



Covington Church of the Brethren Weekly News

August 17, 2023



**Daily, Extended &
Ongoing Prayer Lists**
(updates are appreciated) ♥

Danielle Alexander (daughter of Mike & Brenda Alexander, sister Michelle and grand-daughter of Esther Fields) - Danielle and her National Guard Troops in Louisiana, are headed out for extended time maneuvers in the intense heat that is forecast. Please pray for their health and safety.

Dave & Linda Berrett - Dave is improving daily with just a few setbacks. They hope he will be sent home within the week. Dave & Linda thank you for your prayers.

Rhonda & Ted Brumbaugh - Rhonda's swallowing test showed she failed it 100% and is swallowing by gravity only. She is trying a new medication to help with that and is hoping it will work. She had chest and neck CT's and will go over the results next week with her medical oncologist. She is also scheduled to see a neurologist for balance issues. Ted and she would appreciate continued prayers, as they know prayers work!

Tammy Cole (Pat Lentz' sister-in-law). Tammy is having health issues. She resides in Kentucky. Pat & Dave are thankful for your prayers.

Marcy (Wolfe) Hartman (daughter of Ed & Carolyn Wolfe and wife of Randy Hartman) - Marcy had complications with her chemo dosage. It is now being broken down into small amounts causing a 5-6 week delay in having her surgery. Marcy, Carolyn & Ed, and family are very thankful for your prayers.

Bill & Diana Heath - Bill recently fell from a ladder at their home fracturing two vertebrae in his lower back and hitting his head. After his emergency testing at the hospital, he was released to come home to heal, but will not be able to work for 6 to 8 weeks.

Dollie Hurley (sister of Sylvia Warner). Please continue prayers for Dollie due to her heart condition.

Venus Hurt (Pat Lentz' sister) and family. Venus is under Hospice Care.

***Rick & Sherry Lavy** - Rick will be moving to the Brethren Retirement Community on August 25th. His new address will follow soon. Thank you to all for your cards and prayers.

Gary Lentz (Dave Lentz's brother) Gary is currently having health issues. Thank you!

Kathy Miller -

My monthly chemo went well on the 8th and blood work was great! I'm still dealing with neuropathy, tiredness, and some new eye problems that are all caused by the chemo. I am getting some new treatments for neuropathy that are a combination of several things. That protocol includes diet (Rats! No dairy...this will be a hard one for me as I enjoy my milk, cheese, yogurt, ice cream and cottage cheese), a new drink supplement that tastes awful, four hours of daily home therapy with three different devices, and twice a week visits to the doctor for three months. About my eyes.....chemo caused my oil glands to scar over with no reversal, so eye drops forever to help with the dry eye syndrome, and temporary large, medicated contacts to heal my damaged corneas. As far as being tired....who doesn't like a mid afternoon nap? Thank you for your prayers, love and support. Please don't feel sorry for me. I am handling all of it in a positive way with faith and joy in everyday life....I just would like you to know how to pray specifically. You've been praying for me for quite some time now, and I thank you! I'm still claiming my miracle of complete healing.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY!!

***Jeff Minnich** (friend of Lois Newman). Jeff is dealing with serious health issues.

(prayers continued...)

(*) Notes New or Updated Prayer Messages.

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Ralph Mutzner's has COPD. He continues to appreciate prayers for his breathing difficulties.

Lois Newman is considering a local alternative for having a post-test aneurysm procedure in place of going to Cleveland Clinic.

Irene Reynolds is recovering from her recent fall but now has fasciitis in her heel. Prayers for healing would be appreciated.

Ron Schultz and family. Ron recently underwent surgery at the University of Cincinnati to treat his brain tumor. The procedure went well. Please continue to keep him and his family in your prayers including all of the work in front of him.

Angie (Shroyer) Smith, daughter of Patsy (and the late Bill) Weyant, and husband John Smith. She is awaiting test results to know how to best handle her health issues. Patsy, Angie, and family are thankful for your prayers.

John Smith (son-in-law of Wayne & Sharon Marshall and husband of their daughter Angie). John is having health issues and needs our prayers. Thank you, Wayne & Sharon

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.

Virginia & Norman Wolfe - Norman is healing from recently receiving a pacemaker. Norman & Virginia are thankful for your prayers.

Reece & Laney Wright - Reece is adjusting to recently receiving an insulin pump. Laney is waiting for approval for a pump also to best control their diabetes. Reece & Laney are great-grandchildren of Lois Newman, and parents Tristen & Autumn Wright.

Ongoing Prayer List

Prayer updates would also be appreciated ❤️

Beverly Beckner (friend of Bernice Davis)

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)

Curt and Monica (Batdorf) Goubeaux are recovering had a serious barn fire.

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

Carol Minnich

Larry & Laura Minnich (Terry Minnich's brother)

Linda Newman (best friend of Carol Minnich)

People of Ukraine

Robin Reck

Dwane & Rose Ann Runyan

Brenda & Reverend David Rusk - Brenda has liver failure and is in need of a transplant.

Mike & Carol Sawyer (relative of Nancy Mack)

Ryan Stackhouse (son of Don & Ann Stackhouse)

Mark & Roz Yantis (Carol Minnich's sister and husband)

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

***Children's Disaster Services (CDS)** is responding to the wildfires in Hawaii. The team that left on Monday, August 14 includes one worker from the S. Ohio/KY District. This team has been called for a three-week deployment. They will be working in the shelters on Maui. It is anticipated that additional teams will be sent. Please keep them in your prayers.

To Share Prayer Updates:

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

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.*)

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



Nan Gibson

The family and (friends Kay McKinney and Kathy Miller) at the death of Nan Gibson who passed away August 14, 2023 at Ohio Hospice of Miami County. Graveside Service is to be held at the convenience of the family. Celebration of Life 5-8 PM Friday at the Covington Eagles, 715 E. Broadway Street, Covington. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Ohio Hospice of Miami County or the Covington Fire & Rescue.

To read the complete obituary, please visit the following link: <https://www.stockerfraley.com/obituary/NanetteNan-Gibson>

Looking Ahead

As we move through the months of summertime, we continue to look at the ways the Holy Spirit enables us to bear much fruit into this world.

Galatians 5:22-23 - By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.

8/20 - Isaiah 40:3-11 / Matthew 11:28-30
"Bearing Much Fruit: Gentleness"

8/27 - Rev. Ralph Schaafsma will be our Guest Preacher. Pastor Mike will be on vacation.

9/03 - We will commission our Christian Educators during worship.
Proverbs 16:32 & 25:28 / Philippians 2:5-11
"Bearing Much Fruit: Self-Control"

*Don't trust everything you see.
Even salt can look like sugar* ❤️
by Smile & Shine



Judy Yingst

The family and friends of Judy Yingst (distant relative of Pastor Mike & Belinda Yingst). Judy passed away August 11, 2023 at her home. Her husband was the late Lowell Yingst. Funeral Service 1:00 PM Friday at Bridges-Stocker-Fraley Funeral Home, Covington with Pastor Nick Church officiating. Interment Highland Cemetery, Covington. Visitation will be 10:00 AM Friday until time of service. If desired, contributions may be made to Crossroads Hospice, 8069 Washington Village Drive, Dayton, OH 45458.

To read the complete obituary, please visit the following link: <https://www.stockerfraley.com/obituary/Judy-Yingst>



Helping Those In Need!

Thank you to everyone who has been supporting our ongoing outreach program, by donating food items for the Bethany

Center Food Pantry, Piqua, Ohio (servicing all Miami County Residents). Your ongoing support has been appreciated and will help local families with food insecurity. Our Witness Commission has collection boxes at entrances to the our church building for your food donations that will taken to the Bethany periodically.

Also, Bethany is now accepting clothing donations again. If you would like to also donate clothes, please drop them off at the their location: 339 South Street, Piqua, OH 45356. For more information, please contact Dean Nevin at (937) 615-6650.

*The butterfly does not look back at the
caterpillar in shame, just as you should not
look back at your past in shame. Your past
was part of your own transformation*



-God's Signs Through Butterflies

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Covington Church of the Brethren, located at the corner of Wright and Wall Street, is starting a new Outreach Program for the area senior citizens called **Seniors Alive!**

The program will be **supported by the Roy J Weikert Trust**. Roy was an active member of our Church and Community; he always remembered and loved Covington in his life and in his passing.

This new program is an opportunity to interact with others once a month for **fun, food, games and activities** as well as some informative/educational programs.

The meetings will be held the first Friday of each month from 11:00 to 1:00. **The first meeting will be Friday, September 1st** at 11:00 in the lower level of the Church of the Brethren. The Wall Street entrance is handicap accessible.

Please call Kay McKinney at (937) 473-2767 or Sherry Lavy, (937) 773-7546 to make reservations for the complimentary lunch and a fun time visiting with friends and neighbors at Seniors Alive! We are requesting reservations so there will be food for everyone so **please call with your R.S.V.P. by August 25th**.

We look forward to seeing you all soon! ❤️

**Trotwood Church of the Brethren -Invitation
Ecuadorian Amazon: Deep Jungle Learning Tour**
Rex Miller will talk about his recent visit to Ecuador. This was a compelling encounter with nature, both fauna (toucans, monkeys, sloths, pink dolphins, snakes and a myriad of other creatures) and flora (a bursting cacophony of plants of all shapes and sizes). We visited native communities of the Siona, Secopia, Cofan, and Shuar where we learned of their cultures and the forest around them. The threats that existed for them and their lands were the oil companies, palm oil plantations, settlers, all of which endanger this place and its people.

When: Sunday August 27 at 4:00 PM
Where: Trotwood Church of the Brethren
208 E Main St
Trotwood, OH 45426



**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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My dear friends,

Once someone was asked, "What do you gain by always praying under God?"

The man replied, 'Nothing ... but let me tell you what I have lost - Anger, ego, greed, depression, insecurity, and the fear of death.'

Sometimes the answer to our prayers is not gaining our desires but overcoming our weaknesses... Which is ultimately the greatest gain.

You're loved, Merrill

Next Church Meetings:

Date: September 20, 2023

4:30 p.m. Trustees

5:00 p.m. Church Board

The Men's Prayer Breakfast will be held September 20, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. at Buffalo Jack's.



September Birthdays

8/17 Chelsea Robinson

8/20 Irene Reynolds

8/22 Grace Miller

8/31 Belinda Yingst

8/31 Tony Angle

*Worry is a conversation you have with yourself about things you can't change.
Prayer is a conversation you have with God about things He can change. ❤️*

- Lance Walnau



"Pet Friendly Prayer Chain"

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Please Note:

If you have any Repair & Maintenance concerns for the church please contact one of the following people:

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Terry Minnich

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For the Love of Cats

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