

The Breeze

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March 5 - 2nd Sunday of Lent

Worship service at 9:30 am
Holy Communion

March 12 - 3rd Sunday of Lent/Change Sunday

Worship service at 9:30 am
Spring Ahead
Make a Joyful noise with your coins!

March 19 - 4th Sunday of Lent

Worship service at 9:30 am

March 26 - 5th Sunday of Lent

Worship service 9:30 am



Grace and Peace Beloved of God,

In the Lord's Prayer, Jesus models for us what to pray to our Father. After asking God to forgive our debts, as we are to forgive our debtors, the prayer asks God for strength to be victorious over temptation. Life comes with many forms of temptation and Lent calls us to remember that without God we are helpless to resist our own sinful tendencies. In the wilderness account found in the Gospel of Matthew, Satan sought to tempt Jesus to worship Satan. However, Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" (Matthew 4:10)

In another teachable moment, Jesus reveals that we too are called to worship the Lord our God in spirit and in truth. (John 4:23) To worship "in spirit" is the understanding that our devotion to God and honoring God must originate from within, from the heart. There is profound joy in being in fellowship with God and praising His Holy Name. This is a worship that is motivated by our love for God and gratitude for all He is and has done.

This worship must also be "in truth." This is worship that is rooted in the realities of biblical revelation and open to the moving of the Holy Spirit. Intentional gathering for worship that is rooted in spirit and truth allows us to stay close to God, allows us to be a light unto the nations, and heed God's call to repent and believe. That is the call that the prophets echoed and the call on which our Savior Jesus launched His redemption of humankind.

Our times of worship and the particular focus on repentance during Lent can help us to remember that though we fall short of doing what is right, we can rejoice that God forgives a contrite heart. Worship also can help to bring out the best within us to meet God and cultivate a community of

faith. God nurtures us as we become a people of peace and commitment. God helps us to mature as living testimonies to a world in despair. We can witness with our daily lives to what belonging in a loving relationship with God looks like.

During this Lenten Season, I pray you can find comfort and take refuge in the promises of God and the forgiveness of any shortcomings that may make you shy away from God. I pray that together we become a people known for extending forgiveness and grace to all others, as God has done so for each of us. Remember that Jesus Christ died so that we would not only be reconciled with God the Father but that we would be able to be reconciled with one another. Be encouraged, for you belong to God. (1 John 5:1-21)

In His Service,
Pastor Edward



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

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

Friends are God's way of smoothing out the bumps on the road of life and keep us from falling down and not being able to get up and get back on that road again!
Thank You Friend. You always have a Friend in GOD!



Prayer Concerns & Joys:

Kelsey Atwood, Linda Thomas and Family,
Family of Cindy Miles

Long-term Prayer Concerns: Mark Atwood, Matthew Atwood, Brent Burton, Cory Cruttenden, Guy Connelly, Debbie Coppola, Deby Duby, Shawn Durn, Peter Garcia, Charlie Gianguzi, Kevin Hann, Dottie Heckler, Jack Hunt, Lisa Intrepido, Dorothy Johnson, Sonny Laubach, Stephanie Lilly, Debbie Luckenbach, Cade Lutz, Barbara Moon, Pat Muthard, 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.



Join the Choir...
You'll Be Glad You Did!

CHOIR PRACTICE SCHEDULE

March 6, 20, 27

April 3

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.



Altar Flowers

March 5	OPEN	
	OPEN	
March 12	Doris & Ernie Keller	In Memory of Loved Ones
	Peters' family	In Memory of Willard's birthday, 3/13
March 19	OPEN	
	OPEN	
March 26	OPEN	
	OPEN	



Loaves and fishes lunch program is resuming starting in April. 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.



EASTER PIE SALE

\$10.00 per pie, Order by Sun. 4/2/23
 Pick up Fri. 4/7 8-2 or Sat, 4/8 8-2
 APPLE CRUMB, CHERRY CRUMB*, COCONUT CUSTARD, KEY LIME, SWEET POTATO, MOLASSES WET BOTTOM
 *cherry crumb, limited quantities!
 ORDER FORM ATTACHED.

**CELEBRATING
 OUR
 MEMBERS
 MEMBERS OF THE MONTH**

Steve & Monna Lou Henninger
 Thank you to both of you for posting the pictures on facebook of past members and activities here at Dryland, also for the beautiful supply you have made in the Armed Forces cabinet in the Narthex. It is so great to see all of our members who have served and are still serving!
 It is great people like these that keep Dryland a great family!
 Nominated by: Kathy I. Peters, Editor



- 1 Randi Johnson
- 3 John Getz
- 10 Jacob Angione
- 12 Leon Lieberman
- 17 Tracy Jones
- 20 Nancy Weisel
- 22 Matthew Burton, Dan Cruttenden, Kevin Wenrich
- 28 Nicholas Youngkin
- 29 Sean Lambert
- 30 Luke Creyer, Bev Weidner



To everyone who brought in cans of soup for souper bowl Sunday. It was a hugh success and at least with our count, Eagles did win! The Food Bank was greatly appreciated also.



- 12 Mr. & Mrs. Jack Schmauch 57 years
- 20 Mr. & Mrs. David Faust 42 years
- 24 Mr. & Mrs. Roy Seiple 44 Years



I LOVE DRYLAND DAY

We would like to thank everyone who contributed to the I love Dryland Day. It was a great success getting much needed supplies for the church and the kitchen and the office. This is what helps Dryland keep going. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!!**



An order form to order Easter Flowers is included in this newsletter. Please drop off or mail to office or put in offering plate on Sunday morning. Thank you for your orders.



Over the past year several initiatives have taken place to clean out and neaten up our church home. We are joyfully sharing our building space with Hope Alliance church every Sunday. As a result, we have a piano that is not being used in the Nursery classroom which we need to find a new home for. It is in need of tuning, and you would need to make arrangement to have it moved. If you are interested in having the piano, please reach out to the church office either via email (drylandoffice@rcn.com) or via phone (610-759-4444) by Monday, 01/23/2023.

Peace,
Heidi Singer, Consistory President

CONSISTORY 2023

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FROM the CHAIRPERSON Note from Consistory

Happy March from Consistory! We have been busy getting ourselves organized to continue with the work of the Lord and our church. In an attempt to best utilize the hands we have to do the work, we have decided to split Consistory into two teams. We have not come up with good names yet, so if anyone has thoughts about names for the teams, we'd love to consider them! One team which currently consists of Linda Atwood, Alison Rothrock and Heidi Singer will be responsible for the work that Church & Ministry, Music & Worship, Christian Education and Inside Property have in the past been responsible for. The second team, Steve Brown, Dan Cruttenden and Susan Mattes

Bostian will be responsible for the work of the former Missions, Stewardship, Evangelism and Outside Property committees. Finance will remain a separate committee at least for now. We are also pleased to announce that Sam Yoder has volunteered to join the ranks of consistory. Sam has yet to decide where he would like to focus his talents. Welcome aboard Sam! If anyone else would like to throw their hat in the ring.... the more the merrier!!

We are sure that many of you have noticed that Hope Alliance has started to settle into Dryland. At the end of last year consistory started exploring creative ways that we could broaden the mission of Dryland and create revenue streams to support the church. Hope Alliance was in the process of losing their worship space at the Nazareth YMCA due to renovations. They had used our sanctuary in the past for Christmas worship services, so we had already established a bit of a relationship with them. We began conversation about what it would look like if they rented space from us for their worship services. As a result, consistory met with the leaders of their church at the end of 2022 and as a group we agreed to rent to them the CEC, two classrooms for their Sunday School classes on Sunday mornings and some storage space. They now come in on Saturday evenings to set up and then of course use the space they rent on Sundays until about 1 pm. So far it appears that things have been going well. Certainly, it has required adaption on our part but isn't it wonderful to see so many (both churches) using our building to share the work and the word of the Lord. As with anything it is a work in progress, and we will do our best to accommodate their needs as well as ours.

We are also eager to rent space to groups and individuals in the community for gatherings and events as another way to share our building with the community. If you know of anyone looking for meeting space or space to hold a party or event, please call the church office. Of course, all of the groups, quilters, garden club, scouts, etc. that have been using our space will continue to do so as previously arranged.

Consistory will be reaching out on a regular basis looking for volunteers to help with various tasks/jobs/activities. Please stay tuned as we are counting on you to help with our mission!

Blessings and Peace,
Consistory

OUTSIDE PROPERTY

Dryland has a wonderful volunteer opportunity! We are looking for an able-bodied individual(s) who is interested in serving the church and the community for this year by changing the message on the church sign when needed. This would be a great way for a high school student who is looking for community service hours for graduation or for a church member who has time after service or occasionally during the week to change the message when needed. Charlie Berthoud will happily show anyone interested the ropes. Please reach out to the church office if interested, 610-759-4444 or drylandoffice@rcn.com.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The cash receipt and expenditures activity for the period January 0, thru January 31, 2023.

Receipts from February 1 thru February 18, 2023 (Church Envelop Categories):

Category Church Exp --	\$ 8,914.00
Category Missions --	\$ 321.50
Category Property --	\$ 339.00
Category Capital --	\$ 734.50

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

As mentioned at the annual meeting, we Appreciate, Concerned, Challenge, Knowing, and Grateful for Christ's family at Dryland. If you feel a part of your spiritual life is not as filling as you would like, please pray about it and know that God is Still Speaking. He is still in charge of the world. Consider your church family at Dryland as a place to meet your spiritual needs.

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! Blessings

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

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OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP THOSE IN NEED!



Recent global events have created a humanitarian crisis in the Ukraine, Turkey, and Syria. Death tolls continue to rise and there are hundreds of thousands of lives at

risk. As of 2/21/2023 the death toll from the first earthquake has reached 46,957, the 6.3 magnitude aftershock which occurred on Monday 2/20 created further suffering for those who are injured and displaced. The families and communities affected by Hurricanes Fiona and Ian continue to need aid. Donations will be used by our UCC partners in the areas of greatest need, for relief and long-term recovery.

Gifts made to UCC "Ukraine Relief" and "Turkey and Syria" will provide shelter, food, and other care to internally displaced people in those countries. See the websites below for further information.

<https://support.ucc.org/global-h-o-p-e/turkey-syria-emergency-appeal/donate>

<https://www.ucc.org/global-h-o-p-e/ukraine-emergency-appeal/>

<https://support.ucc.org/donate---hurricanes-2022>

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



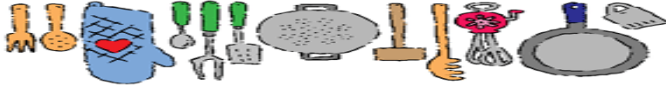
CHICKEN CORDON BLEU/ BONELESS STUFFED CHICKEN BREAST – Ready to Eat - To Go Dinner Saturday, March 25. Pickup time is between 11AM and 2PM

Chicken Cordon Bleu is a dish of chicken wrapped around Ham and Swiss Cheese with a touch of Dijon Mustard, then breaded in Bran Flakes and baked until golden brown. Or choose Boneless Stuffed Chicken Breast, a Boneless Breast of Chicken stuffed with our homemade Potato Filling. The

Dinner includes Potato Wedges, fresh Vegetable Medley, Salad with a Signature Italian dressing, Artisan Dinner Roll and Cheesecake drizzled with Strawberry Sauce. Only \$12.

Order deadline is **Sunday, March 19**. 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.

FROM THE KITCHEN COMMITTEE



The Kitchen Committee is looking for 2 people to help in the kitchen on Wednesday and Thursday for about 4 hours to assist in preparing food. On Friday we are looking for three people to help packing meals. On Saturday we are looking for two people to help with meal distribution from 11AM to 2PM. Contact Rich at 484-894-9799. Thank you.

EASTER PIES ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR SALE

Keep your kitchen clean by allowing the Kitchen Crew at Dryland UCC to bake your Easter Pies. Pie choices include Apple Crumb Pie, Cherry Crumb Pie, Coconut Custard Pie, Key Lime, Wet Bottom Shoo Fly Pie, and Sweet Potato.

DRYLAND UCC EASTER PIE ORDER FORM \$10 per Pie

Order by Sunday, April 2, 2023

Pickup Friday, April 7 from 8 - 2 or Saturday April 8 from 8 - 2.

NAME _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

APPLE CRUMB PIE _____

CHERRY CRUMB PIE _____

COCONUT CUSTARD PIE _____

KEY LIME PIE _____

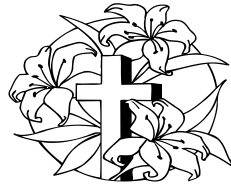
WET BOTTOM SHOO FLY PIE _____

SWEET POTATO _____

TOTAL NUMBER OF PIES _____

TOTAL DUE _____

Place Order Form in Envelope on Bulletin Board in Narthex or Contact Rich at 484-894-9799, Karen at 610-504-1158 or the Church Office at 610-759-4444. Forms may also be turned in when picking up dinners.



Flowers for
Easter

Once again, you may sponsor flower plants to beautify the chancel for Easter. The cost is \$9.00 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, MARCH 26TH

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"

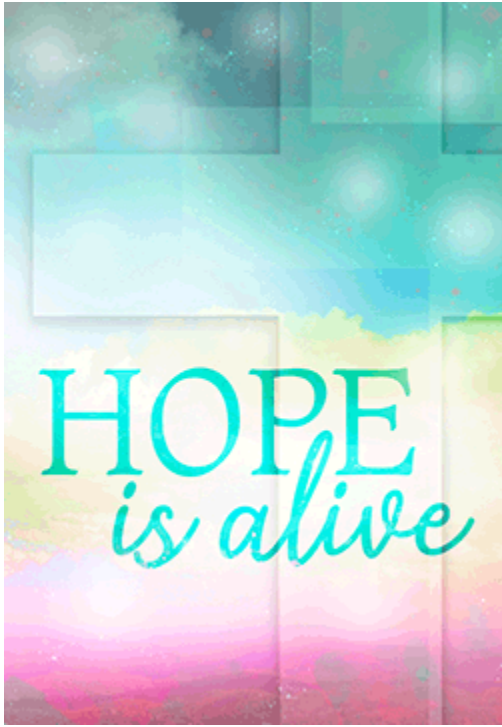
IN HONOR OF _____

IN MEMORY OF _____

Keep how many plants? _____

Donate how many plants? _____

Yes, I will deliver the plants to a shut-in. _____



REJOICE IN IT!



Category	January	January	January	YTD	YTD	YTD
	Receipts	Expense	Balance	Receipts	Expense	Balance
Current-Mission-						
Property	\$15,173.13	\$17,278.86	-\$2,105.73	\$15,173.13	\$17,278.86	-\$2,105.73
Capital (Mortgage)	\$1,602.00	\$1,031.90	\$570.30	\$1,602.00	\$1,031.90	\$570.10
Total Category						
Balance	\$16,775.13	\$18,310.76	-\$1,535.63	\$16,775.13	\$18,310.76	\$1,535.63
Giant Card Program						
	\$2,800.00	\$2,660.00	\$140.00	\$2,800.00	\$2,660.00	\$140.00
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