

The Breeze

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A Publication of Dryland U.C.C. To keep our members and friends informed of our programs, opportunities, and events.

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November 5 - All Saints Day/ Change Sunday

Worship service at 8:00 & 9:30 am
Sunday School 9:30
Holy Communion
Birthday Sunday
Bring your loose change, make a joyful noise!

November 12 - Stewardship Sunday/Veterans

Worship service at 8:00 & 9:30 am
Sunday School 9:30
Don't forget to honor our Veterans today!

November 19 - Thanksgiving Sunday

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

November 26 - Advent Workshop

Worship service 8:00 & 9:30 am
Sunday School 9:30
Decorate church for Advent after service.



Fall Back NOV. 5, 2023



NOV. 11, 2023



NOV. 23, 2023

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Grace and Peace Beloved of God,

I hope that your soul can find comfort in knowing that you belong. The seasons may change, and empires come and go, but God is constant and everlasting. Remembering God's love for us can keep us encouraged during the turmoil of these times.

If you stay informed about the unfolding news stories, you'll likely note that people are holding an extraordinary amount of animosity, dislike, and hatred for one another. You remember a time when you would bring a pie, a plant, or words of welcome to a new neighbor.

Remember when it was normal to ask a neighbor for sugar or milk? That likely sounds odd today, intrusive, or even embarrassing. Circumstances have many neighbors living next to one another, but not in neighborly relationships. Too often, the extent of interaction is the occasional hello or talk about the weather talk as they wait for the school bus.

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus reveals the greatest commandment is to love the Lord God with your all and to love likewise your neighbor, as you do yourself (Matthew 22:38-39). This mission transforms the world to the glory of God. The result is that peace may reign. Jesus is teaching the lesson that we need to be connected. In the connection, the heart for compassion is developed.

Taking God's word to heart would change the world. Jesus instructs those who love Him to go and share the Good News. Jesus instructs us to reach people by being neighborly. It begins with each person. We get to let people know that God loves them and has a plan for their salvation.

This season of advent, this time of remembering with anticipation the arrival of the Messiah Jesus, we can stay encouraged. We can

rejoice that we belong; that we are part of a larger family in the House of God.

The earth and every living creature within it belong to God. I pray you can find some comfort in knowing that you belong to God. May your neighborly actions, compassion, and hospitality help more people become aware of and embrace that God loves them and calls them into the family of God.

Yours In Christ, Pastor Edward



Joys & Prayer Concerns:

Banko & Youngkin families, Rick & Sue Johnson and family, Nicole, Jim Goldman, Family of Herbert Heller, Joyce Hittinger, Jorn Walter, Catherine Mrowka, Gary & Karen Crosson, Joann Dornblaser, Chick Updegrave & family, **Prayer Concerns:** Kelsey Atwood, Matthew Atwood, Lina Benner, Brent Burton, Beth Chen, Chris, Richard Creyer, Cory Cruttenden, Guy Connelly, Debbie Coppola, Jennifer Dacosta, Deby Duby, Shawn Durn, Peter Garcia, Charlie Gianguzi, Kevin Hann, Elise Intrepido, Lisa Intrepido, Dorothy Johnson, Sonny Laubach, Stephanie Lilly, Debbie Luckenbach, JoAnn & Luther Mitman, Barbara Moon, Paul Moore, Grayce Raven, Jakob Raven, Ken Raven, Walt Smith, 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.

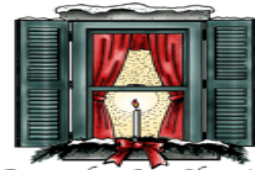
THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

And the risk of going nowhere is the greatest risk of all, so just listen to the voice that sways, I'll catch you if you fall.



CHOIR PRACTICE SCHEDULE

- NOV. 6 – 9:30 a.m.
- 15 – 9:30 a.m.
- 29 – 9:30 a.m.



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
Abington Manor, Room 213
215 Cedar Park Blvd., Easton, PA 18042



PERSONS OF THE MONTH
MEMBERS OF THE MONTH

Mark Atwood, Dave & Norma Faust, Jennifer Johnson, Troop 76 all came out on Oct. 1 and helped spruce up around the church. They pulled weeds, cut off dead flowers, trimmed bushes. It was a beautiful day. Thank you to all of them for coming out and beautifying the church grounds.

**It is great people like these that keep,
Dryland is a great family.
Nominated by: Kathy Peters, Breeze Editor**



We express our heartfelt condolences to the families of: Herbert Heller, our oldest member passed away on Oct. 9, 2023, the Banko & Youngkin families upon the passing of their sister Shelley on Oct 15, 2023, and the Johnson family upon the passing of his mother, Joan on Oct. 23, 2023. Please know that they are now at peace and at the right hand of our Lord and Savior in heaven.

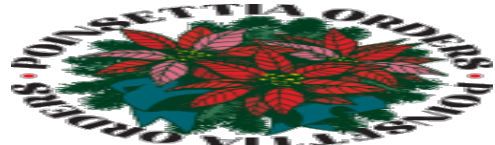


Nov. 26 after worship service we will be decorating the church inside and out for the advent season. Please join us in this fun task to beautify our church for the birth of our savior. More hands make quick work!



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Barry Gerhart, Larry Johnson
David Hess, Judy Tomko
Norma Faust, Timm Tenges
Wanda Duelley
Audrey Gerhart
Jill Lechner
Jonathan Fehnel
Craig Johnson
Brendon Burton
Donna Nagle, Brandy Spadaccia
Nicole Statfield
Ryan Knause
Lila Deily, Tara Nagy
Hugh Harris, Sarah Lambert
David Faust
Brayden Wenrich



ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN FOR POINSETTIA'S AGAIN THIS YEAR. THE COST WILL BE \$9.50 PER PLANT. DEADLINE TO PLACE YOUR ORDER IS DECEMBER 3, 2023. THEY MAY BE PICKED UP AFTER THE SERVICE ON CHRISTMAS EVE (SUNDAY). FORM IS ATTACHED AT END.



It has come to my attention that many people have been asking for the recipes for the goodies that have been served at birthday Sunday after church. If you have a recipe, that you would like to be shared, just send it to me at kdrybreezekip@gail.com. I will be happy to include it.



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Mr. & Mrs. Craig Johnson 34 years
Mr. & Mrs. David Burnette 29 years
Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Muthard 38 years



We are hosting the 2nd annual Craft and Vendor Show on November 10th.

SLOTS STILL OPEN Contact Susan

610-417-2448 All proceeds go to Dryland!



I am pleased to announce that we have obtained three new members for the calling on the prayer chain. We now have two chains of four people each. If you need prayers passed around, please call Kathy 610-837-7210 and she will get them started, it is also not too late for you to join this chain, it certainly does work.

Thank You. Kathy I. Peters



Join Pastor Livingston for a time of prayer and healing on Tuesdays, at 11:00-11:30 am. in the Sanctuary.



Our Sunday School is in full swing, learning the creation story. We are creating a mural that depicts the 7 days of God's creation of our wonderful world. We review Genesis each week and we know that God has created this world for us, because he loves each and every one of us.

We also will be tracing our students and getting them to know what their favorite things are....learning that at least 2 of our students' favorite color is "rainbow". How very appropriate.

Our children are our treasures, we are having a great time. Again, please stop by to see how our mural is coming along.....and yes, plenty of sparkles and glitter too.

God said, This is Good!



Love to eat? Love to support Dryland? Join the Vista Grill, Nazareth's newest eatery owned by TJ Bostian (Susan's son). Now open at 49 N. Broad Street in Nazareth in the old Schubert's Bakery location, enjoy American fare food, and some delicious, sweet treats as well! From now until December 31, every time you call and order (610 665 EATS), stop in and order, or place an order online at TheVistaGrill.com and use the PROMO code DRYLAND. The Vista Grill will calculate all those orders and at the end of the months, donate 10% of all orders right back to DRYLAND! That's right! The more you eat out, the more Dryland benefits from your culinary cravings! Thank you!



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Hello Dryland membership! As we all move into the fall, we see the temperatures drop and God's hand touching the landscape revealing some of the most beautiful scenery of the year! Get outside and enjoy the colorful trees and scenery of fall!! The consistory continues to put its best foot forward for Dryland. There are many activities in need of people to volunteer their time and talents. Rich and Karen are ALWAYS in need of help with prep and distribution of meals. Remember to order your meals and pies by the proper date! We also want to thank them and all those that help with those fund raisers!



The 2024 offering envelopes will be available for pickup starting on November 19th. They are located in the church Narthex and are filled in alphabetically. They may be picked up each Sunday when you attend services or by stopping by the church office during office hours from 9:00 to 11:00 A.M., Monday thru Thursday. Please pick up envelopes for your family members as well.

November 12 is Stewardship Sunday. Please see the information you've been given and remember to bring in your time and talent sheets. This information allows us to use the best abilities of our membership to accomplish our goals.

There has been much activity over the past several weeks. Rich conducted a "Penny Party" that was a lot of fun and highly successful. We hope another is in the making giving more of the membership the opportunity to participate.

As everyone knows, the future of Dryland and its sustainability in the coming 18-24 months continues to be our most important concern and mission. The recent consistory meeting was very lengthy, and the members spent a lot of time

discussing what to do and how to accomplish this task. We can only do so much at a time. Our discussion revolved around bringing in more income and ways we can have an immediate impact on our budget. There is a being developed a “Dryland Mission” fund so that all can contribute in any way they seem fit. Consistory will then use those funds in addressing the most important missions of the church. It was also decided to allow the use of alcohol at events that could bring in more people and income to the church. Specific rules will need to be followed and proper insurance filed to cover all concerns regarding such events. In consideration of those events, consistory will look for a person to be what we call an “event planner.” That person will be paid according to the type of event and amount charged.

Finally, we need to be reminded and be thankful for those in our congregation that work so hard to keep Dryland sustainable. Those people include consistory, the financial committee, Rich & Karen, Pastor Edward and so many others that keep us moving forward. We want to thank the Boy Scouts for their help in trimming and weeding the bushes around the church and the family that volunteered to trim the large tree in the front of the church. I apologize for those I have not mentioned – we do appreciate ALL that is done to keep Dryland a “Place to belong!”

Yours in Christ,
Dan Cruttenden, Consistory VP

MUSIC & WORSHIP REPORT

The month of November is upon us and before long the trees will be bare. It is a time of transition. On November 5th we will lift up those who have left their physical life here on earth and are living and everlasting life with our Lord. Change Sunday is also on November 5th, so bring your change...dollars are acceptable too, but they don't make the joyful noise that your pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters do.

Watch for your poinsettia order forms in the newsletter then just one week later it will be time to decorate the church for Advent. We will be looking for volunteers to light the Advent candles which begins on the 3rd of December. My how time flies!

CONSISTORY 2023

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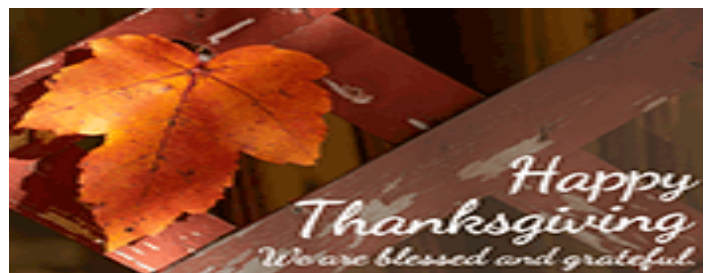


Dates to look forward to:

November 16, 2023 – Pies for Thanksgiving
Pick up: 11/21 1-6 11/22 9-6

Items are also needed to help with the making of the pies: 5lb flour, 5lb sugar, unsalted butter, crisco, corn starch, paper towels. Bring them in by Nov. 12 and leave in the narthex. Thank you!

December 10, 2023 – Holiday Meatloaf Dinner
Pick up: 12/16 11-2



Blessings and great thanks to all from the staff of Dryland UCC: Pastor Ed, Brooke, Kathy, Susan, Dewayne, Craig, Jerry, Connie, Alan, Heidi.



POINSETTIA

ORDERS

If you would like to sponsor a poinsettia plant for Christmas, please complete this form and **return by SUNDAY, December 3rd (NO EXCEPTIONS)**, with your payment, \$9.50 either cash or check made payable to Dryland UCC (note: poinsettias). Please indicate how many plants you are ordering. You may place this form, with the payment, in the offering plate or return it to the church office.

Name

Phone # _____

In Honor Of _____

In Memory Of _____

How Many? _____

(Red only)

Cost \$ 9.50 each

Total enclosed \$ _____

I will pick up my plant(s) after the Christmas Eve service.



Stewardship Sunday
November 12, 2023



First Sunday
of Advent

12/03/2023

TREASURER'S REPORT

The cash receipt and expenditures activity for the period Sept. 1, through Sept. 30, 2023

Category	Sept. Receipts	Sept. Expense	Sept. Balance	YTD Receipts	YTD Expense	YTD Balance
Current-Mission-Property	\$10,676.22	\$16,598.09	-\$5921.87	\$122,666.98	\$156,443.12	-\$33,776.14
Capital (Mortgage)	\$1,287.00	\$1,031.90	\$255.10	\$12,774.00	\$9,287.10	\$3,486.90
Total Balance	\$11,963.22	\$17,629.99	-\$5,666.77	135,440.98	\$165,730.22	\$30,289.24

Giant Card Program	\$2,900.00	\$2,755.00	\$145.00	\$25,750.00	\$22,462.50	\$1,287.50
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NOTE: 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

Receipts from September 1 thru September 23, (Church Envelope Categories):

Category Church Exp --	\$ 7,681.00
Category Missions --	\$ 319.00
Category Property --	\$ 380.00
Category Capital --	\$ 897.00

Heard a statement this week that made me stop and think a bit. Statement was: Friends call you out... call you out to be better! That ever happen to you? At the time, you thought what a friend? Even your best friend. As time went on you realized that was exactly what was needed at that moment. Friends having each other's back. Jesus has our back. When I was a child going through Sunday School we sang a song – What A Friend We Have In Jesus! For some reason we don't sing it that often anymore. We don't have his back like he has ours.

Together we can pass on the relationship we have with Jesus as provided to us from the generations before us. Don't think for a moment someone else will take your place to move the relationship with Jesus to the next generation. That responsibility lies with you! Being part of a TEAM with the same goal makes the task easier.

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! **Happy Thanksgiving!**

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, Allen Singer, Hugh Harris, Craig Johnson, Dewayne Heller

