



Covington Church of the Brethren Weekly News

Friday, December 16, 2022



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.

Connor (friend of Sylvia Warner's family) -Connor (a senior in high school) has been allowed to attend school a couple of days a week but continues to be under a medical process that is used following a concussion.

Dollie Hurley (sister of Sylvia Warner). Dollie did not undergo a heart ablation as planned, to allow time to strengthen her heart. Tentative date for the ablation now is the end of December. Sylvia and her family are thankful for your prayers.

Venus Hurt (Pat Lentz' sister) is slowly recovering from congestion, sinus issues and RSV. Dave & Pat are thankful for your prayers.

Sherry & Rick Lavy - We are grateful and thankful for our church family and all the cards, prayers, calls and visits. Rick is improving slowly. Sherry has had her cast removed and has moved to just a brace now.

Bruce Martin and family - Bruce is dealing with COVID.

Kathy & Joel Miller- Joel has been transferred from Piqua Manor to Kettering Medical Center Main Campus in Kettering to see an Interventional Radiologist that is not available in Troy.

Larry Minnich (brother of Terry Minnich) - Larry fell and broke his hip. He underwent surgery at Grandview Hospital 12/8. Terry & Carol are thankful for you prayers and continued prayers or healing.

Little Liz Nevin (daughter of Elizabeth Nevin, and grand-daughter of Dean & Martha Nevin. Little Liz was recently taken to the emergency room and was diagnosed with RSV. She was since released to heal at home. The Nevins are relieved that the RSV is not in her lungs. Continued prayers would be appreciated.

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

Layne Wright (great-granddaughter of Lois Newman) Layne has been diagnosed with diabetes. Her parents are Tristen Wright and Autumn Weatherhead.

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.)

Scott Alexander, Kelly (Mike Alexander's sister), Beverly Beckner, Dave & Linda Berrett, Kim Bridges (Brodrick), Roberta Brock, Rhonda & Ted Brumbaugh, Linda Dearth, Chad Davis, Courtney and their newborn baby boy, Erick Delgado, Regina Lewis, Carol & John DiMatteo and family, Carol Minnich, Linda Newman, Jim Perry, Dwane & Rose Ann Runyan, Mike & Carol Sawyer, Marie Stanfield, Gregory Swob, Dave Thomas, Sandy & Dave Wells, Pam Williamson, Norman & Virginia Wolfe, Sam Woods, Mark & Roz Yantis, Sheron Zimmer. In the military: Tyler Lambert, Prayers for the people of Ukraine.

To Share Prayer Updates:

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

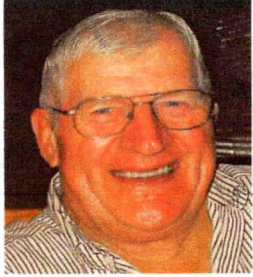
I wish you and your family an Advent season of hope, joy and peace and that the power of the Holy Spirit fills your heart. May your Christmas be a joyous time with family and friends near and far and may you be safe and healthy.

Peace and Blessings!

- Tricia Ott

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Our love, prayers and sympathy are expressed to:



Beverly Zimmer (sister), and many family members at the death of Neil R. Clark (of Covington) who passed away Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at Ohio's Hospice Care Center of Troy.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, December 19, at Moore Funeral Home, 10 S. High St., Covington, with Pastor Jon Dillon officiating. Burial will follow in Highland Cemetery, where military honors will be conducted by the Veterans Elite Tribute Squad. Friends may visit from 1-4 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

To read the entire obituary:
<https://www.moorefh.com/obituaries/neil-clark>

The family of Leah Flory, widow of former pastor here, Don Flory, passed away Tuesday, January 6, this year after a lengthy illness. She had resided the last several years in Maryland, near her daughter Jennifer Fuss' family...

A celebration of life service is planned for 10 a.m. Tuesday, January 6 in Maryland. Details will follow when finalized. This service will be seen, live-streamed.

THE MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST will be held Wednesday, December 21, 2022 at 8:00 a.m. at Buffalo Jack's. No reservations are required. Please join us.

THE SOUTHERN OHIO DISTRICT OFFICE encourages us to be in prayer this week for Brethren Benefit Trust.

COVINGTON COB will hold a Candlelight Christmas Eve and Communion Service December 24th at 7:00 p.m. Please join us for this beautiful service. If you are unable to join us in person, please join us on our church livestream at <https://www.covingtoncob.org/livestreaming-worship>

Let'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



December Birthdays

12/19 Don Stackhouse
12/19 Linda Weikert
12/20 Ralph Mutzner
12/21 Jim Barhorst
12/22 Denise Boyer
12/22 Kara Milligan
12/23 Ed Ingle
12/24 Merry Unger
12/27 Sharon Root
12/28 Bob Boyer
12/28 Heather Thompson

"This Advent we look to the Wise Men to teach us where to focus our attention. We set our sights on things above, where God is. We draw closer to Jesus... When our Advent journey ends, and we reach the place where Jesus resides in Bethlehem, may we, like the Wise Men, fall on our knees and adore him as our true and only King."

— Mark Zimmermann
in *Our Advent Journey*

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Looking Ahead:

Our Advent-Christmas-Epiphany theme is "From Generation to Generation."

December 18 – 4th Sunday of Advent
Luke 1:39-58
"We See God in Each Other"

December 24th – Christmas Eve Worship with Communion and Candle Light.
Luke 2:1-20
"We Tell this Story" (Including a Skit by Dean Nevin.)

December 25 – (Christmas Sunday)
John 1:1-14 | Luke 2:15-21
"God Dwells with Us"

January 1 – Our Guest Preacher is Reverend David Rusk
Brenda Rusk will provide Special Music.
Pastor Mike will be on vacation from December 26-January 1.

January 8 – Epiphany Sunday
Matthew 2:1-15
"We Keep Seeking"

A **CHRISTMAS CARD TREE** is in the church lobby for you to attach your favorite Christmas Card with holiday wishes for your church family and friends. Names from the Christmas Card Tree will be in the Weekly News the week of December 22nd. If you do not have a card but would like to put one on the tree extra cards will be laying near the tree for your use.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

The 2023 offering envelopes are in the Hospitality Room in alphabetical order for pick up. If you are in need of envelopes please contact Cindy Miller at cell# (937) 448-0100 or the church office # (937) 473-2415.

**Covington Church of the Brethren
Morning Worship Service**
[https://www.covingtoncob.org/
livestreaming-worship](https://www.covingtoncob.org/livestreaming-worship)

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"Pet Friendly Prayer Chain"

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Brethren Disaster Ministries

New BDM Site – Starting in 2023 there will be a new BDM rebuilding site in Dawson Springs, KY. The work will primarily be on building new homes as 400 of the 1,200 housing units in town were destroyed during the tornado that impacted almost exactly a year ago, on December 10, 2021. Our partners will be Habitat for Humanity Pennyrile Region and Hopkins County Long Term Recovery Group. There has been a delay in the confirmation of the housing site. BDM staff are working on a new temporary housing location, so the project will open on Jan. 8 as scheduled with a S. Ohio/KY crew.

Rebuilding Trips – Demonstrate Christ's love by putting faith into action! Reserve your slot on a BDM rebuilding crew in 2023. The new BDM site in Dawson Springs, KY will be the location for the first six months of the year with the possibility of being extended. Transportation, housing, food, tools, and leadership are provided. [Click Here](#) for a flyer with the 2023 trip dates. Call/text Burt Wolf at 937-287-5902 or SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com to join a crew.

Sewing Bees/CWS Prep – In 2023 Sewing Bees will be held February through October on the fourth Saturday of the month at 9:00 AM. They will alternate between Greenville COB and Eaton Community Church. Volunteers will sew school bags for Church World Service (CWS) school kits. Non-sewers will prep items for school kits and cleanup buckets. Mark your calendar and plan to come!

Our Christmas List of Blessings

Our Christmas List is more than just a way to keep track of the special people God has brought into our life to love.

It's like a treasured scrapbook filled with pleasant memories of all the times God's answered prayer through friends and family.



Candies

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 REESE'S
 JOLLY RANCHER
 LINDOR
 TAFFY
 GUMMY
 MINTS
 HERSHEY KISSES
 FIREBALLS
 CHARM POPS
 CANDY CORN
 ESTHER PRICE
 MILKY WAY
 JAWBREAKERS
 TRUFFLES
 GUMMIES
 BABY RUTH
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