

# Covington Church of the Brethren

## Weekly Newsline

September 3, 2021

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

**Dave & Linda Berrett** - Dave's TEE procedure today (9/03) at Kettering Health Main Campus (to check a heart valve that has moderate leakage) went as expected. Dave & Linda are thankful for your prayers.

**Rusty Carder** (Carolyn Wolfe's son) is undergoing therapy for recent hip surgery.

**Joel & Kathy Miller** - Joel is dealing with some significant problematic side effects to one of his necessary medications and is also experiencing increased back pain. While Joel's overall health has improved, these recent health challenges are persistent and difficult to deal with. Joel and Kathy appreciate their church family's prayers through this time of difficulty.

**Theresa Morse** (Niece of Sylvia Warner) Theresa's COVID is much better. Her husband, Brian, has now tested positive also.

**Becky Mullen** has a torn meniscus in her knee. The doctors are hoping therapy will help her avoid surgery.

**Jaxson and family** - (Niece Kierra, granddaughter of Sylvia Warner) Jaxson is in Children's Hospital and now weighs 4 lbs. Hope is that Jaxson will be home in 3 weeks.

**The Nevin family.** Dean, Martha, Liz, Gavin and baby Elizabeth all have COVID. Liz, Gavin, and baby Elizabeth doing pretty well. Dean & Martha are having real issues with exhaustion. They are not eating enough - no appetite. They feel it will take several weeks to get their strength back. They are grateful for their church family's prayers during this very difficult time.

**Carolyn Zorn** (Martha Nevin's mother) is healing from COVID. Martha is helping her mom as well. Please also keep Carolyn in your prayers. Nevin's address to send cards: 409 Pinewood Ave., Piqua, OH 45356.

**Judy Young Murphy** (Lois Newman's Cousin's Widow) is healing from a fall that left her with a broken hip.

**Lois Newman** had a pacemaker implant this past Tuesday. A release date from the hospital is not certain at this time.

**Dave & Dorcas Parson and family.** Dave is healing from recent brain surgery (brother-in-law to Dean (Martha) Nevin).

**Phyllis & Duane Rapp** - Phyllis is being treated for blood clots in her lungs.

**Irene Reynolds and family** - Irene is still experiencing hearing, vision and dizziness issues along with neuropathy. She is receiving therapy for vertigo which is beginning to help with her dizziness. Irene appreciates the prayers of her church family as she continues to battle significant health issues.

**Angie Shroyer** (daughter of Bill & Patsy Weyant) is at Ohio State today (9/03) hoping for a possible kidney match. (Angie and Patsy & Bill are friends of Sylvia Warner).

**Norman & Virginia Wolfe** - is still at Kettering Hospital planning on a 21 day rehab at the Brethren Retirement Community

**Crystal Yingst** (daughter of Brad & Jessica Yingst and grand daughter of Pastor Mike & Belinda Yingst) is healing at home from COVID.

**Sheron Zimmer** (sister-in-law of Peggy Zimmer) is doing better due to a change in medication. She is still on the transplant list but at least she can do more than she could for a while. Peggy and Sheron and family appreciate and are thankful for your prayers.

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### Ongoing 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.)*

Roberta Brock, Linda Dearth, George (Sylvia Warner's brother), Linda Gibson, Dollie Hurley, Joan Lundy, Nancy Mack, Bruce Martin, Tina & Rich Maschino, Jim Perry, Luella Reck, Marie Stanfield, Mark & Roz Yantis, Shirley Young, Sheron Zimmer. In the military: Matthew Carder, Tyler Lambert

**The Southern Ohio District Office** encourages us to be in prayer this week for Cincinnati Church of the Brethren.

I believe in  
**GOD.**  
*.. never panic, just pray.*



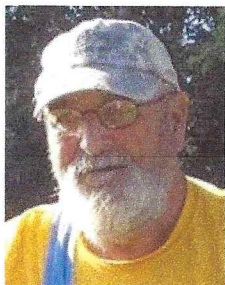


**Thanks to the church and Pastor Mike** for helping with Bonnie Rudy's Memorial Service. It was much appreciated. May God Bless, The Rudy Family

## To Our Church Family

Jenny Beeler is doing very well after her recent surgery. Joe, Wayne & Sharon are very thankful for your prayers.

## Our love, prayers, and sympathy are expressed to:



The family and friends of Walter Knapp who passed away Friday, August 27, 2021, at Upper Valley Medical Center. (Carol Minnich & Roz Yantis are friends of his daughters Angie Knapp & Kristin Lewber). Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, September 4, at Moore Funeral Home, 10 S. High St., Covington. Burial will follow in Highland Cemetery, Covington. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. To read the entire obituary: <https://www.moorefh.com/obituary/Walter-Knapp>



The Renner family at the death of Ruby Renner who passed away Wednesday, September 1, 2021 at Upper Valley Medical Center due to complications of COVID.

Funeral services will be held. 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, September 8th at

Pleasant Hill Church of the Brethren, 300 E. Monument Street, Pleasant Hill. Pastor Nick Beam will officiate with interment following at Pleasant Hill Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 4:00-8:00 PM Tuesday at the church. To read the complete obituary:

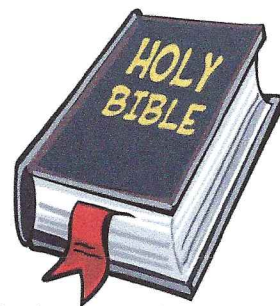
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## To Share Prayer Updates:

Please contact Cindy @ (937) 448-0100 or e-mail [covingtoncob@gmail.com](mailto:covingtoncob@gmail.com). Thank you!

## Who, What, When & Where?

Here's a fun and interesting way to become more acquainted with your Bible. So keep it close at hand because we believe you're going to enjoy searching for the answers to our weekly Bible question. Some questions may be easy to answer, but some might be more challenging for you. Use any means in your search. There will be a new question every week!



## Question:

How beautiful upon the mountains are \_\_\_\_\_  
of those who bring good news...

## Write Your Answer in this Space:

*Look for the answer in next week's Newsline.*

Brought to you by your Witness Commission, Dean Nevin, Lois Newman, Linda Berrett and Marilyn Helman. Happy hunting. God bless you all!



## Birthdays

9/04 Henry Brumbaugh  
9/04 Duane Rapp  
9/05 Tom Mullen  
9/07 Ann Stackhouse  
9/10 Ed Wolfe  
9/14 Kevin Ganger  
9/16 Bonnie Seitz  
9/18 Ryan Stackhouse

*(Answer to last week's Bible question)  
The Lord's Passover - found in Number 9:14*

## Looking Ahead:

During August, we have focused on "Food for the Soul" with the understanding that our inward spiritual life in Christ is vital to our own well-being and to our ability to reach out to others. During September we will look at important questions that help us to think about who we are as individuals, as families, and as a faith community moving through these extended pandemic times. As always, the answers lie in scripture and within us. Answers, that when planted and nourished, will blossom into vital ministry carried out by each of us and all of us as the Church in this community.

September 5 – Genesis 2:4-15, John 1:35-51

"I've Been Meaning To Ask... Where are You From?"

September 12– 1 Samuel 1:1-18, Mark 5:21-23

"I've Been Meaning To Ask... Where Does it Hurt?"

September 19 – Job 2:11-13, 2 Timothy 4:9-18

"I've Been Meaning To Ask... What Do You Need?"

September 26 – Ruth 1:1-22, Acts 10

"I've Been Meaning To Ask... Where Do We Go from Here?"

October 3 – World Communion Sunday

We will celebrate "safe" Holy Communion during worship.

Mark 10:13-16, Psalm 8 "Let the Children Come"

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## Membership Information Update

The Church Board is requesting your help to update our membership information. We are not doing a new church directory at this time, but realize our contact information may be outdated. In addition, we have obtained new members and we need to include their household information. Linda Berrett and Jayne Hobbs will be contacts for this project.

Please pick up one of the blue forms on the tables where the offering boxes are, fill in and turn in to Linda or Jayne the following Sunday or within next few weeks.

NOTE: if you are not attending church in person at present or know of someone to include, please contact Linda Berrett by email or phone.

Email: lg0207@aol.com

Phone 937-205-4105 (cell)

937-335-2042 (home)

Once completed, the updated membership list will be distributed to everyone. Thank you for your help.

## "Mid-Week Reflection"

Please join us for Pastor Mike's weekly morning web-site video (e-mailed Thursday's at 9:00 a.m.). It will generally take 10 minutes or less to watch.

**The Men's Prayer Breakfasts** will be held September 8th and September 22, 2021 at Buffalo Jack's.

**Our Apple Dumpling & Noodle Event** will be held November 13, 2021. Watch for more details to be announced soon!

**Church Board & Trustees Meeting** will be held Wednesday, September 22, 2021

Trustees -@ 6:00 p.m.

Church Board -@ 7:00 p.m.

**Covington Church of the Brethren  
Morning Worship Service**

[https://www.covingtoncob.org/  
livestreaming-worship](https://www.covingtoncob.org/livestreaming-worship)

**The Weekly Newsline:**

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





*(For a newspaper photo, please visit our church bulletin board across from the church office. The couples are on the right of center.)*

The annual Golden Anniversary photo, celebrating Miami County residents who have been married for 50 years or more, was taken Wednesday during Seniors Day at the 2021 Miami County Fair.

Duane & Phyllis Rapp, 65 years

Gene & Elaine Kraus, 52 years

Norman & Virginia Wolfe, 62 years

Steve & Sharon Root, 54 years.

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## Today's Prayer

*Today, Father, I want to pray for a number of folks in my heart who face struggles of all kinds.*

*Some are family members...some are friends...some are faithful servants of our country doing your work in hard places...some are grieving...some face tough times...some are making hard decisions...some have family struggles...some have great opportunities they don't want to miss...some are overcoming addictions...and there are many others.*

*Please hear my prayer for them today.  
In Jesus' name, Amen*

- All for God's Glory

## Please Note:

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

### Board Chair

Dave Lentz

Cell# (937) 606-1104

Home# (937) 773-7079

### Trustees

**Carolyn Wolfe**

Ph: (937) 526-4852

Cell: (937) 418-3034

**Terry Minnich**

Ph: (937) 473-5183



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## Women's Fellowship Notice

Covington Church of the Brethren Women's Fellowship has decided to dissolve. They have voted to send their checkbook balance, \$437.89, to the Brethren Retirement Community. Thank you to everyone for your support over the years. ❤️

# Synonyms for Kindness

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 TOLERANCE  
 GENTLENESS  
 GRACE  
 CONSIDERATION  
 DECENCY  
 TACT  
 DELICACY  
 SYMPATHY  
 GOODNESS  
 UNDERSTANDING  
 HOSPITALITY  
 MILDNESS  
 HUMANITY  
 PATIENCE  
 SWEETNESS  
 AFFECTION  
 HEART  
 CHARITY

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## Southern Ohio/Kentucky District Conference

October 8 & 9, 2021

**Theme: "Move in Our Midst, Thou Spirit of God"**

This year's conference will again be all virtual. Because of the planning time needed, and the uncertainty of circumstances when planning began, your Program and Arrangements Committee again made the difficult decision to hold our conference using the Zoom platform.

Friday workshops will be led by the District Racial Justice Commission, the District Climate Justice Commission and by Zach Spidel and Susan Liller about Jesus in the Neighborhood. An afternoon session will explore how the Spirit is moving in our midst through all three of these district ministries. CEUS will be offered for all 3 workshops. A complete schedule of conference, business items and reports can be found on the website. Registration is now open online. All attendees must register to get your Zoom link.

## First Ever Old Fashioned Brethren Gathering Presented by the Brethren Heritage Center

**SAVE THE DATE.....Saturday, September 25, 2021 from 10-3 the Brethren Heritage Center along with Brethren Charities will present our first ever....."Old Fashioned Brethren Gathering".**

This event will be held in the lot behind the Heritage Center at 428 N. Wolf Creek St., Brookville, Oh. There will be a book fair, with ice cream, pastries and face painting available.

Throughout the day, our guests, the **Salem Quartet**, will present music along with an old fashioned hymn sing. Tours of our facilities, the **Brethren Heritage Center and Brethren Charities, will be given.**

**Our first-ever "Old Fashioned Brethren Gathering" will be a great success if you mark your calendar and plan on joining us!**

## Southern Ohio/Kentucky Disaster Ministries Updates:

**Ice Cream Social** – Thank you to all who were a part of the annual Ice Cream Social on Saturday, August 7. We appreciate the support of the workers, musicians, and all who attended. For those still wanting to make a donation, it's not too late! Checks may be made out to "S. Ohio/KY District COB" with "BDM" on the memo line. Send to S. Ohio/KY District COB, PO Box 785, Greenville, OH 45331.

**BDM Sites** – Work continues in the Dayton area on tornado damaged homes and with houses that are part of the Tornado Survivor Pathways to Home Ownership Program. Opportunities are winding down, as the Dayton site will close on October 2. Then BDM will return to Bayboro, NC, continuing recovery from Hurricane Florence (Sept. 2018). To volunteer or for more information, call/text Burt Wolf at 937-287-5902 or SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com.

**Sewing Bee/Prep CWS Items** – There will be work for both sewers and non-sewers at the September 25 Sewing Bee. It will be held at 9:00 AM at Eaton Community Church, 813 Camden Road. Non-sewers will be preparing items for *Church World Service* (CWS) cleanup buckets and school kits. Many items have been purchased and need to be taken out of the packaging. Sewers will be making school bags for CWS school kits. Bring your sewing machine and an extension cord. Everyone, bring a sack lunch and come for a time of service and fellowship. For more information call Barb Brower at 937-336-2442. A flyer showing all the 2021 Sewing Bee dates and locations is available on the district website.

**Bucket Assembly** – Volunteers are needed to assemble *Clean-up Buckets for CWS*. The assembly will be on *Thursday, September 30 at 6:30 PM* at Bullen Ultrasonics, 1301 Miller Williams Rd., Eaton.

**Appreciation Dinner** - Save the date for the upcoming BDM Appreciation Dinner! It will be held on Saturday, October 23 at 6:00 PM at Salem Church of the Brethren. More information will be coming soon.

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](mailto:sodcob@brethren.org)) or visit our website: [www.sodcob.org](http://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](mailto:sodcob@brethren.org) **before the 15th of the month.**