



The Breeze

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February 4 - 5th Sunday after Epiphany

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

February 11 - I Luv Dryland Day/ Scout Sunday

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

February 14 - Ash Wednesday

Service at 7:00 p.m.
Communion

February 18 - 1st Sunday of Lent

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

February 25 - 2nd Sunday of Lent

Worship service at 9:30 am
Sunday School 9:30 am



2/12/2024



2/14 7:00P.M.



2/14/2024



Lenten Blessings Beloved of God,

Each day that we draw breath, we are filled with potential. That potential may vary from moment to moment, but in most cases, each moment comes with power and choice. The season of Epiphany celebrates the power and decision that God chose to enter our finite time and space so that humanity may be redeemed and reconciled with God. This is partly why so many remember and rejoice with the great revealing, the epiphany of our God in the person of Jesus.

We recognize the start of the Lenten season during February. This is a 40-day period from Ash Wednesday to Easter/Resurrection Sunday. This time provides a practical opportunity for each of us to reflect on the work of Jesus, His call for each of us, and what He is calling us to become as His church.

I invite you to journey together as a congregation and focus on hearing what God is saying and heeding what God is calling you to do, and to become. I invite you to draw encouragement each day in remembrance that God so loved humankind that He not only came and lived among us, but He sacrificed Himself on the cross to atone for our sins. Through such a sacrifice, Christ Jesus made the way for us to be reconciled with God. May His love for you draw you closer in your journey with God and allow you to use your gifts to further the mission of His Church.

Dryland Church gathers as followers of Jesus. We serve as His disciples. Drawing closer to God is important now, more than ever. We have endured some particularly difficult times as a church. The Pandemic was a period of great disruption. The norms of youth and adults were impacted. Most areas of life, including church fellowship, were placed on hold. Most everyone knows someone whose family experienced the loss of loved ones.

In the wake of grief and disrupted norms, an absence of intergenerational fellowship is one of the areas we ache as a body. Our Holy Texts describe the assembly of followers as the body of Christ. This biblical view has many applications. Concerning our relationships with Christ and one another, consider the text of 1 Corinthians 12. *For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit, we were all baptized into one body, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit* (Verses 12 and 13).

God has grafted us together as one body so that we also may care for one another, grieve with each who suffers loss, and celebrate with each who experiences joy. God knows our grief, loss, and fear. God also promises to be with us always and desires that we all become one in Christ Jesus (John 17:21). Unity in the Spirit is essential for our body of Christ to feel whole and to impact our community as an intergenerational body.

Know that God is present for each of us and can deliver us. Deliverance is liberation, release, or relief by Christ from burdens too heavy to bear and things that separate us from God. Whether we are feeling indifference, uncertainty, or rage, waiting on God can bring about our deliverance. God calls us to rest and abide with God so that we can hear God's instructions for renewal, forgiveness, and growth.

As we journey through this Lenten season, let us recommit to discovering the unique way God is calling Dryland to minister and impact through missions. Keep looking for strength through Christ and trust that each of us will become the disciple God is forming us to be. Be encouraged. Believe in God's promises and together we will realize the potential that God sees in each of us, as the body of Christ.

In Christ's Service, Pastor Edward



Janet Day – 1/29/35,
Fellowship Community, Room 271, Terrace
3000 Community Drive, Whitehall, PA 18052
Dottie Heckler – 12/29/29
Moravian Hall Square, Room #1009W
175 W. North Street, Nazareth, PA 18064



I LOVE DRYLAND DAY

We will once again be celebrating I Love Dryland Day on February 11th. Items will be collected from February 4th through February 18th. 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 to as many tags as you would like.

Here are some of the needed items:

Kleenex, paper towels, 13-gallon trash bags, 8oz. coffee cups, Ziploc bags: storage and freezer in both quart and gallon sizes, vegetable and olive oils, sugar, brown sugar, flour and de-caf coffee.

The office could use stamps and copy paper (legal size – light blue or white).

Cash gifts will be used by the kitchen committee to purchase takeout containers or other necessary items.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!! Joyce



Prayer Concerns & Joys:

Nolan Koch, Angela Tout, Nicole,
Emily Livingston, Marshia Stiles

Long-term Prayer Concerns: Matthew Atwood, Brent Burton, Lina Benner, Sandy Carr, Richard Creyer, Gary & Karen Crosson, Cory Cruttenden, Chris (nephew of Dave Hess), Paul Moore, Lina Benner, Beth Chen, Guy Connelly, Debbie Coppola, Gary & Karen Crosson, Jennifer DaCosta, Joann Dornblaser, Deby Duby, Shawn Durn, Peter Garcia, Barb & Jim Goldman, Charlie Gianguzi, Kevin Hann, Dottie Heckler, Joyce Hittinger, Dorothy Johnson, Linda Keller, Sonny Laubach, Ron Lehr, Stephanie Lilly, Debbie Luckenbach, Cade Lutz, Barbara Moon, Catherine Mrowka, Grayce Raven, Jakob Raven, Ken Raven, Maurice, Gillian & Genine Sloane, Barb Tomko, 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

CHANGE OF ADDRESS



Mr. Ronald Lehr, 1226 Cameron Drive,
Manheim, PA 17545 (with his daughter)

Dottie Hecker, Moravian Hall Square,
Room #1009W, 175 W. North Street,
Nazareth, PA 18064

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



A great time was had by the 18 members who participated in the Pollyanna gift swap that was held after church on the 14th. It was a lot of fun and great gifts were exchanged. Looking forward to having it again soon, and having more people join in. The more, the merrier!



CHOIR PRACTICE SCHEDULE

February 13 9:30 am

February 27 9:30 am

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

**Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction,
persevere in prayer!**

CELEBRATING OUR MEMBERS

MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Steve Henninger

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to him for all he does for the inside of Dryland. Even though he is not on Consistory or head of a committee, you can find him making sure everything is running properly inside the church. We would like to honor him this month and the months to come!

It is great people like these that keep.

Dryland a great family!

Nominated by Members of Dryland



Dear Friends from Dryland,

My sons Hugh, Adam and I would like to thank everyone who reached out to us expressing their sympathy on the passing of their beloved mother and my wife Anita. We deeply appreciate the thoughts and prayers.

Hugh Harris

We thank you very much for all the Holiday greetings and best wishes in our new residence. We are adjusting to our new relaxing life we are having, meeting new people who became our friends. We are blessed having our church family with us through happy and trying times.

Thank you so much! Barb & Jim Goldman



A great big thank you was announced at our Congregational meeting for the six years that Linda Atwood has put in as a member of consistory. She has filled her role above and beyond expectations. We are sad to see her leaving consistory, but she will certainly still be around to lend a helping hand when needed. Again, Thank You Linda!



Join Pastor Livingston for a time of prayer and healing on Tuesdays, at 11:00-11:30 am. in the Sanctuary.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Groundhog Day Dinner – pick up 2/3 11a-2p
- Valentine Craft Fair 2/9 4pm-9pm
- Cherry Pie Sale – pick up 2/17 8a-2p
- Easter Pie Sale – pick up 3/29 & 3/30 8a-2p
(Form attached)



- 2 Beth Green
- 3 Thomas Mosser, Scott Weisel
- 5 Liz Carl
- 8 Mallory Dawson
- 9 Christine Seiple
- 11 Dennis Muthard, Brooke Spadaccia, Jason Vian
- 12 David Dornblaser
- 13 George Stewart, Jr.
- 15 Chantelle Danchak, Margaret Heller
- 16 Susan Bostian
- 19 Emilia Motts
- 20 Sarah Gallagher
- 22 Karen Lambert, Melanie Motts, Roberta Schmauch
- 23 Robert Beahm
- 24 Seth Watlington
- 26 Marie Frey
- 27 Joshua Peters
- 28 TJ Bostian



- 9 Mr. & Mrs. James Goldman 44 years
- 13 Mr. & Mrs. Michael Pizzoferrato 31 years
- 27 Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Green, Sr. 59 years



We will again be asking for sponsors for the Bulletin. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex. The cost of the weekly Bulletin sponsorship is \$12.00. This will help reduce the cost of paper and printing of the bulletins. Thank you for your help!



Christian Education Report:

We would love for more students to join our Christian Education Group. Linda Lechner and I promise fun, art projects and learning exciting things!

We will be learning about God's gifts and how to always follow the star of hope.

Please come give us a try every Sunday morning from 9:30-10:30 in Room #2.

In Christian Love,
Alison and Linda



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



Pastor Edward's Mother is having hip surgery on the 29th of January. She lives in Massachusetts, so let us shower her with lots of get well wishes.
Sandra Livingston, 197 Coe Road, Brockton, MA 02302

CONSISTORY 2024

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



Blessings to All,
I am hoping everyone is staying warm and healthy. Although I am not a fan of cleaning it up, it was really nice to see the outside covered in a beautiful blanket of white this past month. Our Lord's creations are works of art. As we move into the heart of winter, let's try hard to notice the beauty before us every day and say a prayer filled with love and gratitude.

February will bring our "I Love Dryland" drive. Joyce Hittinger will be making another of her beautiful works of art filled with items needed for the daily functioning of the church. items like kitchen, cleaning, office supplies as well as others. We ask those who are able to join us in person to select a tag with an item listed on it, purchase that item, and return it to the church by February 18th. If you are unable to join us in person and would like to participate, please reach out to the church office or to a consistory member and we will help you.

We held the annual congregational meeting in January. Good discussion and idea sharing took place. A huge thank you to the members who stayed and participated. The people of Dryland are the church of Dryland! During the discussion we discovered that some, maybe more than some, have misunderstood where their contributions go when they are sharing their weekly contributions to

Dryland. Consistory and finance will be sending an email and letter to those who request that form of communication to clarify for everyone how their contributions are being used.

Calling all bakers AND donators of baked goods!! Dryland is an election site and will be hosting the presidential primary election on April 23, 2024. We held a bake sale during the last election day and sold all we had and had people who came later in the day to vote asking for baked items as well. People purchased all different types of items such as individual packs of cookies, muffins, cupcakes but also whole cakes, pies, loaves of banana bread etc. As a result, consistory would love to have bigger, better bake sales during 2024 as it is a Presidential election year and turnout should be high. We are looking for an organizer for this event as well as bakers, baked good donators and bake table attendant volunteers for April 23rd. This is a wonderful way to donate time and talent as well as help bring extra funds into the church. Please reach out to the office or a consistory member for information.

Be safe, warm, and hopeful,
Heidi Singer

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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.



Cherry Pie Sale!

Saturday, February 17, 2024

\$12 per pie

Pick-up at Dryland:

Saturday February 17th from 8am-2pm

Order by: Sunday, February 11, 2024

To order, call Karen (610-504-1158) or

Rich (484-897-9799) or

Church office (610-759-4444)



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Easter Pie Sale

\$12 per Pie

Order by Sunday, March 24, 2024

Pick up Friday, March 29, from 8-2

Or Saturday, March 30, from 8-2

NAME

TELEPHONE

NUMBER _____

APPLE CRUMB _____

CHERRY CRUMB _____

COCONUT CUSTARD _____

KEY LIME _____

PEANUT BUTTER PIE _____

TOTAL NUMBER OF PIES _____

TOTAL DUE: _____

Please turn the order forms into either Karen (610-504-1158) or Rich (484-894-9799) or Church Office (610-759-4444).



VALENTINE'S DAY SHOPPING EVENT

VENDORS CRAFT FAIR

Friday, February 9, 2024

Time: 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Dryland UCC 4415 Newburg Road,

Nazareth, PA 18064

Chocolates, Baked Goods, Crafters,

Vendors, Moravian Sugar Cake,

Tricky Tray/Silent Auction, 50/50

And MORE!

Shop for everyone! Share the Love!

Spots as low as \$20! First come,

First serve for booths!



TREASURER'S REPORT

The cash receipt and expenditures activity for the period December 1, through December 31, 2023

Category	Nov Receipts	Nov Expense	Nov Balance	YTD Receipts	YTD Expense	YTD Balance
Current-Mission-Property	\$22,134.43	\$23,089.30	-\$954.87	\$176,641.28	\$214,599.04	\$37,957.76
Capital (Mortgage)	\$1,547.25	\$1,031.90	\$515.85	\$16,961.25	\$12,382.80	\$4,578.45
Giant Card Program	\$2,600.00	\$2,470.00	\$130.00	\$34,600.00	\$32,870.00	\$1,730.00

NOTE:

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

This is the final monthly report for 2023. As stated, this represents budget items in categories listed above and supported by the congregation and friends. This does not represent non-budgeted items. The 2023 Financial Statement and approved 2024 budget are available and will be made available to you in additional correspondence.

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