



## *The Breeze*

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### **December 5 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

Sunday School 9:00 am  
Worship service at 9:30 am  
Holy Communion

### **December 12 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

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

### **December 19 - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

Sunday school 9:00 am  
Worship service at 9:30 am  
Youth Program

### **December 24 - Christmas Eve, Candlelight**

Service at 7:00 pm  
Choir, Bells, Communion

### **December 26 - Sunday after Jesus birth**

Worship service at 9:30 am



Nov 28, 2021



Dec 24, 2021, 7:00 P.M.



The Birth of our Lord  
Grace and Peace

God is gracious and is guiding our church family through a particularly difficult time. The past year has called for unprecedented considerations and adaptations for churches far and near. As you are well aware, Dryland has lost loved ones and learned to meet, mourn, and celebrate life in different ways. We have had to adapt in many of the core ways that we gather and share as the church.

Caring for the wellbeing of the community, we committed to a period of worship services that were only virtual and made available on our website. We further adapted by hosting worship service in-person outdoors, whenever possible, to help reduce the risk of spreading

the virus and maintained the availability of online live worship services for those not able to attend in-person. In addition, we instituted precautions in the church facilities to reduce risks as we returned to gathering for in-person worship. We have observed the changes in worship participation and attendance and moved to hold one Christmas Eve Worship Service at 7 PM for 2021. This service will include both Communion and selections by the choir and bell choir.

The transitions and limitations resulting from COVID safety precautions have not been easy on our community. Low spirits from extended periods of isolation and restrictions are evident, with more moments of impatience and quick tempers. 'COVID Fatigue' is impacting us in a variety of ways. We are making every effort to continue serving our community with joy despite the changes forced upon us by the pandemic. The 9:30 AM start of Sunday worship — historically reserved for summertime — was continued into the fall of 2021 to nurture a united fellowship for existing and exploring members.

Continuing with one combined worship service can further unify our worshipping community through a shared experience of celebrating together as Christ's church. This also promotes learning God's commands to love God and one another as ourselves in a supportive way during this time of 'Great Disruption.' I pray that these efforts, along with your continued prayers and participation, will allow Dryland to continue as a beacon of light, a city on a hill to the glory of God. I pray that you will extend grace and continue to support your leadership in these difficult decisions.

I pray that you will continue to support the mission of this Church of Christ to go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that Jesus commanded us. (Matthew 28:19-20) I pray that together, we will be steadfast in our refreshed ways of gathering as people of God. Thank you for persevering. Thank you for your prayers. Thank you for stepping up in ways that none would have imagined necessary. Thank you for striving to keep Christ at the center of all we do and speak. May your time of Thanksgiving and the start of the Advent Season - the time we anticipate the arrival of Jesus, God's Joy to the world – be healthy, hope filled, and happy.

Be encouraged to the glory of God,



Pastor Edward and the Consistory



**Prayer Concerns:** Jerry Hittinger, Singer Family, Heather Frantz, Brett Ruhl, Emily Livingston,

**Long-term Prayer Concerns:** Matthew Atwood, Sandi Berry, Guy Connelly, Debbie Coppola, Jean Cruttenden, Donna Depietro, Shawn Durn, Judy & Ken Faust, Krystyna Gabryluk, Charlie Gianguzi, Terri Governa, Kevin Hann, Dottie Heckler, Lisa Intrepido, Dorothy Johnson, Gayle Kozak, Sonny Laubach, Stephanie Lilly, Debbie Luckenbach, Cade Lutz, Barbara Moon, Grayce Raven, Ken Raven, Jakob Raven, Wayne Wenrich, Charissa & Jason Williams, Carter Wolfgang

**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**  
**God Bless those friends who give**  
**a boost to the day!**



**Remember Our Homebound Members**

**Janet Day** – 1/29/35,  
Fellowship Community, Room 125  
3000 Community Drive, Whitehall, PA 18052  
**Dottie Heckler** – 12/29/29 610-759-0197  
243 Nazareth Pike, Bethlehem, PA 18020  
**Herbert Heller** – 5/4/26  
Gensis-Lehigh Health Center, Room 208  
1718 Spring Creek Road, Macungie, PA 18062



We will be taking orders for Poinsettia's again. The deadline to order is Dec. 5. The cost is \$9.00 per plant. You can call Joyce at 610-866-6516 to place your order. Checks get payable to Dryland UCC.



**CHOIR PRACTICE SCHEDULE**

Every Monday at 10:00 a.m. for December. If you like to sing, please consider joining us in the choir here at Dryland. Even if you can't read music, you are more than welcome. We look forward to seeing new faces in the new year.

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

**This month we are honoring: DAWSONS**



**Kevin** - 15 years old. He started high school this year and is officially taller than his mother. He likes going to school to see his friends. He attended a lot of the high school football games this fall so he could socialize. Kevin also likes to spend time outdoors with his neighborhood buddies and likes swimming in the pool in the summer. Kevin is looking forward to being confirmed this year in church and hopefully getting answers to his many questions about God and Jesus.

**Mallory** - 12 years old...7th grade. She will be a teenager in February and has definitely grown up this past year. She loves keeping busy and is doing great in school. She played volleyball for the Nazareth Middle School Team this fall and will be playing basketball this winter. She still also does gymnastics and has mastered her goal of doing a back handspring. She is a Cadette in Girl Scouts this year and earned her Bronze Award last year. In her spare time, she likes to hang out with friends, do arts and crafts, and love on our doggy, Teddy!

**Nadia** - 11 years old...5th grade. Nadia likes to play volleyball in the pool and out in the yard with Mallory and can't wait until she's old enough to play

for school. Nadia is a 2nd year Junior in Girl Scouts and loves hanging out with her sister in her troop. Nadia has learned to be a good helper in the kitchen and loves to bake and help prepare dinner. She is getting very good grades in school, is a hard worker, and likes hanging out with her friends. She also loves to give our dog, Teddy, lots of love and affection.

**CELEBRATING OUR MEMBERS**

**MEMBERS OF THE MONTH**

**CHARLES BERTHOULD**

He has led the way getting meals on wheels distribution from Dryland, started and he is also putting together a blood drive hosted at Dryland. He is a mission super star and doing good things in the world.



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

**Nominated by Greg Teitsworth**



|             |                      |  |
|-------------|----------------------|--|
| December 5  | Mark & Linda Atwood  |  |
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| December 12 | Lois Hunt & Family   | In memory of Mother Naomi's birthday                   |
|             | Doris & Ernie Keller | In honor of their 68 <sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary |
| December 19 | Kathy & Glenn Peters | In honor of Dad's 94 <sup>th</sup> birthday 12/14      |
|             | Sheri Fitzgerald     | In honor or children, Ryan, Sean & Erin                |
| December 24 | Poinsettia's         | Sponsors   |
| December 26 | Lois Hunt & Family   | In memory of farther Paul's birthday                   |



## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

It will be held from 9-9:30 as part of our new fall worship schedule with the worship service immediately following at 9:30. All are welcome to a time of fellowship, beverage (coffee, tea, juice), and snack during the Sunday School time.

We will be following the Nazareth Area school district masking guidelines. If your child wears a mask to their school or pre-school, we ask that they follow the same procedure in the church. If your child has an exemption, they are welcome to attend and will not require to mask.



## CHRISTMAS CANDY SALE DEADLINE TO ORDER CANDY IS 12/5.

Soon the Christmas holiday will be upon us, and our thoughts conjure up visions of Christmas candy. This year we will be offering your favorites in milk and dark chocolate peanut clusters, raisin clusters, pretzels, and nonpareils. But, for those who prefer or require, we are also offering all the favorite choices in sugar free dark or milk chocolate. The prices, offered in 1/2 pound packages, is \$9.00. Also offered are milk and dark chocolate trees for \$3.00.

We have attached an order form to the newsletter for your use in submitting your order. Instructions on placing and picking up the orders are included on the order form. Hope you enjoy this year's Christmas treats!!

Please find the order form at the end of the newsletter.



- 1 Cathy Knouse, Brooke Schaller
- 4 Stacy Rice, Steven Vian
- 5 Richard Durn, Maryann Heller, Jaime Youngkin
- 6 Katelyn Seip
- 7 Hailee Banko-Young
- 9 Deb Watlington
- 15 Lisa Intrepido
- 16 Floyd Rice, Luke Smith
- 17 Megan Jones
- 19 Eric Knopp
- 20 Gregory Heckler, Susan Heller, Dale Vliet
- 21 Jenna Buskirk
- 23 Jason Borda
- 24 Jaclyn Betz, Brianna Horvath
- 25 Paul Bader, Alan Heller
- 26 Kevin Lechner, Bennett Mosser, Lani Schneck
- 27 Terri Vian
- 29 Dottie Heckler, Roy Seiple



- 4 Mr. & Mrs. David Hess 34 years
- 12 Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Keller, Sr. 68 years
- 22 Rev. & Mrs. E. Livingston 20 years
- 23 Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Setzer 34 years
- 30 Mr. & Mrs. Alan Heller 49 years



We would express our deepest sympathy to the family of Heidi Singer, whose father, Harry Reichenbach passed away on Nov. 16, 2021. May you know that he is at peace and sitting on the right side of our Lord and Savior forever.



Calling all Youth, Young Adults and Young Adult Families: We are planning for our youth & young adult Christmas program on Sunday, December 19th during the Sunday worship service. Our program will be all inclusive and minimal time commitment and will have both day-of and virtual(pre-recorded) components available for those interested in participating. If you are interested in being a part of this fun sharing of The Story of Christ's Birth, please email or call Heather Brown at [Heather5585@gmail.com](mailto:Heather5585@gmail.com)/ 610-360-3287.

### **OFFERING ENVELOPES**

The offering envelopes for 2022 are now available on the table in the church Narthex. The envelopes will be available in the Narthex through the end of the year. We are asking that everyone pick up their envelopes as well as those of your family members. By picking up the envelopes, the church will save on mailing costs after the first of the year. Thanks for your assistance and may you all enjoy a joyous Christmas season and Happy New Year.

### **ON-LINE GIVING!**

Many of our members know that on-line giving has been offered for several years and has been a blessing to a number of our members. It offers an avenue to regularly give and not be concerned about writing checks or putting cash in the offering plate.

With on-line giving you select if you want to give on a recurring basis (i.e., weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly), on a specific day of the week or a specific day of the month. You can also make a contribution as you find it convenient to you each month. Recently we have expanded the selection of funds that you can decide to contribute to from 5 to 11 funds. This allows for greater flexibility in your giving decision.

On-line giving has proven to be of great benefit to the finance committee in providing regular and expected revenue in covering the regular monthly expenses of the church.

To sign up for on-line giving, simply go to the church web site at [www.drylanducc.org](http://www.drylanducc.org) and click on the give on-line button. The process is easy and quick to complete. An e-mail address is necessary

to participate. If choosing a recurring gift option, you will be reminded each time the transaction will take place. You can use your bank account as a source of funding or your credit or debit card. If you need further information, contact the church office at 610-759-4444



Blessings to All,

With the end of the year approaching all too quickly, the Nominating Committee is actively seeking four individuals who are moved to serve Dryland UCC on Consistory.

For those unfamiliar with how Consistory works, the group consists of nine church members and each head a committee which serves to manage and operate the church in various ways. The committees are Missions, Music & Worship, Inside Property, Outside Property, Finance, Church & Ministry and Evangelism. The ninth member serves as Consistory President. Consistory meets on a monthly basis and the individual committees meet as that committee sees fit. The service of these members is significant and imperative to the running of the church.

Clearly, I realize that sounds to some overwhelming and can cause trepidation. I would like to share with all that when I was feeling the pull to volunteer for the Pastor Search Committee, I had no idea what to expect and was anxious to say the least. After the experience I can honestly share that serving on that committee was one of my best church experiences ever. I cherish the time I spent with the individuals on that committee. Yes, it was challenging but I grew as a person and a Christian in ways I did not imagine before the experience.

I encourage you to reflect and sincerely consider volunteering for Consistory. Serving our Lord and the church in this way will be a blessing in ways unforeseen to all. If you are so moved or would like to talk to someone about the opportunity to serve on Consistory, please feel free to reach out to Dan Cruttenden, Jerry Hittinger, or myself. You may also speak to any current Consistory member.

Peace and Love,  
Heidi Singer



## **DRYLAND UCC BLOOD DRIVE**

**When: January 4, 2022, 1:30PM to 6:00PM**

(By Apt Only)

**Where: Dryland CEC**

**Get Appointment Online:**

[https://donoveapint.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/84856](https://donoveapint.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/84856)

or

**Call: (610) 691-5850**

## **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)

## **INSIDE PROPERTY**

Johnson Controls did check on fire system and safety systems. Everything is up to date and OK. Installed two lights at rear of Parking lot. Thanks Steve Henninger and Allen Singer.

Dave Faust, Chairperson

## **MUSIC & WORSHIP COMMITTEE**

The Pastor and Music & Worship have been working to provide a Worship Service that is meaningful to all, whether worshiping in person or on-line. With a single Sunday morning service, we have incorporated a single hymn, meditative instrumental music, and a Choir Anthem. On Sunday, November 28, the first Sunday in Advent,

we will re-introduce Passing of the Peace. It will be slightly different, as we will be keeping the personal needs of those in attendance under consideration. Speaking of Advent. When you enter the Sanctuary on Sunday, November 28, we will be ready for the season. On Saturday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, we will be decorating the church in preparation of the celebration of the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

This year we will have one service on Christmas Eve. It will be at 7:00PM and will include music from the Bell Choir, Senior Choir, and hopefully some of our youth. Communion will also be served, and the service will conclude with our traditional candle lighting and singing of Silent Night.

We hope to see more and more of you through this time and into the new year.

Linda Atwood, Chairperson

## **MISSEONS REPORT**

As we enter the season of Thankfulness let us try to boost the Nazareth Area Food Bank. Something that came to my mind is \$12. That is one dollar for each month that the fortunate among us do not need to worry about where our next meal comes from. You can buy \$12 worth of food and bring it to church. You can give \$12 to any consistory member, and they will make sure it gets to the appropriate person. Please do not think this is a good idea and let the opportunity pass. It is not much, but it is something. Let us do something together.

Thank you for your support and love,  
Dryland Missions

Greg Teitsworth, Mission Chairperson

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The cash receipt and expenditures activity for the period October 1 thru October 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. For the year

(January 1 thru September 30), we are at 67% monthly average of meeting our required monthly budget receipts. Ideally, we should be at a 100% or greater number of receiving monthly budget receipts. If you have not participated in supporting this goal, please prayerfully consider how that may change so we can end 2021 in a positive direction.

We pray everyone had memorable moments giving thanks for family, friends, and great food during the Thanksgiving Holiday. Through the Grace and power of our mighty God, these events are provided. Now we enter the Advent Season preparing to receive the birth of Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. It is our prayer that everyone takes a moment to reflect on the true meaning of the season. Maybe it will help us, even for a moment, to stop thinking of the current events in our world that causes much anxiety, lack of trust, and uneasiness toward our fellow human beings. Let us instead change our thoughts to focus on the calmness, truth, and fellowship provide by the Word of our Lord. Together as friends, and as one body in Christ known as the church, we can continue to provide HOPE in our community. Identifying with Christ, he will provide the HOPE, PEACE, LIGHT, and LOVE that we all seek for and need. Keep him close to you.

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!**  
**Dryland United Church of Christ --- A Place to Belong!**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS and a Prosperous  
New Year !!**

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

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Wishing you and your families a very Happy and Joyous and Merry Christmas this year, from the staff of Dryland UCC: Pastor Edward, Kathy, Steve, Linda, Stacey, Susan, Carol, Dawn, Jerry, Dewayne, & Craig.

This is from the Dryland UCC Kitchen Crew.  
If you wish to volunteer and help in the Kitchen for our Fundraiser Dinners, please contact Rich Durn @ 484-894-9799 for details.



# REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

EACH DAY ADD AN ITEM TO A BOX.  
ON CHRISTMAS EVE DONATE THE CONTENTS TO A  
FOOD BANK.

- December 1 - box of cereal
- December 2 - peanut butter
- December 3 - stuffing mix
- December 4 - boxed potatoes
- December 5 - macaroni and cheese
- December 6 - canned fruit
- December 7 - canned tomatoes
- December 8 - canned tuna
- December 9 - dessert mix
- December 10 - jar of applesauce
- December 11 - canned sweet potatoes
- December 12 - cranberry sauce
- December 13 - canned beans
- December 14 - box of crackers
- December 15 - package of rice
- December 16 - package of oatmeal
- December 17 - package pasta
- December 18 - spaghetti sauce
- December 19 - chicken noodle soup
- December 20 - tomato soup
- December 21 - can corn
- December 22 - can mixed vegetables
- December 23 - can carrots
- December 24 - can green beans

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Dryland has a long history of sharing our church home with community groups. In August, Meals on Wheels (MOW) was added to that group. MOW volunteers meet in our parking lot every morning at 10:30 to pick up that days meal containers delivered from the MOW kitchen in Allentown. Since August, MOW has used Dryland's parking lot to deliver over 3,000 hot meals. These meals have been provided to over 70 homebound seniors in Nazareth and the surrounding areas. If you're interested in volunteering for MOW, you can go to their website or call:  
**Dawn Stillwagen**  
Director of Volunteer Services  
Meals on Wheels of the GLV  
1302 N Sherman St, Allentown, PA  
**610.841.7011** direct or  
**610.691.1030** office

Glory To God  
Charlie Berthoud  
Evangelism Committee

## DRYLAND UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 2021 HAND-MADE CANDY SALE

Christmas Candy Sale

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill in the number of each item ordered in the appropriate spaces below.  
CANDY ORDERS ARE AVAILABLE WITH SUGAR FREE CHOCOLATE.  
If SUGAR FREE is desired order in SUGAR FREE column.  
Please make checks payable to Dryland U.C.C.  
**The deadline to order is December 5, 2021. NO ORDERS AFTER THIS DATE!**  
Pick-up date is December 18, 2021 between 11 A.M. and 2 P.M..  
ALL MONEY IS DUE AT THE TIME OF PICK-UP.  
Please contact Rich at 484-894-9799 or Karen at 610-504-1158 to place your order.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ORDER!

|   | Quantity | SUGAR FREE<br>Quantity | Amount |
|---|----------|------------------------|--------|
| Solid Chocolate Trees – Milk<br>(each - \$3.00) |          |                        | \$     |
| Solid Chocolate Trees - Dark<br>(each - \$3.00) |          |                        | \$     |
|   |          |                        |        |
| Total Amount Due:                               |          |                        | \$     |

|  | Quantity | SUGAR FREE<br>Quantity | Amount |
|--|----------|------------------------|--------|
| Milk Chocolate Peanut Clusters<br>(½ pound - \$9.00) |          |                        | \$     |
| Dark Chocolate Peanut Clusters<br>(½ pound - \$9.00) |          |                        | \$     |

|  | Quantity | SUGAR FREE<br>Quantity | Amount |
|--|----------|------------------------|--------|
| Milk Chocolate Raisin Clusters<br>(½ pound - \$9.00) |          |                        | \$     |
| Dark Chocolate Raisin Clusters<br>(½ pound - \$9.00) |          |                        | \$     |

|   | Quantity | SUGAR FREE<br>Quantity | Amount |
|---|----------|------------------------|--------|
| Milk Chocolate Pretzels (½<br>pound - \$9.00) |          |                        | \$     |
| Dark Chocolate Pretzels (½<br>pound - \$9.00) |          |                        | \$     |

|   | Quantity | SUGAR FREE<br>Quantity | Amount |
|---|----------|------------------------|--------|
| Milk Chocolate Nonpareils (½<br>pound - \$9.00) |          |                        | \$     |
| Dark Chocolate Nonpareils (½<br>pound - \$9.00) |          |                        | \$     |





