



Covington Church of the Brethren Monthly Newsline

March 14, 2026

Upcoming EVENTS

Covington Church of the Brethren

- 03/18/2026 Men's Prayer Breakfast
8:00 a.m. @ Buffalo Jack's
- 03/18/2026 Lenten Lunch - 12:00 Noon
- 03/18/2026 Church Board Meeting
4:30 p.m.- in church library
- 03/25/2026 Lenten Lunch - 12:00 Noon
- 03/29/2026 Palm Sunday
Love Feast Lower Level
(after worship)
- 04/03/2026 Good Friday
- 04/05/2026 Easter Sunday
Easter Breakfast on the lower
level (Courtesy of Bob &
Denise Boyer)
- 04/10/2026 Seniors Alive! Event
11:00 a.m - church lower level
- 04/15/2026 Men's Prayer Breakfast
8:00 a.m. @ Buffalo Jack's
- 04/15/2026 Church Board Meeting
4:30 p.m. - in church library
- 06/15-19/2026 Vacation Bible School
@ Covington COB

*"Spring is the season that teaches
us: even after the longest winter,
life finds a way to bloom again."*



Brethren in Song

You ask what is Brethren in song. It's a group of folks that missed singing in the worship service as a choir. We meet at 9:00 A.M. in the sanctuary on the Sunday we are singing to practice the song. That way night driving is done away with!! All of our voices have changed but the love of music and singing keeps us all trying. Come, sing with us and join us in sharing our love of singing in church. We will be singing on Easter Sunday, April 5th and May 3rd. Remember make a joyful noise unto the Lord. Please join us!!!

Love Feast

You are invited to come to the Lord's Table Sunday, March 29, 2026 immediately following Morning Worship in the church lower level. Foot washing and Hand washing, Love Feast, and Communion will all be in observance. Hope to see you at "His Table" and with us. No Sunday School.

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*Thank you for your prayers while I was sick.
It's nice to now that Christian friends are
praying for me. Also, thanks for the cookies.*

*Thank you, Barbara Wheeler
(Dave & Pat Lentz' neighbor)*

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An interesting and informative program presented by some Miami County officials was enjoyed by the seventy-eight people attending the March event of Seniors Alive!. David Norman, Miami County Recorder, spoke about Property Fraud advising and inviting property owners to sign up for the property fraud alert, a free service to property owners of Miami County. Twenty-three people of those attending signed up on site. Dave Duchak, Miami County Sheriff and Wade Westfall, Miami County Commissioner, then gave a presentation about the need for a new jail with the addition of mental health and medical units to help those who are housed at the jail. The proposed new jail would be built on County Road 25A and be paid for by Sales Tax.

Seniors Alive! In April will be the second Friday of the month due to Good Friday, April 3rd. The April 10th program will be Stories About Roy Weikert shared by his family and others - his inventions, his never ending curiosity, his love for music, dancing - all contributing to 105 years of life. Thus, our name, Seniors Alive!

We thank Roy for never forgetting his roots and his love for Covington that continues with his generosity for various organizations including the Covington Church of the Brethren. Please call (937) 473-2767 to make your reservations by April 4th for the April 10th Seniors Alive event beginning at 11:00 a.m. It promises to be another day of fun, food and fellowship.

Covington Church of the Brethren is handicap accessible at the Wall Street entrance.

*Supported by the Roy Weikert Trust Fund
Thank you to all of our Volunteers who help make this
possible!*

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The Church Board agreed the Weekly Newsletter would be published monthly beginning January 2026. One call, text, and e-mail will be used for the prayer chain. Continue to call Cindy @ (937) 448-0100 to ask for prayer requests to be sent. Text or email is also appreciated. Unless it's an emergency, prayer chain messages (e-mail, text and one-call) are sent starting at 9:00 a.m. and not later than 8:00 p.m. each day.

The prayer list will be in the Monthly Newsletter; however, updates are requested within three months of the original request. If an update is not given to Cindy, the name(s) will be moved to the Ongoing Prayer List. We all know the importance of prayer - the peace the comfort, the concern and the love for one another is so important to those in need. It is also important to give an update to all those answering our prayer requests. Remember when you send a prayer request, YOUR concern becomes OUR concern. It is important to give all those answering your request an update. We CARE too.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Sherry Dye (Esther Fields' daughter) lost everything including her dog in a fire on , Feb 3, 2026.

Todd Alexander (Michael's brother and uncle of Danielle and Michelle) was burned in the fire.

Karen Crowell (Marilyn Helman's sister) was able to have her braces removed from her arms and is starting strengthening exercises. Her collar bone will take longer to heal. Karen, Marilyn and their family are thankful for your thoughts and prayers.

Bernice Davis - Her Florida home was left uninhabitable by Hurricane Millton's flooding and needs to be completely restored. Bernice has also been diagnosed with a cancerous tumor in one lung. She appreciates our prayers for healing and for the restoration of her Florida home.

Jay Davis (Bernice Davis' son) who lives in Piqua continues to need our prayers after being in an accident in September.

Esther Fields had knee replacement surgery on Feb 18th and is doing well. She is staying with her daughter, Theresa Swob, while she continues therapy. Prayers are appreciated for her continued recovery.

Dollie Hurley (Sylvia Warner's sister) has continued health issues. Prayers are greatly appreciated.

Elaine Kraus is slowly improving and hopes to be back with her church family soon.

Sylvia Warner's daughter, Yvonne Lear, would appreciate prayers for a student who is in her 6th grade home room class; he fell and broke his femur and had to undergo surgery on March 6th.

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Carol Minnich appreciates continued prayers for healing and therapy after recent shoulder replacement surgery.

Fred Mutzner (son of the late Ralph and Suzanne Mutzner) continues to battle cancer. He is going to The James in Columbus for treatment. Prayers for Fred and his family are greatly appreciated.

Martha Nevin continues to recover from recent knee replacement surgery. Prayers are deeply appreciated.

Kay Nickel continues to be under doctor's care for Congestive Heart Failure.

Charlie Nickel has begun therapy for his severe neck pain. They are thankful for the continued prayers.

Kathy Perrine and her family (friend of Carolyn Wolfe and many others in the church). She is in serious condition in a small hospital near where she is staying. They are trying to stabilize her blood pressure to be able to transport her to a large hospital in Dallas. To send a card please use the following address:

Kathy Perrine
% Melissa McLeod
1314 Oak Hill Lane
Murphy, TX 75094

John Smith's surgery on Feb 10th went well; everything looks positive. Wayne and Sharon Marshall and Angie Smith appreciate continued prayers for healing.

Theresa Swob (Esther Fields' daughter) was taken to the emergency room on 2/26 due to a knee issue causing her to have trouble standing. She was diagnosed with torn ligaments but that diagnosis was changed to a bone spur. Theresa is doing well.

Norman Wolfe was transported by squad to Kettering Hospital in Troy on March 10th with dangerously low blood pressure. He was admitted to the hospital. Prayers for Norman and Virginia are needed and appreciated.

Cheyenne (Jordan Wolfe's fiance) completed chemo treatments in January and is waiting until April to move forward with her reconstructive surgeries. Carolyn and her family are thankful for your prayers.

Pastor Mike had bilateral hand and elbow surgery on March 4th. Surgery went great and he is planning on being in the pulpit on Sunday. He and Belinda are thankful for all your prayers.

Southern Ohio/Kentucky District Office encourages us to pray for:

March 15 - Covington COB
March 22 - Happy Corner
March 29 - Brethren Congregations
 Around the World
April 05 - Piqua COB
April 12- Trotwood COB

Remember..
*nothing hurts you more
than your own mind.
Stop stressing over things
you can't control. Breathe.
Let your mind rest.*

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Ongoing Prayer List

Prayer updates would be appreciated

Linda Dearth (*Lea Ann Stevens' sister*)
Velma Lear & Family (*Yvonne & Herb Lear*)
Linda Newman (*Carol Minnich's friend*)
Robin Reck
Angie (Shroyer) Smith (*Patsy Weyant's daughter*)
Brooks Smith & Family
Alex Yantis (*nephew of Carol & Terry Minnich*)
Richard & Leslie (Porter) Young
Sheron Zimmer (*Peggy Zimmer's sister-in-law*)
People of Israel & Palestine
People of Ukraine

Remembering our Military and Families in Prayer

Danielle Alexander
(*Michael Alexander & Brenda Fields' daughter*)

Jacob Finfrock
(*Terry Finfrock's grandson*)

Tyler Lambert
(*Wayne & Sharon Marshall's grandson*)



"Pet Friendly Prayer Chain"

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

"Love is a four-legged word"



Prayers for Comfort in the Loss of Loved Ones

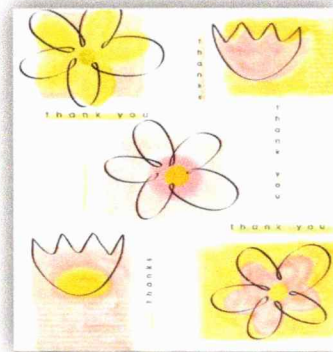
Family of Derek McCuiston
who passed away
February 11, 2026

Family of Marilyn
(*Mother of Sylvia Warner's*
nephew, Dennis)
who passed away
February 22, 2026

Family of Lonnie Yingst
who passed away
February 25, 2026

Family of Jane Lavy
who passed away
March 3, 2026

Family of Philip "Phil" Reck
who passed away
March 9, 2026



*I just want to thank all of you for all the
time and work you put into Derek's funeral.
You will never know how much it meant to me.
You are such wonderful people, and I am
blessed to have you in my life.*

many thanks!
Shannon, Trevor and Family
and
The McCuiston Family

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Bethany Center "Food of the Month" "Cereal"

The food of the month donations are appreciated to cover some of their most needed food items for families who have less. (Donation boxes are available at our church entrances.)

Request Form:

Dear Church Family & Visitors:

If you would like us to send out a Prayer Chain Message, a Pet-Friendly Prayer Chain Message, Speak to our Pastor, Need a Pastoral Visit, or would like to receive the Weekly News, "Request Forms" are available at each entrance to the church. Please fill one out and put it in one of the offering boxes at each entrance to the Sanctuary. You can also e-mail: covingtoncob@gmail.com or call/text Cindy @ (937) 448-0100. Thank you!

New Sign Board Update

We are part way through being able to purchase our new sign board with having donations so far in the amount of \$7,945.00 as of March 8th. The Church Board and Trustees thank you and appreciate your support. Please continue to donate to the church New Sign Board project.

Church Trustee Notice:

If you have any Repair & Maintenance concerns for the church, please contact Carolyn Wolfe
Cell# (937) 418-3034

The Weekly News is available online:

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



Covington Community Lenten Lunches Series 2026

(All Events will be held at
Covington Church of the Brethren
on the lower level)

Beginning weekly at 12:00 Noon

Wed. 3/18 - "Mary Magdalene"

Father Jim Duell
St. Teresa of the Infant Jesus
Catholic Church will prepare
& serve the meal.

Wed. 3/25 - "Thomas"

Pastor Greg Kurtz
Covington Presbyterian Church
& Friedens Lutheran
Church will prepare & serve the meal.

Location:

Covington Church of the Brethren
101 N. Wall Street
Covington, OH 45318

(Handicap accessible at the Wall Street entrance)

e-mail: covingtoncob@gmail.com



Birthdays

03/17 Tawni Batdorf
03/18 Aubrye Cain
03/19 Dan Batdorf
03/20 Sydney Kraus
03/25 Terry Finfrock
03/26 Terry Lavy
03/27 Ellie (Cain) French
04/03 Lauren Overla
04/04 Amber Stephenson
04/05 Stacie Carder
04/06 Gavyn Konz
04/12 Carol Minnich
04/17 Marti Cain
04/19 Katherine Dunton
04/19 Marilyn Helman
04/26 Dolores Mutzner

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Looking Ahead

This Lent, let us remember that the good news really is good news. It is joyful. It grows like a mustard seed and smells like perfume poured from an alabaster jar. It tastes like bread passed endlessly through a hungry crowd. It sounds like laughter and feels like mercy. The good news is alive in the world. Let us celebrate this "good news" as we move through the season of Lent all the way to Easter!

Mar. 15 – Matthew 19:13-15 / Deuteronomy 24:17-22
"The Good News Sees Vulnerability"

Mar. 22 – John 8:2-11 / Matthew 23:23
"The Good News is Just and Faithful"

Mar. 29 – Palm/Passion Sunday
Mark 11:1-11
"The Good News Inspires Action"
Our Love Feast will be held on the lower level following worship.

Apr. 5 – Easter Sunday
7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service at the church cottage on Owens Rd.
8:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast on the lower level.
(Courtesy of Bob & Denise Boyer & Family)
9:30 a.m. Worship - Matthew 28:1-10
"The Good News is Alive"

April 12 – John 20:19-31
"The Breath of God"

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Southern Ohio/Kentucky District
Church of the Brethren

Prayer Concern



Dear friends,

Each year a prayer list for our congregations is created. Each week, we pray for a specific congregation within our district. Next week (week of March 15), we request prayer for the Covington Church of the Brethren. The Covington church asks for prayers for unity and love for the glory of God. That God will help them be salt and light in their community--continuing to serve others with kindness, caring and love.

Mary Boone
Director of Communications
SOKD Church of the Brethren

District Clerk needed!

As of January 31, 2026 the Southern Ohio/Kentucky District Clerk wiis still an open position. The role of the clerk as stated in the District bylaws is: *"The clerk shall keep the minutes of District Conference and of Board Meetings, see that all notices are given according to these regulations or as required by law; have custody of the corporate records; keep a register of the post-office addresses of each member; in general perform all the duties incident to the office of secretary; and perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned by District Conference."* This position can be filled by either a man or woman. Would you, or someone you know, be able and willing to fill this vital position within District Leadership? Please contact Interim DE, Nick Beam (nbeam@brethren.org) or the Trent Smith, District Board Chair (pastortrent@happycornerchurch.org) for more information.

2026 National Youth Conference Information

Held every four years, NYC provides young people in high school and the first year of college (or age equivalent) and their advisors to gather for a week of fellowship, worship, workshops, recreation and more. And 2026 is the year! NYC will be held July 18-23 at Estes Park in Colorado. Registration is now open. The Southern Ohio/Kentucky District is offering a \$1000.00 grant for each young person and each advisor to help offset expenses. More information and a grant application can be found on the district website.

Camp Sugarwood Updates

Women's Mini Retreat—Learning and Sharing in Community

"Awareness of God's Blessings" April 18, 2026—8:30am-12pm at Trotwood Church of the Brethren. A flyer and registration form can be found on the district website.

Summer is Coming! Plan to join the fun at Camp Sugarwood!

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!!!! All dates, flyers with more information, and registration forms can be found on the district website, or contact your Camp Ambassador or church office.

A New Way to Support Camping and Retreat Ministries

Buy Gift Cards through Raise Right. Turn your everyday expenses into support. Simply buy gift cards and shop online through CRM's RaiseRight Program and brands will automatically give up to 20% back to help pay for Camping and Retreat Ministries programs like Winter Blast. Use gift cards to pay for everyday things like groceries, gas, clothing, coffee, or dining out. Whether you're at home or on the go RaiseRight gives you the flexibility with eGift cards, reloadable cards, and a mobile app. Help CRM any time, anywhere. Download the app or use your computer. Enter this enrollment code: MG2V7Y2G92N at www.raiseright.com For questions or help, contact Carrie, cdrees23@gmail.com

Southern Ohio/Kentucky Disaster Ministries Updates

Rebuilding Trips – Volunteers are needed May 10-16 and possibly April 12-18. BDM is talking with partners and hopes to move the BDM site the end of March from Letcher County, KY. The next site will likely be Hurricane Helene recovery in NC, but plans are not finalized. [Click here](#) for a flyer with all the 2026 trip dates.

Intergenerational BDM Trip – July 5-11 is a BDM trip for adults and youth. It's an opportunity for grandparents, parents and youth to work together rebuilding homes for disaster survivors.

Opportunity in Louisiana – A team of volunteers is being organized to serve in Pointe-au-Chien, LA from April 7-28 to rebuild a home destroyed by Hurricane Ida (2021). Those who are interested or who may have questions, contact **Cliff Kindy** – kindy@cpt.org or home phone: 260-982-2971.

Sewing Bee/CWS Prep – On March 28 there will be a Sewing Bee at 9:00 AM at Eaton Community Church, 813 Camden Road. Volunteers will sew school bags for Church World Service (CWS) kids kits, formerly called school kits. Please bring your sewing machine and an extension cord. Non-sewers will prep items for kids kits and cleanup buckets. Everyone is invited to bring a sack lunch.

Trotwood CoB Offers Scholarships for College Students

The Trotwood Church of the Brethren has five scholarships for college students. For more details and to ask for an application form, please email the church at office@trotwoodcob.com or call 937-837-6604 to leave a message. The amount of each scholarship will be determined by the number of applications, the resources available and the guidelines of each contributor. Application deadline is April 1, 2026.

Lower Miami CoB is raising urgently needed legal aid

funds for an immigrant church family whose asylum hearing is scheduled for April. Join us Saturday, March 21st between 4-7 pm for an evening of soup supper, music, and games for the whole family. This event will be held at Happy Corner CoB which is graciously giving use of their kitchen and gym space. \$10 at the door with further donations appreciated. Dinner will be served between 4:30-6:30 pm, with multiple soups and sides available to accommodate a variety of dietary needs. If you would like to donate, but cannot attend, **please send a check** to Lower Miami CoB, 5353 Germantown Rd, Dayton, OH 45417 Attn: "Legal Aid Fund".

*For more information on what is happening in Southern Ohio as well as more details on these events contact your church office, email the Southern Ohio/Kentucky District (sodcob@brethren.org) or visit our website: www.sodcob.org. In addition to this publication, we also email a monthly newsletter. To request a newsletter simply email your request to the same email address. If you would like to add your event to either the website, this publication, or the monthly newsletter please email your information to sodcob@brethren.org **before the 15th of the month.***

Mood Changers

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- VOLUNTEER
- PETS
- JOURNAL
- FRIENDS
- LAUGH
- SOCIALIZE
- SMILE
- HUGS
- FLOWERS
- BREATHE
- MUSIC
- SMELLS
- OUTDOORS
- PUZZLES
- RELAX
- CUDDLES
- GRATITUDE
- WALK
- READ
- YOGA
- RUN
- SLEEP
- NATURE
- MASSAGE

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