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February 2 - 5th Sunday after Epiphany

Worship service at 8:00 & 9:30 am

Sunday School 9:30 am

Holy Communion

Birthday Sunday

All Member Meeting - CEC @ 2:00 pm

February 9 - I Love Dryland/ Scout Sunday/Souper Sunday

Worship service at 8:00 & 9:30 am

Sunday School 9:30 am

February 16 - 7th Sunday after Epiphany

Worship service at 8:00 & 9:30 am

Sunday School 9:30 am

All Member Meeting - CEC @ 2:00pm
w/ Bonnie Bates

February 23 - 8th Sunday after Epiphany

Worship service at 8:00 & 9:30 am

Sunday School 9:30 am



February 14, 2025



February 9, 2025



Grace and Peace Beloved of God,

As you read this note, my prayer is that hope rises within you. As a congregation of Christ, we are called to be people of hope. Holy Scriptures affirm that hope is a gift from God. It is written in Romans 5:5, "Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us." Given the signs of divisions and despair in our communities and around the nation, this is a message our families and friends, our legislators and captains of industry, as well as those who do not share our values, need to hear and see modeled through our words and actions.

Now, more than ever in our lifetime, people need to see, hear, and experience the hope of our Savior. I encourage us to stand firm on the truth that God is able and loves us beyond measure. I encourage us to ask God for how we can further the mission of Christ's Church, and to listen, for God is still speaking.

May you trust in the Lord and remember that fateful day when Jesus gathered for worship with the congregation at Nazareth and declared Jubilee saying, 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)

I believe Jesus fulfilled the long-honored time of Jubilee described in the book of Leviticus, chapter 25. In this, we have good reason to rejoice, as the year of the Lord's favor is not a fixed point in time that has passed. The year of the Lord's favor is made available by God for our rest and restoration. As people of faith, we can live in the assurance that Jesus Christ is the cornerstone of our belief and that He is our Savior and Redeemer.

When we hold fast to Christ's call to follow Him, we share in a common destiny as His disciples, and such are heirs to the Kingdom of Heaven.

We are invited to remember our first love, God. Our congregation is but one of many that are navigating the uncertain times of our generation. There is hope. Even with our current challenges as a congregation, I encourage you to cling to hope in Christ. For where there is hope, joy soon follows. Where there is hope, deliverance is on the way. 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.

With each passing day of this new year, there is a little more daylight, time that we may help one another find joy in the Gospel. We can both celebrate the Light of the World, Jesus, the Son of God, and renew our commitment to share this good news. I hope we can place God between us and our circumstances through our prayers, actions, and words. May we be encouraged and serve as the light and salt of the earth to the glory of God and restoration of the Beloved Community.

In Christ's Service, *Pastor Edward*



Prayer Concerns & Joys: Darlene Beahm, Barb & Jim Goldman, Ray Hess, Joyce Hittinger, Doris Keller, Sandra Livingston, Courtney Nagy, Donna Nagy, Emma Repp, Chris Shetlick, Cathy Stewart, CA fire victims, Family of Dennis & Pat Muthard, Family of Luther Mitman

Long-term Prayer Concerns: David Atwood Brent Burton, Betsy Coladonato, Richard Creyer, Cory Cruttenden, Debbie Coppola, Joann Dornblaser, Deby Duby, Shawn Durn, Jerry Enderle, Peter Garcia, Charlie Gianguzi, Grandpa Yin, Kevin Hann, Jessica Harper, Dorothy Johnson, Sonny Laubach, Stephanie Lilly, Debbie Luckenbach, Cade Lutz, Peter Marmaras, Rodger McKay, Luther Mitman, Robert Nagy, Grayce, Jakob & Ken Raven, Maurice, Gillian & Genine Sloane, Judy Tomko, Angela Tout, Jorn Walter, Sandy Wambold, Patty Weidner, Shirley Weidner, Charissa & Jason Williams, Carter Wolfgang, All members of Dryland.

Our Service People: Chief MSG Thomas Bostian, Major Scott Lechner, MSGT Paul Moore, PO1 Rodger Nagy, LT Seth Watlington, PO3 Troy Watlington

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

There's a race to be run, There's a victory to be won, Every hour, give me power To go through!



Remember Our Shut-ins

Janet Day – 1/29/35,
Fellowship Community, Room 271, Terrace
3000 Community Drive, Whitehall, PA 18052



You can become a sponsor of the Bulletin – in honor or memorial of a loved one! The cost of the Bulletin will be **\$12.00**. This will help with the cost of the paper and ink. Thank you in advance.

CELEBRATING OUR MEMBERS

MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Consistory Members, past & present!

It is with great honor and thanks that we honor these members for a job well done and for all their efforts to help keep Dryland alive!

It is not a hard task, but it does need a lot of attention to many matters. If interested in joining, please let us know.

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

Nominated by Kathy I. Peters, Editor



I LOVE DRYLAND DAY

We will once again be celebrating I Love Dryland Day on February 9th. Items will be collected from February 2nd through February 16th. There will be tables at the back of the church where you can leave your gifts. There is a poster in the Narthex with gift ideas. Help yourself too as many tags as you would like. Kitchen items needed:

Kleenex, regular cooking spray, vegetable and olive oils, ketchup, sugar, light brown sugar, regular and decaf coffee, seasoned bread crumbs, rice krispy cereal, unsalted butter, dish soap.

The office could use: stamps,

Gift cards - Staples or Hobby Lobby,

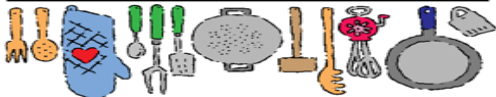
Rolls of tape for dispenser,

colored copy paper 8.5x11 (pastel green or pink).

Cash gifts will be used by the kitchen committee to purchase takeout containers or other necessary items. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!!

Joyce

FROM THE KITCHEN COMMITTEE



Saturday February 1:

Meatloaf Take-out Dinner ~ **\$12 per person**

Pick-up: Saturday February 1 ~ 11am-2pm

Menu: Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Brown Gravy, Corn, Dinner Rolls, dessert

Saturday, February 15:

George Washington Cherry Pie Sale!
\$12 per pie

Pick-up: Saturday February 15 ~ 8am-2pm
Order by: *Sunday, February 9*

To order meals/pies: call Karen (610-504-1158), Rich (484-894-9799) or Church Office (610-759-4444)



- 3 Scott Weisel
- 5 Liz Carl
- 8 Mallory Dawson
- 9 Christine Seiple
- 11 Dennis Muthard, Jason Vian
- 12 David Dornblaser
- 15 Chantelle Danchak, Margaret Heller
- 16 Susan Bostian
- 19 Emilia Motts
- 20 Sarah Gallagher
- 22 Karen Lambert, Melanie Motts
- 23 Robert Beahm
- 24 Seth Watlington
- 26 Marie Frey
- 27 Joshua Peters



- 9 Mr. & Mrs. James Goldman 45 years
- 27 Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Green, Sr. 60 years



We send our sincere sympathy to the following families: Kathy Peters and family on the loss of her father, Elwood Trumbauer on December 21, 2024. Dennis & Pat Muthard on the passing of his sister Doris Miller on January 17, 2025. Luther Mitman and family on the passing of Joann on January 24, 2025. Please know they are at peace in heaven with our Lord & Savior.

Mark Your Calendar

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Sun. Feb 2:

All Member Brainstorming Mtg. – CEC @ 2:00

Sun. Feb 9:

Boy Scout Sunday, I Love Dryland Day, Souper Sunday

Sunday Feb. 16:

All Member Brainstorming Mtg. – CEC @ 2:00pm
w/ Bonnie Bates, PNEC Conference Minister

CONSISTORY 2025

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I am very happy to report our class will be taking steps to earn their Bibles. Sunday School students will be working on learning the 10 Commandments and the Lord's Prayer. We plan on spending the next few weeks diving into the 10 Commandments.

As a reminder, Sunday School takes place during Church from 9:30-10:30am each Sunday. Please encourage our youngsters to attend.

In Christian Love,

Alison

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Happy New Year and blessings for a successful and healthy 2025! We are still working behind the scenes to address our sustainability and future.

We were pleased to see an increase of attendance at our Christmas service. It would really be nice if we saw that throughout the coming months as well. We will be brainstorming as a congregation on February 2nd at 2pm in the CEC to address some of our immediate concerns. That meeting will be followed up by a second meeting with Bonnie Bates on February 16th at 2pm in the CEC to give us some direction for Dryland's future.

We have been in contact with the organizations that use the facilities at Dryland. Many have agreed to and returned their facility policy agreements. We look forward to a successful year supporting the community with whatever we can.

The kitchen crew, with Rich and Karen, continue their very successful meals and events. Many of the people who take advantage of our takeout meals look forward to Dryland providing that service for them. The New Year's Eve meal was fantastic! Most people left the evening with extra food to take home. It was a fun and enjoyable event, and they need to be congratulated on the efforts they put forth to make it a wonderful evening!

Please plan on attending our meeting on February 2nd at 2:00pm in the CEC. Pastor Ed has indicated his involvement at Dryland may be limited. The direction we are headed will be discussed and how we will navigate this transition.

Blessings & have a great new year!

Dan Cruttenden, Consistory VP


**Church
Staff
Openings**

Dewayne Heller is looking for someone he can train to take over being the Church Treasurer.

Alan Heller is looking for someone he can train to take over or help with the video program. If you feel you can help out with either of these positions, please contact Dewayne or Alan.



PRESIDENT'S DAY FEBRUARY 17, 2025



FEBRUARY 2, 2025

HOPE FOR AN EARLY SPRING!



**SOUPER
BOWL
SUNDAY**

Sunday, February 9th

Please bring cans of soup for the Nazareth Area Food Bank! All kinds are appreciated, but chunky soup preferred! Thank you for helping with our "Souper Bowl" collection!

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! - Relationship with Christ !!

Blessings Finance Committee --- Pastor Ed, Jerry Hittinger, Steve Henninger, Monna Lou Henninger, Karen Lambert, Alison Rothrock, Hugh Harris, Craig Johnson, Dan Cruttenden, Dewayne Heller