



# Covington Church of the Brethren Weekly News

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

**Brenda Baker** (daughter of Norman & Virginia Wolfe) is having health issues and would appreciate our prayers.

**Carol Dimatteo and her family.** Carol is currently hospitalized due to the ongoing health issues she is dealing with. Prayers for healing and strength are much appreciated.

**Dollie Hurley** (sister of Sylvia Warner). Dollie is struggling with health issues and hopes to have a heart ablation soon.

**Nan Meyer Gibson** (friend of Kay McKinney & Kathy Miller) and family. She underwent brain surgery March 8th to remove a tumor that was cancerous. Prayers would be appreciated for Nan and her family as she begins chemotherapy.

**Venus Hurt** (Pat Lentz' sister) and family. Venus has stopped her cancer treatments and is entering Hospice Care. Pat & Dave 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 is doing better every day following her recent surgery. She is very thankful for all the cards, prayers, and calls for her surgery and continued healing.

**Grace Miller** (Cindy Miller's mother) would appreciate prayers for a good outcome for her Orthopedic Surgeon's doctor's appointment that was rescheduled to March 27th.

**Kathy Miller** is improving at home following to a recent adverse reaction to a change in chemo medication.

**Jessie Milligan** (daughter of Bonnie Seitz) underwent an outpatient procedure March 20th.

**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 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.

**Gregory Swob** (great-great grandson of Esther Fields). Gregory had improved after being at Children's Hospital (due to not being able to keep food down) and was going to be released to come home today. But before he left the hospital, he began having an irregular heartbeat, a temperature, and was then sent to ICU. Parents are Dillon & Briana Swob, and Great-Grandmother Teresa Swob.

**Norman & Virginia Wolfe** would appreciate our prayers after both recently fell when leaving our church.

**Sam Woods'** implanted back stimulation device has been scheduled to be adjusted. 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. She will soon be undergoing a culture test to help find answers. Her parents are Triston Wright and Autumn Weatherhead.

Prayers continued...

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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.)*

**Kelly, Rick & Scott Alexander** (Mike Alexander's sister, uncle and brother)

**Beverly Beckner** (friend of Bernice Davis)

**Dave & Linda Berrett** - Dave is doing better.

Linda needs our prayers for issues due to a medical condition.

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

**Roberta Brock** (relative of Pastor Mike & Belinda)

**Linda Dearth** (sister of Lea Ann Stevens)

**Lisa & Emily Clark & baby Nova** (requested by Brenda and Michelle Alexander)

**Chad Davis, Courtney & their baby boy** (great-grandson of Bernice Davis)

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

**Carol Minnich**

**Larry & Laura Minnich** (Terry Minnich's brother)

**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)

**Ryan Stackhouse** (son of Don & Ann Stackhouse)

**Marie Stanfield** (Carol Minnich's friend)

**Dave Thomas** (Bernice Davis's neighbor)

**Pam Williamson** (Martha Nevin's sister)

**Mark & Roz Yantis** (sister of Carol Minnich)

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

## To Share Prayer Updates:

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

**Our love, prayers and sympathy are expressed to Kevin Ashe (son) at the death of, Kuleta Ashe who passed away March 19, 2023. Kuleta worked at the James Cancer Hospital in Columbus as a nurse. Kevin Ashe is a friend of Mike Alexander.**

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## A Note of Thanks

Part of the joy Christ has bought for us is our support for each other as Christians. Part of that support is praying for each other. Thank you for the prayers you have offered on my behalf and for Joel. I know that they helped me get through, and I wanted to tell you how grateful I am. Please keep me in your prayers as I adjust to living without my beloved Joel and also dealing with extreme neuropathy in my feet and fingers that is caused by the chemotherapy. I am going to physical therapy twice a week to aid me with walking and balance and also getting twice a week treatments that are holistic and take into account other factors, rather than just the symptoms. Thank you again. Many people miss their opportunity to be used by God. Thank you for being willing to be His instrument of blessing in my life! - Kathy Miller

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**On behalf of the Trustees and the Church Board,** we want to take this opportunity to remind our members and guests with special needs to use the Wall Street entrance for your safety.

If needed, there is a wheelchair and walker available at that entrance for your use. Thank You!

Carolyn Wolfe, Trustees Chairperson  
Kay McKinney, Church Board Chairperson

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*Today, take a few minutes to sit  
quietly and be thankful for  
all that you have. ♥*

*-Quotes Cafe*

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

## Easter Sunrise Service & Breakfast

Covington Church of the Brethren will host an Easter Sunrise Service and Breakfast Sunday morning April 9th. The sunrise service will begin at 7:00 a.m. at the church cottage on Owens Road. Breakfast will follow at 8:00 a.m. in Covington COB lower level. Worship will begin at 9:30 a.m. No Sunday School

*(Note: Due to bridge construction, please access Owens Road from Falknor Road and drive south on Owens Road to the Church Cottage.)*

## Mid-Week Reflection

Please join us for Pastor Mike's weekly morning website video (e-mailed Thursday's at 9:00 a.m.). It will generally take 10 minutes or less to watch.

There will be an Executive Committee Meeting, in the church library, March 28th at 5:00 p.m.

## Love Feast - April 2, 2023

*(Feet or Hand Washing & Communion)*

We are preparing the Love Feast Celebration so that you might come and spend time with the Lord and with each other in fellowship around His table. We invite you to come and share in this important Holy Week observance of faith as we all anticipate the death, burial and glorious resurrection of the Lord! Love Feast will take place in the lower level following morning worship.

The Men's Prayer Breakfast will be held Wednesday, April 19, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. at Buffalo Jack's. Please join us.

## April 19, 2023 Church Meetings:

5:00 p.m. Trustees Mtg.

6:00 p.m. Church Board Mtg.

Please update your 2023 Church Board Roster with the following changes:

Kay McKinney: Add to Floral Committee

Esther Fields': Phone# (937) 216-3293

Ann Stackhouse: Phone# (937) 570-7796

If you have not picked up a 2023 Church Board Roster, but would like to have one, please e-mail: covingtoncob@gmail.com, or call/text Cindy at (937) 448-0100.



To Receive Prayer and Church Message 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 posted.)*

Covington Church of the Brethren  
Morning Worship Service

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

The Weekly News

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

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## **Sermon Series for Lent and Easter – Seeking: Questions for Our Deepening Faith**

As we move through the Season of Lent, we are invited into a spiritual practice of seeking by asking questions. Our questions won't necessarily lead to answers, but they can help us find clarity and a new perspective. Ultimately, the hope is that they will lead to new beginnings, to restoration, to a wider grace, and to a deepening faith.

3/26/23 – John 11:1-45 / Ezekiel 37:1-14  
Can These Bones Live?

4/02/23 – Palm Sunday - Matthew 21:1-11  
Where Are You Headed?  
Following Worship, we will celebrate our Palm Sunday Love Feast on the lower level.

4/09/23 – Easter - John 20:1-18  
Who Are You Looking For?  
We will have our Easter Sunrise Service at the Owens Road cottage at 7:00 AM.  
Our Easter Breakfast will be on the lower level at 8:00 AM.  
(Prepared and served by Bob and Denise Boyer and Family.)

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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.

3/28 - Covington Presbyterian Church / Frieden's Lutheran will serve the luncheon. Pastor Greg Kurtz 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.

**Spring is in the air!**



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*Happy Birthday*



## **March Birthdays**

03/24 Jane Lavy  
03/26 Carole DiMatteo  
03/26 Terry Lavy  
03/27 Ellie (Cain) French  
03/31 Dorothy Flick

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## **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

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## **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



## **"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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*There is a dog school in Canada so they don't stay home alone. This a picture taken on the way to school. ❤️*



# Words for Spring

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- GALOSHES
- FAMILY
- GARDEN
- SEEDS
- MUSHROOM
- BIKE
- CROCUS
- PUDDLE
- GREEN
- MARCH
- BLOSSOMS
- CLOUD
- HAT
- TREE
- TULIP
- RAINBOW
- MAPLE
- FLOWER
- LEAF
- JACKET
- BIRDS
- LILY
- UMBRELLA
- SUN

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