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Pastor's Report

August 4 - 10th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship service at 9:30 am
Holy Communion
Birthday Sunday

August 11- 11th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship service at 9:30 am

August 18 - 12th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship service at 9:30 am

August 25 - 13th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship service at 9:30 am



Do not forget those who are not with us because they are serving us!



August 7, 2024



August 2024

Grace and Peace Beloved of God,

I pray that all is well with your soul. There is much to be thankful for. We are a congregation of Christ. We have the awesome mission to share the Good News, promote salvation and new life in Christ, and act with compassion. As followers of Jesus, we are charged to pray for peace and unity in the Holy Spirit. Live free and take comfort knowing that Christ has overcome the world (John 16:33).

Our world needs revival and prayer. Our nation needs peace. The escalation of violence and hate speech that grips our communities and harms our people is draining life and joy out of moms, dads, sons, and daughters. The violence that ended the life of a father and a son, and harmed a former president and attendees of a political rally is horrible. I believe that such trauma is a wake-up call for us to seek peace and understanding and that love must prevail.

In some ways, our congregation is a microcosm of the world. We all face hardships and are confronted with opposition in our public and personal lives. While conflict is a part of the human condition, we have been given godly instructions concerning how we should conduct ourselves. As an assembly of believers, we are our brothers' and sisters' keepers. Love is a verb. We are to love and respect one another. Our Scriptures teach that we are to love our neighbor as ourselves (Mark 12:31).

Our nation needs prayer and love in action. Please pray fervently for God's direction, strength, patience, and wisdom. Consider compassion and longsuffering when talking or listening to a friend, stranger, or family member who thinks differently than you, or holds beliefs that do not match yours. Now is the time for positive social interaction, such as being on social media, making phone calls, sending emails, or talking face-to-face. Consider

praying that your understanding and compassion and theirs are stretched and strengthened for the glory of God.

Our nation needs a light to guide us in this divisive and violent time. Let us come together, let us speak with one another with peace not hostility; let us find common ground, and demonstrate the love and grace that God grants each of us. As we learn from Ephesians 4:2-3, "With all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace," let our neighbors experience through us peacemaking, bridgebuilding, and prayers so that healing, civility, and peace may repair the deep fractures of our nation.

In Christ's service
Pastor Edward



Prayer Concerns & Joys: David & Kristen Atwood, Wanda Green, David & Nancy, Nicole, Claudia & Cleah, the family of Guy Connelly, Richard Edging, Dolores Hageter, Rodger McKay, Doris Miller, Joanne Mitman, Peter, Eileen & Rachel Rinaldi, Barry & Elwood Trumbauer, Grandpa Yin-Yin, Shirley Weidner, Katrina, Family of Paul Fehnel, Brent Burton.

Long-term Prayer Concerns: Betsy Coladonato, Richard Creyer, Gary & Karen Crosson, Cory Cruttenden, Chris (nephew of Dave Hess), Beth Chen, Debbie Coppola, Gary & Karen Crosson, Joann Dornblaser, Deby Duby, Shawn Durn, Peter Garcia, Barb & Jim Goldman, Charlie Gianguzi, Kevin Hann, Jessica Harper, Dorothy Johnson, Linda Keller, Sonny Laubach, Stephanie Lilly, Debbie Luckenbach, Cade Lutz, Grayce, Jakob & Ken Raven, Maurice, Gillian & Genine Sloane, Barb Tomko, Angela Tout, Jorn Walter, Charissa & Jason Williams, Carter Wolfgang, All members of Dryland.

Our Service People: Chief MSG Thomas Bostian, Major Scott Lechner, MSGT Paul Moore, E-6 Rodger Nagy, LT Seth Watlington

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

It is about hope, and never losing it, even if we do misplace it from time to time!



If you have a change of address, please let us know so we can post it. Thanks



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

CELEBRATING OUR MEMBERS

MEMBERS OF THE MONTH

Kitchen Crew Volunteers

It is with great gratitude that we honor these people this month for all the hard work they do in preparing the meals and pies for sale to help support our church. Keep up the good work, new people are always welcome!

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

Nominated by Kathy I. Peters, Editor



Want to honor a loved one or as a memorial? You can become a sponsor of the Bulletin! The cost of the Bulletin will be \$12.00. This will help with the cost of the paper and ink. Thanking you in advance.



We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Jonathan Fehnel and family upon the passing of his grandfather, Paul Fehnel. Please know he is at peace and with our Father in Heaven.



Received in Holy Baptism on July 14, 2024, Jayden Lee Keller. Jayden is the son of Jared & Johnna Keller. He was born on 3/25/2024. Godparents are Hunter Eisenreich & Susette Lauer. Grandparents are Lugene & Ronald Keller and Susette & Devon Lauer. Great Grandparents are Doris Keller, the late Ernest Keller, Mary Eisenreich, and the late John Eisenreich. Welcome to our family, Jayden!

Mark Your Calendar

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- August 4 Communion, Birthday Sunday
- August 11 Peach Pie Sale order deadline
- August 13 Friends in Faith Networking Event 8:30-10:30am
- August 17 Peach Pie Sale, Pick-up 9am-noon
- August 21 Red Cross Blood Drive 12-4:30pm



Upcoming events:

- Saturday, Sept. 7 – Clam Bake Take-out (Fri/Sat) or dine-in Sat.
- Orders due by: Wed, August 28
- Clams- order by bag (18 per bag)
- Sausage, Chicken, Roasted Baby Potatoes, Corn on the Cob, Coleslaw, Watermelon



- 2 Sue Gallagher
- 3 Matthew Rothrock
- 6 Marian Miller
- 9 Carissa Perkins
- 10 Frank Erceg, Jerry Hittinger
- 20 Barbara Goldman
- 21 Sandy Banko
- 22 Donna Nagy, Jay Watlington, Rev. Emily Livingston,
- 23 Carissa Cramer
- 24 Nelson Stettler, Jessica Moran
- 25 Randy Setzer
- 29 Elaine Dilliard



- 10 Mr. & Mrs. Robert Beahm 56 years
- 24 Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Lambert 22 years
- 25 Mr. & Mrs. Robert Nagy 40 years
- 29 Mr. & Mrs. David Dornblaser 54 years

CONSISTORY 2024

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- VP – Dan Cruttenden (E)
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FROM the CHAIRPERSON

So.....how about that great-looking parking lot? Thank you to Dewayne Heller for his involvement and organization in getting this done. Beyond that, we need to thank all those members that have contributed financially to ensure this project was successful!

We hope everyone is enjoying the "hot" summer vacation weather. It seems the lack of rain has put

a damper on the greenery of the lawns in the area. The hot weather has taken its toll on the churches' AC as well. We are happy to report that after several delays, the sanctuary AC is fixed, and we are very thankful. Sadly, it was not a complete fix. Both the CEC and the sanctuary are in need of replacing half of the AC units to prevent the overworking of those two that are currently keeping us cool. The financial committee is addressing this issue to prevent further damage to the remaining units, due to overworking them.

The update of the Wi-Fi and Internet connections are in the final stages of planning. Hopefully, by the end of August it will be complete. Hope Alliance has been very instrumental in getting this project completed. Without the help of Pastor Jim and his "tech expert" it would be very difficult to get this done. We cannot thank them enough for their help and involvement in this project.

The church facility policies have been re-written and approved by consistory. A meeting with all groups that use the facility will be scheduled to update everyone regarding the changes. A review of all areas, event scheduling, and cost of use will be discussed. Our operational costs have increased significantly since COVID and need updating.

We hope everyone has an enjoyable and safe summer.

Blessings to all!

Yours in Christ,
Dan Cruttenden
Consistory VP

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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.



Dryland is sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive for the community on Wednesday, August 21 from 12:00pm to 4:30pm in the CEC – make an appointment by calling 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter Dryland UCC



PEACH CRUMB PIE SALE!

\$12 each

Orders due by: Sunday August 11
Pick-up, **Saturday August 17**
9am-12 noon

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



Nazareth Food Bank

School supplies needed

Crayons, colored pencils, thick magic markers, highlighters pens, pencils, glue sticks, scissors, note cards, 3-ring binders, erasers, loose leaf paper, spiral notebooks.

ALL ITEMS DUE BY AUGUST 10, 2024.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

TREASURER'S REPORT

CASH RECEIPTS (FROM PLATE OFFERING & ON-LINE GIVING) AND EXPENDITURES ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD JUNE 1, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024.

Category	June Receipts	June Expense	June Balance	YTD Receipts	YTD Expense	YTD Balance
Current-Mission-Property	\$12,783.65	\$16,871.66	\$4,088.01	\$82,396.02	\$117,157.77	\$34,761.75
Capital (Mortgage)	\$1,474.50	\$1,031.90	\$442.60	\$8,498.50	\$6,191.40	\$2,307.10
Giant Card Program	\$2,700.00	\$2,565.00	\$135.00	\$16,375.00	\$15,295.00	\$1,080.00

NOTE:

2024 Budget (exclude Capital)	\$218,975.00
Monthly Receipts Required	\$18,247.82
Weekly Receipts Required	\$4,561.98
2024 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** 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, Dewayne Heller