

The Breeze

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 **April** 

April 6 - 5th Sunday of Lent/Confirmation

Worship service at 8:00 & 9:30am
Sunday School 9:30am
Holy Communion
Birthday Sunday

April 13 – Palm Sunday

Worship service at 8:00 & 9:30am
Sunday School 9:30am

April 17 - Maundy Thursday

Worship service at 7:00 pm
Holy Communion

April 20 - Easter Sunday

Easter Fellowship 8:30am
Worship service at 9:30am
Sunday School 9:30am
Holy Communion

April 27 - 1st Sunday after Easter

Worship service at 8:00 & 9:30am
Sunday School 9:30am



4/17/25 7:00 pm



4/18/25



4/20/25 9:30am



Grace and Peace to you Beloved of God,

May this letter find you encouraged in the joy of the Gospel. I share with you wisdom from Proverbs. Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; 6 in all your ways submit to God, and your paths will be made straight. (Proverbs 3:5-6) We can trust in God, who loves humankind more than we can comprehend. God looks beyond our shortcomings, beyond our stubbornness, and takes on all our sins, shame, and rejection.

We have a friend in Jesus, who intercedes on our behalf so that we may be presented spotless before God and reconciled with God. The disciples endured uncertainty, ridicule, and threats of violence before they came to realize that all Jesus had taught them had come to pass. With joy, we can understand the Good News of Christ's Resurrection and our deliverance through new life in Christ Jesus. That is the joy with which the disciples went out shouting 'He is Risen, Christ Jesus has arisen from the dead!'

People across the world who have heard and accepted the Good News of salvation through Christ, experience peace and assurance, even during these uncertain times. This makes me think of wisdom shared by the Apostle Paul. He describes the disciples of Christ as ambassadors. In 2 Corinthians 5:20, Paul shares that our role as ambassadors for Christ includes representing God's message of reconciliation and urging others to be reconciled to Him. This is critical in a world with so much of the language and acts that glorify violence.

We are reminded not to use the ways of violence with words, policies, guns, and bombs. Instead, our path is that of prayer, belief, and acts of mercy. We are reminded that the battle is not ours and to trust that God will not only provide but

will also transform our hearts and equip us to be victorious through our trials. As Jesus demonstrated victory over death, we too have victory and the assurance of eternal life with God.

Though violence was all around Jesus, even done to Jesus, and people of that age rejected God, God did not respond with wrath toward humankind. Instead of hating the world, God loved the world. God so loves the world that He gave His Son, Jesus. Jesus did not come to carry out the Father's wrath but came to love and reconcile the world. (John 3:16-18)

God knows that peace and love of neighbor start with you and me. It begins in our hearts and prayers. Love flows through our words and acts of compassion and care.

Through Christ, the world can be made anew, where people in need can be nurtured and restored. Yes, we can celebrate as Easter people, for through Christ all things are made new! I pray that we find joy in belonging to God. I pray that we glorify God and strive together in the unity of the Holy Spirit to become the church Christ is calling us to be.

Rejoice! Christ is Risen!!

Pastor Edward



Janet Day – 1/29/35,
Fellowship Community, Room 271, Terrace
3000 Community Drive, Whitehall, PA 18052
Gloria Decker - 9/11/37
Gracedale, T9
2 Gracedale Ave., Nazareth, PA 18064
Doris Keller – 9/13/34
Atria Senior Living, 2nd Floor, Room 239
1745 W. Macada Road, Bethlehem, PA 18017

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

**Funny how a dollar can look so big
when you take it to church, and so
small when you take it to the store!**



Prayer Concerns & Joys: Audrey, Gloria Decker, Kirk Miller, Steve Steltzmen, Shirley Lieberman

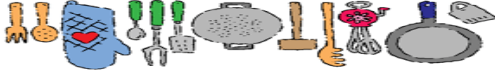
Long-term Prayer Concerns: David Atwood, Karen Brugger, Brent Burton, Betsy Coladonato, Richard Creyer, Cory Cruttenden, Debbie Coppola, Joann Dornblaser, Deby Duby, Shawn Durn, Jerry Enderle, Peter Garcia, Charlie Gianguzi, Roseann Good, Dolores Hageter, Kevin Hann, Jessica Harper, Monna Lou Henninger, Ray Hess, Joyce Hittinger, Francois Houlet, Dorothy Johnson, Doris Keller, Tammy LaBar, Sonny Laubach, Stephanie Lilly, Debbie Luckenbach, Cade Lutz, Peter Marmaras, Rodger McKay, Luther Mitman, Robert Nagy, Melissa Pelaez, Grayce, Jakob & Ken Raven, Sharon & Jim Rehrig, Chris Shetlick, Maurice, Gillian & Genine Sloane, Cathy Stewart, Angela Tout, Jorn Walter, Sandy Wambold, Patty Weidner, Shirley 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



MEMBERS OF THE MONTH
Mallory Dawson, Nadia Dawson,
Zach Angione, Tucker Wenrich
We would like to honor these newest members of our family. You first became a member thru baptism, now thru confirmation. We hope you enjoyed this journey so far and look forward to seeing you and helping you through many more journeys that may come in your future!
It is great people like these that keep Dryland a great family!
Nominated by Members of Dryland UCC

FROM THE KITCHEN COMMITTEE



Easter Pie Sale ~ April 18th & 19th

**Order by: *Sunday, April 13th*

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



We would like to congratulate Nadia Dawson for being inducted to the Jr. Nat'l Honor Society and a member of the Club Volleyball. Way to Go!



You can become a sponsor of the Bulletin – in honor or memorial of a loved one! The cost of the Bulletin is **\$12.00**. This will help with the cost of the paper and ink. Thank you in advance.



- 3 Jennifer Johnson, Gregory Teitsworth
- 4 Willow Fogel, Luther Mitman
- 5 Deborah Tenges
- 7 Alison Rothrock
- 9 Luann Peters
- 11 Ace Deily, Stacy Hicks
- 12 Donna Green, Joan Pennucci
- 13 ShannaLee Dawson, Suzanne Hunt
- 14 Linda Cruttenden
- 18 Irene Sofka
- 19 Debbie Mosser, Evelyn Motts
- 21 Kaylee Schiavone
- 26 Mark Atwood
- 27 Alec Gerhart
- 30 James Goldman



- 6 Mr. & Mrs. Dan Cruttenden 51 years
- 7 Mr. & Mrs. Charles Moser 46 years
- 11 Mr. & Mrs. Lynn Johnson 55 years
- 12 Mr. & Mrs. Larry Johnson 56 years
- 23 Mr. & Mrs. Alan Peters 14 years
- Mr. & Mrs. Jason Motts 13 years
- 30 Mr. & Mrs. James Dawson 20 years

Mark Your Calendar

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Tues. 4/1: Mtg. w/Vitality Coach 6:00pm
- Sun. 4/6: Confirmation Sunday
- Sat. 4/12: Spring Penny Party
- Fri. 4/18 & Sat. 4/19: Easter Pie Pick-up
- Sat. 4/19: Clothing Drive
*benefiting Dryland and Naz. Mom's Club
- Sun. 4/20: Easter Sunday ~ 9:30am service only
Fellowship and baked goods @ 8:30am
- Sat. 5/3: Community Garage Sale & Bake Sale
- Tues. 5/20: Election Day Bake Sale

BAKERS' NEEDED

TWO EVENTS ARE COMING UP THAT WE WILL NEED BAKED GOODS FOR TO SELL.

1. **MAY 3 - GARAGE SALE & BAKE SALE**
2. **MAY 20 - ELECTION DAY BAKE SALE**

WE WILL NEED BAKED GOODS TO SELL & ALSO PEOPLE TO HELP AT THE TABLE AT BOTH EVENTS



Dawn & Brandon Werkheiser and Sonny & Sharon Laubach want to thank Rich, Karen and everyone in the Kitchen for the wonderful meal they presented for Sam Werkheiser's passing. They did a great job setting up and serving. You are all wonderful and caring people. Thank you again & God Bless!



Getting ready for Easter— the most important holiday ever!

We are doing great in Sunday School. We are working on learning the 10 Commandments so we can earn our Bibles. The class is doing very well.

Additionally, our class is actually a "chain gang", that is right, we are building a paper chain by writing down who we are praying for, each prayer is a link on our chain. Please find one of our paper strips and help us build our prayer chain.

In Christian Love, *Alison*



Congratulations to Monna Lou Henninger for her achievements this year. Monna earned the impressive honor of being ranked as the #9 salesperson company-wide with Coldwell Banker Heritage Real Estate. Her commitment to helping and serving her clients shines through in everything she does. Keep up the good work!

CONSISTORY 2025

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- President – Dan Cruttenden (E)
- Vice President – Alison Rothrock (E)
- Treasurer – Dewayne Heller (E)
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FROM the CHAIRPERSON

Blessings to all! Spring is finally here! As the weather gets warmer, and we move into April, we look forward to green grass, flowers, the blossoming of trees and Easter. In the next few weeks there will be a lot of activity at the church. Please look at the calendar and make plans to be present.

With the warmer weather we are hoping to get some inside and outside clean up around the church completed. More will be coming soon regarding dates, and if you are available, please volunteer to help.

We are moving forward with connecting with Pastor Matt Gorkos, our vitality coach. Our next meeting with him is April 1st at 6:00 p.m. in the CEC. Please stay informed and plan to attend. Also, if you are interested in contributing financially to supporting this endeavor with a donation, please mark it "vitality coach" and bring it to the church office or put it in the collection plate. Any help at all would be greatly appreciated.

There are several activities that will take place in the next few Sundays. The Elders will meet with the confirmands on March 30th and they will be confirmed on April 6th. Congratulations to this group of young people and we are looking forward to their future involvement at Dryland. We are looking forward to this holiest of times at Dryland. Please plan accordingly and we hope to see you in church. Just a reminder - there will be an evening service on Maundy Thursday April 17 at 7 PM.

Enjoy the warmer weather and onset of spring!
 Blessings to all & Happy Easter

Dan Cruttenden, Consistory President



Dewayne Heller is looking for someone he can train to take over being the Church Treasurer.

Alan Heller is looking for someone he can train to take over or help with the video program. If you feel you can help out with either of these positions, please contact Dewayne or Alan.



APRIL 1, 2025



EASTER PIE SALE

\$12 per Pie

Pick-up:

Friday, April 18 ~ 8am-2pm

Or Saturday, April 19 ~ 8am-2pm

Order by: Sunday, April 13th

ORDER FORM:

NAME _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

APPLE CRUMB _____

CHERRY CRUMB _____

COCONUT CUSTARD _____

KEY LIME _____

PEANUT BUTTER PIE _____

** STRAWBERRY RHUBARB _____

TOTAL NUMBER OF PIES _____

TOTAL DUE: _____

Please turn the order forms into either Karen (610-504-1158), Rich (484-894-9799), Church Office (610-759-4444)

****LIMITED QUANTITY AVAILABLE**



Easter Blessings

Wishing you and your families a very Blessed Easter from the staff of Dryland UCC, Pastor Ed, Brooke, Kathy, Susan, Dan, Dewayne, Jerry, Connie.



Take care of God's earth
April 22, 2025



It's a PENNY PARTY!

Saturday, April 12

Doors open at 11:30am

Party starts at 1:00pm

Dryland UCC

4415 Newburg Road

Nazareth PA 18064

610-759-4444

Kitchen opens at 11:30am

Tricky Tray & 50/50 raffle!

Join us for a GREAT time!

Flowers for Easter

Once again, you may sponsor flower plants to beautify the chancel for Easter. The cost is \$9.50 per plant. You may pick up your plants following the 9:30 a.m. worship service on Easter Sunday.

THE DEADLINE TO TURN IN ORDERS IS

SUNDAY, APRIL 6TH

NAME _____

PHONE _____

Lily _____ How Many? _____

Mums _____ How Many? _____

Tulip _____ How Many? _____

Sorry, no color choices for the mums or tulips.

TOTAL NUMBER OF PLANTS _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

Please make checks payable to "DRYLAND UCC"

IN HONOR OF _____

IN MEMORY OF _____

We acknowledge the following individuals for their commitment as part of the Finance Committee. Steve Henninger has been a member of the committee for many years and has decided to take on other challenges. We are grateful and appreciate his input and knowledge during his tenure. Deb Watlington will assist the Finance Committee to help us meet our goals. With her vast experience and knowledge in the accounting and finance spectrum, we appreciate her commitment and look forward in working with her. You may not be aware, Deb along with Dave Faust have been the auditors for Dryland for many years. They review the financial records at the end of each year to assure us that we are not going astray. The financial accounts are audited at the end of each year. They have been audited for 2024 and have been successfully approved.

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** and **LOVE** for one another!

Dryland United Church of Christ --- A Place To Belong! - Relationship with Christ !!

Blessings

Finance Committee --- Pastor Ed, Jerry Hittinger, Steve Henninger, Monna Lou Henninger, Karen Lambert, Alison Rothrock, Hugh Harris, Craig Johnson, Dan Cruttenden, Dewayne Heller