



# The Breeze

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## May 7 -4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Easter

Worship service at 9:30 am  
Holy Communion  
Birthday Sunday

## May 14 - Mother's Day

Worship service at 9:30 am

## May 21 - 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Easter

Worship service at 9:30 am

## May 29 - Memorial Sunday

Worship service 9:30 am



Honor your Mother today 5/14



Remember who served 5/29



5/29

Grace and Peace Beloved of God,

As Christians, we can celebrate, for each day is made by God. We can rejoice too, for Jesus Christ is Risen! And because Jesus lives, He holds the future, and we need not worry about tomorrow. Yet, people are anxious. There are too many clashes in culture, environmental disasters, and people using violent acts to harm one another. Understanding God's assurance and believing in His grace and mercy are especially needed now.

In the Gospel of Luke, there is an account of Jesus meeting two disciples as they walked to Emmaus. In the case of these disciples, they had lost hope. The loss of hope stemmed from the crucifixion of Jesus. (Luke 24:13-35) The two were devastated and embodied grief, anxiety, and despair. They believed that there no longer was hope. The two embodied the disbelief that too many people endure today.

In Jesus, hope is alive! Jesus leads people to find hope again. With the two disciples, Jesus modeled finding hope again so that we may understand that Jesus always draws near to each of us and intercedes on our behalf. (Romans 8:34) Jesus died for us so that we may live. He keeps His promise never to leave us. On the road to Emmaus, Jesus revealed that God is speaking through the Scriptures. Our Savior is so loving that He left the Holy Spirit as our comforter and guide that in studying the Scriptures, our hearts can experience new hope!

Because He lives, humankind is reconciled to God. Because He lives, we have peace with God. Because He lives, we also may boast in the hope of God's glory, even in our suffering. In the letter to the Romans, chapter 5, it is written that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not

put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. (Romans 5:1-5)

Be of good cheer. I pray your hearts are experiencing new hope, even now. Lean on God so that He equips you to be Christ's church in a world groping for peace and healing. Tell family, friends, and strangers that the Lord God is good, and His mercy for us endures forever. As we celebrate that Jesus has risen, invite those you meet to rise together in Christ's name at Dryland.

Hallelujah! Christ is Risen!!

Pastor Edward



**CHOIR PRACTICE SCHEDULE**

May Schedule will be, May 1 10:00a.m.

May 15 10:00a.m.

If you like to sing, please consider joining us in the choir here at Dryland. Even if you cannot read music, you are more than welcome.



**Prayer Concerns & Joys:**

Sam Swan, Weidner family, Kelsey Atwood, Dave Wagner, Family of Cindy Miles, Scherer family

**Long-term Prayer Concerns:** Mark Atwood, Matthew Atwood, Brent Burton, Beth Chen, Cory Cruttenden, Guy Connelly, Debbie Coppola, Jennifer Dacosta, Deby Duby, Shawn Durn, Peter Garcia, Charlie Gianguzi, Kevin Hann, Jack Hunt, Lisa Intrepido, Dorothy Johnson, Sonny Laubach, Stephanie Lilly, Debbie Luckenbach, Cade Lutz, Barbara Moon, Grayce Raven, Jakob Raven, Ken Raven, Barb Tomko, Elwood Trumbauer, Charissa & Jason Williams, Carter Wolfgang, Susan Young, All Members of Dryland.

**Our Service People:** Chief MSG Thomas Bostian, SRA Patrick Jones, Major Scott Lechner, MSGT Paul Moore, E-5 Rodger Nagy, LT Seth Watlington.



*Remember Our Shut-ins*

**Janet Day** – 1/29/35,  
Fellowship Community, Room 271, Terrace  
3000 Community Drive, Whitehall, PA 18052  
**Dottie Heckler** – 12/29/29  
Fellowship Community, Room 330, Villa  
3000 Community Drive, Whitehall, PA 18052  
**Herbert Heller** – 5/4/26  
Gensis-Lehigh Health Center, Room 208  
1718 Spring Creek Road, Macungie, PA 18062

**CELEBRATING  
OUR  
MEMBERS  
MEMBER OF THE MONTH**

**TYLER YOUNGKIN**

**Tyler is a volunteer at Moravian Hall Square and was named Volunteer of the year, April 13, 2023. Way to go Tyler, keep up the good work in bringing joy to the residents there.**

**It is great people like these that keep Dryland a great family!**

**Nominated by: Kathy Peters, editor of the breeze.**





Pastor Edward

5/23/2023

**THOUGHT OF THE MONTH**  
**Happiness is like jam; you can't spread even a little without getting some on yourself!**



**Loaves and fishes** lunch program is resuming starting in May. We will be looking for 4-5 volunteers to serve lunch at St. John's UCC on Broad Street. Dates are not set yet. Time between 10:30-1:30. If interested, please reach out to Linda Lechner.



- 4 Herbert Heller
- 5 Heather Koch Brown
- 8 Marshall Hamilton, Kristen Wenrich
- 9 Travis Statfield, Alexander Weidner
- 11 Mark Hamilton, Hannah Snoke
- 12 Brent Burton
- 13 Silas Teitsworth
- 14 Brandon Werkheiser
- 16 Amie Federico
- 17 Debbie Koch
- 18 Amanda James
- 20 Sarah Weisel
- 21 Ron Lehr, Jessica Ruppert, Dan Statfield
- 23 Rev. Edward Livingston, Charles Moser
- 25 Amy Knause
- 26 Emma Davis, Patrick Jones, Cindy Pizzoferrato, Allen Singer
- 27 Jean Erceg
- 28 Julie Hamilton
- 29 Everly Francavilla
- 31 Lynn Johnson



**Altar Flowers**

- May 7 Barb Goldman  
Jerry & Joyce Hittinger
- May 28 Geraniums



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|----|-----------------------------|----------|
| 7  | Mr. & Mrs. Frank Erceg      | 40 years |
|    | Mr. & Mrs. Mark Hamilton    | 29 years |
| 9  | Mr. & Mrs. Brent James      | 15 years |
| 10 | Mr. & Mrs. Charles Berthoud | 48 years |
| 15 | Mr. & Mrs. Grant Hittinger  | 24 years |
|    | Mr. and Mrs. Gary Spadaccia | 19 years |
| 20 | Mr. & Mrs. Brent Burton     | 23 years |
| 31 | Mr. & Mrs. Robert Jones     | 26 years |
|    | Mr. & Mrs. Sam Yoder        | 15 years |



The First evening Craft show, and vendor show were a big hit on Friday, April 21. A great showing by crafters and outsiders. There were 12 vendors who signed up and donated basket raffle items, and trick tray raffles. The total amount raised and given to Dryland was \$400.00. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this event. Hope to have it again soon.

Thank you to Susan Bostian who took the time to organize this event for Dryland.

If you are interested in volunteering for an upcoming fundraiser or would like to help organize one to benefit the church, reach out to any consistory member to help create fun events for our community!





Here at Dryland, we currently have a prayer chain; however, it only consists of 6 people. It used to be three chains with 6 in each chain. Due to deaths, members moving and leaving the church, we are down to only 1 chain with 5 members. I am sending out a plea for more people to join this list. It only consists of making a call to a person on the list to let them know who is currently put on the prayer chain and what their problem is if they want to indulge it. That's all it is. Only takes about 3-4 minutes of your time. I get the calls from members or the Pastor and pass them on to the starting members of each chain, then it is passed on from there. Anyone can do it, male or female, young or old. Please consider this and let me know, so we can have a three- or four-person chain again. Contact me at 610-837-7210 or [kdrybreezezip@gmail.com](mailto:kdrybreezezip@gmail.com). Looking forward to hearing from you. Thank You. Kathy I. Peters



### FROM *the* CHAIRPERSON of Consistory

Consistory has continued to set forth plans for this next year. As a reminder, if you have questions, suggestions or wish to speak with one of us about a specific issue, if it has to do with Church & Ministry, Christian Ed, Music & Worship or Inside Property (Team Inside) please reach out to me, Linda Atwood or Alison Rothrock OR if it has to do with Missions, Stewardship, Evangelism or Outside property (Team Outside) please reach out to Susan Bostian, Steve Brown, Dan Cruttenden or Sam Yoder. It is important that you voice your concerns, comments, and praise. We cannot address what we do not know. There is a suggestion box in the Narthex to help share your thoughts. Also, look for an insert in the bulletin that should be helpful to you in that regard.

Alison Rothrock has begun working with Lisa and Jenny Intrepido in an effort to get Christian Education back in place for our youth. Linda Lechner is also sharing her expertise as a veteran

Christian Educator. They have the beginnings of a plan of action in place for a Fall start. It has yet to be determined if Dryland will have a VBS program. We managed to pull one together last year, thanks to Susan Bostian. In order to do so, we will need volunteers.

Hope Alliance will be hosting a Vacation Bible School this Summer from August 1 – August 4, 5 2023 during evening hours. It will be open to all. They will be sending us more information. We will make sure we pass it along for our members with young people (kids, grandkids, neighbors, etc.) who might wish to attend.

We are looking at having a few community based programs in the near future. It has been suggested that we offer training in the use of the AED, CPR equipment, and Estate planning. I'm sure that there are many other possibilities.

## **CONSISTORY 2023**

### **Officers**

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### **MUSIC & WORSHIP REPORT**

It's hard to believe that May is already upon us. On February 26<sup>th</sup>, we enjoyed teen participation in our worship service. Jarrett Nagy and Kevin, Mallory, and Nadia Dawson joined Pastor Livingston as part of the Worship Team. It is our hope to continue to involve youth of all ages in more of our services. Wouldn't once each month be wonderful!

March and April have flown by as we reflected on the days leading to the death of our Lord Jesus Christ, then celebrating his resurrection on Easter Sunday. On the 28<sup>th</sup> of May we will celebrate Pentecost. This year Pentecost Sunday is also Memorial Day.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

The cash receipt and expenditures activity for the period March 1, thru March 31, 2023.

Receipts for April 1 thru April 22, 2023

(Church Envelop Categories):

Category	Church Exp	--	\$ 7,636.00
Category	Missions	--	\$ 309.00
Category	Property	--	\$ 374.00
Category	Capital	--	\$ 907.00

2023 Budget (exclude Capital)	\$ 240,891.00
Monthly Receipts Required	\$ 20,074.25
Weekly Receipts Required	\$ 5,018.56
2023 Budget (Capital)	\$ 12,382.80
Monthly Receipts Required	\$ 1,031.90
Weekly Receipts Required	\$ 238.13

We Appreciate and Thank each of you for your generosity no matter the size to assure the church remains part of the community and part of your life. There is plenty of work to accomplish, so do not feel bashful to pitch in. We do so by **Faith!**

**Dryland United Church of Christ --- A Place to Belong!**

Blessings

Finance Committee --- Dewayne Heller, Craig Johnson, Pastor Ed, Jerry Hittinger, Steve Henninger, Monna Lou Henninger, Karen Lambert, Allen Singer, Hugh Harris

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## FROM THE KITCHEN COMMITTEE



**HELP WANTED** - Dryland UCC is hosting a luncheon on Thursday, May 4. Help is needed from about 8AM to 9AM to set up the CEC for this event. Additional help is needed from noon to about 2PM to serve meals and help cleanup. Contact Rich Durn at 484-894-9799 by phone or text if you are available.

**HELP WANTED** - Dryland UCC is hosting the Suburban Inter-Church Dar Baseball League Banquet on Thursday, May 11. Help is needed for the setup of the room around 9AM. Help is also needed during the day to assist with cooking in the kitchen. We are also looking for servers and cleanup during the hours of 5PM and 9PM (anytime that you can). Contact Rich Durn at 484-894-9799 by phone or text if you are available.



**OVEN ROASTED PORK LOIN – Ready to Eat - To Go Dinner Saturday, June 3. Pickup time is between 11AM and 2PM.**

Pork Loin, seasoned with a rub and oven roasted to a tender, juicy finish. The remainder of the menu includes Cole Slaw, Peas and Carrots, Mashed Potatoes, Pork Gravy, Dinner Roll, and the option to add Sauerkraut to your meal. Choose your dessert to complete your dining. Enjoy Coconut Cream Lush, which is light, creamy and filled with Coconut or Pineapple Dream, which is a light and fluffy Pineapple Cream Cheese Dessert. All this for only \$12.



# 2023 Geranium Plants for Pentecost

Order deadline is **Sunday, May 28**. Call or text Rich at 484-894-9799 or Karen at 610-504-1158. You may also call the church office at 610-759-4444 to place your order. If there is no answer leave a message in order that we may return your call

You may sponsor geraniums to beautify the Sanctuary for Pentecost Sunday. The cost is **\$4.50** per plant and **the LAST DAY TO ORDER IS SUNDAY, May 14<sup>th</sup>**. **ORDERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DAY.**

(Please print clearly)

Name

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Phone #

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TOTAL NUMBER OF PLANTS

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YOU WISH TO ORDER?  
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$

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(Please make checks payable to Dryland UCC)

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IN MEMORY OF

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**Please pick up your plants following the 9:30 a.m. worship service on May 28, 2023.**  
**Thank You!**



**REMEMBER THOSE IN THE MILITARY**

May 20, 2023



Category	March Receipts	March Expense	March Balance	YTD Receipts	YTD Expense	YTD Balance
Current-Mission-Property	\$13,153.18	\$18,480.25	- <b>\$5,327.07</b>	\$43,978.97	\$52,101.83	- <b>\$8,122.86</b>
Capital (Mortgage)	\$1,369.00	\$1,031.90	\$373.10	\$4,250.50	\$3,095.70	\$1,154.80
Total Category Balance						
Giant Card Program	\$2,950.00	\$2,802.50	\$147.50	\$8,20.00	\$7,790.00	\$410.00