (pun intended!)

This is the 'coveted' traveling trophy! Nothing special. Just a handmade trophy to help add to the competition.



1st Annual Trotwood Open Putting Competition



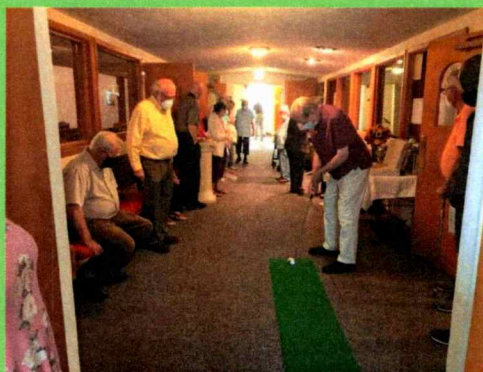
After the morning worship service on Sunday, August 14th, we held our first annual "Trotwood Open" Putting Competition and raised \$162 for Brethren Disaster Ministries.

For a donation of their choosing, participants could try to putt the ball into the cup.

After the first round, Gloria Landis, Glenn Timmons and Judy Gainey all had made a hole in one and moved on to the next round.

In the end, Glenn Timmons came out the winner of the 'coveted' traveling trophy.

We plan on making this an annual event to raise money for BDM, so be sharpening your putting skills for next year.





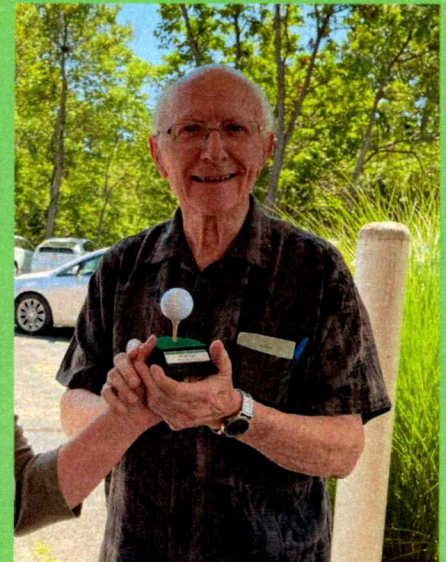
2nd Annual Trotwood Open Putting Competition

After the morning worship service on Sunday, August 13th, we held our second annual "Trotwood Open" Putting Competition and raised over \$225.00 for Brethren Disaster Ministries.



For a donation of their choosing, participants could try to putt the ball into the cup. After the first round, Gloria Landis, Rex Miller, Ken Gainey, Judy Gainey and Glenn Timmons all had made a hole-in-one and moved on to the next round.

It only took one round of the Putt-off for Glenn Timmons to be the only one to get another hole-in-one and be declared the winner of the 'coveted' traveling trophy for the second year in a row!



Working Together . . .
Empowering Disciples

August, 2024



More information on Disaster Ministry and Camp Sugarwood and other announcements, including complete schedules, registration forms, etc can be found on the district website: www.sodcob.org.

2024 SOK District Conference Registration open September 27 & 28, 2024

at Prince of Peace Church of the Brethren
800 E David Rd, Dayton, OH 45429

Registration Open

Registration is now open for the 2024 Southern Ohio/Kentucky District Conference. Each congregation with less than 200 members shall be entitled to four delegates (the pastor, the board chair, and two additional). Delegates shall be elected by the congregation. Each congregation having more than 200 members may send one additional delegate for each 200 members or fraction thereof. More information including schedule, CEU event, meals can be found on the district website.

Camp Sugarwood Updates

Wishlist

Can you help supply Camp Sugarwood with items needed? A wish list has been created through Amazon with items that CRM currently does not have. Many of these items are needed for the camp kitchen and would make it easier to provide meals during camp weeks. If you can help with purchasing an item please [click here](#). Items can be shipped directly to Carrie Drees, Director of Camping and Retreat Ministries. If you have any questions please contact Carrie Drees cdrees23@gmail.com or 937-564-7346.

Save the Dates for Women's Retreat

Planning is underway for the fall Women's Retreat to be held at Bergamo Retreat Center September 20-21, 2024. Please save the dates on your calendar. More info will be available soon.

Disaster Ministry Updates

Ice Cream Social – Plan to attend the 17th Annual BDM Ice Cream Social on Saturday, August 3, 4:00 - 7:00 PM at Happy Corner Church of the Brethren. The menu includes chicken & noodles, BBQ sandwiches, hotdogs, mac & cheese, cowboy beans, and more. Then for dessert, there is pie and five flavors of ice cream! Performing in the sanctuary will be musical groups (see schedule below). You can turn in and/or get a coin collection jar. Share-a-Meal tickets will be on sale for \$20 each. These are meals on a variety of dates hosted in homes. Choose by date, location, and menu. What a wonder-

ful opportunity for fellowship! All proceeds support S. Ohio/KY BDM as we help disaster survivors through rebuilding homes and with Church World Service kits. Come and bring your friends!

Musical Entertainment:

4:45 Ben Tipton
5:00 Joyful Noise
5:30 Natalie Dickerson/Jane Rue
5:45 Peggy Reiff Miller
6:00 A. J. Watts/Lesa Delcamp
6:15 Andrew Wright
6:30 Vicki Ullery/Kelly Williams

Rebuilding Volunteers Needed – Two volunteers are needed Sept. 8-14 to go to Letcher County, KY. This is a new site that will serve families and individuals who were impacted by the deadly summer 2022 flooding. Transportation, housing, food, and tools will be provided. To join the crew call/text Helen Wolf at 937-902-3475 or SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com. [Click here](#) for a flyer with the 2024 trip dates.

Golf Scramble – Register now! On Saturday, August 17 the annual Golf Scramble will be held at Beechwood Golf Course. Registration Form and Hole Sponsorship forms can be found on the district website, or contact your church office. For more information contact Kevin Dull at 937-604-328), montpres57@gmail.com.

Darke County Fair Parking – August 16-24 BDMers will be parking cars for fair attendees. We'll be using the parking lot at Orthopedic Associates, 732 Sweitzer Street, Greenville. Volunteer for a three-hour shift parking cars in designated spots. We have shifts available evenings during the week and all day on weekends. Please call/text Burt Wolf at 937-287-5902 to volunteer. Take a shift parking cars, and then go enjoy the fair!

Sewing Bee/CWS Prep – More sewers are needed for sewing school bags! Come to the Sewing Bee/CWS Prep at Greenville COB on Saturday, Aug. 24 at 9:00 AM. The 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.

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**.

SUMMER OLYMPICS

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BADMINTON BASKETBALL BOXING CRICKET DIVING EQUESTRIAN
FENCING HOCKEY KARATE SHOOTING SQUASH SURFING SWIMMING
TAEKWONDO TENNIS TRAMPOLINE TRIATHLON VOLLEYBALL
WATERPOLO WRESTLING

