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In this newsletter, there is an article from the consistory about starting up a program called Soft Church. Please read and reflect on this idea for your worship matter.

March 7 - 3rd Sunday of Lent

Worship service at 10:15 am

March 14 - 4th Sunday of Lent

Worship service at 10:15 am

March 21 - 8th 5th Sunday of Lent

Worship service at 10:15 am

March 28 - Palm Sunday

Worship service at 10:15 am



March 14, 2021



Palm Sunday

March 28, 2021



April 1, 2021



April 2, 2021



Grace and Peace Beloveds,

A year ago, around this time, a major disruption to life as many knew emerged and “shut down” our world. We experienced first-hand that our systems and infrastructures of trade, travel, and commerce are fragile and just how interconnected and interdependent we are with the rest of the world.

Several times over the past year, my family experienced the death of our relatives because of the damage COVID-19 does to the body’s organs and functions and we could not be with them in their final moments. Sadly, too many families experienced loss in this way. Still, others suffer the effects from the supply chain breaks, infrastructure inadequacies like the deadly cold snap in Texas, and the injury that results from long-term isolation.

Our Lenten journey invites us to recognize and meet the frustrations and loss that accompanies this pandemic. Our journey invites us to acknowledge and hold up the rage, death, and disbelief surrounding the violent uprising against our U.S. Government with a period of self-examination. This season of Lent is a period when, if no other time in the year, we can assess our actions, our words, and our values for alignment with the way of Jesus.

Our Lenten devotional series invites us to examine our habits and determine if they bring us closer to God. How do our habits demonstrate compassion, curiosity, and forgiveness toward people with different world views and experiences than our own? The series walks us through daily acts of

reading scripture, prayer, and choosing to do something that starts a healthy habit.

Jesus said that those who follow Him, His disciples are to do as He does. (John 13:14) This is how we too can adopt healthy habits that care for one another and speak love in the face of hatred, abuse, and devastation. People still need hope. Just as Jesus was the initiator of reconciling humanity to God, you are being called to be real hope as God's ambassadors.

In Jesus' atoning for our sins, by His love for us, and our acceptance of Jesus as Savior, we are reconciled with God. By His Spirit, Jesus has charged us with the ministry of reconciliation. We are to be reconcilers, just as Jesus did for us. People need you and me to invite them to remember God's love for us and that we too are to love, repent, and forgive one another, for God first loved us. My prayer is that we each can accept Jesus as our Savior, and His ways. He is our reason for hope and our model for how to live in the world as ambassadors of peace and reconciliation. May this period of reflection and remembrance of God's love for us be the air that helps to sustain us through this pandemic and empower us to act with kindness, grace, and the joy of the Gospel in the name of Jesus.

In Christ's Service, Pastor Edward



In Our Prayers

Prayer Concerns and Joys: Rob & Cecilia Merchant, Sandy & Rich Durn, medical staff, Emily Livingston,

Long-term Prayer Concerns:

Kathy Anderson, Matthew Atwood, Sandi Berry, Guy Connelly, Debbie Coppola, Jean Cruttenden, Shawn Durn, Liz Romig-Garnier, Charlie Gianguzi, Barbara Goldman, Jim Goldman, Kevin Hann, Dorothy Johnson, Gayle Kozak, Sonny Laubach, Stephanie Lilly, Barbara Moon, Ethel Okker, Grayce Raven, Ken Raven, Jakob Raven, Carolyn Stafnack, Jason Vliet, Paty Vliet, Charissa Williams, Carter Wolfgang

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

MEMBERS OF THE MONTH

New & Old Consistory Members

Even though we did not have a congregational meeting, a new consistory was appointed. Thank you to Steve Henninger whose term ended.

Dave Faust took over for inside property, Stacey Banko took over as president. Thank you and good luck to all consistory members for leading our congregation!

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

Nominated by Kathy I. Peters,
Breeze Editor

Continuing with our corner to hear from and about our Young Adults. To contribute information, please e-mail kdrybreezekip@gmail.com or the church office, drylandoffice@rcn.com so we can include it in the newsletter each month.

This month we are honoring:

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

You give but little when you give of your possessions, It is when you give of your heart that you truly give!



March 7, 2021



**Remember
Our Homebound Members**

Janet Day – 1/29/35, 610-865-3598

Country Meadows, Apartment 509,
4025 Green Pond Road, Bethlehem, PA 18020

Dottie Heckler – 12/29/29

610-759-0197, 243 Nazareth Pike,
Bethlehem, PA 18020

**PLEASE NOTE CHANGED DATE –
NEW DATE IS SATURDAY,
MARCH 13**



ITALIAN SOMETHING DINNER – Choose between Lasagna, Chicken Parmesan or Eggplant Parmesan to take home with you to eat at your pleasure.

Saturday, March 13. Pickup time is between Noon and 2PM. In case of snow or ice which hampers driving, we will have an alternate pickup date and time of Sunday, March 14 between Noon and 2PM. You will be notified by phone if the need arises to change the date.

The meal includes a choice of Homemade Lasagna, Chicken Parmesan or Eggplant Parmesan, a choice of Caesar Salad or Italian Wedding Soup, Vegetable Medley, Rolls, and Cannoli's for dessert. Please note Gluten Free Meals are available upon request.

The price of this dinner is \$11.00. **Order deadline is Sunday, March 7.** Call Rich at 484-894-9799, Karen at 610-504-1158 or 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.



MEAT LOAF DINNER – Take home a “Meat Treat – Ready to Eat”

Saturday, MARCH 27. Pickup time is between Noon and 2PM. In case of snow or ice which hampers driving, we will have an alternate pickup date and time of Sunday, March 28 between Noon and 2PM. You will be notified by phone if the need arises to change the date.

Your dining begins with Spinach Salad including our own famous dressing. Dine on Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes, Brown Gravy, Oven Roasted Vegetables and Dinner Rolls. Complete your dining with scrumptious Carrot Cake.

All this for **\$11.00**. Order deadline is **Sunday, March 21**. Call Rich at 484-894-9799, Karen at 610-504-1158 or 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.



I would like to thank all of you for the cards and prayers upon the death of my mother, JoAnn Moon on December 28. She was interred with my father, Lewis, at the Cape Canaveral National Cemetery on February 12. We celebrated her life afterward. It is unfortunate that the celebration needed to be family only as she had a wide circle of friends. She was a truly spiritual woman and we, as a family, celebrate that she has joined her Lord Jesus in heaven.

Linda Atwood and Family



- 1 Randi Johnson
- 3 John Getz
- 5 Harry Reichenbach
- 6 Brandon Burnette, Meagan Kichline, Caleb Moore
- 10 Jacob Angione
- 12 Leon Lieberman, Zadence Betz
- 14 Natalie Bader, Colin Bader
- 16 Tammy Hensel
- 17 Brian Ball, Tracy Jones
- 20 Brogan Trapp, Nancy Weisel
- 21 Mary Beth Shorkey
- 22 Matthew Burton, Dan Cruttenden, Kevin Wenrich
- 24 Marion Bjorkman, Paige Knouse
- 26 Dustin Gable, Lisa Seip
- 28 Nicholas Youngkin
- 29 Sean Lambert
- 30 Luke Creyer, Bev Weidner



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| 12 | Mr. & Mrs. Jack Schmauch | 55 years |
| 20 | Mr. & Mrs. David Faust | 40 years |
| 24 | Mr. & Mrs. Roy Seiple | 42 Years |

CONSISTORY – 2021

Officers

- President – Stacey Banko (D)
- VP – Dan Cruttenden (E)
- Secretary – Linda Atwood (D)
- Treasurer – Dewayne Heller (E)

Committees

- Christian Education – Stacey Banko (D)
- Church and Ministry – Dan Cruttenden (E)
- Evangelism – Charlie Berthoud (E)
- Finance – Dewayne Heller (E)
- Inside Property – David Faust (E)
- Outside Property – Allen Singer (D)
- Missions – Greg Teitsworth (D)
- Music & Worship – Linda Atwood (D)
- Stewardship – Susan Bostian (D)

TREASURER’S REPORT

The cash receipt and expenditures activity for the period January 1 thru January 31, 2021. The category Current-Mission-Property encompasses the options on the weekly giving envelop. These costs cover the basic needs to keep your church operational (i.e. salaries, utilities, insurance, property maintenance). The Capital category is referring to the capital section of the giving envelope. The monies here are applied to the loan obtained for the sanctuary renovation in 2009. Giant Card Program is another way to support the church through Giant Markets giving back 5% of the total sales made by obtaining a Giant Gift Card. The Note area is a guide to keep us on target for meeting our financial commitments. Just a quick statement informing everyone that we were successful in modifying our current mortgage loan. The new monthly payment is \$1,031.90 beginning March 10, 2021. We are very appreciative of BB&T to accomplish for us without occurring any additional costs for the modification to Dryland.

These are times that we can feel insecure. Psalm 37 and Psalm 73 can provide support to overcome those feelings. When feeling insecure, we need to do:

1. Decide to Trust in the Lord
2. Trust in the Lord then do good
3. Dwell in the faithfulness of the Lord
4. Delight yourself in the Lord
5. Dedicate your life to the Lord
6. Download your worries to the Lord
7. Discipline yourself to wait on the Lord

Do Not forget the to use the daily devotional that Pastor Ed provided for us during this Lenten Season. With Your Whole Heart, a family devotions & activities for Lent, we can prepare for our Lord’s crucifixion and resurrection together.

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 don’t 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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Dear friends, the consistory at Dryland UCC has decided that we will be having what we are calling a “soft” opening. At our traditional 10:15 worship time on February 28, 2021 we will open the sanctuary to view the prerecorded worship service on the screens in the front of the church. This is NOT a live church service. The Dryland consistory with the guidance of Pastor Livingston is trying to balance the safety of the congregation and church employees. We are aware that many of us feel that the experience of worship is enhanced by our presence in the sanctuary for a time of peace and reflection. We are also aware that many do not feel safe returning to indoor gatherings in the company of others outside our family groups at this time. We are respectful and understanding of the different levels of comfort each of you may feel about gathering inside at this point. We want to offer an opportunity for those who feel the in-person worship experience is an essential part of your Christian spiritual journey to have an option to fulfill that need. There are still significant risks associated with in person gatherings and if you elect to attend you will be accepting that reality in the world in which we now live. If you decide you would like to attend in person viewing of the prerecorded service in the sanctuary we request you call the church office @ (610)759-4444 or email the church drylandoffice@rcn.com to let us know you will be attending. This is not a requirement. We would just like a general idea ahead of time how many may be interested so we can make appropriate safety accommodations. We will be keeping a list of those who attend in the event we will need to assist in contact tracing. Temperatures will be taken prior to entering the sanctuary. Masks or face shields will be worn at all times

when inside the building. You may sit with others who live in the same household as you, but a 6' minimum social distance will be observed for the safety of all others. We realize that this is not an ideal answer to everyone's expectations about how it is appropriate to worship at this time. Some would return to full inside worship tomorrow while others may not feel comfortable for some time yet. As Christians we remain respectful of others and their choices at this time. We love you and welcome all of you to this in person worship opportunity. We also fully support anyone's decision to continue to utilize the online options which will continue to be offered for the foreseeable future. Respectfully yours, The Dryland UCC Consistory



Consistory is looking for more (and also different) volunteers to help Rich and Karen in the kitchen. We are asking that someone “step up” to be in charge of assigning these volunteers for the kitchen on a regular basis. Currently the kitchen is preparing 2 meals per month for sale to the public. It would involve receiving the time & date that volunteers are needed from Rich, email them to the congregation, plug in the volunteer names (from returned responses - via a call or email) and then give that information to Rich so he will know when and from whom he can expect help. If you are interested in helping out with this task, please let a consistory member know ASAP.

In speaking with Rich, we have heard the frustration of having the same people doing all the work all the time. They have been shouldering this responsibility for months (even years) and we, the consistory, feel the need for fresh help to relieve this concern. Our congregation needs to be more aware of their contributions and dedication to Dryland. I can only imagine where we would be without their sacrifice and help each month. We need to not take them for granted and be appreciative of their many years of dedication and hard work. Many of us know the pressure this pandemic has put on us all physically, mentally and financially – and the church is no different.

Rich & Karen spend probably 25-30 hours of their own time working in the kitchen in preparation for

EACH meal. These meals and their monetary return have become a huge part of insuring that we can financially meet the monthly needs of our current fund to keep Dryland UCC operational. When the church was open, these meal profits were previously used for special needs and projects in the church. With COVID and the church being closed, combined with less week to week giving, Dryland has needed these funds to remain operational. We are asking that you prayerfully consider giving of your time to help Dryland. Even if you are unable to volunteer, participation by purchasing a meal is greatly appreciated.

Below is listed the volunteer needs for the coming week. It is important to mention, that of the times listed, volunteers can give any amount of time they can – even if it is for just one hour. They need not commit to the entire time that is listed. It needs to be emphasized too, that all necessary precautions, regarding COVID recommendations, are being followed.

Our next meal is the February 20th. Volunteers are needed for the following dates & time frames:

Wednesday Feb. 17th: 10 Am to 3 PM – 1 person for baking and 2 people for general kitchen help
 Friday Feb. 19th: 10 AM to 4 PM - 3 people for general kitchen help
 Saturday Feb 20th: 9 AM to 2 PM - 1 person for general kitchen help 11:30-2 PM 3 people as runners to deliver meals from the building to the cars

If there are any questions, to start, please contact Dan Cruttenden (610-905-7970 or dcrutt@rcn.com) to answer any that you may have regarding this opportunity. In the future, we hope to have one person to organize this with all inquiries directed to them.

Yours in serving Dryland UCC,
 DUCC Consistory



March 20, 2021

EASTER PIES ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR SALE \$9.00

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 Pie and Wet Bottom Shoo Fly Pie.

DRYLAND UCC EASTER PIE ORDER FOR SALE

Order by Thursday, March 25, 2021

Pickup Friday, April 3 from 8 - 2 or Saturday April 4 from 8 – 2.

NAME _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

APPLE CRUMB PIE _____

CHERRY CRUMB PIE _____

COCONUT CUSTARD PIE _____

KEY LIME PIE _____

WET BOTTOM SHOO FLY PIE _____

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.

Proceeds benefit the Roof Repair Fund

Category	January Receipts	January Expense	January Balance	YTD Receipts	YTD Expense	YTD Balance
Current-Mission-Proper ty	\$14,145.63	\$17,297.22	-\$3,151.59	\$14,145.63	\$17,297.22	-\$3,151.59
Capital (Mortgage)	\$1,838.03	\$1,226.00	\$612.03	\$1,838.03	\$1,241.00	\$597.03
Total Category Balance	\$15,983.66	\$18,523.22	-\$2,539.56	\$15,983.66	\$18,538.22	-\$2,554.56

Giant Card Program	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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NOTE:

2021 Budget (exclude
Capital) \$233,972.00
 Monthly Receipts Required \$19,497.67
 Weekly Receipts Required \$4,874.42

2021 Budget (Capital) \$14,712.00
 Monthly Receipts Required \$1,226.00
 Weekly Receipts Required \$306.50

Giant Card activity occurred in February