



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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January 1 - Happy New Year

Worship service at 9:30 am
Holy Communion
Birthday Sunday

January 8 - 1st Sunday after Epiphany

Worship service at 9:30 am
New Members welcomed

January 15 - Congregational Meeting

Worship service at 9:30 am
Congregational Meeting 10:30 am

January 22 - 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Worship service at 9:30 am

January 29 - 4th Sunday after Epiphany

Worship service at 9:30 am



Blessed New Year Beloved of God,

During Advent, I invited you to pray for yourself, your family, and your community (church, work, etc.) and start 2023 in renewed fellowship as Dryland, **the church united for Christ**. We have entered the Season of Epiphany in 2023. We can celebrate that Jesus extended His call to repentance and new life in Him. This includes all people, Jews, and Gentiles. The great revealing of Jesus, the Son of God, was not only shared with Israelite shepherds, but with gentile magi who followed Christ's star to Jesus, the newborn King. This Epiphany is celebrated in many Christian traditions as the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles. As we begin the new year, I am excited to hear what you long for as a church of Christ and to learn how God is speaking to you as disciples of Jesus.

This is an exciting time to belong to Christ as the church. As Christ's disciples, we have the amazing role of becoming a group of people unified under Christ (Ephesians 4:1-3). We have the amazing honor of being points of light who represent and reflect Jesus to the world (Corinthians 12:12-17). Ours is the privilege to be ambassadors for Christ, and that by our everyday living, we can help transform society so that the world may be a better and more peaceful place to live. Christ is our model. "For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. So, we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us." (Titus 2:11-14)

I pray we will continue in 2023 to strive for unity of the Spirit. Stay encouraged, for the unity of the Spirit does not mean perfect agreement of the absence of differences. It means being a community even with our differences. It means looking for the ways our differences also honor

God. Let us celebrate the new thing God is doing and the new ways people agree responding. Let Christ at Dryland, us follow Jesus as a church united for Christ at Dryland.

In Christ's Service, Pastor Edward



Remember Our Shut-ins

- Marion Bjorkman** – 3/24/29 610-365-2442
Alexandria Manor, Room 316
7 South New Street, Nazareth, PA 18064
- Janet Day** – 1/29/35,
Fellowship Community, Room 268
3000 Community Drive, Whitehall, PA 18052
- Dottie Heckler** – 12/29/29 610-759-0197
243 Nazareth Pike, Bethlehem, PA 18020
- Herbert Heller** – 5/4/26
Gensis-Lehigh Health Center, Room 208
1718 Spring Creek Road, Macungie, PA 18062



Prayer Concerns & Joys:

Eliza & Dustin Miller, Nancy, Elwood Trumbauer, Peter Garcia, Members of Dryland,
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.



THANK YOU TO ALL WHO GAVE, MITTENS, HATS, SCARVES AND GLOVES TO THE MITTEN TREE. IT WAS A HUGH SUCCESS. JOYCE THANKS FOR MAKING ALL THE LOVELY HATS!

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

The guardian angels of life sometimes fly so high as to be beyond our sight, but they are always looking down upon us!



CHOIR PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Practice 9:30 A.M. Monday's

- January 2
 - January 9
 - January 16
 - January 23
 - January 30
- Even if you cannot read music, you are more than welcome. We look forward to seeing new faces in the new year.

**CELEBRATING
OUR
MEMBERS**

PERSON OF THE MONTH

AMELIA FEHR

Thank you very much for adding to our Christmas Eve service with your solo of O Holy Night. It was beautiful and really added to the true meaning of Christmas!
 It is great people like these that keep Dryland a great family!
 Nominated by Kathy I Peters, Editor of the Breeze



January 1	OPEN	
January 8	open	
January 15	Mary Ann Heller	In honor of Dewayne's 70 th birthday 1-12-23
January 15	Karen Lambert	In memory of Taylor's birthday
January 22	Bev & Ron Weidner	In honor of Rich & Shirley 75 th wedding anniversary
January 29	Adele & Sam Yoder	In honor of Dottie



We would like to welcome two new members to the Dryland Family. They were received into the church on December 11, 2022:

LuAnn Peters & Sam Yoder

We hope you become involved as a part of the family here at Dryland!



Congratulations and welcome to our newest addition to Dryland. Meet, Eroh Jules Miller, she is the daughter of Eliza Catino Miller and Dustin Miller. Eroh was born on December 25, 2022, at 4:49 p.m. She weighted 7lbs 2oz and is 19inches long. She is the granddaughter of Nancy Catino and the great niece to the Peters and Stewart families.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Ethan Teitsworth
- 4 Stacee Banko
- 5 Trent Fogel, Jaxson Lutz
- 7 Corey Smith, Emily Statfield
- 8 Kelly Stoudt, Richard Wessner
- 11 Donna Burton, Jaxson Price, James Weisel
- 12 Dewayne Heller
- 16 Ronald Davis, Gary Spadaccia
- 17 Jessica Motto
- 20 Jenny Intrepido, Jason Motts
- 21 Elizabeth Erceg, Sharon Ruppert
- 25 Grant Brown
- 29 Janet Day, Bill Tomko
- 30 Jack Schmauch



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 15 Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Bostian 28 years
- 20 Mr. & Mrs. Luther Mitman 61 Years
- 25 Mr. & Mrs. Mark Atwood 26 years



Consistory is looking for 3 to 4 volunteers to join us. It is an exciting time to volunteer to serve. We are in the process of reorganizing how Consistory functions. It is an exciting time to share your time and talent! If you are interested or want more information, please contact Heidi Singer, Dan Cruttenden or Jerry Hittinger.



Meal on Wheels of the Greater Lehigh Valley (MOW)

Dryland UCC started partnering with MOW in August 2021 by providing a remote site to help in the delivery of meals to clients in Nazareth and surrounding areas. At the close of 2022 this program has reached a rather astonishing point! Since August 2021, through the close December 2022, Dryland has played a part in the delivery of more than 17,500 meals!

For those not familiar with program, MOW prepares meals at their Sherman Street facility in Allentown, Monday thru Friday rain or shine. From there, meals are delivered to remote sites throughout the Lehigh Valley. Dryland UCC is one of those remote sites. Meals are delivered to Dryland and placed in the shed at the back of our parking lot, daily around 10:30am. From there, meals are picked up by MOW volunteers (of which several are Dryland members) and delivered to a client. This service provides dietary balanced meals to a wide range of clients with a focus on seniors.

Dawn Stillwagen, MOW Director of Volunteer Services writes: *"We're very happy to have our connection with your church, one that enables us to better serve clients in the Nazareth area. It's important that your members know how much we're able to accomplish because of their help, so thank you."* If you'd like more information about being a MOW volunteer, Dawn can be reached at: dawns@mowglv.org or call (610) 841-7011.

Dryland Missions, Charles Berthoud, chairperson



Cookies and Milk with Santa was a blast:)

Everyone had a great time. Looking forward to next year!



HARRISON & AMELIA



SANTA AND PASTOR ED



SANTA AND JUDY WITH GRANDKIDS



MEAT LOAF DINNER – Take home a “Meat Treat – Ready to Eat”
Saturday, January 14. Pickup time is between 11AM and 2PM. In case of snow or ice which hampers driving, we will have an alternate pickup date and time of Sunday, January 15 between Noon and 2PM. You will be notified by phone if the need arises to change the date.

Start your meal with Spinach Salad with our homemade dressing. Then dine on Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes, Brown Gravy, Buttered Corn, and Dinner Rolls. Complete your dining experience with Carrot Cake.

All this for **\$12.00**. Order deadline is **Sunday, January 8**. Call or text Rich at 484-894-9799 or Karen at 610-504-1158. You may also call the church office at 610-759-4444 to place your order. If there is no answer leave a message in order that we may return your call.

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

December was a month of celebrating the birth of Jesus, culminating on Christmas Eve. We missed our Bell Choir but were fortunate to be able to view some video from last Christmas Eve. Hopefully, we will hear from them again soon. For that to happen they will need some new members. We have been told that all one needs to be able to do is count, so perhaps one of you will take the leap. We were also treated to a guest soloist, Amelia Fehr, singing *O Holy Night*. She is a senior at Nazareth Area High School and is a member the Nightingales and other activities available to the students. We hope to see and hear her again soon. Christmas Day was on Sunday this year, so we celebrated the birth of Jesus once again. Members of the congregation read scriptures and after each reading, we sang a related hymn.

Happy New Year to all of you. May we continue to hope, and share peace, joy, and love throughout the year.

Linda Atwood, Chairperson

2022 was the year we were able to return to traditional worship in the sanctuary while continuing our newfound way to share the word of the Lord online. We are looking at ways to welcome others to join us as we serve the Lord. We have and are welcoming other congregations into our building, so they have a lovely space to worship. It has been my pleasure to serve on Consistory this year. I am. Looking forward to an exciting new year.

Heidi Singer

TREASURER’S REPORT

The cash receipt and expenditures activity for the period November 1, thru November 30, 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 December 1 thru December 17, 2022

(Church Envelop Categories):

Category Church Exp --	\$ 5,897.00
Category Missions --	\$ 284.00
Category Property --	\$ 335.00
Category Capital --	\$ 882.00



WISHING YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES A VERY HAPPY AND JOYOUS NEW YEAR 2023, FROM THE SAFF OF DRYLAND UCC: PASTOR EDWARD, CHRISTINA, KATHY, SUSAN, DEWAYNE, CRAIG, JERRY, CONNIE, ALLEN.

The MIRACULOUS birth has occurred! Praise be to God. As we prepared for the New Year, we Pray and ask God for his Blessings upon our families, his church, our communities, our nation, and the World. We are all one with Christ. Remember 1 Corinthians 13:13 --- So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but he greatest of these is love. 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! Happy New Year!

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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January 17, 2023

Category	Nov Receipts	Nov Expense	Nov Balance	YTD Receipts	YTD Expense	YTD Balance
Current-Mission-Property	\$15,103.17	\$23,748.93	- \$8,645.76	\$148,460.13	\$211,137.59	- \$62,677.46
Capital (Mortgage)	\$1,374.50	\$1,031.90	\$342.60	\$15,563.00	\$11,350.90	\$4,212.10
Total Category Balance	\$16,477.67	\$24,780.83	- \$8,303.16	\$164,023.13	\$222,488.49	- \$58,465.36

Giant Card Program	\$3,350.00	\$3,182.50	\$167.50	\$29,750.00	\$28,300.00	\$1,450.00
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NOTE:

2022 Budget \$226,263.00

(exclude Capital)

Monthly Receipts \$18,855.25

Required

Weekly Receipts \$4,351.21

Required

2022 Budget \$12,382.80

(Capital)

Monthly Receipts \$1,031.90

Required

Weekly Receipts \$238.13

Required