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February 6 - 5TH Sunday after Epiphany

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

February 13 - I LOVE DRYLAND SUNDAY

Sunday School 9:00 am
Worship service at 9:30 am
Souper Bowl Sunday, bring in can of soup

February 20 - 7th Sunday after Epiphany

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

February 27 - 8th Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday school 9:00 am
Worship service 9:30 am



To be announced, February or March



GROUNDHOG DAY 2-2-22



2-14-22



Grace and peace Beloved of God,

With each passing day of this new year, there is a little more time for the sun to shine across the land and a little more daylight to help another during the season of Epiphany. Epiphany is when we remember that Jesus entered the world to walk among us as the new dawn, the light of the world, and the Son of God. Thanks be to God for coming to the world as Jesus the Christ, the joy of our salvation!

Jesus gathered for worship with the congregation at Nazareth when He declared, ¹⁸"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, ¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." (Luke 4:18-19) We have reason to rejoice as the year of the Lord's favor is not a point in time that has passed or a future time that people must wait for. The year of the Lord's favor was ushered in with the birth of Jesus, Emmanuel, God with us. As people of faith, we can live in the assurance that Jesus the Christ is the cornerstone of our belief in Him as our Savior and Redeemer.

Now, more than ever in our lifetime, people need to see, hear, and experience the hope of our Savior. This is one of the most troubling times for people of every generation and location. The onset of the pandemic only heightened trauma, separation, and anxiety. Many people are running out of experts and so-called champions to turn to for peace. I encourage us to stand firm on the truth that there is a God who is able and who loves us beyond measure. I encourage us to ask God for how we further the mission of Christ's Church, and to listen, for God is still speaking.

We have in Jesus the essential truths that believing in Him is the first step in our transformation and the renewal of our minds. What this world needs, what the people of this world need, is to know Love for themselves. God is love! Love unites, renews, and reconciles us to see, speak, listen, and treat one another with compassion. Love strengthens us to seek God first and to turn our worries over to our Creator God. Fears and doubts are natural responses that we

experience as humans. However, take a moment to consider this thought from the Reverend Mark Batterson, that doubt has a way of putting our circumstances between us and God. When we focus more on our circumstances than on God, who has such tremendous love for us, we allow space for our circumstances to distance us from trusting in God and living in the assurance that God is always with us.

On the other hand, if we confess our limitations and accept that "faith is putting God between us and our circumstances," we can be free to step forward with the assurance of God's promise to never leave us nor forsake us. This calls to mind a faith lesson I appreciate from the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He once said, "Faith is taking the first step when you can't see the whole staircase." Rev. King understood the power that faith in God brings, and inspired generations of people to place God between us and our circumstances. Many across the globe and right here at home have been able to overcome the tyranny of racial hatred and religious bigotry.

I hope we are able to place God between us and our circumstances to the glory of God and restoration of community. Be encouraged, God is with us. Bless someone during this season of Epiphany. Carry out acts of kindness that meet or exceed the needs of a stranger or friend. Share words of encouragement with another person that through your words and deeds, others may come to know God's love. Be a beacon of Christ's light that reminds others that they are deeply loved by God.

In Christ's Service,

Pastor Edward



Janet Day – 1/29/35,
Fellowship Community, 3000 Community Dr.,
Terrace Room, #153B, Whitehall, PA 18052
Dottie Heckler – 12/29/29 610-759-2340
243 Nazareth Pike, Bethlehem, PA 18020-9460
Herbert Heller – 5/4/26
Gensis-Lehigh Health Center, Room 208
1718 Spring Creek Road, Macungie, PA 18062

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

What made us friends in the long ago, when first we met? Well, I think I know, The best in me and the best in you!



Prayer Concerns:

Family of Gerald Hartzell.

Long-term Prayer Concerns: Matthew Atwood, Sandi Berry, Marion Bjorkman, Guy Connelly, Debbie Coppola, Jean Cruttenden, Donna Depietro, Deby Durby, Shawn Durn, Judy & Ken Faust, Heather Frantz, Krystyna Gabryluk, Charlie Gianguzi, Terri Governa, Kevin Hann, Dottie Heckler, Jack Hunt, Lisa Intrepido, Dorothy Johnson, Sonny Laubach, Stephanie Lilly, Debbie Luckenbach, Cade Lutz, Barbara Moon, Grayce Raven, Ken Raven, Jakob Raven, Brett Ruhl, 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.



CHOIR PRACTICE SCHEDULE

February Schedule will be, Monday's at 10:00 a.m.

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.



We are sending our heartfelt sympathy out to:

Greg Teitsworth 's family for the passing of his Grandmother Margaret on December 24, 2021.

Gerald Hartzell's family for the passing of his wife Judy on January 5, 2022.

They are now at rest and peace beside our Father in Heaven.



January 2	Poinsettias from Christmas	
January 9	Poinsettias from Christmas	
January 16	Margaret Heller	In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Harold Heller
	Karen & Sean Lambert	In Memory of Taylor's 30 th birthday
January 23	Mark & Linda Atwood	In Celebration of their 25 th wedding anniversary

February

February 6	Rich & Sandy Durn	In Memory of their parents
	Pat & Dennis Muthard	In Honor of Dennis's birthday on Feb 11th
February 13	Barb & Jim Goldman	In Celebration of their anniversary
	OPEN	
February 20	Sheri Fitzgerald	In Honor of son-in-law Lou's birthday
	OPEN	
February 27	Glenn & Kathy Peters	In honor of Josh's 41 st b'day today.
	OPEN	

CELEBRATING OUR MEMBERS MEMBERS OF THE MONTH

LINDA ATWOOD, STEVE HENNINGER AND JERRY HITTINGER

These three Dryland members have kept the church office running for the past year. Job well done, my friends!!

**It is great people like these that keep Dryland a great family!
Nominated by Joyce Hittinger**

Souper Bowl Sunday



February 13, 2022 Bring a can of soup!

It will be given to the Nazareth Food Bank



Greetings to All!!

We are still collecting Tabs. You can deposit them in the Narthex in the container by the water fountain.

The collected Tabs are given to the Ronald McDonald House, so let's **Keep on Pulling those Tabs!!**

The last count of tabs reported through second quarter 2021 was 38,589. During the third and fourth quarter of 2021 we collected an additional amount of 10,865. Our new overall total collected through December 2021 is 49,454.

THANKS FOR PARTICIPATING In this outreach program. The kids at Ronald McDonald House Thank You!!!

Keep on Tab'N !!

Mary Ann Heller

Continuing with our corner to hear from and about our Young People. 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: The Brown's (Parents, Heather & Steve Brown)



GRANT just turned eight at the end of January and is in second grade at Lower Nazareth. He loves everything science, especially space, learning about history and is really good at math. His hobbies include learning as

much as he can about Star Wars and building Legos. He loves spending time with his family and playing with his cousins. He played soccer last fall and is excited to learn to play golf this spring. He is a Wolf Cub Scout in Pack 76 and really enjoys his fellow den mates. He is excited for school to end so he can go swimming every day! He has a super kind heart and always looks for ways to spread kindness.

ARABELLA will be five in May and can't wait to start Kindergarten in the fall! She loves spending her days with her Mema and her cousin/best friend Willow. Her hobbies include singing and dancing around the house, building creations with blocks, coloring, learning to write new words and trying to keep up with everything her big brother



does. She played soccer in the fall and loved it! In the spring she is excited to play tee-ball and in the summer wants to start dance classes. She loves dressing up like a princess and will be outside getting as dirty as possible. She is super funny and loves giving huge hugs.



Welcome to our new Church Secretary
Christina Murzdeck

She lives in Catasauqua, is married and has two school age children. Christina started on January 3, 2022, and her schedule will be flexible, 4 days per week, usually, Monday-Thursday 9:30-11:30. Please give her a warm welcome when you see her or speak to her on the phone.



DRYLAND UCC BLOOD DRIVE

Postponed – Keep your eyes open for the new date. In the meantime, please feel to donate at one of Miller-Keystone's Blood Centers. Make an appointment by calling (610) 691-5850



Notes of **THANKS**

A big thank you to the handbell ringers who gave their time and effort to ring on Christmas Eve. Those ringers include Shanna Dawson, Linda Lechner, Heidi Singer, Julie Hamilton, Dianna Fehnel, Monna Lou Henninger, Jackie Teitsworth, Margaret Heller, Jean Erceg and Lynn Lentz. Also, a thank

you to Steve Henninger who helps get the bell cases to the sanctuary for practices. Those cases have not gotten lighter as I have gotten older, so it is much appreciated. Again, thanks to all. Carol



The Teitsworth family would like to thank Pastor Edward and the congregation for their expression of sympathy upon the death of Margaret Teitsworth.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO DONATED TO THE HAT AND MITTEN TREE THIS CHRISTMAS. THERE WERE 51 HATS, 3 PAIR OF GLOVES AND 1 PAIR OF SOCKS DECORATING THE TREE. JOYCE MADE AND DONATED AN ADDITIONAL 85 HATS. THESE ITEMS WILL BE DONATED TO A LOCAL SHELTER.



I LOVE DRYLAND DAY

After a year's hiatus, we will once again be celebrating I Love Dryland Day on February 13th. Items will be collected from February 6th through February 22nd. There will be tables in the back of the church where you can leave your gifts. There is a poster in the Narthex with gift ideas. Help yourself to as many tags as you would like.

Here are some of the needed items: Kleenex, paper towels, 13-gallon trash bags, 8oz. coffee cups, Ziploc bags: storage and freezer in both quart and gallon sizes, vegetable and olive oils, sugar, brown sugar, flour and de-caf coffee. The office could use stamps and copy paper (both standard and legal size). Cash gifts will be used by the kitchen committee to purchase take out containers or other necessary items.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!! **Joyce**



February Birthdays

- 2 Beth Green
- 3 Thomas Mosser, Scott Weisel
- 5 Liz Carl
- 7 Gary Easterday, Sr.
- 8 Mallory Dawson
- 9 Holly Jones, Christine Seiple
- 11 Dennis Muthard, Brooke Spadaccia, Jason Vian
- 12 David Dornblaser, Jennifer Mantz, Teagan Renner
- 13 George Stewart, Jr.
- 15 Nancy Butterworth, Chantelle Danchak, Margaret Heller
- 16 Susan Bostian
- 17 Pat Bader
- 19 Emilia Motts
- 20 Sarah Gallagher
- 22 Karen Lambert, Melanie Motts, Roberta Schmauch
- 24 Seth Watlington
- 26 Judith Faust, Marie Frey
- 27 Joshua Peters
- 28 TJ Bostian

February Anniversaries

- 9 Mr. & Mrs. James Goldman 42years
- 13 Mr. & Mrs. Michael Pizzoferrato 29 years
- 27 Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Green, Sr. 57years



NEWS FROM DRYLAND HISTORIAN **"DRYLAND UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST"**

The early records of the Church of the Drylands are not as clear as we would like them to be. From what can be determined the first church built was the Union Church beginning in 1763. The church had two

denominations "Reformed" and "Lutheran". The church was known as the "Dryland Lutheran & Reformed Church".

The reformed group was incorporated in 1853 and the Lutheran which was then known as Trinity Lutheran was incorporated in 1907. So, you had two denominations having services out of one church building together, sharing expenses etc.

On March 1, 1965, articles of dissolution were signed and the union of these two denominations were dissolved. On May 15, 1966, Dryland United Church of Christ broke ground at Newburg, PA, the current site of Dryland UCC. On October 9, 1966, the corner stone was laid. On February 26, 1967, Trinity Lutheran and Dryland UCC held a final service together. On March 1, 1967, the UCC of the Drylands moved to their new building to hold a Lenten Service.

The above History of the two churches were very complex and goes back a good 250 years. The record keeping of both denominations, the Reformed side and the Lutheran side started out keeping joint records and somewhere along the line separated. This separation date is not known.

By Stephen R Henninger- Church Historian- Please look forward to continued Volumes of Dryland UCC History.



Blessings to All,

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

CONSISTORY 2022

Officers

President – Allen Singer (D)
VP – Charlie Berthoud (E)
Secretary – Linda Atwood (D)
Treasurer – Dewayne Heller (E)

Committees

Christian Education – Steve Brown (D)
Church and Ministry – Heidi Singer (E)
Evangelism –
Finance – Dewayne Heller (E)
Inside Property – Charlie Berthoud (E)
Missions – Greg Teitsworth (D)
Music & Worship – Linda Atwood (D)
Outside Property – Allen Singer (D)
Stewardship – Susan Bostian (D)

INSIDE PROPERTY

Repaired ladies toilet basement. Helped un decorate church. Dave Faust, Chairperson

MISSIONS

Thank you to everyone who gave to the food bank November through the end of December. All money was donated to Second Harvest. Thank you to everyone who donated hats and gloves. A big thank you to Joyce Hittinger who always goes above and beyond making hats to keep heads in need warm. All hats and gloves will be donated to Lehigh Valley Hospital's Street Medicine Program. Thank you all so much.

Greg Teitsworth, Chairperson

MUSIC & WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Our new year of worship has begun! January brought us some bitterly cold weather which keeps some of us from venturing of our warm, cozy homes. In fact, on January 6th kept all of us at home. Fortunately, Pastor Edward has the technological skills to bring Worship into our homes from his home and we were able to worship together virtually. Whenever you are unable to attend in person worship, please check the Dryland website, drylanducc.org, we will be streaming from the sanctuary. In the case of a weather cancellation, we will make every effort to stream from a remote location.

Looking ahead, we have a couple of special Sundays coming up. I Love Dryland Day is February 13th. Joyce lovingly put together a poster of many items needed by some of our departments and committees. Please pull a heart or two from the poster, purchase the item(s), and bring them to the church between the 6th and the 20th. The Super Bowl is also on the 13th, so let's have a **Souper Sunday**. To celebrate, bring cans of a hearty soup to the church on the 13th. The soup will be delivered to the Nazareth Area Food Bank in support of our local friends in need.

The flower chart is up in the Narthex. Please consider sponsoring an arrangement in celebration of a birthday, anniversary, or graduation; in honor of a special person; or in memory of a loved one. The arrangements can be kept or donated. They certainly brighten up the Sanctuary on a Sunday morning and will also brighten up a home. Flowers will only be purchased when sponsored. Linda Atwood, Chairperson

OUTSIDE PROPERTY

Once again winter is upon us, and that means keeping Dryland clean and safe for all the groups that use and depend on our facilities as well as Daycare and our Meals on Wheels shed. I would like to thank Steve and Monna Lou for their generous gift of a Snow Blower and pressure washer.

Now if anyone would like to help make use of the snowblower as well as helping with shoveling during upcoming snows this season let me know. Any and all help will be greatly appreciated. I can be contacted by text or phone call when snow is pending or day of snow @ 610 417-5173.

Allen Singer, Outside Property Chair

TREASURER'S REPORT

The cash receipt and expenditures activity for the period December 1 thru December 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 2021 the Current-Mission-Property Category had a deficit of \$43,899.54. We were able to offset that loss with the diligent efforts of the kitchen committee profits and transferring money from the Memorial account. We prayerfully hope that the congregation contributions for 2022 can meet our monthly operational costs in this category. Our planning goals for future projects (material and spiritual) can be met from the efforts of the kitchen committee and Memorial account. For 2022 the leadership is changing our focus a bit. We realize the importance of keeping a strong balance sheet to meet operational requirements. However, the last 2 months of 2021 have shown a much more significant insight of what the church is. The outreach to help others and the spirit of giving for the work of the Lord is gratifying. Borrowing a commercial slogan – You must Refresh to be Fresh! Keeping that in mind, we will try to be encouraging to each other and improve in our ability to assist those in need. To present financial information for 2022, we will not wait for month end to present information in the newsletter. We will submit what we have at the time the newsletter article is due. Hopefully this will give you a more current snapshot instead of a two-month lookback. So, for this year so far:

For January 1 thru January 22, 2022 (Church Envelope Categories) we received:

Category	Church Exp	\$7,533.50
Category	Missions	\$ 364.00
Category	Property	\$ 386.50
Category	Capital	\$1,132.00

As a reference point, here is the 2022 budget as approved by the consistory. We followed the same approval process used in 2021 due to the current COVID situation.

2022 Budget (excludes Capital)	Year	Monthly	Weekly
Church Exp Receipts	-- \$212,762.57	\$ 17,730.21	\$4,091.58
Missions Receipts	-- \$ 7,500.00	\$ 625.00	\$ 144.23
Property Receipts	-- \$ 6,000.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 115.39

2022 Budget for Capital -- \$ 12,372.00 \$ 1,031.00 \$ 237.92

Blessings

Finance Committee --- Dewayne Heller, Craig Johnson, Pastor Ed, Jerry Hittinger, Steve

Henninger, Monna Lou Henninger, Karen Lambert, Allen Singer, Hugh Harris

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!

COMMITTEE NEEDED TO REVIEW BY-LAWS

Consistory is looking to complete a review and revision of the church's bylaws. It was last completed in 2012. I am looking to put together a committee of at least 4 people to work on this project with me. I am shooting to have the group start on the project in March. If you are interested, please reach out and let me know. My cell number is (610) 509-0371. You may text or call. If it's during my work hours I will likely not answer but please leave a message. My email is allenheidi@rcn.com. Feel free to reach out that way as well.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Heidi Singer

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Category	Dec Receipts	Dec Expense	Dec Balance	YTD Receipts	YTD Expense	YTD Balance
Current-Mission-Property	\$26,697.25	\$20,177.28	\$6,519.97	\$169,266.08	\$213,165.62	- \$43,899.54
Capital (Mortgage)	\$4,436.00	\$1,031.90	\$3,404.10	\$21,973.10	\$18,055.13	\$3,917.97
Total Category Balance	\$31,133.25	\$21,209.18	\$9,924.07	\$191,239.18	\$231,220.75	- \$39,981.57
NOTE:						
\$233,972.00						
Giant Card Program	\$2,500.00	\$2,375.00	\$125.00	\$29,000.00	\$27,550.00	\$1,450.00

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

2021 Budget (Capital) \$14,712.00
Monthly Receipts Required \$1,031.90
Weekly Receipts Required \$257.98