

# The Breeze

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## June 4 -1st Sunday after Pentecost

Worship service at 9:30 am  
Holy Communion  
Birthday Sunday

## June 11 - 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Worship service at 9:30 am

## June 18 - Father's Day

Worship service at 9:30 am

## June 25 - 4th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship service 9:30 am



**JUNE 14**



**JUNE 18 Give Dad your best today!**



**JUNE 21 HAPPY DAYS TO COME!**

## MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Grace and Peace Beloved

We celebrated Pentecost Sunday on May 28, 2023. We can rejoice in the memory of this day, for the Lord God fulfilled an awesome promise, "I will pour out my Spirit on all people." (Joel 2:28) This amazing gift was also foretold by Jesus in the Gospel of John, where Jesus says He will send another Counselor, the Spirit of Truth. (John 16: 5-15) By sending the Holy Spirit, Jesus makes available to each believer wisdom, discernment, perseverance, strength, and grace, so that we can live a life that produces the fruit of the Spirit, such as love. (Galatians 5:22-23)

Dryland Church has also received new members and shared in the sacrament of baptism. The sacrament of baptism is a visible sign of God's grace, a sign that the promise of the Gospel is not just to us but to our children into every generation. Momentum is building as we interact with parents. Plans are underway for Sunday School to pick up in the Fall of 2023. You can be a big help by looking for our survey and sharing it with family and friends. Your responses will help shape the year ahead.

As we journey through the summer months, be alert for opportunities to be a blessing to others. Where possible, bless someone with a kind word, a smile, and a scriptural reminder that God knows each of us. Encourage hearts by sharing that God has plans to give us hope and a future, plans for us to prosper and to be well. (Jeremiah 29:11) Remember, you just may be the only blessing that someone receives today.

When you meet people, be emboldened to meet them with the peace of Christ. You just may leave them knowing they too are loved. You just may leave them thirsty for belief. Many people have an emptiness that they cannot fill. Jesus said,

“Whoever believes in Me shall never thirst.” (John 6:35) Only Christ satisfies, for He satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul He fills with good things. (Psalm 107:9) Be encouraged to make the most of each day. Remember that God first loved you. May you dwell on this and pay it forward.

In Christ's Service,  
Pastor Edward



Join the choir...  
You'll Be Glad  
You Did!

### CHOIR PRACTICE SCHEDULE

NO CHOIR PRACTICE UNTIL SEPTEMBER



### Prayer Concerns & Joys:

Karen Peters, Peter Garcia, Kelsey Atwood, Dave Wagner, Jarret Nagy, Nate, Erin and unborn twin daughters, Steven & Jane Bell, Sherry Biggs Williams and her three children.

**Long-term Prayer Concerns:** Matthew Atwood, Brent Burton, Beth Chen, Cory Cruttenden, Guy Connelly, Debbie Coppola, Jennifer Dacosta, Deby Duby, Shawn Durn, Peter Garcia, Charlie Gianguzi, Kevin Hann, Jack Hunt, Lisa Intrepido, Dorothy Johnson, Sonny Laubach, Stephanie Lilly, Debbie Luckenbach, Barbara Moon, Grayce Raven, Jakob Raven, Ken Raven, Barb Tomko, Elwood Trumbauer, Charissa & Jason Williams, Carter Wolfgang, Susan Young, All Members of Dryland.

**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**

Fellowship Community, Room 330, Villa  
3000 Community Drive, Whitehall, PA 18052

**Herbert Heller – 5/4/26**

Gensis-Lehigh Health Center, Room 208  
1718 Spring Creek Road, Macungie, PA 18062

## CELEBRATING OUR MEMBERS MEMBERS OF THE MONTH

### ALL GRADUATES

**Pre-school, kindergarten, elementary, middle school, high school, and college:**

**Congratulations to everyone who is experiencing some type of graduation at this time of year. We hope you have met all your accomplishments so far. Wishing you guidance as you move forward in the days and years to come!**

**It is great people like these that keep.**

**Dryland a great family!**

**Nominated by: Kathy Peters, editor of the breeze.**



**Loaves and fishes** lunch program is resuming starting in June. We will be looking for 4-5 volunteers to serve lunch at St. John's UCC on Broad Street. Dates are not set yet. Time between 10:30-1:30. If interested, please reach out to Linda Lechner.



“We appreciate all the prayers, cards, and messages from the Dryland folks upon the unexpected passing of our beloved son, David. He moved to Florida one year ago to be with us and to “take care of us in our old age.” He was so happy and loved fishing with us on his fishing boat. We were blessed to have him here with us. He worked in other places until he moved here. He was the kindest soul we've ever met and anyone who met him loved him. May he rest in peace with our Lord.” Barb & George Scherer

**THOUGHT OF THE MONTH**

**Aim at the sun, you may not reach it, but you will fly higher than if you never aimed at all!**



Here at Dryland, we currently have a prayer chain; however, it only consists of 6 people. It used to be three chains with 6 in each chain. Due to deaths, members moving and leaving the church, we are down to only 1 chain with 5 members. I am sending out a plea for more people to join this list. It only consists of making a call to a person on the list to let them know who is currently put on the prayer chain and what their problem is if they want to indulge it. That's all it is. Only takes about 3-4 minutes of your time. I get the calls from members or the Pastor and pass them on to the starting members of each chain, then it is passed on from there. Anyone can do it, male or female, young or old. Please consider this and let me know, so we can have a three- or four-person chain again. Contact me at 610-837-7210 or [kdrybreezekip@gmail.com](mailto:kdrybreezekip@gmail.com). Looking forward to hearing from you. Thank You. Kathy I. Peters



- 4 Harrison Bostian, Jacob Wessner
- 6 Abbey Burnette
- 8 Sharon Laubach
- 11 Renee Berthoud, Bryce Fogel, Shjon Watlington, Trevor Watlington
- 13 Carl Gerhart, Patricia Muthard
- 14 Kyle Perkins
- 17 Sam Yoder
- 20 Scott Heller, Diane Wessner
- 24 David Burnette, Brady Jones
- 25 Patricia Johnson
- 27 Mike Carl, Andrew Weidner
- 29 Troy Watlington



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| 4  | Mr. & Mrs. Timm Tenges        | 46 years |
| 6  | Mr. & Mrs. Dean Knause        | 25 years |
| 7  | Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Snoko      | 26 years |
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| 9  | Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Teitsworth | 22 years |
| 10 | Mr. & Mrs. Eric Knopp         | 10 years |
| 19 | Mr. & Mrs. Shawn Rice         | 13 years |
| 23 | Mr. & Mrs. Jay Watlington     | 33 years |
| 24 | Mr. & Mrs. Steven Mosser      | 16 years |



We welcome to our church family, Sunday May 28, 2023, Robert & Jesse Moran. It is great to have new families join our family and become one. We look forward to having you get involved in all aspects of activities, here at Dryland!



**NO SPONSORS FOR JUNE**



Sunday, May 28, 2023, we welcomed through baptism, Ava Camila Moran, Ava is the daughter of Robert & Jesse Moran. We welcome Ava as our newest member by baptism.



**FROM the CHAIRPERSON** of Consistory

As May closes and June begins Consistory would like to take a moment to say congratulations to all who are graduating from high school and college! We are very proud of you and wish you peace, joy and the best of luck in your future endeavors!! To all the parents, guardians and families who have supported these individuals, congratulations to you as well! The patience, diligence and sense of humor have paid off!!

Consistory continues to try to figure out the best way to support our church spiritually and financially moving forward into the future. We have decided at our last meeting to develop a separate committee to work on just this subject. We are looking for parishioners, those who are in the sanctuary on a Sunday, those who are joining us online and those who have drifted away a bit but continue to keep Dryland in their hearts to join this committee to investigate options for keeping Dryland a functioning church. We have been very forthcoming about the membership and giving taking place at this time. We need your help to identify ways for us to remain in our community to share the word and the work of our Lord. If the presence of Dryland is important to you from a spiritual, communal and community standpoint, please choose to share your time and talent and serve on this committee. Please reach out to me, Heidi Singer, 610-509-0371 or Dan Cruttenden, 610-905-7970. We are happy to speak with you about what this committee will be doing.

We have been busy working on other tasks as well. Alison Rothrock along with Jen and Lisa Intrepido are working on a Youth Faith Program that will be presented in 4-week blocks of time. Each session will have a core theme and will be an immersive dive into that subject over the 4 weeks. The first session will be on The Creation and will be held in October. The fun activities of that month will culminate in a Trunk or Treat event in the church parking lot. All youth are welcome to participate! Please keep your eyes and ears peeled for more information. Start thinking about kids you know and share this information with them!

Some of the nuts-and-bolts tasks being taken care of at this time include the following: the 2023 fund drive which will be going out to the community groups who use our church asking for their support, organizing job descriptions and annual review forms for church employees, replacing a toilet in one of the Narthex bathrooms, working on replacing our AED as it is now about 20 years old, investigating replacing air conditioning unit in the CEC, the Open and Affirming group will be meeting in June for our organizational meeting, evaluation of a sink hole repair at the west end of the church and many other upkeep activities. If you have any questions or thoughts about any of these items, please feel free to reach out to any consistory member.

We hope you have a wonderful start to your summer! We wish for everyone some time to relax, unwind and share time with those you love. Peace and joy to all,  
Heidi Singer  
Consistory President

**CONSISTORY 2023**

**Officers**

- President – Heidi Singer (E)
- VP – Dan Cruttenden (E)
- Secretary – Linda Atwood (D)
- Treasurer – Dewayne Heller (E)

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**MUSIC & WORSHIP REPORT**

NO REPORT THIS MONTH

## TREASURER'S REPORT

The cash receipt and expenditures activity for the period April 1, thru April 30, 2023.

Receipts for May 1 thru May 20, 2023

(Church Envelop Categories):

Category	Church Exp	--	\$ 10,002.00
Category	Missions	--	\$ 379.00
Category	Property	--	\$ 389.00
Category	Capital	--	\$ 964.50

2023 Budget (exclude Capital)	\$ 240,891.00
Monthly Receipts Required	\$ 20,074.25
Weekly Receipts Required	\$ 5,018.56
2023 Budget (Capital)	\$ 12,382.80
Monthly Receipts Required	\$ 1,031.90
Weekly Receipts Required	\$ 238.13

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! Identifying with Christ!!**

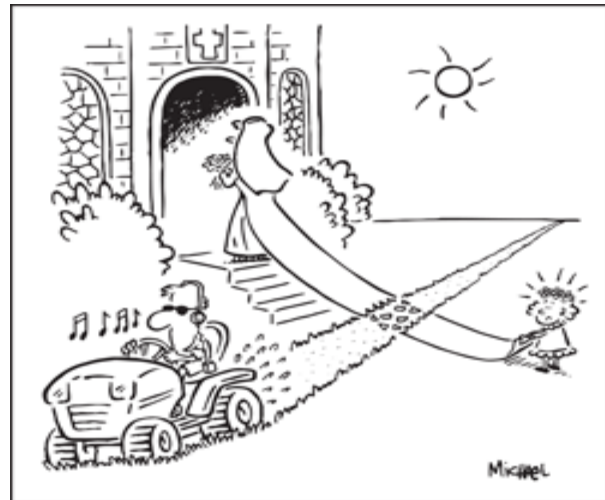
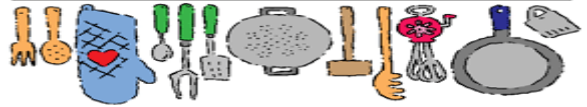
Blessings

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## FROM THE KITCHEN COMMITTEE



<b>Category</b>	<b>April Receipts</b>	<b>April Expense</b>	<b>April Balance</b>	<b>YTD Receipts</b>	<b>YTD Expense</b>	<b>YTD Balance</b>
<b>Current-Mission-Property</b>	\$12,121.37	\$18,320.86	<b>6,199.49</b>	56,100.34	70,422.69	<b>14,322.35</b>
<b>Capital (Mortgage)</b>	\$1,602.00	\$1,031.90	<b>\$570.10</b>	<b>\$5,852.50</b>	<b>\$4,127.60</b>	<b>\$1,724.90</b>

<b>Giant Card Program</b>	\$3,050.00	\$2,897.50	152.50	\$11,250.00	\$10,687.50	562.50
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