

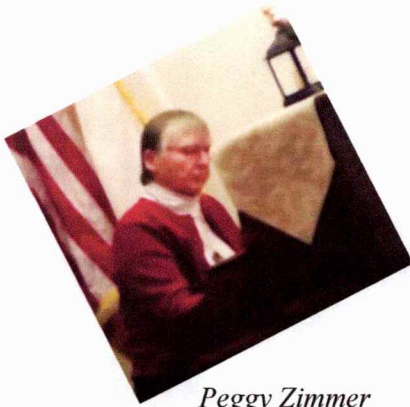


# Covington Church of the Brethren Weekly News

December 28, 2023



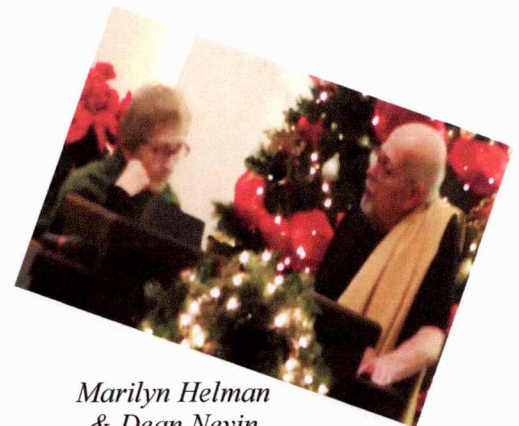
**Christmas Eve. Morning Service.** Special Vocal Music by Derek & Gabbi and Justin. Accompanied by Barbara Hamlin



*Peggy Zimmer*



*This photo shared by  
Kathy Miller*



*Marilyn Helman  
& Dean Nevin*



**Candlelight Christmas  
Eve Service with  
Pastor Mike**

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## Weekly News

**12/25-31/2023**

Pastor Mike on Vacation

**1/01/2023**

Church Offices Closed in  
Observance of New Year's Day

**1/05/2023**

No Seniors Alive!

**1/17/2023**

8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast

**1/17/2023**

4:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting  
5:00 p.m. Church Board Meeting

**2/02/2023**

11:00 a.m. Seniors Alive!  
Church Lower Level



### Upcoming Birthdays

12/28 Bob Boyer  
12/28 Heather Thompson  
01/01 Sylvia Warner  
01/03 Kathy Miller  
01/05 Danielle Alexander  
01/07 Scott Batdorf  
01/08 Dean Snider  
01/09 Ben Lavy  
01/10 Ron Hyden  
01/13 Charlene Ingle  
01/14 Elijah Gibson  
01/14 Martha Nevin  
01/15 Judi Hittle  
01/23 Jaydn Holsinger  
01/25 Susan Ault  
01/30 Maria Stephenson



### "Pet Friendly Prayer Chain"

Please call:  
Office# (937) 473-2415  
Cindy's Cell# (937) 448-0100  
E-mail covingtoncob@gmail.com



### Please Note:

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

#### Trustees

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## **Covington COB Daily/Extended Prayer List** (updates are appreciated)

**Dave & Linda Berrett** - Dave is currently having some health issues and has had a couple of setbacks. Prayers are needed for the wisdom of the doctors to decide the direction needed to help Dave get stronger, and for his health to improve. Thank you.

**Beverly (Boggs) Heintz** (friend of Kathy Miller) is recovering from Quadruple heart bypass.

**Kim Bridges Broderick** (friend of Sylvia Warner) Kim is having unusual swelling of her tongue and was recently scheduled to see an Oncologist. (She had surgery one year ago where part of her tongue was removed)

**Rhonda & Ted Brumbaugh and family.** Rhonda has been released from the hospital to heal at home. She has to wear neck a brace for 6 weeks and Ted is caring for her at home as she recovers. Rhonda & Ted are thankful for your thought and prayers.

**Terry Finfrock** was recently admitted to UVMC with a severe virus that has affected her skin. Terry would appreciate prayers for healing and for her doctors to determine the appropriate medication for her.

♥ **Marcy (Wolfe) Hartman** (daughter of Ed & Carolyn Wolfe and wife of Randy Hartman) - Marcy has completed her radiation treatments. She has a couple of weeks break and then will begin taking cancer pills for 6 months. Carolyn & Ed, Marcy, and family are very thankful for your continued prayers.

♥ -Notes New or Updated  
Prayer Messages

**Dollie Hurley** (sister of Sylvia Warner) - After being recently hospitalized and receiving an IV for dehydration Dollie was eventually released. She was taken back to the hospital 12/20 due to struggles with breathing. The doctors feel that her shortness of breath today is due to being given the wrong prescription. They are working to flush the medication from her body to ease her breathing issues.'

**Gary Lentz** (Dave Lentz's brother) is currently taking radiation and chemo treatments for esophageal cancer. He will eventually be undergoing surgery.

♥ **Rich & Pat McMaken** - Rich visited the ER last Saturday after having nearly passed out and a fall. Pat & Rich are thankful for your prayers.

**Wayne & Sharon Marshall and family.** Wayne's recent procedure went quickly. The doctor was unable to safely take the biopsy sample. Wayne recovered quickly and is feeling fine. He will need more tests later. We thank you so much for your prayers. -Wayne & Sharon and family

♥ **Kathy Miller** will be seeing a surgeon January 17th as they move forward in treating her tumor. Kathy is thankful for your prayers.

**Larry Minnich** (Carol & Terry Minnich) is in the hospital and needs prayers for healing. Larry is Terry Minnich's brother.

**Brandon Moyer** (Kathy Miller's nephew) is aboard the USS Gerald Ford in the Mediterranean Sea following the Hamas attacks in southern Israel. Please keep his health and safety in your prayers.

**Mark Must** (Ron Hyden's stepson) Needs prayers for strength to fight alcohol addiction. He is trying to quit. He is living with Ron for support in his journey.

**Rick & Sherry Lavy** - Rick recently fell and is also losing weight.

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♥ **The Longendelpher Family** would appreciate your prayers as they work their way through having COVID.

**Ralph Mutzner** has been released from the hospital to continue healing at home from his recent knee replacements. Ralph and his family are thankful for your continued prayers for healing.

**Gary Pitts** (friend of Norman Wolfe) cancer has returned. Prayers would be appreciated.

**Irene Reynolds** (Nancy Thompson's mother) is having health and mobility issues.

**Rick & DeAnn Rhoades** (son-in-law of Terry Finfrock) has been undergoing several shoulder surgeries and is currently dealing with infection as a result of the surgery. Continued prayers for healing would be appreciated.

**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.

**Patty Stover** (sister of Terry Finfrock) will be undergoing hand surgery.

**Gregory Swob** (Esther Field's 5-year-old great-grandson) underwent emergency surgery Thursday (12/14) for a twisted bowl. He has been moved from the ICU into a regular room. Parents are Dillon & Briana Swob, Great Grandmother is Teresa Swob.

**Virginia & Norman Wolfe** - Virginia is currently undergoing Cardiac Rehab. Norman and Virginia are very thankful for thoughts, cards and prayers.

**Mark Yantis** (Carol & Terry Minnich) Mark is in the hospital and needs prayers for recovery. Mark is Carol Minnich's brother-in-law.

♥ **Pastor Mike & Belinda Yingst** as they work their way through having COVID. They are thankful for your prayers.

**Crystal Yingst** (16 year-old grand-daughter of Pastor Mike & Belinda Yingst) recently fell and dislocated her elbow at the bowling center. She has a long recovery with possible surgery ahead of her. Pastor Mike & Belinda are thankful for your prayers.

### **People of Israel & Palestine**

Prayers are needed for all the people of Israel & Palestine involved in the fighting that is happening in Israel.

### **The people effected by the tornadoes in Tennessee**

Sylvia Warner's great niece and her husband are stationed in Clarksville, Tennessee. Their home and car were damaged and they will be staying with friends on base. Also, her niece is in an area that lost power.

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### **Ongoing Prayer List**

*Prayer updates would be appreciated*

**Kim Alexander** (Mike Alexander's sister)

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

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

**Curt and Monica (Batdorf) Goubeaux**

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

**Jane & Terry Lavy**

**Carol Minnich**

**Linda Newman** (best friend of Carol Minnich)

**People of Ukraine**

**Robin Reck**

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

**Mike & Carol Sawyer** (relative of Nancy Mack)

**Ron Schultz and Family**

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

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

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**Our love, prayers, and sympathy are expressed to Stanley Cole, nephew of Pat & Dave Lentz, and family at the death of Stanley's mother, Julie (Bubeck) Cole who passed away this afternoon at Miami Valley Hospital. Please pray for strength and comfort for the family at this difficult time. Thank you.**

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### Helping Those In Need!

During the holiday season, The Bethany Center would very much appreciate your help in providing \*Non-perishable Foods for those who in need during the holiday season. \*Sheets and blankets are also in short supply.

Our Witness Commission has collection boxes at entrances to our church building for food, as well as sheet & blanket donations that will taken to Bethany periodically.

Bethany also accepts clothing donations throughout the year. If you would like to also donate clothes, please drop them off at the their service location:

339 South Street, Piqua, OH 45356.

For more information, please contact Dean Nevin at (937) 615-6650 or Esther Fields (937) 216-3293. Bethany supports all Miami County residents (including Covington)

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### Looking Ahead

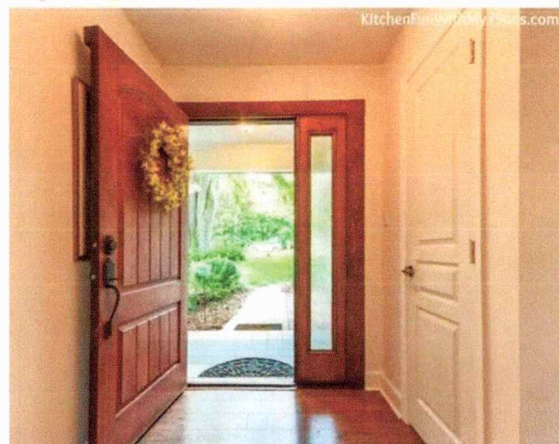
In December, we move through the season of Advent as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior. The fifth line of the Christmas hymn "O Holy Night" proclaims that "a weary world rejoices." The theme for each Advent Sunday this year offers an answer to the question, "How does a weary world rejoice?" As we follow the Gospel of Luke this Advent, we are reminded that our joy is rooted in the truth that we belong to God. We are invited to tether ourselves to that deep truth and remember that we deserve to feel joy—fully. In fact, the world needs our joy, even if we are weary; perhaps, especially if we are weary. And of course, our joy is better when it is shared. "O night divine, O night when Christ was born!"

12/31 – Our guest preacher will be Dwayne Wilson.

Pastor Mike is on vacation.

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**On New Years Eve, an old Irish tradition is to open your door at midnight and let the Old Year Out and the New Year In. I think this year deserves the doors, windows, and garage doors to be open. 😊**



# Happy New Year

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 KISS  
 HOURGLASS  
 FAMILY  
 CLOCK  
 NOISE MAKER  
 MUSIC  
 SNACKS  
 RESOLUTION  
 FIRECRACKER  
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