

The Breeze

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Dryland United Church of Christ 4415 Newburg Road, Nazareth, PA 18064 610-759-4444



December 4 - 2nd Sunday of Advent

Worship service at 9:30 am
Holy Communion
Birthday Sunday

December 11 - 3rd Sunday of Advent

Worship service at 9:30 am
New Members welcomed

December 18 - 4th Sunday of Advent

Worship service at 9:30 am

December 24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight

Service at 7:00 pm
Choir, Communion

December 25 - Christmas Day

Worship service at 9:30 am



First Sunday of Advent

Nov 27, 2022



Dec 21, 2022



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Dec 24, 2022, 7:00 P.M.

Grace and Peace Beloved of God,
As a church, we are intentionally moving through the season of Advent. For many Christians, Advent is a time of remembrance. We remember the great anticipation the people held each year for the birth of the long-promised Messiah, Jesus. Hallelujah that God with us, Emmanuel, the Christ child was born through the womb of devoted Mary! (Matthew 1:23; Isaiah 7:14)

Many Christians, as followers of Jesus, continue to mark the weeks leading up to Christmas, as a time for anticipation and preparation. It is a time to renew faith in our Redeemer, Jesus. The Hope, Peace, Love, and Joy of Advent also stir the heart with expectation for Christ's second coming. Jesus encourages us to keep awake and be ready, for we do not know on what day our Lord is coming. (Matthew 24)

Jesus has given us a playbook, so that we may be aware of things to come and be prepared until His return. We most certainly need to be ready. The Bible is our *Best Instruction Before Leaving Earth*. Learning the sound principles of the Bible can strengthen our devotion to God, equip us to reach people with real-world answers, and demonstrate Christlike welcome and compassion.

Many people have suffered from the pandemic, as well as from economic and food insecurity. We have experienced isolation and the Great Disruption. We live with wars, rumors of wars, and fractures as a nation and as congregations. I believe we can best experience God's blessings as a community. Together, we can better withstand the storms of life and more strongly cling to God's unchanging hand.

The church of Christ represents the hope and love of God in the world. In unity, we can strive together to honor God by intentionally demonstrating care for one another and people

across this land. Dryland shines as a beacon of Christ's hope and welcome. Two such ways include keeping our doors open seven days a week to Scouting and community groups. We are also expanding our hospitality so that Hope Alliance may hold its own worship services weekly in 2023.

Dryland's welcome calls all people home to renew fellowship and belonging as the body of Christ. Christ Jesus is our sure footing, our Redeemer, and solid Rock. As a community, we can reassure one another that God is in control. We can reaffirm that God's love is real and is upon all of us. Unity and strength are two indicators of why fellowship with Jesus, both as an individual and as a community, is so important.

Bring your children and grandchildren so they may grow in the knowledge of the Lord, gain wisdom, and be transformed by the renewal of their minds. During this season of anticipation, what is your prayer for yourself, your family, your church, and your community? What do you long for as a church of Christ and as a disciple of Jesus in 2023? Come pray and act on the new thing God is doing together.

In Christ's Service,
Pastor Edward



Remember Our Shut-ins

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| <p>Marion Bjorkman – 3/24/29 610-365-2442
Alexandria Manor, Room 316
7 South New Street, Nazareth, PA 18064</p> <p>Janet Day – 1/29/35,
Fellowship Community, Room 125
3000 Community Drive, Whitehall, PA 18052</p> <p>Dottie Heckler – 12/29/29 610-759-0197
243 Nazareth Pike, Bethlehem, PA 18020</p> <p>Herbert Heller – 5/4/26
Gensis-Lehigh Health Center, Room 208
1718 Spring Creek Road, Macungie, PA 18062</p> |
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HELP US FILL UP THE TREE WITH, MITTENS, SCARVES, HATS, SOCKS TO KEEP SOMEONE WARM THIS WINTER!



Prayer Concerns:

Family of Wayne Wenrich, Family of Floyd Rice, Family of Harold Wambold, Bill Tomko, Heather Frantz, Elwood Trumbauer, Peter Garcia.

Long-term Prayer Concerns: Matthew Atwood, Brent Burton, Jean Ceasholtz, Guy & Sharon Connelly, Debbie Coppola, Deby Duby, Shawn Durn, Charlie Gianguzi, Kevin Hann, Dottie Heckler, Jack Hunt, Lisa Intrepido, Dorothy Johnson, Sonny Laubach, Stephanie Lilly, Debbie Luckenbach, Cade Lutz, Barbara Moon, Grayce Raven, Jakob Raven, Ken Raven, Barb Tomko, 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.



We will be taking orders for Poinsettia's again. The deadline to order is Dec. 11. The cost is \$9.00 per plant. Please complete attached form and return to offering plate or church office. Checks get payable to Dryland UCC.



CHOIR PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Practice 6 to 7:30 PM (unless stated)

- November 30
- December 7
- December 14
- December 21 (6 to 7)

Even if you cannot read music, you are more than welcome. We look forward to seeing new faces in the new year.

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

**Man struggles to find life outside himself,
unaware that the life he is seeking is
within himself!**

**CELEBRATING
OUR
MEMBERS**

MEMBERS OF THE MONTH

Volunteers of Dryland

Everyone who helped decorate the church for Advent & Christmas.

It is a bigger task than you may think, so the more people that help, the faster it goes! Also, for helping fill the boxes with the labels and pies for the pie sale!

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

Nominated by Kathy I Peters, Editor of the Breeze



CHANGE SUNDAY – NOV 6

On change Sunday, we collected \$ 195.10 in make a joyful noise cans. Thank you to everyone who remembered to bring in and donate your coins!



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



- 4 Mr. & Mrs. David Hess 35 years
- 12 Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Keller, Sr. 69 years
- 22 Rev. & Mrs. E. Livingston 21 years
- 23 Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Setzer 35 years
- 30 Mr. & Mrs. Alan Heller 50 years



The craft show held at Dryland on November 5, 2022 was a huge success and we are planning on having it again next year. The total amount that was collected that day and given to Dryland to use in the general fund was \$700.00. Thank you to everyone who was involved and supported this project.



December 4	Bev & Ron Weidner	In memory of Dr. Danny Neward, beloved Nephew/Cousin 35 th b'day
	Norma & Peter Garcia	In memory of Beloved Brother/Uncle Basilio Eliseo Garcia, Jr.
December 11	Lois Hunt & Family	In memory of Mother Naomi's birthday
	Doris & Ernie Keller	In honor of their 69 th wedding anniversary
December 18	Kathy & Glenn Peters	In honor of Dad's 95 th birthday 12/14
	Josh & Karen Peters	In honor of Pappy's 95 th birthday 12/14
December 24 & 25	Poinsettia's	Sponsors



We would express our deepest sympathy to The Floyd Rice family, Floyd passed on Oct. 28,

The Harold Wambold family, Harold passed on Nov. 5, He was the father of Karen Lambert.

The Wayne Wenrich family, Wayne passed on November 12, in FL. He was the husband to Mary Wenrich and father to Kevin Wenrich & Holly Jones.

May you know that they now are at peace and sitting on the right side of our Lord and Savior forever.

Hello Consistory and Finance Committee

I will be dropping off a check this weekend for \$488.19 for the Affinity program I have in place with Dryland and Coldwell Banker Heritage. I think we tend to forget about this program and how much money has been raised over the years with NO cost to Dryland. Attached is the Affinity letter explaining the 20% Commission referral fee which goes to Dryland. Please read the letter as it states over the years over \$50K has been given to Dryland and it is so easy. Feel free to call me with any questions about this program and remember to pass my name along to your friends and family who need my real estate needs.

Website: www.monnalouhenninger.com.

Monna Lou,

We are Dryland are very grateful for you and this program it has helped Dryland in many ways. We should remind our members so they can talk to people they know looking for a realtor of this program, the fact that it is at no cost to them and is a great way for people to help through your generosity is something they should know about. Also on a personal note, thank you for your help and work with Heidi's parents' house, it was a blessing to have your help and we would and will recommend you to anyone we know looking for a realtor.

Thank you again, Allen



Location: DRYLAND UCC 4415 Newburg Rd. Nazareth, PA 18064

DATE: Monday, December 5, 2022

Reservations required in advance (by 12/1) to secure your cookie table & session with Santa!



Three sessions to pick from!

5 to 5:45 PM

6 to 6:45 PM

7 to 7:45 PM

To reserve, go to EVERYRIBBONCOUNTS.com under Events Tab.

Cost: \$10 per cookie decorator with advance reservations.

\$20 at the door.

Parents who are NOT decorating are not required to donate.

Includes: Cookies, decorations, drink, and Photo Session with Santa.

For information, please contact Susan at 610 417 2448
Or email INFO@everyribboncounts.com



This event benefits Dryland UCC



OFFERING ENVELOPES

The 2023 offering envelopes are now available for pickup. 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 9:30 to 11:30 A.M., Monday thru Thursday. Please pick up envelopes for your family members as well.

13th MONTH OFFERING ENVELOPES

As you all know, we are coming rapidly to the end of the year and each year we conduct our 13th Month Offering program.

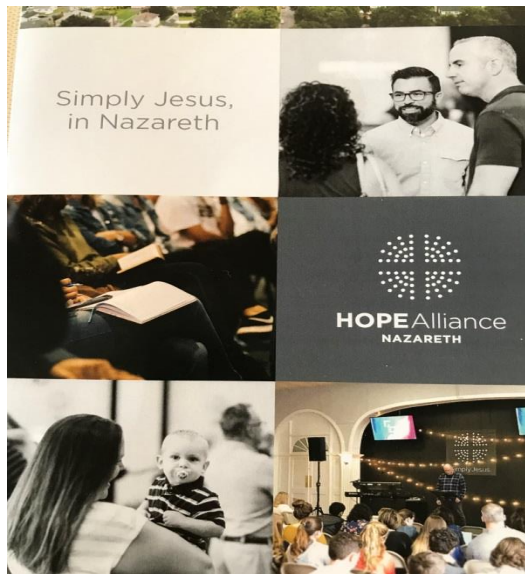
The past few years have proven to be very difficult years financially for Dryland and we are asking that everyone prayerfully consider giving an additional one-time contribution to assist in meeting the annual budget.

13th month giving envelopes are available in the church sanctuary and can be picked up at any time in the church office. On-line giving is also available. Simply log onto our web site (drylanducc.org), click on the "on-line giving" button, choose the "fund" button and select "13th month offering". Your contribution will be credited to your church giving record.

May The blessings of Christmas be with you!!

Dryland UCC Welcomes

Hope Alliance



Hope Alliance is a Gospel Centered Church in Nazareth led by Pastor Jim Entwistle. Hope Alliance is not new to Dryland; they've held Christmas Eve services in our Sanctuary over the last several years. Building on that history, our relationship with Hope Alliance is expanding. Hope Alliance is moving from its current home at the Nazareth YMCA to Dryland. Starting in January 2023, Pastor Entwistle and his congregation will hold Sunday services in the CEC.

One of the challenges all churches face is how do we continue to serve our community. Since its inception in 1966 Dryland has been a community center where many groups meet. But first and foremost, Dryland UCC has served Nazareth as a community church for over 50 years. And as needs of the community expanded so did our role; serving as place where our neighbors can vote, give blood, a place where adult & youth groups meet, a place to celebrate a marriage, the joy of a new birth, or the sorrow of someone's passing. Opening our doors to support our community is what we do.

Earlier this year Dryland opened its doors to the Community Church of Faith, led by our own, Pastor Susan Mattes Bostian. As we welcome the arrival of Hope Alliance in January, Dryland will become

the home of three ministries. Each serving a community in its own unique way, but all with a common purpose; to glorify God.

Dryland Consistory

2022 Fund Drive

Dryland United Church of Christ in Lower Nazareth Township. Your community partner for local and world life changing events. Help us to continue helping you.

Currently we serve as the 'home' for various scout groups (girls & boys), outside organizations, daycare, and spiritual enrichment. It is great joy that we have the opportunity to serve the community in this manner. Our goal is to continue with this effort. However, economic conditions are creating a huge obstacle.

We are asking for your support so we can continue to plan and meet the needs of your community. This includes all ages no matter what your ambitions may be.

Would you kindly consider supporting the 2022 Fund Drive? Your contribution is tax deductible. Contributions may be made by writing a check to Dryland UCC at 4415 Newburg Road, Nazareth, Pa. 18064, or contribute online at Drylanducc.org and select 2022 Fund Drive.

___ \$25.00 ___ \$50.00 ___ \$75.00 ___
\$100.00 ___ other

Thank You for considering and supporting this effort.

Blessings

Dryland Consistory

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)
Outside Property – Allen Singer (D)
Missions – Greg Teitsworth (D)
Music & Worship – Linda Atwood (D)
Stewardship – Susan Bostian (D)

MUSIC & WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Thanksgiving is a thing of the past, at least for 2022. Before we know it, the new year will be upon us. As we decorated the church for Christmas it was hard to think that Christmas is less than a month away, the first Sunday in Advent a mere week away. Remember that you are all invited to celebrate the coming of Jesus, the Messiah, in a pre-birthday party after our November 27th worship service. Beginning on November 27th, each Sunday we will focus on the 4 themes of Advent; Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. The culmination of these themes will be on Christmas Eve at 7:00 PM. We hope you all join us in Worship as we revisit the birth of our Savior

Linda Atwood, Chairperson

TREASURER'S REPORT

The cash receipt and expenditures activity for the period October 1, thru October 31, 2022. 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 2022.

Receipts from November 1 thru November 19, 2022

(Church Envelop Categories):

Category Church Exp --	\$ 6,589.50
Category Missions --	\$ 502.50
Category Property --	\$ 307.00
Category Capital --	\$ 949.50

The start of something MIRACULOUS is waiting for you! This sentence was included in the Advent Birthday Party Celebration Invitation for everyone to join us for service on November 27, 2022.

Together we celebrate and lift the Advent Season. With joyful hearts we prepare for the miracle birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Through his birth, God provides us the guidance and knowledge that we need to learn and understand by giving his son to walk among us on earth. By his teachings and life examples we are given comfort and strength in our daily lives. With Jesus resurrection from the grave, he provides life everlasting for those who believe and repent in him. Thank You God for the miraculous birth of Jesus who provides us all with HOPE.

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!

Merry Christmas !!

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

Identifying with Christ !!

BLESSINGS:

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

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WISHING YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES A VERY HAPPY AND JOYOUS AND MERRY CHRISTMAS THIS YEAR, FROM THE SAFF OF DRYLAND UCC: PASTOR EDWARD, CHRISTINA, KATHY, SUSAN, DEWAYNE, CRAIG, JERRY, CONNIE, ALLEN.

I MAY NOT BE A "WISE MAN," BUT AT LEAST I NEVER GOT SO LOST I HAD TO ASK HEROD FOR DIRECTIONS.



"It's the perfect Christmas gift - Hope on a Rope."

Category	Oct Receipts	Oct Expense	Oct Balance	YTD Receipts	YTD Expense	YTD Balance
Current-Mission-Property	\$13,359.15	\$18,310.72	- \$4,951.57	\$133,356.96	\$187,388.66	- \$54,031.70
Capital (Mortgage)	\$1,462.00	\$1,031.90	\$430.10	\$14,188.50	\$10,319.00	\$3,869.50
Total Category Balance	\$14,821.15	\$19,342.62	- \$4,521.47	\$147,545.46	\$197,707.66	- \$50,162.20
Giant Card Program	\$2,900.00	\$2,755.00	\$145.00	\$26,400.00	\$25,117.50	\$1,282.50

NOTE:

2022 Budget (exclude Capital) Monthly Receipts Required	\$226,262.57
Weekly Receipts Required	\$4,351.21
2022 Budget (Capital) Monthly Receipts Required	\$12,382.80
Weekly Receipts Required	\$238.13