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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.

Pastor: The Rev. Edward Livingston, MDiv.

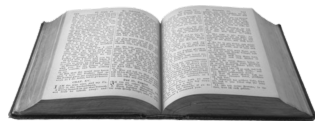
DRYLAND UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
4415 Newburg Road, Nazareth PA
April 21, 2024– 9:30 am

Prayer Concerns: Nicole, Betsy Coladonato, the family of Dottie Heckler, Alan Heller, Joan Penucci, Joanne Mitman, Yin-Yin, Kelly Vitale, Shirley Weidner

Long-term Prayer Concerns: Matthew Atwood, Lina Benner, Brent Burton, Richard Creyer, Cory Cruttenden, Guy Connelly, Debbie Coppola, Gary & Karen Crosson, Jennifer Dacosta, Joann Dornblaser, Deby Duby, Shawn Durn, Peter Garcia, Charlie Gianguzi, Barb & Jim Goldman, Kevin Hann, Jessica Harper, Elise Intrepido, Lisa Intrepido, Dorothy Johnson, Linda Keller, Sonny Laubach, Stephanie Lilly, Debbie Luckenbach, Cade Lutz, Barbara Moon, Paul Moore, Catherine Mrowka, Grayce Raven, Jakob Raven, Ken Raven, Maurice, Gillian & Genine Sloane, Barb Tomko, Angela Tout, Elwood Trumbauer, Jorn Walter, 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.

Daily Scripture Readings



Monday, April 22, 2024: Psalm 95; 1 Samuel 16:1-13; 1 Peter 5:1-5

Tuesday, April 23, 2024: Psalm 95; 1 Chronicles 11:1-9; Revelation 7:13-17

Wednesday, April 24, 2024: Psalm 95; Micah 7:8-20; Mark 14:26-31

Thursday, April 25, 2024: Psalm 22:25-31; Amos 8:1-7; Acts 8:1b-8

Friday, April 26, 2024: Psalm 22:25-31; Amos 8:11-13; Acts 8:9-25

Saturday, April 27, 2024: Psalm 22:25-31; Amos 9:7-15; Mark 4:30-32

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.

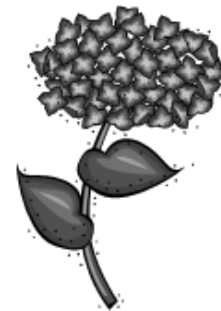
You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues and races. You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be your servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all 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.

Geranium Plants for Pentacost

\$5.00 per plant

Orders due by: Sunday, May 5



Please pick-up your plants following the 9:30am service on *Sunday, May 19th*. Sorry, no deliveries.
Checks payable to: Dryland UCC

Order forms available in the Narthex

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- 4/23: Election Day Bake Sale
- 5/3: Spring Craft/Vendor Fair
- 5/5: Geranium Orders Due
- 5/14: Friends in Faith Networking
- 5/18: Winner, Winner—Chicken Dinner



**UPCOMING EVENTS
SAVE THE DATES!!!**

**Friday, May 3rd
Spring Craft Fair 4:00-8:00pm**



For more info/to register:
Everyribboncounts.com (events tab)
Call Susan 610-417-2448

**Tuesday, May 14th
Friends in Faith Networking
8:00-10:00am**



Choir Lyrics: I Will Give Thanks to the Lord

I will give thanks to the Lord, my God. I will give thanks to the Lord. I will sing praise to the Lord Most High. With my whole heart I will give thanks.

(Repeat)

In the seasons of my plenty, in the seasons of my need, God has faithfully provided growing harvest from the seed. With my whole heart I will love Him. With my lips I'll sing his praise. With my life I'll seek his guidance as I serve him all my days.

I will give thanks to the Lord, my God. I will give thanks to the Lord. I will sing praise to the Lord Most High. With my whole heart I will give thanks.

(Repeat 3x)

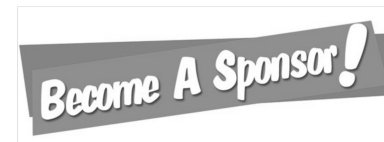


Tuesday, April 23—Election Day

**PLEASE
DROP OFF BAKED GOODS**

Today after Church or
Monday 4/22 9am-noon

THANK YOU!!!



PLEASE SIGN-UP!!!

There are sign-up sheets in the Narthex for Bulletin Sponsors (\$12 per week).

Please consider sponsoring for May, June, July!



Every Sunday during worship
9:30am-10:30am
All Children Welcome

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.

WINNER, WINNER, CHICKEN DINNER!

\$12 per person

Saturday May 18: Take-out 11am-2pm

Orders due by: Sunday May 12



Stuffed chicken breast (potato filling), corn, salad, dinner roll, gravy, chocolate fudge cake

Contact: Karen 610-504-1158, Rich 484-894-9799 or Church Office 610-759-4444

HOW TO HELP IN OUR COMMUNITY:

The Nazareth Area Food Bank The food bank is open for donations on Tuesdays 5:30-7pm and Fridays and Saturdays 9-11am—**paper towels, tissues, napkins, TP and granola bars are requested for May.**

Monetary donations are always welcome and should be mailed 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 contact Dawn Stillwagen, Director of Volunteer Services 610-841-7011.



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!

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 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

- 21 Kaylee Schiavone
- 26 Mark Atwood
- 27 Alec Gerhart



Anniversaries This Week

- 23 Mr. & Mrs. Alan Peters 13 years

Bulletin Sponsor this Week

Sponsored by: Bev & Ron Weidner
In Celebration of: *Kaylee Schiavone's 20th Birthday*

Remember our Shut-Ins

Janet Day – 1/29/35,
Fellowship Community, Room 271, Terrace
3000 Community Drive, Whitehall, PA 18052

A Message from Alan Heller...

Many thanks for the cards and get well wishes! I am thankful for the encouragement and appreciate the support!
Thank you!



Do you or someone you know, need help with: parenting, stress management, elder care, domestic violence, school issues, employment, mental health, homelessness, food insecurity, child welfare, and much more..... ***there is help*** .
The Nazareth Ministerium of Churches has a Social Worker to help support those who need help in our community. Please contact them at: 610-759-3163, ext. 104 or email nazarethsocialworker@gmail.com



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.”

PRELUDE

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: When we are scattered, Jesus our Good Shepherd gathers us in.

All: When we are lost and lonely, we can depend on Christ's love.

One: When we are oppressed, Jesus our Good Shepherd cares for us.

All: When we are threatened because of who we are, we can depend on Christ's protection.

One: We know Christ, because Christ's tenderness has guided us for generations.

All: Christ knows us by name. Christ will lay down his very life for our sake.

One: Let us worship our Good Shepherd, who cares for all of us with fierce love.

All: Let us give thanks for Christ's presence with us.

*OPENING PRAYER

***OPENING HYMN #71** Praise the Lord, Almighty v1,4

PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION

WORDS OF GRACE

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

HOLY SCRIPTURES

Our first reading is Psalm 23, A Psalm of David, page 476 in your pew Bible.

Our second reading is John 10:11-18, page 933 in your pew Bible.

MESSAGE

ANTHEM I Will Give Thanks to the Lord

PASTORAL PRAYER & 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 FOR THE OFFERING

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Gracious God, thank you for your gift of Jesus Christ, who cares for us and protects us. With these gifts we return to you, help us care for others in our communities and around the world. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN #316** Alleluia

*BENEDICTION

SONG OF DEPARTURE

Lord be with us on this day, and in thy presence may we evermore adore Thee. And Lord be near and show Thy way, that we may follow in the path You choose.

POSTLUDE