

Covington Church of the Brethren Weekly News

Friday, February 03, 2023



Todd Alexander (Mike Alexander's brother) had a minor stroke due to blood clotting. The doctors have addressed his medication, he is doing well and has returned to his normal activity.

Kelly Alexander (Mike's sister) will be undergoing knee replacement soon. She is doing okay and further health conditions will be addressed later.

Rick Alexander (Mike's only living Uncle) is having neck and shoulder work soon.

Scott Alexander (Mike's brother) was taken off chemotherapy due to liver complications. Please continue to pray for God's intervention to help the doctors with his cancer.

Mike Alexander is thankful for everyone's prayers for his family members.

Lisa & Emily Clark and baby Nova - (requested by Michelle & Brenda Alexander) Emily had Nova by emergency C-Section (4 lbs. 11 oz.). Prayers for healing for Emily and prayers for Nova being new to this world.

Dollie Hurley (sister of Sylvia Warner). Dollie's ablation is tentatively planned for February. Sylvia and her family are thankful for your prayers.

Venus Hurt (Pat Lentz' sister) has healed from from having RSV but is dealing with additional health issues. Pat & Dave Lentz appreciate your continued prayers.

Sherry & Rick Lavy - Rick is in StoryPoint Assisted Living in Troy. "Rick and Sherry thank you again for all the cards, prayers, thoughts and visits. Rick is doing good and we feel so blessed."

Pat & Dave Lentz - Pat underwent surgery February 1st at Miami Valley Hospital. The surgery went well and she is healing at home. Dave & Pat are thankful for your prayers for the surgery and for continued healing.

Larry & Laura Minnich (brother of Terry Minnich) Larry is home now and is continuing to undergo therapy.

Stephen Minnich (son of Larry & Laura Minnich) has been released from the hospital and is doing well.

Robin Reck (niece of Bill & Jean Bitner) has cancer and needs our prayers.

Brenda & Reverend David Rusk - Brenda was born with a liver condition that has recently deteriorated. She is now in liver failure and needs a transplant, that their insurance does not cover. Brenda & David would appreciate your prayers.

Brooks Smith & family - Brooks is experiencing serious life difficulties and needs prayers for guidance, life direction, and safety. 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.

Ryan Stackhouse is doing well following recent surgery. Don, Ann, Ryan & Neil are thankful for your prayers.

Virginia & Norman Wolfe - Virginia recently contracted COVID. She is feeling some better. Virginia and Norman are thankful for your prayers.

Sam Woods implanted back stimulation device will be adjusted February 6th. Sam is thankful for your continued prayers.

Reese Wright (great-granddaughter of Lois Newman) Reese has been dealing with a bad rash on her body, and doctors are having a difficult time finding the cause of it. Reese will soon be undergoing a culture test to help find answers. His parents are Triston Wright and Autumn Weatherhead.

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Continued Prayers:

(In an effort to keep this continual prayer list active, we ask for your help in sharing prayer updates for your love ones and friends every 30 days.)

Beverly Beckner (friend of Bernice Davis)

Dave & Linda Berrett

Kim Bridges (Brodrick) graduated with Melody Richardson (daughter of Mel & Peg Longendelpher)

Roberta Brock (relative of Pastor Mike & Belinda)

Linda Dearth

Chad Davis, Courtney & their baby boy

(great-grandson of Bernice Davis)

Ben Ferguson (Esther Field's grandson by marriage)

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

Regina Lewis (friend of Bonnie Seitz)

Carol & John DiMatteo & family

Carol Minnich

Linda Newman (Carol Minnich's best friend)

People of Ukraine

Jim Perry (friend of our church residing in a Cincinnati Care Center)

Dwane & Rose Ann Runyan

Mike & Carol Sawyer (relative of Nancy Mack)

Marie Stanfield (Carol Minnich's friend)

Gregory Swob (Esther Swob's great-great grandson)

Dave Thomas (Bernice Davis's neighbor)

Pam Williamson (Martha Nevin's sister)

Norman & Virginia Wolfe

Layne Wright (great-granddaughter of Lois Newman)

Mark & Roz Yantis (sister of Carol Minnich)

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

A Note of Thanks & Health Update

Kim Bridges Brodrick would like to thank everyone for their prayers. She feels it has been through prayer that she has come through the surgeries. She is scheduled for a CT Scan in February to re-check the lung nodule and is very nervous about it. She is also doing physical therapy to strengthen her shoulder and arm from the grafts that were taken. Your continued prayers would be appreciated.

**Our love, prayers, and sympathy
are expressed to the following:**



James "Jim" Carlyle Boram

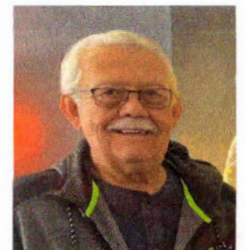
Esther Fields' neighbors, Beverly (Boram) & Paul Yohey, and the entire family at the death of James "Jim" Carlyle Boram who passed away Monday, January 30, 2023,

at Upper Valley Medical Center, Troy. Funeral Service was held Friday, February 3, 2023 at Bridges-Stocker-Fraley Funeral Home, with Pastor Daryl Peeples officiating. Visitation was held February 2, 2023 at the funeral home.

To read the complete obituary: <https://www.stocker-fraley.com/obituary/JamesJim-Boram>

Gary Maggart

Phyllis & Duane Rapp and family at the death of Gary Maggart of Pleasant Hill, who passed away January 24, 2023. His wife, Sherry (Fessler) is a cousin of Phyllis.



Sherry was in Miami Valley Hospital for open heart surgery that will be rescheduled after the funeral.

Funeral service was January 31, 2023 at Jackson-Sarver Funeral Home, Pleasant Hill. Visitation was January 30th held at the funeral home.

To read the complete obituary:

<https://www.jackson-sarver.com/obituary/Gary-Maggart>

To Share Prayer Updates:

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

*Stop focusing on how stressed you are
and remember how blessed you are.*

-Thoughts Wonder

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Looking Ahead

Sermon Series for Epiphany Season – Gifts that Keep on Giving. With the traditional “gift-giving season” behind us, we are invited to focus on some of God’s unexpected gifts that we can enjoy long after the Christmas season. God’s gifts are gifts that reveal themselves in new ways as time goes on. Part of our challenge as the Church is discovering the gifts God offers and embracing the challenge to accept them.

2/5/23 – The Gift of Generosity

Matt. 5:13–20

2/12/23 – The Gift of Outrageous Grace

Matt. 5:21–37

2/19/23 - The Gift of the Unpredictable

Matt. 17:1–9

Lets’s Share.....

The Bethany Center in Piqua could use some donations of food items. All Miami County residents can be served by this agency. Director Shawn says they always need non-perishable food items and would greatly appreciate donations. He said canned tuna, canned vegetables and canned soups are especially needed, as well as pasta items. The center also needs plastic grocery sacks.

Our Witness Commission will have collection boxes located at entrance to the church building. Donated items will be taken to Bethany Center periodically.

If you have questions, please call Dean Nevin at (937) 615-6650



February Birthdays

02/06 Jim Perry

02/10 Dave Lentz

02/17 Lonnie Cain

02/20 Jim Thompson

02/21 Sam Woods

02/22 Swade Holsinger

02/23 Monica Goubeaux

02/23 Cathy Barhorst

02/25 Kaylee Heck

02/25 Wayne Marshall

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Morning Worship Service

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

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

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

Address Update:

Ralph Mutzner
1838 Britton Drive
Piqua, OH 45356



“Pet Friendly Prayer Chain”

Please call:

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CMA Covington Community Lenten Luncheon Series (2023) The "I AM" Sayings of Jesus

All of the luncheons will be at 11:30 AM at the Church of the Brethren in the lower level.

- 2/28 - St. John's Lutheran Church will serve the luncheon.
Pastor Rachel Patterson will offer the reflection on "I AM the Bread of Life."
- 3/07 - Covington Church of the Brethren will serve the luncheon.
Pastor Mike Yingst will offer the reflection on "I AM the Light of the World."
- 3/14 - Covington Christian Church will serve the luncheon.
Pastor Nick Church will offer a reflection on "I AM the Door."
- 3/21 - St. Teresa Catholic Church will serve the luncheon.
Father Jim Duell will offer the reflection on "I AM the Good Shepherd."
- 3/28 Covington Presbyterian Church / Frieden's Lutheran will serve the luncheon.
Pastor Jon Dillon (Stillwater Community Church) will offer the reflection on "I AM the Resurrection and the Life. The Covington HS Choir who will share the gift of song with us.

Prayer Vigil Sign-Up

Covington Church of the Brethren will be holding it's Ash Wednesday Prayer Vigil from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on February 22, 2023 in our church sanctuary. A sign-up sheet is on a table in the Hospitality Room. *Please volunteer to spend 30 minutes alone or with one other person, praying in our quiet sanctuary.*

*Always pray to have eyes that
see the best in people,
A heart that forgives the worst,
A mind that forgets the bad,
And a soul that never
loses faith in God. ❤️*

The Men's Prayer Breakfast will be held Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. at Buffalo Jack's. No reservations are required. Please join us.

February 15th Church Meetings:

- 5:00 p.m. Trustees Mtg.
- 6:00 p.m. Church Board Mtg.

To Receive Prayer and Church Messages via Text Message to your cell phone, please contact covingtoncob@gmail.com or call Cindy at (937) 448-0100. Thank you, Cindy *(This is very simple to set up and you will receive the messages as soon as*

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Popular Pizza Toppings

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- ONIONS
- AVOCADO
- MUSHROOMS
- SALAMI
- SAUSAGE
- PEPPERONI
- CILANTRO
- RICOTTA
- BACON
- SPINACH
- ZUCCHINI
- PEANUTS
- PROSCUITTO
- BEEF
- EGGPLANT
- LOBSTER
- CHORIZO
- CHICKEN

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