

The Breeze

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April 7 - 1st Sunday after Easter

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

April 14 - 2nd Sunday after Easter

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

April 21 - 3rd Sunday after Easter

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

April 28 - 4th Sunday after Easter

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



Earth Day – April 22, 2024



BRING MAY FLOWERS!



GRACE AND PEACE BELOVED OF GOD

I pray that this note finds you well and strong with hope and joy! Rejoice, for we are people of the Resurrection! Our hope rests in our Resurrected Christ. Because Christ Jesus lives, we have the hope of new life in Him. By telling and showing, people may have reminders -- by your words and actions -- that God is still speaking, and see that God lives in each of us.

Despite the social turbulence fracturing many within our nation and unrest throughout the globe that stokes fears of a nuclear war, God is empowering us to be the Church. God has equipped us to be agents of God's grace and love, so that people may be drawn to know the Living God for themselves. While the world looks to programs, diplomacy, might, and pressure to bend people to comply, believers in Christ and the Living God are promised that no weapon formed against us shall prosper. (Isaiah 54:17)

Love is the greatest force in creation. Love gives healing and life, binds souls together, and assures our spirits and minds that it will be well. Our Bible also teaches that love conquers evil, fear, and sin: Love conquers all. God is Love and God has already won. Call on God. As people, who are called by God's name, humble ourselves, pray, seek God's face, and turn from our wicked ways, God promises to hear us, forgive our sins, and heal our land. (2 Chronicles 7:14)

Our Holy Scriptures also instruct us in James 5:16 to, "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that you may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of righteous people returns much." Pray to your Father in heaven to speak to your hearts. Listen, for God is still speaking! God is calling all of us to be the love and light this world dearly needs. May God's call on your life empower you to demonstrate resurrection-joy in your alone time and in the times you encounter friends, family, and strangers.

Remember to see Jesus through the Resurrection and be encouraged. Because Jesus died and is risen, we have the assurance of life eternal with God. Now, more than ever, is the time to embrace faith over fear. Be the blessing God sees you as. Encourage one another to build up those around them and resist tearing them down. Believe in God's promise to always be with us. Share this kingdom view and watch people embrace living a life of faith that overcomes fear.

Have faith that God's provision is true. Have faith that walking together in the way of Christ, loving God and neighbor, will bear fruit of the spirit, and help people feel connected to the Prince of Peace, Jesus. Believe God that you are enough. Trust God to use your gifts to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. (Luke 12:35-48)

He Lives! Christ is Risen Indeed!

Pastor Edward



Prayer Concerns & Joys:

Dottie Heckler, Jessica Harper, Steve Henninger, Nicole, Betsy (Sister of Linda Atwood) Doris Miller, Yin-Yin, family of Rick Wessner.

Long-term Prayer Concerns: Matthew Atwood, Brent Burton, Lina Benner, Richard Creyer, Gary & Karen Crosson, Cory Cruttenden, Chris (nephew of Dave Hess), Paul Moore, Lina Benner, Guy Connelly, Debbie Coppola, Gary & Karen Crosson, Jennifer DaCosta, Joann Dornblaser, Deby Duby, Shawn Durn, Peter Garcia, Barb & Jim Goldman, Charlie Gianguzi, Kevin Hann, Dorothy Johnson, Linda Keller, Sonny Laubach, Stephanie Lilly, Debbie Luckenbach, Cade Lutz, Barbara Moon, Catherine Mrowka, Grayce Raven, Jakob Raven, Ken Raven, Maurice, Gillian & Genine Sloane, Barb Tomko, Angela Tout, Elwood Trumbauer, Jorn Walter, Charissa & Jason Williams, Carter Wolfgang, Susan Young.

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



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



Want to honor a loved one or as a memorial, you can become a sponsor of the Bulletin. The cost of the Bulletin will be \$12.00. This will help with the cost of the paper and ink. Thanking you in advance.

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH
Think of your fellow man,
lend him a helping hand.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS



If you have a change of address, please let us know so we can post it. Thanks



Our sincere condolences to the family of Rick Wessner. Rick passed away on March 12, 2024. There will be a memorial service here on Thursday, April 18, 2024. Please know that he is now at peace with our Father in Heaven.

**CELEBRATING
OUR
MEMBERS**

MEMBERS OF THE MONTH

ALAN & LUANN PETERS

If you have noticed lately, there have been two new editions to the back of the church, CANDY DISHES, yes, it is for your taking in case you have a cough or just want something sweet, help yourself. And when you see Alan and LuAnn give a sweet little thank you for thinking of us all.

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

Nominated by Kathy I Peters, Breeze Editor



2	Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Miller	20 years
6	Mr. & Mrs. Dan Cruttenden	50 years
7	Mr. & Mrs. Charles Moser	45 years
11	Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Johnson	54 years
12	Mr. & Mrs. Larry Johnson	55 years
	Mr. and Mrs. Eric Nagle	38 years
21	Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Statfield	17 years
23	Mr. & Mrs. Alan Peters	13 years
28	Mr. & Mrs. John Knouse	34 years
	Mr. and Mrs. Jason Motts	12 years
30	Mr. & Mrs. James Dawson	19 years

Mark Your Calendar

DATES TO REMEMBER:

April 4th – 6:00 Movie Night

April 9th – 6:00 Paint party

April 23rd – Election Day Bake Sale



- 3 Jennifer Johnson, Gregory Teitsworth
- 4 Willow Fogel, Luther Mitman
- 5 Deborah Tenges
- 6 Joseph Erceg, Kathryn Erceg
- 7 Alison Rothrock
- 8 Christopher Singer
- 9 Luann Peters
- 11 Ace Deily, Stacy Hicks
- 12 Donna Green, Joan Pennucci
- 13 ShannaLee Dawson, Suzanne Hunt, Skye Spadaccia
- 14 Linda Cruttenden
- 15 Joann Mitman
- 16 Rick Nagle
- 18 Irene Sofka
- 19 Debbie Mosser, Steven Mosser, Evelyn Motts
- 21 Kaylee Schiavone
- 26 Mark Atwood
- 27 Alec Gerhart
- 29 Adam Weidner
- 30 James Goldman



Special MEETING Parking Lot Info

On Sunday March 10th after 9:30 worship, we held a special meeting to discuss the parking lot. More information about this can be found in the Consistory Report.



BURIED TREASURE FUNDRAISER

Dave Russell, a good friend of Dryland UCC, is working to bring back his Buried Treasure fundraiser to benefit Equi-librium, a local therapeutic riding facility. This is a music trivia game that requires players to identify songs on the B sides of 45rpm records with songs from the 50s-80s. He hopes to have it up and running sometime in 2024. Anyone interested in more information can contact Dave via phone or email. 610-837-2065 rmgt1999@verizon.net



CONSISTORY 2024

Officers

President –
VP – Dan Cruttenden (E)
Secretary – Alison Rothrock (E)
Treasurer – Dewayne Heller (E)

On Sunday, March 24th, Pack 76 convened to recognize the achievements of twelve scouts who attained the esteemed Arrow of Light, the highest award in Cub Scouting. These scouts diligently pursued this distinction over a period of five years, with some demonstrating exceptional dedication by earning every available adventure award during their final two years in Cub Scouts, a distinction referred to as "heavy shoulders".

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The Blue & Gold ceremony, while commemorating the culmination of their Cub Scouting career, also marks the start of their journey within Scouts BSA. Notably, two Scouts crossed over to Troop 519 in Allentown, while three others joined Troop 74 in Bushkill Township. Seven Scouts, meanwhile, crossed over to Dryland's own Troop 76.

CONSISTORY MEETS THE 3RD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7:00 P.M. ANYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND THESE MEETINGS

Heartfelt congratulations are extended to all the Scouts, as well as to their parents and leaders, whose guidance and support have been instrumental throughout this journey. A special expression of gratitude is also extended to the members of Dryland for their unwavering commitment to the advancement of Scouting ideals.



Blessings from consistory! We hope this newsletter finds everyone happy and welcoming to this much warmer spring weather. I am sorry to have to begin with the announcement that we no longer have Heidi Singer as our president. She has resigned and she and Allen (her husband) no longer attend Dryland UCC. We would like to thank her and Allen for their strong leadership and dedicated commitment to making Dryland United Church of Christ "A Place to Belong".

As a result of Heidi's leaving, we are in need of people to serve on consistory. We also do not have a current president and unfortunately, prior to her departure, we were several people short of having enough to serve on the consistory. If anyone is interested in serving on consistory in any capacity, please contact Jerry Hittinger, Dan Cruttenden or the church office. We would be very grateful for your time, talent, and service.



At the beginning of the month, we conducted a special congregational meeting. At this meeting the situation regarding our parking lot repairs were presented to the congregation. After the informational presentation by Dewayne Heller and some discussion, the congregation approved the bid and renovations needed to preserve the parking lot. The total cost was in the \$14,000 range to seal cracks, re-seal the entire lot and repaint the

parking spots and directional arrows. At this time donations have been outstanding. We need roughly less than \$3000 to cover that entire cost. We cannot thank our congregation enough for their generosity, support and loyalty in this cause.

The consistory continues to work diligently on ways that we can maintain our sustainability for the future. Without that sustainability solution, there is a danger that in less than 2 years we may possibly have to close our doors. The financial committee is also working very hard to find ways to cut costs in the budget to keep our church moving forward.

As for future activities within the church, many things have been planned at this point. Such events as a paint party, movie night, a Red Cross blood drive, bingo, and kitchen meals. The kitchen crew works very hard to help keep Dryland in a good place, both financially and with service to the community. We cannot thank Karen and Rich (including their dedicated workers) enough for the time they have put into this service.

There is a need for bakers for both birthday Sunday and the election day bake sale. If you are able to bake or help with either of those events, please contact the office ASAP. Election day (April 23rd) bake goods can be dropped off at the church the day before the election.

God bless everyone, and please keep our church in your prayers.

Dryland Consistory

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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.



April 9, 2024 6 to 8PM

Join this spring fun painting event for all ages and learn to paint this whimsical design with motivational artist Lisa MacDonald. All supplies included to create this canvas with other options available! Pick your size! All ages welcome!

Location: Dryland Church CEC Center 4415 Newburg Road, Nazareth PA 18064

Registration: Prepayment required. Visit EveryRibbonCounts.com (events tab) or call 610.417.2448

Donation: \$ 40 per person, all ages welcome.

Inspire and Dream!
Paint with a Purpose!

This event is brought to you by The Every Ribbon Counts Foundation and features abstract motivational artist, Lisa MacDonald. Proceeds benefit Every Ribbon Counts, Imperfection is Beautiful, and Dryland Church.





A 50 year old bank robbery. A detective who wants to solve it with his Pastor's congregation! Family friendly, filled with faith, redemption, humor, ALL filmed here in the Lehigh Valley!

Can YOU name all the locations YOU see in the film?

Special prize for those who can!

Thursday, April 4, 2024
DRYLAND UCC 4415 Newburg Road,
Nazareth, PA 18064
Doors Open 6:00 PM 6:30PM Start!

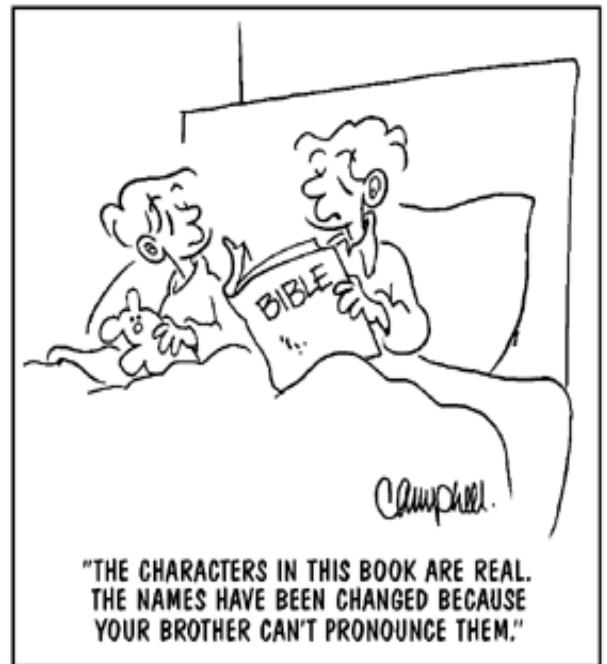
You can bring your own comfy chairs or use ours! Popcorn provided!

RSVP to reserve your seats, and be entered to win a SIGNED COPY of a movie poster from all the actors and a signed DVD!

Reserve your seats: Text/voicemail to 610 703 3939

Produced by Dryland's music director, Susan Bostian!

This event supports Dryland's Parking Lot Restoration Fund



TREASURER’S REPORT

The cash receipt and expenditures activity for the period February 1, through February 29, 2024

Category	January Receipts	January Expense	January Balance	YTD Receipts	YTD Expense	YTD Balance
Current-Mission-Property	\$15,922.73	\$20,679.77	\$4,757.04	\$28,932.94	\$37,672.04	\$8,739.10
Capital (Mortgage)	\$1,383.50	\$1,031.90	\$351.60	\$2,730.50	\$2063.80	\$666.70
Total Category Balance	\$17,306.23	\$21,711.67	\$4,405.44	\$31,663.44	\$39,735.84	\$8,072.40

Giant Card Program	\$2,600.00	\$2,470.00	\$130.00	\$5,200.00	\$4,940.00	\$260.00
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NOTE:

2024 Budget (exclude Capital) \$218,975.00
 Monthly Receipts Required \$18,247.82
 Weekly Receipts Required \$4,561.98

2024 Budget (Capital) \$12,382.80
 Monthly Receipts Required \$1,031.90
 Weekly Receipts Required \$238.13

Question – Do you adjust your family priorities and commitments to meet the situation facing you at that time? We all do! We develop our thoughts and create a plan to handle that situation in the most effective way. So too, your church leadership (Consistory & Finance Committee) are working to restructure (refocus) our operational costs and income stream to address decline in membership, participation, and the ability to financially meet our monthly operating costs. We will be corresponding with you in April asking for your assistance in addressing these issues. We prayerfully ask for your response and participation so we can continue growing as a Christian family at Dryland. Did You Know! On Sunday, March 10, 2024, the congregation approved by unanimous vote to proceed with repairs to the parking lot. The cost for the project is \$ 12,910.00. So far, as of March 23, 2024, we have received \$ 10,254.50. Thank You for your generosity to those who have already participated. We are planning on a July completion date since this is a low period of activity at the church. So, you still have time to help.

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, Dewayne Heller