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PLEASE NOTE THAT THE TIMES BELOW REPRESENT TIMES IF WE ARE ALLOWED TO HOLD CHURCH SERVICE IN-HOUSE. UNTIL THEN, OUTSIDE OR ONLINE SERVICES WILL CONTINUE AT 9:30 AM ON SUNDAYS.

August 2 – 9th Sunday after Pentecost

Outside and/or Online Worship Service at 9:30 am
Communion Sunday

August 9 – 10th Sunday after Pentecost

Outside and/or Online Worship Service at 9:30 am

August 16 – 11th Sunday after Pentecost

Outside and/or Online Worship Service at 9:30 am

August 23 – 12th Sunday after Pentecost

Outside and/or Online Worship Service at 9:30 am



On-line, mail, drop off!

Grace and Peace Beloved,

I pray that this note finds you at peace in Christ. That is my leading prayer for the times. I pray that God provides comfort, strength, understanding, forgiveness, and wisdom. I believe that trusting in God's promises and the love of God is the way to find and be restored to peace through troubled times. It is okay to experience periods of frustration, anxiety, and anger for these states are part of the human equation. It is what you do that is key. I am grateful to share this journey with you. I am looking and listening for the new thing God is asking us to do; the new ways we may learn how to worship God in spirit and in truth.

Especially during the challenges of COVID-19, we can connect with people in ways that are not confined to the ways that have been comforting and familiar. We can let go and let God show up and direct our path. New norms are forming. We have found new ways to gather and we will continue to adapt and celebrate God's mercy and goodness, as we reach people in love. We can find hope by accepting that God is constant, God's ways are everlasting, and God's promises are real. By accepting these truths, we may find peace indeed. Finding peace is key to carrying out our responsibilities as neighbors of the community and as citizens of the country and kingdom. As citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven, we have responsibilities to God and God's creation.

We each have a responsibility that comes with being in the community. As a nation, a community of communities, our aspirations include "In God, We Trust," and "...one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." Francis Scott Key, Pennsylvania Governor James Pollock, and Minister Francis Bellamy are respectively

associated with the launch of these aspirations. The values of virtue, liberty, and independence, our state motto, further inform these ideals. Aspirations such as these were created during moments of tremendous anxiety and fracture in our nation. Many of the framers of our nation's liberty participated in slavery and the trafficking of people in bondage.

The current fractures continue to challenge how we navigate as neighbors and make sense of our roles in this community of communities. In recent years, the breadth of exploitation and oppression has been exposed to the light. The depths of corruption at work in public offices and private enterprises, as well as the violence against women, children, Indigenous, Asian, Black, LatinX, or people based on their gender attraction, expression and identity, continue to other, vilify, and dehumanize people as disposable objects.

Contemporary movements like #MeToo and Black Lives Matter challenge the ways we have allowed people to be defined, categorized, and commodified. At the core, these efforts challenge the community to assess and review whether we truly care for one another, whether we honestly value one another, and spur an answer to the question, "who do you love?" The writer of Ephesians in the fourth chapter reminds us, "To put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness." (Vv. 22-24, ESV).

Christ frames for us the culture we should live in. We should not aspire to emulate the cultures that have developed, be it as conservatives, liberals, libertarians, progressives, or any other devised construct. A culture of Christ loves all as neighbors in the same way we learn to love ourselves. Adopting this culture starts with loving Creator God with all our strength, heart, soul, and mind. This is what Jesus instructs in the Gospels.

Seek wisdom from God. Seek strength to lay down the stereotypes and prejudgments that gossip and much of the biased media reporting shapes by polarizing ideologies. Dare to understand the pain, the hurt, and the suffering endured by another. Accept that you likely do not have the whole story concerning people protesting injustice. Reject the binary logic that works to place you simply as an ally or enemy. Instead, pray for ears to hear, hearts to have compassion, minds to

imagine the beloved community, and reimagine the restored community.

Be encouraged. Know that God is able, is ever-present with you, and will direct your paths. God will help you to endure and thrive that your life may help all to come to know God's love and provision.

Be well and stay encouraged,

Pastor Edward
August 2020



Prayer Concerns and Joys:

Marian Miller, Elaine Dilliard, Lynn Ruhl, Claire Hahn, Deb and Rob Peters

Long-term Prayer Concerns:

Kathy Anderson, Matthew Atwood, Sandi Berry, Guy Connelly, Debbie Coppola, Jean Cruttenden, Shawn Durn, Charlie Gianguzi, Barbara Goldman, Jim Goldman, Gayle Kozak, Carey Laubach, Sonny Laubach, Stephanie Lilly, Wayne Lilly, Rita Metz, Barbara Moon, JoAnn Moon, Sarah Myers, Ethel Okker, Grayce Raven, Ken Raven, Jakob Raven, Shirley Trumbauer, Jason Vliet, Paty Vliet, Jeffrey Wert, Charissa Williams, Carter Wolfgang

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



Continuing with our corner to hear from and about our Young Adults. 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.

From the Jones Family:

Patrick Jones has been promoted to Senior Airman in the US Air Force. Patrick is currently a C-5 loadmaster stationed at Dover AFB.

Megan Jones is a Nazareth High School 2020 graduate, heading to Kutztown University this Fall to pursue a degree in Elementary and Special Education. Megan was fortunate to be the recipient of 2 local scholarships this year, the Nazareth Clippers award and the Roland J. Wotring scholarship.

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

**Give God your weakness
and He'll give you His strength**

PEOPLE OF THE MONTH

ALL PEOPLE EVERYWHERE!

It is good to see people complying with all the safety features – social distancing, masks. We continue to keep everyone in our prayers as we continue through this trying time.

Nominated by Kathy I. Peters, Breeze Editor



Through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on July 26th, we welcomed Ella Addison Hicks, daughter of Timothy and Stacy Hicks. Ella's sponsors were Kelly Stoudt and Kristopher Hicks. Her

grandparents are Rick and Sue Johnson, Debra and George Hicks; her great-grandparents are J. Stanley and Dorothea Heckler, Joan Johnson. God bless you Ella, and welcome!



Janet Day – 1/29/35, 610-865-3598
Country Meadows, Apartment 509,
4025 Green Pond Road, Bethlehem, PA 18020

Eleanor Hahn – 12/9/23, 610-748-0049,
Saucon Valley Manor, Room 24, 1050 Main St.,
Hellertown, PA 18055

Dottie & Stan Heckler – 12/29/29 & 8/25/29
610-759-0197, 243 Nazareth Pike,
Bethlehem, PA 18020

Viola Heller – 7/29/29
Moravian Hall Square, Room 1003W,
175 W. North Street, Nazareth, PA 18064

Naomi Hunt – 12/10/27, 610-759-4558,
Country Meadows, Bldg. 5, Room 32B,
4005 Green Pond Road, Bethlehem, PA 18020

While we are unable to hold our services indoors, we would like to acknowledge those who have sponsored flowers and bulletins. These sponsorships were made in memory of loved ones or to honor or celebrate events that are meaningful to the sponsors.



Flower Sponsors for August 2020

- 8/2** a) Alison Rothrock, in memory of Todd Rothrock
b) Sheri Fitzgerald, in memory of Scott Fitzgerald
- 8/9** a) Mae Pursel, in honor of grandson Travis Woolverton
b) David and Norma Faust, in memory of brother Miles Fogel
- 8/16** a) Sheri Fitzgerald, in celebration of daughter-in-law Kate's birthday
b) Open
- 8/23** a) Dottie Heckler, in honor of Stanley's 91st birthday on August 25
b) Open
- 8/30** a) Jerry and Joyce Hittinger, in celebration of their 53rd wedding anniversary on September 1
b) Sheri Fitzgerald, in celebration of granddaughter Averie's 1st birthday



Bulletin Sponsors for August 2020

- 8/2** Alison Rothrock, in honor of Matthew's birthday
- 8/9** Marie Frey, in memory of husband, Al
- 8/16** Sandy and Bill Banko, in celebration of granddaughter Katee Lambert's 11th birthday
- 8/23** Open
- 8/30** Marsha Stiles, in celebration of granddaughter Ella's 10th birthday

The Kitchen Crew gratefully thanks everyone who has supported our Pick-Up Dinners the past few months! It is much appreciated!



SAUSAGE SANDWICH TAKEOUT DINNER

Drive Up and Take the Dinner Home!

Saturday, August 1 – Pick-Up between 12 - 2 PM
Cost \$10 per dinner. **Order deadline is extended to Tuesday, July 28**

Menu includes:

Grilled Sausage on a Locally Baked Roll
Option of sautéed onions and peppers, and homemade marinara sauce. The roll will be in a separate container to keep it fresh.
Homemade Macaroni and Cheese
Our Own Fresh Pasta Salad
Brownies for Dessert

Call Rich at 484-894-9799 or Karen at 610-504-1158 to place your order. If there is no answer, please leave a message so that we may return your call.



Baked Ham Takeout Dinner!

Saturday, August 15 – Pick-Up between 12 - 2 PM
Cost \$10 per dinner. Order deadline is August 9

Start your meal with a Fresh Garden Salad with a choice of French, Italian or Ranch Dressing. Dig into Oven Baked Ham, Super “sweet” Sweet Potatoes; Buttered String Beans, Gravy, and Rosa’s Buttermilk Biscuits.

Top the meal off with homemade cupcakes from your kitchen bakers

Call Rich at 484-894-9799 or Karen at 610-504-1158 to place your order. If there is no answer, please leave a message so that we may return your call.

Sundaes on Sunday!

All the sweetness you deserve! Order your 2 SCOOP Ice Cream Sundae in advance and **pick it up on Sunday, August 23rd**. All sundaes will include whipped cream and a cherry on top! Join us, as we socially distance in our vehicles in the parking lot or take your Sundae home. Bring a chair along with you if you desire and say hello to each other from a distance! The choices are:

Peanut Butter Cup Sundae

A bed of peanut butter, tons of hot fudge, peanut butter cups with vanilla or chocolate ice cream.

Our absolute happy place!

Oreo Sundae

Too much of a good thing is never enough! Cookies and cream ice cream, mini oreos, chocolate chips, and a dusting of Oreo cookie crumbs on top makes this one amazing creation!

S’mores Sundae

There’s so much s’more to love in this inane dessert! On top of a base of marshmallow topping sits vanilla or chocolate ice cream, hot fudge, and graham cracker pieces. Then it’s finished with a malted milk ball JUST BECAUSE!

Chocolate Brownie Sundae

It’s a chocolate lovers’ fantasy! Chocolate ice cream, crumbled brownies, and hot fudge make this sundae almost too much to handle!

Movie Madness Sundae

We might have overdone it on this one. Vanilla or chocolate ice cream gets covered in chocolate sauce and an entire concession stand’s worth of toppings: M&M’s, Milk Duds, Whoppers . . . and a few Sour Patch Kids for good measure!

All that for \$6.00! Order deadline is Thursday, August 20th. Call Rich at 484-894-9799 or Karen at 610-504-1158 to place your order. If there is no answer, please leave a message in order that we may return your call. What a way to enjoy a hot summer evening!



- 2 Sue Gallagher, Lauren Mantz
- 3 Matthew Rothrock
- 5 Paytra Betz, Clark Lieberman
- 6 Jamie Kaushik, Marian Miller
- 7 Linda Solliday
- 9 Carissa Perkins
- 10 Frank Erceg, Jerry Hittinger
- 11 Renee Burnette
- 14 Kenneth Faust
- 17 Gary Helm
- 19 Randall Butterworth
- 20 Brenda Creyer, Barbara Goldman
- 21 Sandy Banko, Katee Lambert
- 22 Donna Nagy, Jay Watlington
- 24 Brett Brinker, Nelson Stettler
- 25 Stanley Heckler, Randy Setzer
- 28 Natalie Sasso
- 29 Elaine Dilliard
- 30 Braxton Kocher



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| 8 | Mr. & Mrs. Dustin Jones | 12 years |
| 10 | Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Green, Jr. | 34 years |
| 14 | Mr. & Mrs. Richard Wessner | 44 years |
| 19 | Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Werkheiser | 25 years |
| 24 | Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Lambert | 18 years |
| 25 | Mr. & Mrs. Robert Nagy | 36 years |
| 29 | Mr. & Mrs. David Dornblaser | 50 years |

CONVENIENT CONSISTENT GIVING



Tithes and offerings

This is for all of you Dryland members out there who are into the world of electronic media, cell phones, I-pads, etc. Do we have good news for you!!

You can enjoy the convenience of up-to-date technology and be able to financially support Dryland at the same time. How you ask, can this be possible? Well, it's called online giving. It's available and as simple as logging onto the church web site (drylanducc.org). On the home page there is an "Give Online" button at the top of the page. Clicking on the button will take you to the sign-on page. Once there you have choices of funds to which you can contribute. This can be as directed or on a recurring basis (i.e. weekly, bi-weekly, monthly or day of the month). You choose a bank account or a debit or credit card from which you wish the funds are to be taken. A current e-mail address in the church records is necessary to participate.

This program is convenient for both you and Dryland. You can select contributions that are convenient to you and Dryland can more effectively plan for regular contributions to cover recurring expenses (salaries, utilities, heating & building maintenance). There are a number of members who currently participate in the program and are very pleased with the results.

If you would like more information, you can contact Jerry Hittinger, Dewayne Heller, Monna Lou Henninger or any member of the finance committee.

The following is a testimony from a Dryland member regarding the on-line giving:

We have been using online giving for about two years. It is a snap to set up and it is easy to update. You can also designate to which fund you would like your contribution to go. Current, Capital, Missions, etc. Every week, we receive a reminder email that our contribution is being deducted from our bank account. Before, if we would miss a week or two of church, we always played catch up to get our giving on track. Sometimes, we didn't get it back on track. Now, we know our weekly contribution is taken care of whether or not we attend church in any given week. Prayers and blessings to all.

*Yours in Christ,
Deb & Jay Watlington*



Greetings!

As we approach the end of the summer, we still find ourselves in uncertain times with Covid-19. With that said, we are unsure when the start of Sunday School will be. We are closely monitoring and adhering to all CDC guidelines. As we work towards having church back indoors, I will explore the options for Sunday School to resume. Once a final decision and date are established, I will send out an email as well as put a post on our Facebook page to alert everyone. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Stacee Banko

CONSISTORY – 2020

Officers

President – Dave Faust (E)
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Secretary – Linda Atwood (D)
Treasurer – Dewayne Heller (E)

Committees

Christian Education – Stacee Banko (D)
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Evangelism – Charlie Berthoud (E)
Finance – Dewayne Heller (E)
Inside Property – Steve Henninger (E)
Outside Property – Allen Singer (D)
Missions – Greg Teitsworth (E)
Music & Worship – Linda Atwood (D)
Stewardship – Susan Bostian (D)

MISSIONS REPORT

During the week of June 29th, volunteers from Dryland again participated to prepare and distribute lunches for school children at the annual Nazareth Lunch Program, held at Moravian Church in Nazareth. Thank you to all the volunteers so much for your time to this worthwhile cause!

Greg Teitsworth, Chair

TREASURER'S REPORT

The cash receipt and expenditure activity for the period June 1 thru June 30, 2020 is attached. The category Current-Mission-Property encompasses the options on the weekly giving envelope. 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 commitments.

How are you doing with the COVID-19 Pandemic? What are some of your needs during this period of time? Strange questions to start this article but yet very real for all of us to answer. My personal response is, at times I am angry and confused. I know anger and frustration will not get me through the day or make reality any easier to handle. One of my needs is to talk about the current situation and come to a comforting or somewhat of an understanding state to enjoy another day. Relating to others with the same concerns has provided a relief value for me. Our church family is just one source for that relief. You are part of that through your support of Dryland's mission and I just want to thank you for your part. Prayers continue to be the primary importance for all of us and our families during this COVID-19 pandemic period. Continue safe practices as you venture out doing your daily activities. We understand the challenges mentally, physically, spiritually, and financially are still present. Continue to relate and interact with your neighbors, friends, and your church. Know that God will see us through and He Is Still In Control.

Regarding the recent Finance Appeal letter that was sent to all Dryland members, we share with you that your church family is stepping up to the plate. Our receipts did improve and that's an encouraging sign. We THANK each of you for your generosity. There is plenty of work to accomplish, so don't feel bashful to pitch in. Remember, please don't hesitate to contact any members of the Finance Committee with your concerns or questions. You may also reach us with an email at Drylandfinance@rcn.com.

With the covenant made between God and each one of us, we can and will support the programs offered by our Dryland family.

- A Place To Belong -

Dewayne Heller, Treasurer

Craig Johnson, Asst. Treasurer

Finance Committee: Dewayne Heller, Craig Johnson, TJ Bostian, Jerry Hittinger, Monna Lou Henninger, Steve Henninger, Karen Lambert, Pastor Edward, Allen Singer



The John Sofka Scholarship is available to college bound students in 2019. Please complete an application (below, or available in the church office). The scholarships will be disbursed to students in mid-August. Deadline to apply is August 4th.

John Sofka Memorial Fund Scholarship Application

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High School Graduate Yes or No

Year Of High School Graduation _____

Name Of High School Attended _____

Address Of High School _____

College Or Trade School Planning To Attend / Attending

Program Intending To Enter _____

Degree Or Certificate Intended To Earn _____

Category	June Receipts	June Expenses	June Balance	YTD Receipts	YTD Expense	YTD Balance
Current-Mission-Property	\$13,840.14	\$16,197.49	-\$2,357.35	\$77,673.07	\$95,594.86	-\$17,921.79
Capital (Mortgage)	\$1,582.02	\$1,226.00	\$356.02	\$9,641.93	\$8,556.00	\$1,085.93
Total Category Balance	\$15,422.16	\$17,423.49	-\$2,001.33	\$87,315.00	\$104,150.86	-\$16,835.86
Giant Card Program	\$2,200.00	\$2,090.00	\$110.00	\$13,400.00	\$12,750.00	\$650.00

NOTE:

2020 Budget (exclude Capital)	\$233,972.00
Monthly Receipts Required	\$19,497.67
Weekly Receipts Required	\$4,874.42
2020 Budget (Capital)	\$14,712.00
Monthly Receipts Required	\$1,226.00
Weekly Receipts Required	\$306.50