

Covington Church of the Brethren Weekly News

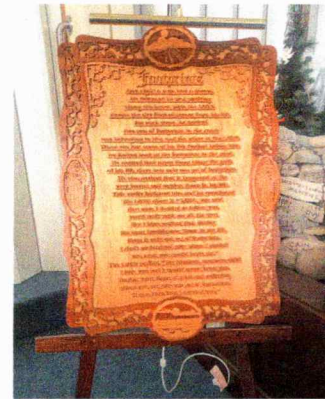
Sunday, December 14, 2025



Attendance for Seniors Alive in December was down due to the cold weather, illnesses and concerns about falling. It brought to mind the words to Let It Snow...The weather outside is frightful, But the fire is so delightful. No, we didn't have a fire but we had lots of kindness, love and generosity in addition to the fun, food and fellowship at every Seniors Alive!

The auction of donated items from those attending amounted to \$528 to be given to the Community Vacation Bible School to help defray costs. Our sincere thanks to each and everyone who donated to this annual summer program for all children in the community and surrounding area.

Pastor Mike shared with Seniors Alive attendees a beautiful piece of art presented to the Church of the Brethren earlier on this day by the family of the late Larry Clouse. It is a wood carving of "Footprints in the Sand" done by Larry prior to his illness. Larry and his wife were regular attendees of Seniors Alive and enjoyed each and every event. Earlier this week, Ed Wolfe died unexpectedly at their home. Carolyn, his wife, is not only a team member on Seniors Alive but also our Church Trustee Chairperson. Ed was always her partner - helping her and all of us in many ways.



For Larry and Ed, their families and the many who have enjoyed and participated in Seniors Alive who are no longer with us, their families and for our own beloved family members who are missing...remember their families with a "Thinking of You."

Seniors Alive will not be meeting in January but will meet on February 6, 2026. Hope to see you all then!

The Seniors Alive Team wishes you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! God Bless!

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

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General Church Information

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>

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.



Church Trustee Notice:

If you have any Repair & Maintenance concerns for the church, please contact Carolyn Wolfe
Home# (937) 526-4852
Cell# (937) 418-3034

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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

♥ **Tom Burkett** (acquaintance of Pat Lentz) of Houston, Ohio is recovering from a massive heart attack.

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.

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.

Derek & Shannon McCuiston 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.

Angie (Shroyer) Smith

Praise God... my daughter, Angie, got to come home yesterday. She has been in the hospital and nursing home for the past four months. God and your prayers are what has kept her going. She still has a long ways to go, but she is so much better. Please continue to pray for her. Thank you, Patsy Weyant.

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 & Ed Wolfe, and their family, are thankful for your prayers. Contin-

*Red Hearts Indicate
New or Updated Prayer
Messages* ♥

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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

Norman Wolfe's cardioversion procedure, November 20th, was successful. Virginia & Norman are thankful for your prayers.

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

Someone once told me,
"If if you stress too much about
something before it even happens,
you end up living the pain twice."
And the older I get, the more I realize
how true that is. Worry steals moments
you could've spent breathing,
smiling, or simply being at peace.
Most of the things we fear never turn
at as bad as the stories we tell ourselves.

So give your heart a little grace.
Take life one moment at a time.
Let tomorrow worry about itself.
You deserve calm, you deserve joy,
and you deserve to feel light again.
Someone needed to hear that
today—maybe it's 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)

Caitlin Cain Conner

(daughter of Marc & Aimee Cain and niece of Dan, Bonnie, Lonnie and Stacie)

Linda Dearth (Lea Ann Stevens's sister)

Linda Newman (Carol Minnich's friend)

People of Ukraine

Robin Reck

Brenda & Reverend David Rusk

Mike & Carol Sawyer (Nancy Mack's relatives)

Brooks Smith & Family

Virginia & Norman Wolfe

Richard & Leslie Young

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

People of Israel & Palestine

Southern Ohio District Office encourages us to be in prayer for SOKD Program & Arrangements

Upcoming Birthdays



12/19 Don Stackhouse

12/19 Linda Weikert (Daniel)

12/21 Jim Barhorst

12/22 Denise Boyer

12/22 Kara Milligan

12/23 Ed Ingle

12/24 Merry Unger

12/27 Sharon Root

12/28 Bob Boyer

12/28 Heather Thompson

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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- 12/17/2025 Men's Prayer Breakfast
8:00 a.m. @ Buffalo Jack's
- 12/24/2025 Christmas Eve Candlelight
Communion Service
7:00 p.m.
- 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

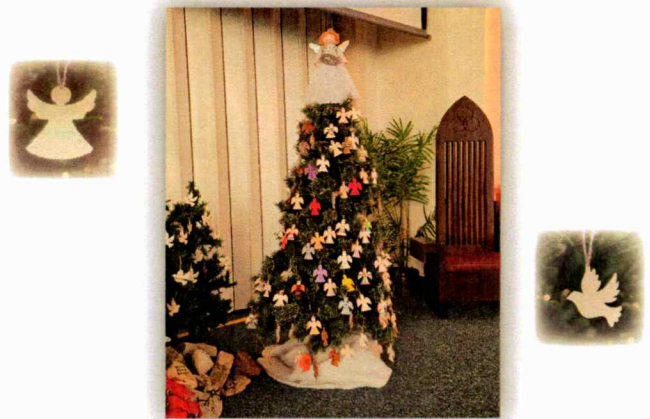
A Friendly Request:

If you would like to sing the choir song
"Mary, did you know" on Dec. 21st. We
will have a practice that Sunday morning
promptly at 8:30 a.m.



Candlelight Christmas

Covington Church of the Brethren will hold a
Candlelight Christmas Eve and Communion
Service on December 24th at 7:00 p.m.
Please join us for this beautiful service!



ANGEL TREE

The Angel tree is adorned with Angels from the
last three years. More Angels & Doves are avail-
able. If you would like to add an Angel and/or
Dove to our trees, please see Kay McKinney.
Angels can be added to the tree during the last
hymn of any service.

Merry Christmas, Jayne

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A **Christmas Card Tree** is in the church lobby for you to attach your favorite Christmas Card with holiday wishes for your church family and friends. Names from the Christmas Card Tree will be in the Weekly News the week of December 22nd.

If you do not have a card but would like to put one on the tree extra cards will be laying near the tree for your use.

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.)*



Merry Christmas ❤️
Happy New Year. *Cindy*

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 \$7,300.00 as of December 7th. The Church Board and Trustees thank you and appreciate your support. Please continue to donate to the church New Sign Board project.

Congratulations! It's a Boy! ❤️

On December 1st, Elizabeth Nevin gave birth to Joseph Bobby Dean. Mom and baby are doing well.



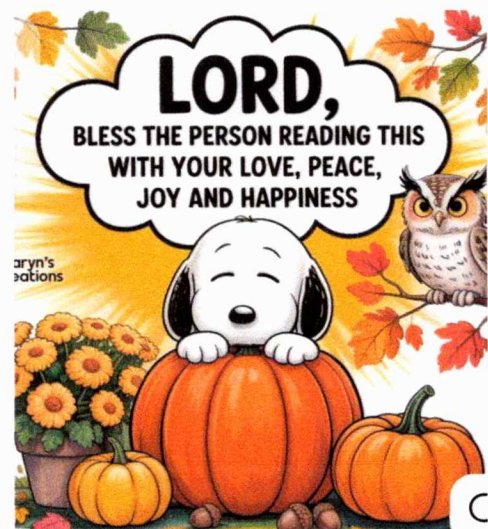
"Pet Friendly Prayer Chain"

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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 21 (Fourth Sunday of Advent)

Matthew 1:18-25

"Give Me your Hand"

December 24 (Christmas Eve) 7:00 P.M.

Carols, Candlelight and Communion

Luke 2:1-20

"Proclaim the Good News!"

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"

Teddy Bear Makers

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 DAKIN
 RAVENSDEN
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