



Covington Church of the Brethren Monthly Newsline

April 13, 2026

Upcoming EVENTS

Covington Church of the Brethren

- 4/15/2026 Men's Prayer Breakfast
8:00 a.m. @ Buffalo Jack's
- 4/15/2026 Church Board Meeting
4:30 p.m. - in church library
- 4/20-26/2026 Pastor Mike on vacation
(Guest Pastor - Nick Beam)
- 5/01/2026 Seniors' Alive Event
11:00 a.m. church lower level
- 5/03/2026 Brethren in Song will be singing during worship svc.
(practice 8:30 a.m. in the church lower level)
- 5/20/2026 Men's Prayer Breakfast
8:00 a.m. @ Buffalo Jack's
- 5/20/2026 Church Board Meeting
4:30 p.m. -in church library
- 5/25-6/1/2026 Cindy on vacation
- 6/15-19/2026 Vacation Bible School
@ Covington COB
- 6/22-27/2026 Pastor Mike on Vacation
- 6/28/2026 Guest Pastor-Pam Hitchcock
- 6/28-7/3/2026 Pastor Mike @ Annual Conference
(July 5th -vacation day)
- 07/05/2026 Guest Pastor-Pam Hitchcock

Mother's Day Recognition Sunday

Sunday, May 10th is Mother's Day. If you would like to share a picture of your Mother, Grandmother, Aunt, Teacher or Friend, please give the photo to Charlie before May 3rd so he can include it in the Photo Gallery for Mother's Day. Please include the mother's name and the children's name (s) or if it is a special person in your life, please include their name, how they are/were special to you and your name. (Example: Mrs Sue Jones, 3rd Grade Teacher, Charlie Brown).

Special music will be provided by Joseph, the Story Teller and Musician.

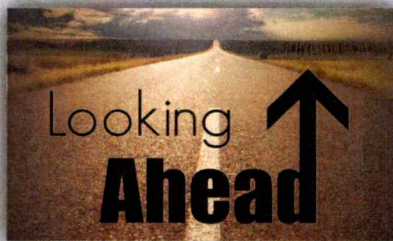
Through patience, wisdom, sacrifice, and love, mothers invest in something far greater than the present moment....they build legacy. On this day set aside to honor our Mothers, we will remember and share stories of their wisdom.



Brethren in Song

You ask what is Brethren in song. It's a group of folks that missed singing in the worship service as a choir. We meet at 8:30 a.m. in the church lower level on the Sunday we are singing, to practice the song. That way night driving is done away with!! All of our voices have changed but the love of music and singing keeps us all trying. Come, sing with us and join us in sharing our love of singing in church. We will be singing on Sunday, May 3rd. Remember make a joyful noise unto the Lord. Please join us!!!

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April 19 – Luke 24:13-35
“Restoring Balance”

April 26 – Guest Preacher - Southern OH/KY COB
District Executive Minister Rev. Nick Beam.
Pastor Mike will be on vacation April 20-26.

May 3 – John 14:1-14
“The Way That is Also Home”

May 10 – Special Mother’s Day worship.
Kay McKinney will lead our Special Worship.
Musician and storyteller, Joseph,
will provide our Special Music.

“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 watched from the church’s Facebook page @ “Covington Church of the Brethren” Thank you!

*Remember
to take care of
yourself.*

Sometimes you get so busy taking care of others that you forget that

*you are
important
too.*



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Please enjoy a few....Easter Sunrise Service & Worship Service Photos



New Sign Board Update

We are part way through being able to purchase our new sign board with having donations so far in the amount of \$8,275.00 as of April 5th. The Church Board and Trustees thank you and appreciate your support. Please continue to donate to the church New Sign Board project.

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!

Bethany Center "Food of the Month" "Canned Soup"

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.)*

Church Trustee Notice:

If you have any Repair & Maintenance concerns for the church, please contact Carolyn Wolfe
Cell# (937) 418-3034

**The Weekly News is
available online:**

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

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From the March Board Meeting.....

- * Welcomed Judi Hittle as Church Board Clerk
- * Community VBS will be week of June 15th
- * Sunrise Service at 7:00 at cabin on Owens Dr
- * Easter Day breakfast at 8:00 at the Church hosted by Bob And Denise Boyer and Family
- * Pastor Nick Beam will be preaching on April 26th
- * Deacons have a new welcome packet for visitors
- * March 15th Congregational Business Meeting vote was a unanimous Yes for Stillwater Community Church to use our building for 4 weeks, if needed.
- * Leaves for the following have been engraved and placed on the Memory Tree plaque joining the many other beloved members of our Church Family:
 - Carol Thompson DiMatteo
 - Rick Lavy
 - Ralph & Suzann Mutzner
 - Marion "Ed" Wolfe, Jr
 - Wayne & Mildred Weikert
 - Willis & June Bridges
 - Dwane & Rose Ann Runyan
 - Jane E. Lavy
- * Next Board meeting will be April 15th at 4:30 in the Church Library.

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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

Sherry Dye (Esther Fields' daughter) lost everything including her dog in a fire on, Feb 3, 2026.
Todd Alexander (Michael's brother and uncle of Danielle and Michelle) was burned in the fire.

Bernice Davis - Her 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 and for the restoration of her Florida home.

Jay Davis (Bernice Davis' son) who lives in Piqua continues to need our prayers after being in an accident in September.

Esther Fields is doing well following her knee replacement surgery. Continued prayers would be appreciated for healing.

Sylvia Warner would like prayers for **Mike Hinnegan** (Kierra & Chace's dad). Mike will be undergoing hand surgery 4/14 as a result of an accident at his work.

Dan & I would like to thank everyone for the cards, prayers and phone calls. Dan has had several setbacks that we are navigating through at this time. Your prayers are deeply appreciated.

God Bless, Dan and Jayne Hobbs

Elaine Kraus is slowly improving and hopes to be back with her church family soon.

Dave Lentz' was released from the hospital (4/10) and is healing at home. Everything went great, but he is a little sore from where they put in the Pacer-maker. Pastor Mike's visit was also very helpful. Dave & Pat thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers.

Todd McAbee (Esther Field's nephew). He has been diagnosed with colon cancer. He will soon be undergoing radiation and then possibly chemo. Todd retired from 20 years of military service and resides in Franklin, Indiana. (4/10)

Carol Minnich appreciates continued prayers for healing and therapy after recent shoulder replacement surgery.

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Larry & Lori Minnich and family - Larry (Terry Minnich's brother) fell 3/26 and broke his back in two places. He is currently a nursing home in Fairborn for rehab. Carol & Terry are thankful for your prayers.

Tom Mullen's April 2nd Cardioversion procedure was successful. Hope is that his heart stays in rhythm. Becky & Tom thank everyone for your prayers for the procedure and healing.

Fred Mutzner (son of the late Ralph and Suzanne Mutzner) continues to battle cancer. He is going to The James in Columbus for treatment. Prayers for Fred and his family are greatly appreciated.

Martha Nevin continues to recover from recent knee replacement surgery. Prayers are deeply appreciated.

Kathy Perrine and her family (friend of Carolyn Wolfe and many others in the church). She is in serious condition in a small hospital near where she is staying. They are trying to stabilize her blood pressure to be able to transport her to a large hospital in Dallas. To send a card please use the following address:

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

John Smith's surgery in February went well; everything looks positive. Wayne and Sharon Marshall and Angie Smith appreciate continued prayers for healing.

Theresa Swob (Esther Fields' daughter) was taken to the emergency room on 2/26 due to a knee issue causing her to have trouble standing. She was diagnosed with torn ligaments but that diagnosis was changed to a bone spur. Theresa is doing well.

Norman & Virginia Wolfe -Norman is in Piqua Care Center for rehab. Virginia & Norm appreciate your continued prayers.

Cheyenne (Jordan Wolfe's fiance) completed chemo treatments in January and is waiting until April to move forward with her reconstructive surgeries. Carolyn and her family are thankful for your prayers.

Ongoing Prayer List

Prayer updates would be appreciated

Karen Crowell (sister of Marilyn Helman)

Linda Dearth (Lea Ann Stevens' sister)

Dollie Hurley (Sylvia Warner's sister)

Velma Lear & Family (Yvonne & Herb Lear)

Linda Newman (Carol Minnich's friend)

Robin Reck

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

Brooks Smith & Family

Alex Yantis (nephew of Carol & Terry Minnich)

Richard & Leslie (Porter) Young

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

People of Israel & Palestine

People of Ukraine

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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)

Prayers for Comfort in the Loss of Loved Ones

Family of James McCuiston

*who passed away
3/24/2026
(James' daughter-in-law is
Shannon Longendelpher
McCuiston)*

Dear Church of the Brethren Family

Thank you so much for hosting mom (Jane Lavy's) service in your beautiful church.

Thank you for the slide show and the wonderful meal prepared by loving, hardworking hands. - Love, The Lavy Family

Southern Ohio/Kentucky District Office encourages

us to pray for:

April 19 - Eversole COB

April 26 - Potsdam COB

May 03 - Beaver creek COB

May 10 - Prince of Peace COB

Birthdays

04/17 Marti Cain
04/19 Katherine Dunton
04/19 Marilyn Helman
04/26 Dolores Mutzner
05/01 Peggy Zimmer
05/04 Jean Bitner
05/04 Elizabeth Nevin
05/14 Nick Kraus
05/16 Deb Ganger
05/20 Elaine Kraus
05/25 Samantha Lange
05/28 Andy Angle
05/28 Robbin Adams
05/31 Rex Adams



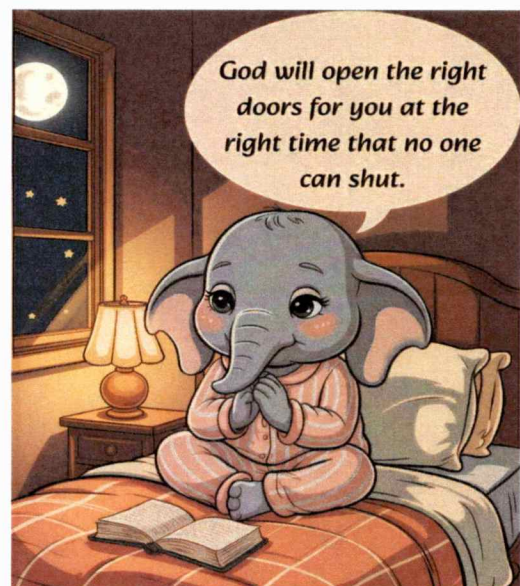
"Pet Friendly Prayer Chain"

Please call:

Office# (937) 473-2415

Cindy's Cell# (937) 448-0100

E-mail covingtoncob@gmail.com



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The April 10th Seniors Alive was attended by a total of 72 persons. The program presented by Linda Weikert Daniel and her brother Tim Weikert was about their Uncle Roy Weikert, It was interesting, informative and fun as they shared stories about their uncle's humble beginnings, his intellectual curiosity and with a belief that anything conceivable is achievable, he innovated product and manufacturing ideas in the plastics packaging industry as early as 1939. He served in the Army during WWII and after the war, in 1947 he began building a business from the ground up, General Films Inc in Covington. Tim Weikert is CEO of General Films and it continues to be an industry leader today.

As a young man, Roy researched healthy lifestyles and proceeded to implement a lifestyle of good nutrition, proper rest and regular exercise which contributed to Roy living to be 105. He bungee jumped at the age of 81, walked 2 to 3 miles a day, played tennis and loved dancing and music.



The program and name, Seniors Alive, is attributed to Roy's active life. The Roy J. Weikert Trust fund allocation to the Church of the Brethren is the major underwriter for this fun Outreach Program. Roy's legacy continues through Seniors Alive at his home church. We thank Linda Daniel and her husband, Jim for their kindness and support of Seniors Alive!



Caitlin Clark, historian, public speaker and storyteller will be our guest speaker on Friday, May 1st at 11:00. She will be in costume and introducing us to Annie Oakley.

Please make your reservations no later than April 24th for another Seniors Alive event of fun, food and fellowship.

Covington Church of the Brethren is handicap accessible at the Wall Street entrance.

*Supported by the
Roy Weikert Trust Fund
Thank you to all of our
Volunteers who help make
this possible!*



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More Seniors' Alive Event Photos!



District Clerk needed!

As of January 31, 2026 the Southern Ohio/Kentucky District Clerk wiis still an open position. The role of the clerk as stated in the District bylaws is: *"The clerk shall keep the minutes of District Conference and of Board Meetings, see that all notices are given according to these regulations or as required by law; have custody of the corporate records; keep a register of the post-office addresses of each member; in general perform all the duties incident to the office of secretary; and perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned by District Conference."* This position can be filled by either a man or woman. Would you, or someone you know, be able and willing to fill this vital position within District Leadership? Please contact Interim DE, Nick Beam (nbeam@brethren.org) or the Trent Smith, District Board Chair (pastortrent@happycornerchurch.org) for more information.

2026 National Youth Conference Information

Held every four years, NYC provides young people in high school and the first year of college (or age equivalent) and their advisors to gather for a week of fellowship, worship, workshops, recreation and more. And 2026 is the year! NYC will be held July 18-23 at Estes Park in Colorado. Registration is now open. The Southern Ohio/Kentucky District is offering a \$1000.00 grant for each young person and each advisor to help offset expenses. More information and a grant application can be found on the district website.

Camp Sugarwood Updates

It's Time to Register for Summer Camp!

Registration is open for all summer camps. Registration can be done online or with a paper form. For those needing camp scholarships or taking advantage of the early bird price for Trailblazers and Pathfinders camps use the paper form. If you have questions please contact Carrie Drees, cdrees23@gmail.com, 937-564-7346. A complete list of all camps can be found on the district website.

Volunteers Needed for Camp for Various Areas. Many hands and hearts are needed to make the summer camps successful. If you would like to volunteer please contact Carrie Drees at cdrees23@gmail.com, 937-564-7346 or Charlene Foster at charbyclark@aol.com, 937-572-2882. A complete list can be found on the district website.

Camp Sugarwood Scholarships Have a heart for the camping ministry, for children, and teens but cannot volunteer? Would you be able to support our camping ministry by contributing to scholarships needed for many of our campers? About ten to twelve campers each year need your help to experience the life-changing impact of our summer camps and Winter Blast. While some churches offer partial scholarships, many families cannot afford the remaining

cost. Your donation will directly support these children, providing them with opportunities for spiritual growth, personal development, and unforgettable memories. Please donate today at sodcob.org or mail your gift to SOKD CoB Camping and Retreat Ministries PO Box 785 Greenville, OH 45331. Thank you for your generosity!

A New Way to Support Camping and Retreat Ministries

Simply buy gift cards and shop online through CRM's RaiseRight Program and brands will automatically give up to 20% back to help pay for Camping and Retreat Ministries programs like Winter Blast. Use gift cards to pay for everyday things like groceries, gas, clothing, coffee, or dining out. Whether you're at home or on the go RaiseRight gives you the flexibility with eGift cards, reloadable cards, and a mobile app. Help CRM any time, anywhere. Download the app or use your computer. Enter this enrollment code: MGV2V7Y2G92N at www.raiseright.com

For questions or help, contact Carrie, cdrees23@gmail.com

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

Disaster Ministries Updates

New BDM Site – A new site is opening in western North Carolina for Hurricane Helene recovery. BDM will be partnering with Henderson County Habitat for Humanity and Transylvania Habitat for Humanity. Volunteer housing will be at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Hendersonville, NC. This project will run from April 12-June 6, 2026. S. Ohio/ KY BDM will be sending crews here in April, May, and June.

Volunteers Needed May 10-16 – Four volunteers are needed on our May crew. This trip will be to our new location in western North Carolina. Call/text Helen Wolf at 937-902-3475 or SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com to join a crew.

Sewing Bee/CWS Prep – On April 25 there will be a Sewing Bee at 9:00 AM at Greenville COB. Volunteers will sew school bags for Church World Service (CWS) kids kits, formerly called school kits. Please bring your sewing machine and an extension cord. Non-sewers will prep items for kids kits and cleanup buckets. Everyone is invited to bring a sack lunch.

A complete list of trips and Sewing Bees can be found on the district website.

*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.***



Covington Outreach Association

COA Celebrates 20 Years of Service

This is a very special year for the COA as we observe two decades of providing a local safety net for folks right here at home. During our first 15 years, we operated a traditional food pantry in the Church of the Brethren and for the past five, we have scheduled families to select their own food at the Troy Meijer store, then our volunteers meet them at the register to purchase the groceries. In addition to food assistance, we offer emergency financial assistance for rent and utilities and sponsor several annual community outreach events. The COA serves as an essential resource for our village.



Beginning with a gift of \$3000 in seed money from the Covington Ministerial Association, over the past 20 years we have distributed \$1.5 million into our community. Our foundation rests firmly on the generous support of eleven Covington area churches. We have established partnerships with our schools and library, along with the Miami County Foundation, Meijer Simply Give gift card program, Community Chest, and the Paula M. Montgomery Food for Kids program. Covington businesses, social organizations and community members give generously to support our Mission.



At the heart of our organization are the volunteers who made all of this possible. We are grateful for the tireless effort they continue to put forward. In past years, the community came together stocking the shelves of the food pantry, running in our annual 5K race, enjoying a steel drums concert on a summer evening and wrapping Christmas gifts. More recently, our volunteers include two very special ladies who meet shoppers at Meijer, high schoolers who pack the take home groceries for K-5 students, and our dedicated friends who distribute household goods for Summertime Stock Up, backpacks for Back to School and Christmas gifts for the Children's Christmas program.



COA is truly a blessing for our small village, and a sincere testament to how when we all work together, we can take care of our own. Many, many thanks to our faithful donors and volunteers for their compassion toward our neighbors who can use a helping hand.

P.O. Box 125
Covington, Ohio 45318
(937) 541-5581

www.covingtonoutreach.org
neighbor@covingtonoutreach.org
director@covingtonoutreach.org



Annual Report

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2025 Mission Accomplishments

<u>Program</u>	<u>2025 Grants</u>	<u>No. Served</u>
Food pantry	\$44,072	55-60 individuals monthly
Rent/utility aid	\$3,200	44 individuals
PMM Food 4 Kids	\$7,343	55 students each month
Summertime Stock Up	\$4,789	116 individuals
Back 2 School	\$8,602	50 students
Children's Christmas	\$14,345	71 children
Seniors Christmas	\$3,758	79 individuals/seniors at Stillwater
Total 2025 Assistance:	\$86,109	



Special Thanks to Seniors Alive!

Our local seniors' group Seniors Alive! invited Executive Director, Annie Harrison, to address their August meeting and donated over a thousand personal care products for our Back to School program. Each of our students received a shower caddy with shampoo, conditioner, soap, lotion, deodorant, toothbrush and toothpaste. Our annual program also includes backpack with grade level supplies, \$50 certificate for new shoes, breakfast foods and school fees.



Santa Came to Town

Santa's elves had a busy December preparing for the children's Christmas gift pick up on December 18th. With the generous support of the Covington community, Covington area churches, the JR Clarke library, Perrigo, the Staci Jo Blythe Memorial golf outing, and the CHS Joy Club's teddy bear toss we were able to provide 71 children with a memorable Christmas. Our Christmas shoppe full of donated items was available for our 27 families to pick up some extra Christmas goodies for their children. Earlier in the month we provided 12 families without children and our 59 friends at the Stillwater Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation center with small gifts to help make their Christmas a little brighter too!

What a generous and loving community!
Thank you all for your support!



Generously Supported by

- CornerStone Dunkard Brethren Church • Covington Church of the Brethren •
- Covington Christian Church • Friedens Lutheran Church • Fields of Grace Worship Center •
- Friendship Grace Brethren Church • Old German Baptist-New Conference Church • Covington Presbyterian Church •
- St. John's Lutheran Church • St. Teresa of the Infant Jesus Catholic Church • Stillwater Community Church •

Donuts by the Dozen

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 ECLAIR
 OLD FASHIONED
 APPLE
 SPRINKLES
 CREAM
 MAPLE
 BLUEBERRY
 FRITTER
 BOX
 TWIST
 FRIED
 STICKY
 CIDER
 SUGAR

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