

The Breeze

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A Publication of Dryland U.C.C. To keep our members and friends informed of our programs, opportunities, and events.

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March 2 - 9th Sunday after Epiphany

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

March 9 - 1st Sunday of Lent/Change Sunday

Worship service at 8:00 & 9:30 am
Sunday School 9:30 am
Make a Joyful Noise, Bring loose change!

March 16 - 2nd Sunday of Lent

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

March 23 - 3rd Sunday of Lent

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

March 30 - 4th Sunday of Lent

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



MARCH 5, 2025



MARCH 9, 2025



MARCH 20, 2025

I pray this note finds you well during this Lenten season. A focus of the Lenten season is our getting closer to God. At the core of this connection are relationships with God, our neighbors, and ourselves. Lent includes the period from Ash Wednesday, March 5th this year, through the Maundy Thursday service commemorating the Last Supper with the sacrament of Communion.

I invite you to listen to where God is leading you. Please listen for how the Church of Christ, the people, may better demonstrate the welcoming presence of God. There is a wisdom our holy scriptures reveal in being still. There is so much tension fracturing our community and anxiety overwhelming our lives. Trust in the Lord our God, in Him we can find refuge.

Be still for a few moments each day or several times during the week to hear where God desires for you to place your energy, resources, and action. May you be encouraged by the words we find in Psalm 107:28-29, "Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble, and He brought them out of their distress. He stilled the storm to a whisper; the waves of the sea were hushed."

The Prophet Isaiah, in chapter 40, verse 31 recorded, "But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." These words from the Lord our God are important and necessary for our well-being and peace.

I encourage you to renew your efforts to hear from God, for God is still speaking. You may be moved to seek people already helping people who struggle with depression, anxiety, homelessness, or other core matters. Whatever we are uneasy about, let us not suffer alone nor in silence. Contact your pastor, a friend, family, or

church members, or the 24-Hour Emergency Number for Northampton, 610-252-9060.

People are in need of hope and encouragement. We can support one another. Whether this is you or someone you know, together in the Lord, we can take heed to the lessons from Colossians 3:15 and Philippians 4:7 that read, "Let the peace of the Messiah also rule in your hearts, to which you were called in one body, and be thankful. And the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Together, we can revive how we are present for Christ's mission to heal, restore, and share the Good News of the Lord's favor. Come and spark renewal as a community of faith at the next announced gathering, March 4, at 3 PM as we delve into congregational vitality with the Rev. Matt Gorkos. I hope to see you at our Ash Wednesday Service, at 7 PM on March 5th.

In Christ's Service, *Pastor Edward*



Remember Our Shut-ins

Janet Day – 1/29/35,
Fellowship Community, Room 271, Terrace
3000 Community Drive, Whitehall, PA 18052

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH
It's the little things we do and say
That mean so much as we go on our way.
A kindly deed can lift a load
From weary shoulders on the road!



I LOVE DRYLAND DAY

Even though we had some setbacks with the weather, we had a very successful Giving Day. Lots of hearts were taken and returned with the supplies needed.

Again, thank you all.

Joyce



Prayer Concerns & Joys: Christa Bet, Lila Grace, Monna Lou Henninger, Joyce Hittinger, Dawn & Brandon Werkheiser, Sharon & Sonny Laubach

Long-term Prayer Concerns: David Atwood, Karen Brugger, Brent Burton, Betsy Coladonato, Richard Creyer, Cory Cruttenden, Debbie Coppola, Joann Dornblaser, Deby Duby, Shawn Durn, Jerry Enderle, Peter Garcia, Charlie Gianguzi, Roseann Good, Dolores Hageter, Kevin Hann, Jessica Harper, Ray Hess, Francois Houlet, Dorothy Johnson, Doris Keller, Tammy LaBar, Sonny Laubach, Stephanie Lilly, Debbie Luckenbach, Cade Lutz, Peter Marmaras, Rodger McKay, Luther Mitman, Robert Nagy, Melissa Pelaez, Grayce, Jakob & Ken Raven, Sharon & Jim Rehrig, Chris Shetlick, Maurice, Gillian & Genine Sloane, Cathy Stewart, Angela Tout, Jorn Walter, Sandy Wambold, Patty Weidner, Shirley Weidner, Charissa & Jason Williams, Carter Wolfgang, Grandpa Yin, All members of Dryland.

Our Service People: Chief MSG Thomas Bostian, SRA Patrick Jones, Major Scott Lechner, MSGT Paul Moore, PO1 Rodger Nagy, LT Seth Watlington, PO3 Troy Watlington



MEMBER OF THE MONTH

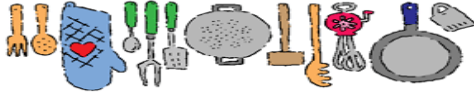
Connie Ashenfalder

Connie has been our sexton for the past 3 years and we thank her for a job well done over these years. She is also a great help in the kitchen and donates a lot of items, where needed. We will miss you, Connie! Best of Luck in your move to North Carolina later in the summer!

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

Nominated by **Kathy I. Peters, Editor**

FROM THE KITCHEN COMMITTEE



World Cup Special Stars Fundraising Dinner

Saturday March 15th ~ Dine-in or Take-out
**Order by: *Sunday, March 9th*

Easter Pie Sale ~ April 18th & 19th

**Order by: *Sunday, April 13th*

To order meals/pies: call Karen (610-504-1158),
Rich (484-894-9799) or
Church Office (610-759-4444)



SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY Thank you everyone for sending soups for Souper Bowl Sunday. There were 58 cans of soup that went to the food bank.



You can become a sponsor of the Bulletin – in honor or memorial of a loved one! The cost of the Bulletin is **\$12.00**. This will help with the cost of the paper and ink. Thank you in advance.



We send our sincere sympathy to the following families: Shanna Dawson for the passing of her Uncle Jim on 2-14-25. Dawn & Brandon Werkheiser for the passing of husband & father, Sam Werkheiser on 2-24-25. Please know they are at peace in heaven with our Lord & Savior.

Mark Your Calendar

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Wed. March 5: Ash Wednesday 7pm

Fri. March 7: World Day of Prayer

Sun. March 9: Daylight Savings Time/Change Sunday

Tue. March 17: St Patrick's Day

Thur. March 20: First Day of Spring



In Christian Love,
Alison



1	Randi Johnson
3	John Getz
10	Jacob Angione
12	Leon Lieberman
17	Tracy Jones
20	Nancy Weisel
22	Matthew Burton, Dan Cruttenden
30	Bev Weidner



20	Mr. & Mrs. David Faust	44 years
24	Mr. & Mrs. Roy Seiple	46 Years

CONSISTORY 2025

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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.

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Blessings everyone. The new members of Consistory met for the first time in the month of February. Acclimation and familiarizing everyone with the workings of the Consistory is going well. We are so pleased with our new volunteers to help with God's work in our Church.

It's very important for the congregation to keep informed about the transition taking place with our Church and Pastor Ed. We have had two meetings and both were successful and fairly well attended. The result of those meetings, one with Bonnie Bates of PNEC, has left us with numerous decisions to make.

A decision was made to get involved with help from the conference. The conference offers someone, from a coaching team, to help and guide us in developing a plan for the near future. We will be meeting with that person, Pastor Matt Gorkos, on March 4th at 3:00 p.m. in the CEC. Please plan on attending to help us formulate a direction for Dryland.

Dryland continues to be strong with offering activities and involvement within the church and with many community groups. Upcoming events include: Scout Sunday, Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby, dine-in or take-out meal at the Church on March 15th, Spring Penny Party, and a parking lot garage sale May 3rd that coincides with the township Lower Nazareth garage sale day. Information on these events can be found

throughout The Breeze and on the bulletin boards at Church. Please attend and support Dryland with attendance in these events.

It appears that spring is not too far away. Until then we look forward to warmer weather and the blossoming of trees and beautiful flowers.

Dan Cruttenden, Consistory VP



Dryland United Church of Christ
EASTER PIE SALE

\$12 per Pie

Pick-up:

Friday, April 18 ~ 8am-2pm

Or Saturday, April 19 ~ 8am-2pm

Order by: Sunday, April 13th

ORDER FORM:

Dryland United Church of Christ ~ Easter Pie Sale
\$12 per Pie

Order by Sunday, April 13, 2025

Pick up Friday, April 18, from 8-2

Or Saturday, April 19, from 8-2

NAME _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

APPLE CRUMB _____

CHERRY CRUMB _____

COCONUT CUSTARD _____

KEY LIME _____

PEANUT BUTTER PIE _____

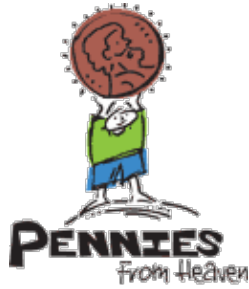
**** STRAWBERRY RHUBARB** _____

TOTAL NUMBER OF PIES _____

TOTAL DUE: _____

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

**** LIMITED QUANTITY AVAILABLE**



Penny Party Donations wanted:

We are looking for spring/summer themed items to make tricky tray baskets or if you wish to make your own basket, that would be great! We are looking for spring/summer themed baskets! All items should be dropped off to Karen before April 1st. THANK YOU in advance!

It's a PENNY PARTY!
Saturday, April 12
 Doors open at 11:30am
 Party starts at 1:00pm

Dryland UCC
 4415 Newburg Road
 Nazareth PA 18064
 610-759-4444

Kitchen opens at 11:30am
 Tricky Tray & 50/50 raffle!
 Join us for a *GREAT* time!

World Cup Special Stars Fundraising Dinner!

Saturday, March 15
Dine-in (5-7pm) OR Take-out (11am-2pm)

★ \$12 per person ★

Menu: salad, cheddar baked chicken, roasted potato wedges, string beans, rolls, apple crumb pie

Order by: *Sunday March 9*

**All proceeds benefit:
Cheerabilities Team for trip to All-Star Worlds in FL!**

To order call: Rich 484-894-9799, Karen 610-504-1158,
Church Office 610-759-4444



MARCH 7, 2025



MARCH 17, 2025