



Covington Church of the Brethren

Weekly News

Friday, December 26, 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

Covington Church of the Brethren

12/29 to 1/2 Cindy on Vacation

2026 January Calendar

01/21/2026 Men's Prayer Breakfast
8:00 a.m. @ Buffalo Jack's

01/21/2026 Church Board Meeting
4:30 p.m.
Church Library

2026 February Calendar

02/06/2026 Seniors Alive! Event
11:00 a.m.
Church Lower Level

Upcoming Birthdays



12/27 Sharon Root
12/28 Bob Boyer
12/28 Heather Thompson
01/01 Sylvia Warner
01/05 Danielle Alexander
01/08 Dean Snider
01/09 Ben Lavy
01/10 Ron Hyden
01/13 Charlene Ingle
01/14 Elijah Gibson
01/14 Martha Nevin
01/20 Kaleigh Maio
01/23 Jadyn Holsinger
01/25 Susan Ault



Christmas Card Tree

The **Christmas Card Tree** near the church Wall Street entrance had Merry Christmas and Happy New Year wishes shared from the following:

Bill & Jeanie Bitner
Dan Dunton, Brother Don and his daughter, Katherine
Sherry Lavy
Mel & Peg Longendelpher
Kay McKinney
Kay & Charlie Nickel
Duane & Phyllis Rapp
Irene & Roger Reynolds
Jim & Nancy Thompson
Pastor Mike & Belinda Yingst

‘Hope you had a Merry Christmas!

*If you want a better morning:
talk to God first.*

*If you want a better night:
talk to God last.*

*If you want a better life:
talk to God all day.
“God is Good!”* 

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General Church Information /And More

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!

"Checking-In" w/ Pastor Mike

Please join us every Thursday morning at 9:00 a.m. for our 12-15 minute You Tube video sent via e-mail. Pastor Mike briefly reflects on the many ways scripture shines the light of Christ on our day-to-day living. **To be added to our church e-mail list, please send a message to covingtoncob@gmail.com.**

The "Checking-in" videos can also be watched from the church's Facebook page @ "Covington Church of the Brethren" Thank you!

The Weekly News is available online:

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

Church Trustee Notice:

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

Prayer Requests

Please call/text Cindy @ (937) 448-0100 to ask for prayer requests to be sent. Text or e-mail is also appreciated. Unless it's an emergency, prayer chain messages (e-mail, text and One-Call) are sent starting at 9 a.m. and not later than 8 p.m. each day.

Prayer Updates would be appreciated.

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 \$7,360.00 as of December 21st. The Church Board and Trustees thank you and appreciate your support. Please continue to donate to the church New Sign Board project.

Offering Envelopes

2026 Envelope Boxes 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. Please note that some envelope numbers will be changing to improve efficiency and eliminate the need for buying envelope boxes that are not being used.

Bethany Center "Food of the Month" **"Canned Fruit"**

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.)*

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

Danielle Alexander and her family -Danielle and her National Guard Unit have been called to Washington D.C. for additional security needs. Prayers for their safety would be appreciated. Thank you

Bernice Davis' Florida home was left uninhabitable by Hurricane Milton'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 from the cancer and for the restoration of her Florida home
(Bernice is back home in Covington, now. Her health has recovered and she is doing well. Repairs to her Florida home are coming along well also.)

Jay Davis, (Bernice Davis' son) who lives in Piqua, needs our prayers after being in a recent accident.

♥ **Dollie Hurley** (Sylvia Warner's sister). Dollie was transported to the hospital 12/22/2025. She was diagnosed with double pneumonia last week. Dollie lives in Tucson, Arizona. Thank you.

Jane & Terry Lavy (Charlene Ingle's sister) and their family - Jane's cancer has spread to her spine and hips. Please continue prayers.

Tyler Lambert (grandson of Wayne & Sharon Marshall) Prayers for Tyler's safety would be very much appreciated. He is in the navy and is stationed at Pearl Harbor.

Dave & Pat Lentz -Dave was released from UVMC 12/13 after being hospitalized this week to be observed for health conditions that concerned his doctor.

*Red Hearts Indicate
New or Updated Prayer
Messages* 

Derek & Shannon McCuistion and family.

Derek started his chemotherapy 10/29 and will be receiving it every other week for a short period of time before progressing to weekly. His health is being watched very carefully. Continued prayers would be very much appreciated. (Shannon is Jerry & Vicki Longendelpher's daughter). Thank you

Larry Minnich & Laura Minnich & Family - (Terry Minnich's brother) has been released from the nursing home. He is home and continuing to recover. Carol & Terry Minnich are thankful for your prayers.

Kay & Charlie Nickel - Kay has been diagnosed with Congestive Heart Failure. She is under doctor's care and is healing at home. Please pray for strength and healing for Kay.

John Smith (son-in-law of Wayne & Sharon Marshall and Angie's husband). John's recent surgery was unsuccessful. More surgery will be needed at a later date. Prayers for healing and hope that he feels better soon would be appreciated. Thank you

Cheyenne (Jordan Wolfe's fiancée) is getting close to finishing her chemo treatments, she has a few more to complete. She is doing fairly well with some side effects. Carolyn and family, are thankful for your prayers.

Kathy Perrine (friend of Carolyn Wolfe). Kathy was released from the rehab center yesterday and is currently staying with Melissa and Tim. She and her family are thankful for your prayers. Continued prayers for her strength and healing would be appreciated. To send her a card, please use the following address: Kathy Perrine
c/o Melissa McLeod, 1314 Oak Hill Lane
Murphy, TX 75094

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Alex Yantis (nephew of Carol & Terry Minnich) and son of Roz Yantis. Alex is having some personal issues and is in need of our prayers. Thank you

Ongoing Prayer List

Prayer updates would be appreciated

Roberta Brock (*Pastor Mike & Belinda's relative*)

Christina Clark (*Mother of Michelle Alexander's boyfriend Evan Clark*)

Linda Dearth (*Lea Ann Stevens' sister*)

Linda Newman (*Carol Minnich's friend*)

People of Ukraine

Robin Reck

Brenda & Reverend David Rusk

Mike & Carol Sawyer (*Nancy Mack's relatives*)

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

Brooks Smith & Family

Virginia & Norman Wolfe

Richard & Leslie (Porter) Young

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

People of Israel & Palestine

Southern Ohio District Office encourages us to be in prayer for District Visioning Process. ❤

A Note from the Church Office:

I will be on vacation December 29th -

January 2nd but will continue to

take prayer calls. Thank you,

Cindy ❤

A Note of Thanks ❤

Caitlin (Cain) Conner has completed her chemo and recently was able to officially "ring the bell." We are thankful for prayers from the congregation. (*Caitlin is the daughter of Marc & Aimee Cain and niece of Dan, Bonnie, Lonnie and Stacie*)



Looking Ahead

As we move into and through Advent, Christmas and Epiphany, we hear many familiar stories from scripture. Throughout the stories of Christ's birth, the angels deliver a consistent message: "Do not fear." In our own time, we might ask: is it even possible to be fearless in a fearful world? When Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, and the magi are each called into God's redemptive story, they do not deny their fears—they move through them. They ask questions, hold fast to courage, trust in good news, and say, "Here I am, Lord." When we find ourselves in fearful times, can we insist on hope?

December 28 (Christmas Sunday)

Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

"God Shows us Another Way"

January 4 (Epiphany Sunday)

Matthew 2:1-12, 16-18

"Led by Hope"

A Good Egg

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FLORENTINE
OMELETTE
FRIED
SCRAMBLED
CARTON
CREPE
BRUNCH
DEVILED
SHELL
BREAKFAST
CUSTARD
BENEDICT
DOZEN
QUICHE
CHICKEN
CHOLESTEROL
FRITTATA
FARM
WHISK
PROTEIN
FRESH
YOLK
TOAST

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