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**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:**

Tuesday and Thursday 9am-Noon



**Dryland United Church of Christ**  
**4415 Newburg Road, Nazareth, PA 18064**  
**Phone: 610.759.4444**  
**www.drylanducc.org**

**Dryland UCC – Mission Statement:**

The avowed purpose of this church shall be to worship God; to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and to celebrate the Sacraments to realize Christian fellowship and unity within this church and the Church Universal; to render loving service toward mankind; and to strive for righteousness, justice and peace.

**DRYLAND UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**4415 Newburg Road, Nazareth PA**  
**May 25, 2025 – 9:30 am**

**Prayer Concerns:** Abigail Allen, Betsy Coladonato, Janet Day, the family of Gloria Decker, Richard Edging, Ethel Okker, Lawrence Olah, Kathy Peters, Sharon & Jim Rehrig, Phoebe Rissmiller, Jeff Setzer

**Long-term Prayer Concerns:** David Atwood, Karen Brugger, Brent Burton, Richard Creyer, Cory Cruttenden, Debbie Coppola, Joann Dornblaser, Deby Duby, Shawn Durn, Jerry Enderle, Peter Garcia, Charlie Gianguzi, Roseann Good, Dolores Hageter, Kevin Hann, Jessica Harper, Monna Lou Henninger, Ray Hess, Joyce Hittinger, Francois Houlet, Dorothy Johnson, Doris Keller, Tammy Labar, Sonny Laubach, Stephanie Lilly, Debbie Luckenbach, Cade Lutz, Peter Marmaras, Rodger McKay, Kirk Miller, Luther Mitman, Robert Nagy, Melissa Pelaez, Grayce, Jakob & Ken Raven, Chris Shetlick, Maurice, Gillian & Genine Sloane, Steve Steltzmen, Cathy Stewart, Angela Tout, Jorn Walter, Sandy Wambold, Patty Weidner, Charissa & Jason Williams, Carter Wolfgang, Grandpa Yin, All Members of Dryland

**Our Service People:** Chief MSG Thomas Bostian, SRA Patrick Jones, Major Scott Lechner, MSGT Paul Moore, PO1 Rodger Nagy, LT Seth Watlington, PO3 Troy Watlington

**Daily Scripture Readings**



Monday, May 26, 2025: Psalm 93; 1 Chronicles 12:16-22; Revelation 21:5-14;  
Tuesday, May 27, 2025: Psalm 93; 2 Chronicles 15:1-15; Revelation 21:15-22;  
Wednesday, May 28, 2025: Psalm 93; 2 Chronicles 34:20-33; Luke 2:25-38;  
Thursday, May 29, 2025: Ascension of the Lord  
Friday, May 30, 2025: Psalm 97; Exodus 33:12-17; Revelation 22:6-9;  
Saturday, May 31, 2025: Psalm 97; Exodus 33:18-23; John 1:14-18;

Are you in need of Pastoral Care?  
Please contact Alan Peters and he will guide you. His contact information is:  
610-837-1974 (H), 610-698-5939 (Cell), or ajpsu534@gmail.com

**The UCC Statement of Faith**

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, And to your deeds we testify: You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death.

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin. You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles. In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, You have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself.

You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues and races. You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be your servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ’s baptism and eat at His table, to join Him in His passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust You, forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trials and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end. Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto You. Amen.

<p><b><u>Geranium Plants for Pentecost</u></b></p> <p><b>\$5.00 per plant</b> <b>Orders due by: <i>TODAY</i></b></p> <p>Please pick-up your plants following the 9:30am service on <b><i>Sunday, June 8</i></b> Sorry, no deliveries. Checks payable to: Dryland UCC</p> <p>Order forms available in the Narthex</p>	<p><b><u>We LOVE Dad!</u></b></p> <p>Honor your Father and submit a photo and adjectives describing your Father—a slideshow will be put together and shown at Church on <b>Sunday June 15th.</b></p> <p>All submissions due by <i>Sunday June 8th.</i></p> <p>*More details on Narthex bulletin board.</p>
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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:**

- 5/25: Geranium Orders Due—TODAY!
- 6/8: Father’s Day Photo due date
- 6/14: Roast Beef Take-out meal pick-up
- 6/15: Lay Service and Honor Your Father
- 6/21: Strawberry Pie Sale
- 7/26: Chicken & Ribs Take-out meal pick-up



**Guest Pastor Schedule**

- 5/25: Welcome Pastor Darlene Blocker
- 6/1: Pastor Ernie Diefenderfer
- 6/8: Pastor Darlene Blocker



**PLEASE SIGN-UP!!!**

Bulletin Sponsor sign-ups are now available in the Narthex for 2025! THANK YOU for participating!

***Did you know that shopping at Giant can help Dryland?***



Purchase gift cards in increments of \$50 from Dryland to shop at any Giant food stores. You get the full value of the gift card and it’s like paying cash when you shop! Dryland receives 5% of the total you purchase!

If interested, please contact Jerry Hittinger at 610-866-6516 or [oljer@rcn.com](mailto:oljer@rcn.com).

**UPCOMING KITCHEN EVENTS:**

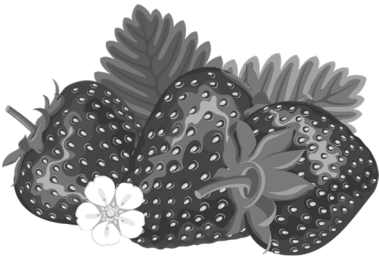
- Roast Beef Take-out Dinner — Saturday June 14**
- Homemade Strawberry Pie Sale—Saturday June 21**
- Chicken & Ribs Take-out Dinner—Saturday July 26**

To order meals/pies contact: Rich 484-894-9799, Karen 610-504-1158, Church Office 610-759-4444

**Roast Beef Dinner to-go!**  
**Saturday June 14**  
*\*Order by: Sunday June 8*

**\$13 per person**

Spinach salad w/ homemade dressing, roast beef, mashed potatoes w/gravy, glazed carrots, dinner rolls, carrot cake



**Homemade Strawberry Pie Sale**  
**\$15 per pie**

*\*Order by: Sunday June 15*  
Pick-up: Friday June 20 (4-7pm) or Saturday June 21 (9am-2pm)

**Chicken & Ribs Take-out Dinner**  
**Saturday July 26**  
**\$15 per person**

*\*Order by: Sunday July 20*  
Pick-up: 11am-2pm  
Chicken & Ribs, corn on or off cob, baked potato, pasta salad, key lime pie





## HOW TO HELP IN OUR COMMUNITY:

**The Nazareth Area Food Bank** is asking for Giant cards, veggies, bananas, chicken, beef, tissues for June. Please send all monetary donations to:  
**Nazareth Area Food Bank, P.O. Box 178,  
Nazareth, PA 18064**



**LOAVES & FISHES Soup Kitchen** is accepting food and monetary donations for their weekly meals and food pantry.  
St. John's UCC, 183 S. Broad St., Nazareth PA 18064 – mark the envelope as a Loaves and Fishes. Questions, please contact St. John's UCC at 610-759-0893.



**Meals on Wheels** – If you have an interest in volunteering to help with the delivery of meals please visit **[mowglv.org](http://mowglv.org)** and complete the volunteer application.

*In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus teaches that the mission of His church includes providing food for the hungry. (Matthew 25) Dryland embraces Christ's mission. We thank you for being a part of this mission by providing for those in our community who hunger.*



## ONLINE GIVING!

Many of our members know that online giving has been offered for several years and has been a blessing to a number of our members. To sign up for online giving, simply go to the church website at [www.drylanducc.org](http://www.drylanducc.org) and click on the give online button. The process is easy and quick to complete. An email address is necessary to participate. If choosing a recurring gift option, you will be reminded each time the transaction will take place.

### **Birthdays This Week**

26 Emma Davis  
27 Jean Erceg  
28 Julie Hamilton  
29 Everly Francavilla  
31 Lynn Johnson



### **Anniversaries This Week**

31 Mr. & Mrs. Robert Jones 28 years  
Mr. & Mrs. Sam Yoder 17 years

### **Bulletin Sponsor this Week**

Sponsored by: Ron & Bev Weidner

In Celebration of: ***Granddaughter Emma's 13th Birthday!***

### **Remember Our Shut-ins:**

**Janet Day – 1/29/35**  
Fellowship Manor, Room 212  
3000 Fellowship Drive, Whitehall PA 18052

**Doris Keller—9/13/34**  
Atria Senior Living, Rm. 323  
1745 W. Macada Road, Bethlehem PA 18017

**Shirley Lieberman—11/16/34**  
Phoebe Home Rm. 213  
1925 W. Turner St.  
Allentown PA 18104



Dryland often receives requests for gift cards to help with food purchases for those in need. Please consider donating a \$25 or \$50 **Giant gift card** to the Church to help those in need. Please see Jerry Hittinger or call the Church Office for more details. Thank you!



Global events, not natural and war related, have created a humanitarian crisis in the world. Donations can be made online at <https://support.ucc.org> by selecting your donation amount, then the fund you are donating to on the drop-down.

Funds can also be sent to:

**The United Church of Christ, PO BOX 71957, Cleveland, OH 44194.**

Please earmark your check for the fund to which you are contributing. Donations will be used by our UCC partners in the areas of greatest need, for relief and long-term recovery. Gifts made will provide shelter, food, and other care to those who have been displaced.

***“Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, ‘Abba, Father.’” – Galatians 4:6***  
*If you have made Jesus your Savior, He is your spiritual home and He lives in you.*

***A prayer of Hope:*** “Heavenly Father, fill our hearts with your spirit. Let us face the day with the knowledge that You are with us always. Amen.”

**WELCOME**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: God, strengthen our faith  
**ALL: by firing up our imaginations**  
One: Because we know the Holy Creator works through us  
**ALL: So we can begin to stitch back together our community!**  
One: Powerful images are not empty or without meaning  
**ALL: but true symbols that guide us to probe this war-filled world.**  
One: Isn't this why God gave us an imagination anyway?  
**ALL: So we can look with the eyes of faith beyond surface impressions**  
One: to see what is really going on in our world  
**ALL: in order to recreate new worlds of flourishing for all!**

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**\*OPENING HYMN #731** Country Tis of Thee

**PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION**

**WORDS OF GRACE**

**PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**HOLY SCRIPTURE** John 14:23-29, page 939 in your pew Bible.

**MESSAGE**

**CHOIR ANTHEM** Till the Storm Passes By

**PASTORAL PRAYERS AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**CALL TO OFFERING**

**\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE** Hymn #34  
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit One. Amen.**

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**  
**Still speaking God, we are witness to who Jesus is – from antiquity to modernity. Faithfully, we experience a grace that renews and enlivens us. Bless our offerings so others can be witness to the ways we live into your word so that our communities may be refreshed and restored. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN #727** America the Beautiful

**\*BENEDICTION**

**SONG OF DEPARTURE** “God Be With You” # 716  
**God be with you till we meet again, by His counsels guide, uphold you, with His sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.**  
(Words: Jeremiah E. Rankin (1828-1904) Music: William G. Tamer (1833-1896))

**TAPS**

**POSTLUDE**