



Covington Church of the Brethren Weekly News

September 28, 2023



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

Dave & Linda Berrett - Dave recently underwent a procedure to stop bleeding at Christ Hospital and everything went well. He was released from the hospital to go home September 14th. Linda & Dave are very thankful for your prayers.

Rhonda & Ted Brumbaugh - "I have gotten good results from 3 CT's and swallowing is improving even though I'm swallowing by gravity only. My balance issues are being addressed by a neurologist and I'll need a few tests. A lot of my issues are related to having radiation twice and chemo. Ted and I continue trying to keep a positive outlook and pray for continued healing. We appreciate and are thankful for all prayers to help us through this." -Rhonda and Ted Brumbaugh

♥ **Lonnie Cain** fell and tore a tendon in his right leg. He underwent surgery September 14th. Lonnie's recovery is going well. He and his family are thankful for your prayers.

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 has completed her chemo and will be undergoing testing for the next couple of weeks before her surgery planned for October 13th. Marcy, Carolyn & Ed, and family are very thankful for your prayers.

Parker Hoying (great-grandson of Pat & Rich McMaken). Parker's leg was recently broken playing football for Covington causing him to undergo needed surgery at Children's Hospital. He is the son of Alex & Jessica Hoying, and grandson of Dusty & Tammy Furrow. Parker and his family are thankful for your prayers.

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

Rick & Sherry Lavy - We are doing much better and are very thankful for your cards, prayers and cards. We have such a special church family. God bless

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

♥ **Jane & Terry Lavy and family** - Jane is having health issues and would appreciate our prayers.

Wayne & Sharon Marshall and family. Medical tests have shown that Wayne has a mass on his right kidney. He is undergoing further testing before having surgery. Continued prayers would be appreciated.

Kathy Miller - The treatment to hydrate my corneas was successful. Your prayers were gratefully appreciated.

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

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.

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.

♥ -Notes New or Updated
Prayer Messages

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Darlene & Larry Wise and family (friend of Kathy Miller). Darlene fell and broke her leg above her prosthesis that was below her knee. Her leg had to be amputated above her knee. Your continued prayers for healing would be appreciated.

Virginia & Norman Wolfe - Virginia is doing well following her recent heart valve replacement procedure. Virginia and Norman are very thankful for thoughts, cards and prayers.

Ongoing Prayer List

Prayer updates would be appreciated

Beverly Beckner (friend of Bernice Davis)
Kim Bridges (Brodrick)
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)
Mark & Roz Yantis (Carol Minnich's sister and husband)
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.

Thank you to my church family for all the cards, calls and prayers for my heart valve replacement procedure. You have a special place in my heart. ♥

Virginia Wolfe



Upcoming Birthdays

09/30 Bonnie Pura
10/03 John Taylor
10/07 Megan Fulk
10/08 Kurtis Thelen
10/08 Cindy Miller
10/10 Ada Fraley
10/11 Cassidy (Cain) Wood
10/13 Mike Alexander
10/13 Dan Cain
10/22 Phyllis Rapp
10/23 Charles Nickel
10/27 Erin Gibson
10/30 Mary Taylor
10/30 Dinean Thelen
10/31 Hailey Yingst
10/31 Sydney Goodgame

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

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Seniors Alive!, the new outreach program at the Covington Church of the Brethren, will be meeting on Friday, October 6th at 11:00 a.m. in the lower level of the Church.

If you are planning to attend and have not made your reservation, please do so by calling Kay McKinney at (937) 473-2767 or Sherry Lavy at (937) 773-7546 no later than October 1st.

This month we will be making no sew pumpkins. Join us for fun, food and fellowship on this special day supported by the Roy J Weikert Trust Fund. Seniors Alive! Is an opportunity to interact with others once a month for fun, food and games as well as some informative/educational Programs. Your ideas and suggestions are always welcome too.

Church of the Brethren is handicap accessible at the Wall Street entrance. There is additional parking across the street in the Church parking lot at the corner of Wright and Wall Street on Oct. 6th at 11:00. Come and be part of this special day!

*That moment when you look
around at all the stuff that needs
to be done and feel so overwhelmed
that you sit down and leisurely
scroll through your phone instead.*



Upcoming Events

10/01/2023 Church Member Deadline
to turn in the Proposed
Nomination Ballot



10/06/2023
11:00 a.m. Senior's Alive!
(Church Lower Level)

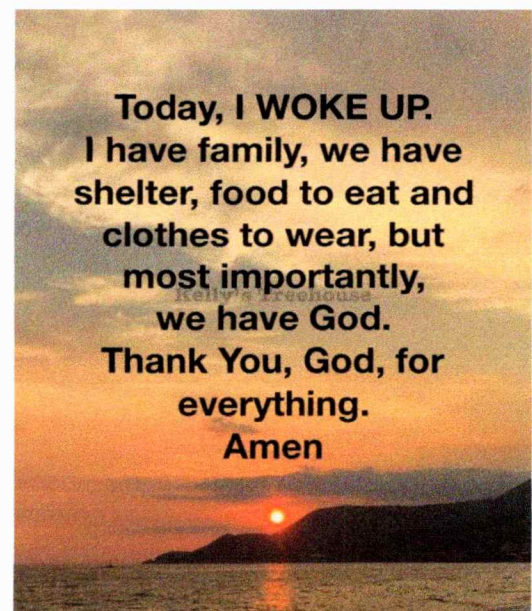
10/18/2023
8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
@ Buffalo Jacks
5:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting
6:00 p.m. Church Board Meeting

11/11/2023
Apple Dumpling & Noodles Event
(Church Lower Level)

11/12/2023
Congregational Business Meeting
(Church Sanctuary after Morning
Worship) - No Sunday School

11/23/2023
Thanksgiving Day

12/03/2023
First Sunday of Advent



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Brethren Retirement Community

Brethren Retirement Community's
Board of Directors and John L. Warner, President & CEO
cordially invite you to

It's A
**BEAUTIFUL
DAY** in the
NEIGHBORHOOD

the 17th Annual
Brethren Retirement Community
Virtual Gala

Thursday
Oct. 19
2023
6:00 pm

Please join
BRC virtually
for a
fun evening
of prizes and
fellowship!

Presented By Our
Platinum Sponsors...

Brethren Retirement Community

GB BANKING CENTERS

FFC FLOOR FASHIONS

GALA RAFFLE
One of the highlights of the annual
BRC Virtual Gala is our Raffle
Drawing featuring fabulous prizes!
Visit www.bhrc.org/donate
to find a list of raffle prizes.
Watch www.bhrc.org/donate for prizes to be updated.
Drawing will be during the Virtual Gala, Thursday, Oct. 19,
6pm. Winner does not need to be present to win.
All proceeds benefit the Resident Aid Fund.

Scan to purchase Gala
Raffle Tickets

1 Ticket \$10 or
3 Tickets \$25

GALA WISH LIST
Every year the BRC Gala supports
special "wish list" items that enrich
the lives of our residents.
We would love to get a jump start on raising the
funds needed! If you would like to help, please
scan the "Wish List" QR code to donate today!

Scan to view the
Gala Wish List

GALA ZOOM LINK
Please save this QR code for quick
and easy access to the Virtual
Gala on October 19, 2023 at 6pm.
We cannot wait to see you!

Scan for Gala Zoom link

Zoom link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86278900983?pwd=dDZlVE03MnNlR1ZMc0lGTF1FT0VZz09>

Brethren Retirement Community

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Greenville, OH 45331
937-547-7643
www.bhrc.org

Covington COB Church Members - Nomination Proposed Ballot

Please check your e-mail - The Nomination Proposed Ballot was sent to you on September 19, 2023 (with a few also sent by mail). The Nomination Proposed Ballot must be filled out and returned to the church not later than Sunday, October 1, 2023 to be considered. There will be a basket in front of the pulpit marked "Ballots." They will be picked up each Sunday immediately after church service. If you did not receive your Nomination Proposed Ballot, please see Phyllis Rapp for a copy when you come to the church for worship. The Agenda and Budget was also sent out last Thursday, September 21st.

If you are unable to return the Nomination Proposed Ballot by, Sunday, October 1st, please contact Cindy for assistance at (937) 448-0100. Voting will be held during the November 12th Congregational Business Meeting.

The Following are Recommendations

from the Church Board meeting on Sept. 20, 2023, as amendments to the Constitution for the November 12th Church business meeting:

Article XV - Church Board Functions

Addendum to Number 5: The person serving as Board Chairperson shall not serve as Trustee Chairperson during the same term.

Article XII - Employed Staff

3. The title Office Secretary shall be changed to Secretary/Administrative Assistant.

Article XIII - Staff Employment Procedures

2. The secretary/administrative assistant shall be employed by the board in consultation with the pastor.

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Looking Ahead

As we move into the fall season of changing colors and changing temperatures, we will be focusing on the vital role gratitude plays in our call to be vessels of God's overflowing generosity, through our stewardship of God's good gifts.

10/1 – World Communion Sunday

Galatians 3:23-29

“One in Christ Jesus”

We will celebrate Holy Communion during Worship.

10/8 – Matthew 22:1-14

“Obstacles to Gratitude: Entitlement”

10/15 – Guest Preacher: Reverend Ralph Schaafsma

Pastor Mike will be on vacation.

10/22 - Matthew 22:15–22

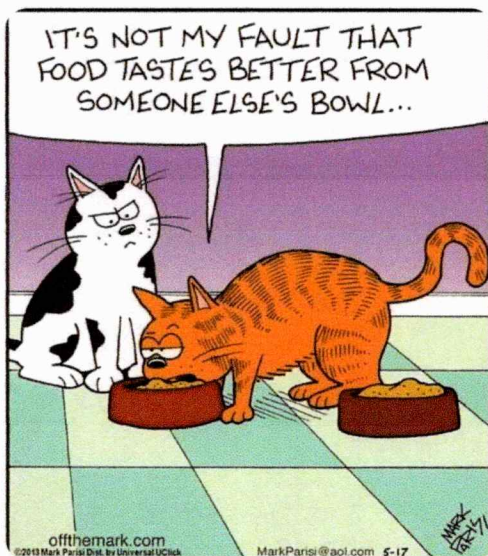
“Obstacles to Gratitude: Greed”

10/29 - Deuteronomy 34:1–12

“Obstacles to Gratitude: Disappointment”

11/5 – Guest Preacher: Reverend Ralph Schaafsma

Pastor Mike will be on vacation.



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.

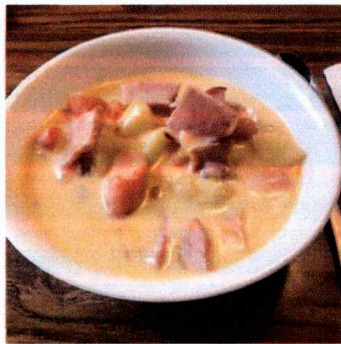
Also, Bethany is now accepting clothing donations again. If you would like to also donate clothes, please drop them off at the their location: 339 South Street, Piqua, OH 45356. For more information, please contact Dean Nevin at (937) 615-6650.

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"Pet Friendly Prayer Chain"

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



Amish Ham & Cheese Soup

Ingredients

¼ cup butter
¼ cup flour
4 cups milk
1 teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon black pepper
¾ teaspoon garlic salt
¼ cup chopped onions
¾ lb. ham cubed
2 cups cooked potatoes
1 cup cooked carrots
½ pound melting cheese□

*Melt butter, keep heating until butter turns nice and brown.

*Stir in flour.

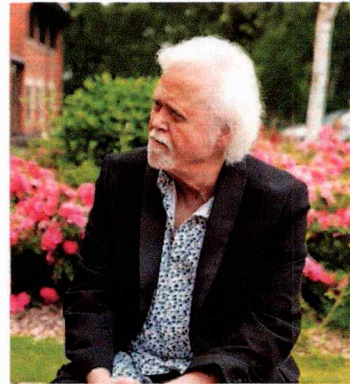
Add milk, seasonings, and onions, stirring well.

*Boil for two minutes.

*Add ham, potatoes, and carrots and heat for 15 more minutes on medium,

*Add cheese

*Heat for another 5 minutes over medium heat, do not boil.



My dear friends,

Life cannot be both faith filled and stress free. How can we expect to glide naively through life saying: Lord give me experience but not grief, sorrow or pain.

Opposition is part of life. A spider's web is as good as a chain when there is no stress upon it. We only grow strong when we are tested and the greatest blessings come after we have endured our worst moments.

How strong you remain in spite of the downward pressure of life's stresses is the proof of your faith. After the tests comes the blessings.

We fall and we rise, we make mistakes and we learn. We get hurt, but we recover.

Your are love, Merrill



A Walk in the Woods

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1. animals 2. autumn 3. backpack 4. bear 5. bird 6. breeze 7. buds 8. bugs
9. cool 10. damp 11. deer 12. dirt 13. exercise 14. fox 15. grove 16. hike
17. humid 18. leaves 19. limbs 20. log 21. moist 22. moss 23. nature 24. nest
25. outdoors 26. owls 27. path 28. plants 29. quiet 30. rain 31. rocks 32. roots
33. shade 34. sounds 35. spring 36. sticks 37. trees 38. twigs 39. walking
40. butterflies 41. bees 42. flowers 43. trails