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December 3 - 1st Sunday of Advent

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

December 10 - 2nd Sunday of Advent

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

December 17 - 3rd Sunday of Advent

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

December 24 - 4th Sunday of Advent

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

December 24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight

Service at 7:00 pm
Communion

December 31 - New Years Eve Day

Worship service at 9:30 am



Dec 3, 2023



Dec 21, 2023



Sunday, Dec 24, 7:00 pm



During the first week of December, we celebrate the Advent of Jesus. Advent is the season of remembrance and anticipation of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We remember with gratitude that God came and lived among us in human form. God with us, Emmanuel, the Christ child was born through the womb of His mother, blessed Mary! (Matthew 1:23; Isaiah 7:14) This is one of the many promises of God. This is one key demonstration of His faithfulness, love, and mercy toward all of humankind.

God's mercy is everlasting. The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning, great is God's faithfulness. (Lamentations 3:22-23) This is one of more than 246 instances where God's mercy or lovingkindness is written to convey the love and compassion that God shows humankind. We are to go and do likewise. We also are to show compassion for one another.

A tool we have made available to help each person connect to an area of church life and mission is our *Share the Faith* survey. It is available in the narthex of our church and on the homepage of our website www.drylanducc.org. The 9 areas include *Church Life, Ministry Opportunities, Music and Worship, Christian Education, Missions, Outside or Inside Property Stewardship, Kitchen Ministry, and Other Ministries*. These areas provide concrete ways we each can share our time, talent, skill, and energy. It helps us look at achieving more together for God than we could alone.

Jesus demonstrates the importance of supporting one another like a team. He even provides a playbook, so that we may be aware of

things to come and be prepared until His return. We most certainly need to be ready. The Bible provides the sound principles of discipleship, and learnings that can strengthen our devotion to God, equip us to reach people with real-world answers, and demonstrate Christlike welcome and compassion.

Jesus also shares the importance of belonging on His team -- God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and Jesus' disciples, our teammates. The Spirit of the Living God is present and abundantly available to each soul. We are to support one another, like a team, in striving toward unity in the faith, peace among one another, and practices of goodwill toward all people.

May we be encouraged, for God provides and never leaves us alone. We can look to God and our local church to help strengthen us in the journey toward being living testimonies of God's lovingkindness. As teammates, I pray that we can stay assured in the knowledge that we belong to God. I pray that the peace of God fills each of us and strengthens us to keep reaching people with God's Good News of salvation through Christ.

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
Dottie Heckler – 12/29/29
 Abington Manor, Room 213
 215 Cedar Park Blvd., Easton, PA 18042



HELP US FILL UP THE TREE WITH MITTENS, SCARVES, HATS, SOCKS TO KEEP SOMEONE WARM THIS WINTER!



Prayer Concerns & Joys:

Family of Earle Lieberman, Family of James Dawson, Family of Amanda James, Family of Mary Wenrich, Nicole, Glenn Peters, Barb & Jim Goldman, Ron Lehr, Joyce Hittinger, Joann Dornblaser, Jorn Walter, Catherine Mrowka, The Bridges Family, Gary & Karen Crosson, Linda Keller, people of Israel, people of Palestine.

Long-term Prayer Concerns: Matthew Atwood, Brent Burton, Lina Benner, Beth Chen, Cory Cruttenden, Chris (nephew of Dave Hess), Paul Moore, Guy & Sharon Connelly, Debbie Coppola, Deby Duby, Shawn Durn, Charlie Gianguzi, Kevin Hann, Dottie Heckler, Lisa Intrepido, Dorothy Johnson, Sonny Laubach, Stephanie Lilly, Debbie Luckenbach, Cade Lutz, Barbara Moon, Grayce Raven, Jakob Raven, Ken Raven, Barb Tomko, Elwood Trumbauer, 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.



We will be taking orders for Poinsettia's again. The deadline to order is Dec. 3. The cost is \$9.50 per plant. Please complete the attached form and return it to the offering plate or church office. Checks are payable to Dryland UCC. Please pick up your plants after the 7:00 Christmas Eve service.



CHOIR PRACTICE SCHEDULE

December 4 9:30 am
 December 18 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

**Friendships doubles our joys
and divides our sorrows!**



- 1 Brooke Schaller
- 4 Stacy Rice, Steven Vian
- 5 Richard Durn, Maryann Heller, Jaime Youngkin
- 7 Hailee Banko-Young
- 9 Deb Watlington
- 15 Lisa Intrepido
- 16 Luke Smith
- 17 Megan Jones
- 19 Eric Knopp
- 20 Gregory Heckler, Susan Heller, Dale Vliet
- 21 Jenna Buskirk
- 23 Jason Borda
- 25 Alan Heller
- 26 Kevin Lechner, Bennett Mosser
- 27 Terri Vian
- 29 Dottie Heckler, Roy Seiple

**CELEBRATING
OUR
MEMBERS**

MEMBERS OF THE MONTH

Joyce Hittinger & LuAnn Peters
Thank you to both of these ladies who helped with the bake sale table for the election. Also thank you to everyone who contributed to the sale to make this a profitable project.

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

Nominated by Kathy I Peters, Editor of the Breeze



Dear Dryland Family,

Thank you for your prayers and phone calls while in the hospital and at home. Prayers brought me home, plan to be back in church after all the visits to the hospital I am going through. Jim Goldman

Barb and I will be moving into an independent living apartment at Sacred Heart Service Living in Northampton on Dec. 1st. Our new address is: Water’s Edge, Apt. #513, 602 E. 21st Street, Northampton, PA 18067.



The 2024 offering envelopes are now available for pickup. They are located in the church Narthex and are filled in alphabetically. They may be picked up each Sunday when you attend services or by stopping by the church office during office hours from 9:00 to 11:00 A.M., Monday thru Thursday.



- 4 Mr. & Mrs. David Hess 36 years
- 22 Rev. & Mrs. Edward Livingston 22 years
- 23 Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Setzer 36 years
- 30 Mr. & Mrs. Alan Heller 51 years

13th MONTH OFFERING ENVELOPES

As you all know, we are coming rapidly to the end of the year and each year we conduct our 13th Month Offering program.

The past few years have proven to be very difficult years financially for Dryland and we are asking that everyone prayerfully consider giving an additional one-time contribution to assist in meeting the annual budget.

13th month giving envelopes are available in the church sanctuary and can be picked up at any time in the church office. Online giving is also available. Simply log onto our web site (drylanducc.org), click on the “on-line giving” button, choose the “fund” button and select “13th month offering”. Your contribution will be credited to your church giving record.

May The blessings of Christmas be with you!! Please pick up envelopes for your family members as well.



We express our heartfelt condolences to the families of: Earle Lieberman, James Dawson & family lost his father, Amanda James & family, lost her father-in-law, Mary Wenrich & family lost her mother. Please know that they are now at peace and at the right hand of our Lord and Savior in heaven.

NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER

Sunday, December 31st

Appetizers 4:30pm
Dinner 5:30pm
\$25 per person

Join us at Dryland to celebrate the ringing of the New Year!

Meal includes: appetizers, roast tenderloin of beef OR glazed salmon, spinach salad, twice baked potatoes, vegetable, and dessert (TBA).

BYO – beer or wine only

Reservations required and limited to 125.

Call Karen 610-504-1158 or

Rich 484-894-9799 or church office 610-759-4444 to reserve your seat!

Order by: Tuesday 12/26



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),
 Rich (484-894-9799) or
 Church Office (610-759-4444)**



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



Our unite on Creation is complete, please make sure you come and visit the beautiful mural outside of our classroom.....also you will find life-sized versions of the wonderful children in our Sunday School class.

Guess what? We are getting ready to celebrate a very special birthday! In December, we will be teaching our class about Jesus' birthday. We are very excited to discuss the story of the Nativity by providing weekly messages, reference to the story in our Bible and some crafts.

There is always room for more students, please encourage any children you may know to attend our Sunday class that starts at 9:30.

Blessings to all for a very Merry Christmas.

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WISHING YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES A VERY HAPPY AND JOYOUS AND MERRY CHRISTMAS THIS YEAR, FROM THE STAFF OF DRYLAND UCC: PASTOR EDWARD, BROOKE, KATHY, SUSAN, DEWAYNE, CRAIG, JERRY, CONNIE, HEIDI, ALAN



MEAT LOAF Christmas Dinner



HOLIDAY SPECIAL- MEAT LOAF DINNER

TAKE HOME A "MEAT TREAT - READY TO EAT"

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

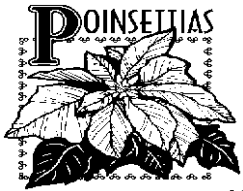
PICKUP BETWEEN 11 AM AND 2 PM

\$12.00 PER PERSON

DEADLINE TO ORDER: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

INCLUDES: HOUSE SALAD, MEAT LOAF, MASHED POTATOES, BROWN GRAVY, ROASTED ROOT VEGETABLES, DINNER ROLLS, AND FRESH BAKED DAVID'S COOKIES

TO ORDER: CALL RICH AT 484-894-9799, KAREN AT 610-504-1158 OR THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 610-759-4444.



POINSETTIA ORDERS

If you would like to sponsor a poinsettia plant for Christmas, please complete this form and **return by SUNDAY, December 3rd (NO EXCEPTIONS)**, with your payment, \$9.50 either cash or check made payable to Dryland UCC (note: poinsettias). Please indicate how many plants you are ordering. You may place this form, with the payment, in the offering plate or return it to the church office.

Name _____

Phone # _____

In Honor Of _____

In Memory Of _____

How Many? _____

(Red only)

Cost \$ 9.50 each

Total enclosed \$ _____

I will pick up my plant(s) after the Christmas Eve service.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Category	Oct Receipts	Oct Expense	Oct Balance	YTD Receipts	YTD Expense	YTD Balance
Current-Mission-Property	\$15,467.19	\$18,467.97	- \$3,000.78	\$138,134.17	\$174,911.09	\$36,776.92
Capital (Mortgage)	\$1,423.00	\$1,031.90	\$391.10	\$14,197.00	\$10,319.00	\$3,878.00

Giant Card Program	\$3,000.00	\$2,850.00	\$150.00	\$28,750.00	\$27,312.50	\$1,437.50
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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

Receipts from November 1 thru November 18, 2023 (Church Envelope Categories):

Category Church Exp --- \$ 8,516.00
 Category Missions --- \$ 335.00
 Category Property --- \$ 246.50
 Category Capital --- \$ 692.00

Joy, Peace, Hope, Love !!! We have a very important role on showing and telling the community where that can be found during the weeks of Advent. With the Christmas Season upon us, let each of us demonstrate the Joy, Peace, Hope, and Love we find in the birth of our Lord Jesus. At the same time, it may lessen some of the anxiety and grief we may have in our own hearts. A baby has a way to change our thoughts and heart.

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! **Merry Christmas!**

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, Allen Singer, Hugh Harris, Craig Johnson, Dewayne Heller