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February 5 - 5TH Sunday after Epiphany

Worship service at 9:30 am
Holy Communion

February 12 - I LOVE DRYLAND SUNDAY

Worship service at 9:30 am
Scout Sunday
Souper Bowl Sunday, bring in can of soup

February 19 - 7th Sunday after Epiphany

Worship service at 9:30 am

February 22 - Ash Wednesday

Service at 7:00 with communion

February 26 - 1st Sunday of Lent

Worship service 9:30 am



GROUNDHOG DAY 2-2-23



2-14-23



2-20-23



2-22-23

Grace and peace Beloved of God,

We are walking together by faith into this new year. I rejoice that God is carrying us through some particularly difficult times. I want to encourage you that God is with you and me. God is still speaking. "Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel'" (Mark 1:14-15). God is calling us to discipleship and to renew our strength in Him. God is calling us to stay united in His Holy Spirit.

In Jesus, the call translates to an immediate change, a repentant heart, and a commitment to share with others the Good News of the Gospel and do good works. The Good News is that God is our Creator, who loves us, desires to be reconciled with us, and has given us a way to live forever with Him in heaven. And the way is Jesus; that's the Good News! It is with hearts committed to Jesus that the Holy Spirit makes us one with Christ. That oneness is the reason why there is a Church with Christ Jesus as the Head of the Church (Ephesians 1:22, 23; 5:23). As the Church, we are to equip children, women, and men to develop Christ-like attributes so that they too may know Jesus and help to make the world a better place.

The Lenten season is upon us, and Christ's church endures. Before Christ Jesus left this earth, He spoke the following promise to His disciples, "And behold, I am always with you, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:20) In the Christian Church, Lent is another time of preparation for the Church's greatest celebration – Easter, also known as Resurrection Sunday. Lent draws inspiration from the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness. The Gospels tell us that after His baptism, the Holy Spirit drove Jesus into the desert. There, He fasted and was victorious over the devil's temptations

(Matthew 4: 8-11). We observe the start of Lent with Ash Wednesday on February 22nd this year. Ash Wednesday marks the period of Lent until Holy Saturday, the day before Easter.

As we enter this Lenten season, I encourage you with the words of the Apostle Paul, servant of the Lord, found in Ephesians 4:1-6: *“Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other’s faults because of your love.*

Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace. For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all, in all, and living through all.”

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

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

What made us friends in the long ago, when first we met? Well, I think I know, The best in me and the best in you!



Super Bowl Sunday

February 12, 2023 Bring a can of soup!
It will be given to the Nazareth Food Bank.



Prayer Concerns & Joys:

Jennifer Intrepido, Lois Hunt, Ryan Metz, Jack, Kelsey Atwood, Family of Gerry Fisher, Pat Muthard, Greg Heckler, Bill Banko.

Long-term Prayer Concerns: Matthew Atwood, Brent Burton, Jean Ceasholtz, Guy & Sharon Connelly, Debbie Coppola, Deby Duby, Shawn Durn, Peter Garcia, 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, 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.



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

CHOIR PRACTICE SCHEDULE

February 6, 20

March 6, 20, 27

April 3

If you like to sing, please consider joining us in the choir here at Dryland. Even if you cannot read music, you are more than welcome.



Altar Flowers

February 5	OPEN	
	OPEN	
February 12	OPEN	
	OPEN	
February 19	OPEN	
	OPEN	
February 26	Glenn & Kathy Peters	In honor of Josh's 42 nd b'day 2-27-23

**CELEBRATING
OUR
MEMBERS
MEMBERS OF THE MONTH**

PAST & NEW CONSISTORY MEMBERS

We would like to acknowledge the great job our past consistory members have done and we welcome our newest members to the office! This is the group that will continue to keep our church going along with your help.

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

Nominated by: Kathy I. Peters, Editor



This thank you was missed in last month's newsletter.

Our family would like to thank everyone at Dryland for their support, prayers, cards, calls to us for the past years of Wayne's dealing with cancer. We moved to Florida for the support we were getting from the doctors at the VA down there. It was a hard choice, but it paid off. Now he is at rest and peace and that is all we can be thankful for. Hope to see all of you sometime in the future.

Mary Wenrich and family



Greetings to All!!

Happy New Year to All!!

WOW! What a Great Job!

For the fourth quarter of 2022 we have collected an additional amount of 5,283 tabs.

Adding this to the first three quarters with the amount of 9,806 collected, our total for the year 2022 is now 15,089.

The grand total since we started collecting the tabs for several years is now 74,249.

This effort supports the Pop Tab program run by the Ronald McDonald House of Delaware. Every year the Ronald McDonald House of Delaware has the ability to raise money through the donations of Pop Tabs. It might seem like such a silly thing to collect compared to the cans themselves, however, there is more aluminum to sell in the tab than there is in the whole can!

For the Ronald McDonald House every donation counts. The money raised will go towards helping take care of the families that stay at our house.

So let's Keep on Pulling those Tabs!!

The kids at Ronald McDonald House Thank You!!!

Mary Ann Heller

Keep on Tab'N !!



I LOVE DRYLAND DAY

We will once again be celebrating I Love Dryland Day on February 12th. Items will be collected from February 5th through February 19th. There will be tables in 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 (both standard and legal size).

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!! Joyce



- 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
- 17 Pat Bader
- 19 Emilia Motts
- 20 Sarah Gallagher
- 22 Karen Lambert, Melanie Motts, Roberta Schmauch
- 24 Seth Watlington
- 26 Marie Frey
- 27 Joshua Peters
- 28 TJ Bostian



- 9 Mr. & Mrs. James Goldman 43 years
- 13 Mr. & Mrs. Michael Pizzoferrato 30 years
- 27 Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Green, Sr. 58 years



EASTER PIE SALE

\$10.00 per pie, Order by Sun. 4/2/23
 Pick up Fri. 4/7 8-2 or Sat, 4/8 8-2
 APPLE CRUMB, CHERRY CRUMB*,
 COCONUT CUSTARD, KEY LIME, SWEET
 POTATO, MOLASSES WET BOTTOM
 *cherry crumb, limited quantities!
 ORDER FORM ATTACHED.



Over the past year several initiatives have taken place to clean out and neaten up our church home. We are joyfully sharing our building space with Hope Alliance church every Sunday. As a result, we have a piano that is not being used in the Nursery classroom which we need to find a new home for. It is in need of tuning, and you would need to make arrangement to have it moved. If you are interested in having the piano, please reach out to the church office either via email (drylandoffice@rcn.com) or via phone (610-759-4444) by Monday, 01/23/2023.

Peace,
 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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- Steve Brown sab398@gmail.com
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- Alison Rothrock Alisonrothrock34@gmail.com
- Heidi Singer allenheidi@rcn.com



FROM the CHAIRPERSON Note from Consistory

I would like to start by thanking everyone who stayed after church on Sunday, January 15th to participate in the Congregational Meeting. Your time is greatly appreciated. For those of you who were not able to attend in person, information was sent via email and mail (to those who prefer a traditional method) for your review. If you have any questions, please reach out to a Consistory member.

Our Consistory for 2023 consists of the following seven members: Linda Atwood, Susan Mattes-Bostian, Steve Brown, Dan Cruttenden, Dewayne Heller, Heidi Singer and Alison Rothrock. We are very excited to welcome Dan and Alison back. We would also like to recognize and applaud Charlie Berthoud, Allen Singer and Greg Teitsworth for all of their time and talent they generously shared over the past three years participating in the running and decision-making processes of our church. You will be missed and are welcome to re-join at any point!

Officers of Consistory are Heidi Singer - President, Dan Cruttenden - Vice President, Linda Atwood - Secretary and last but far from least, Dewayne Heller - Treasurer.

Organization of Consistory will look a bit different this year. In the past we had nine members on the team. We are currently down two members. This deficit creates the need to assign

tasks differently. I worked with several church members last year on a By-Law revision that takes the nine traditional committees down to 3 based on tasks, goals and focus. We felt this would allow 2 - 3 consistory members to work together and better share the load. It also allows flexibility within consistory as we have been struggling the past several years to get volunteers to sit on consistory or volunteer to help on committees chaired by consistory members. Those By-Laws are currently being reviewed and once revised, if needed, will be presented to the congregation in the future at a special congregational meeting for the purpose of getting them approved.

We will be trying to organize work in time defined, manageable tasks and looking for volunteers. Please stayed tuned and participate with consistory in the faith, mission, outreach and physical work of Dryland UCC. One last note... If you would like to participate on Consistory this year, please reach out! It is never too late!!

Peace,
Heidi Singer
Consistory President

MUSIC & WORSHIP COMMITTEE

January has come and gone, and February looks as if it will be a busy month. On February 12th, we will have three special events, Scout Sunday, Super Sunday, and I Love Dryland Sunday. Lent begins on the 22nd, with Ash Wednesday and on the 26th, the first Sunday in Lent, we will celebrate our youth.

We are looking at the possibility of a Lenten Bible Study and/or discussion group. This could occur in the evening or afternoon. Please let the pastor know if you have interest in participating. Details will be shared before February 27th.

Linda Atwood, Chairperson

OUTSIDE PROPERTY

I am reaching out on behalf of Consistory to petition all of you for volunteers for sidewalk snow removal for this year.

If you are willing and able to help with clearing the sidewalks, I ask you reach out to either the church (email as noted above or 610-759-4444) or me

(allenheidi@rcn.com or 610-509-0371). If leaving a message, please leave your name and a contact phone number. Your name will be put on the list and someone from Consistory will reach out prior to a storm to set up times to meet to shovel, snow blow and salt the sidewalks when needed. This is a necessary seasonal task which is imperative for the safe function of the church. Please consider sharing your time for a brief period of the year to serve the church and our Lord.

Allen Singer

TREASURER'S REPORT

Summary of the year 2022 financial data. The cash receipt and expenditures activity for the period December 1, thru December 31, 2022, are shown in the Dec columns. The gifts received are from congregation envelopes, on-line giving, and plate offerings received during the worship services. The last three columns reflect the balances for the year of 2022. The yearly deficit was reduced by kitchen meals, activities such as Bingo, Craft Fair, Coldwell-Banker Gift, and Giant Card 5% Give Back Project. In addition, funds were transferred from the Memorial Account to meet monthly commitments. Dryland is current with all obligations and we have never defaulted on any payments. The goal is to keep it that way. Will you do your part to keep it that way?

Receipts from January 1 thru January 21, 2023 (Church Envelop Categories):

Category Church Exp --	\$ 9,949.00
Category Missions --	\$ 334.00
Category Property --	\$ 394.00
Category Capital --	\$ 1067.00

Year-end report showing total dollars received from activities listed above to reduce the deficit.

Bingo, Craft Fair, Coldwell-Banker	\$ 3,834
Kitchen Activities	\$ 11,750
Giant Cards	\$ 1,435
Memorial Account	\$ 20,000
Total	\$ 37,019

The congregation voted and passed the 2023 budget. Increase due to utilities and health care increases. No funds were set aside for projects or any increase for paid staff.

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

Loan Balance as of 01/01/2023 is \$ 98,117.31.

As mentioned at the annual meeting, we Appreciate, Concerned, Challenge, Knowing, and Grateful for Christ's family at Dryland. If you feel a part of your spiritual life is not as filling as you would like, please pray about it and know that God is Still Speaking. He is still in charge of the world. Consider your church family at Dryland as a place to meet your spiritual needs.

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

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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CHICKEN CORDON BLEU/ BONELESS STUFFED CHICKEN BREAST – Ready to Eat - To Go Dinner Saturday, March 25. Pickup time is between 11AM and 2PM

Chicken Cordon Bleu is a dish of chicken wrapped around Ham and Swiss Cheese with a touch of Dijon Mustard, then breaded in Bran Flakes and baked until golden brown. Or choose Boneless Stuffed Chicken Breast, a Boneless Breast of Chicken stuffed with our homemade Potato Filling. The Dinner includes Potato Wedges, fresh Vegetable Medley, Salad with a Signature Italian dressing, Artisan Dinner Roll and Cheesecake drizzled with Strawberry Sauce. Only \$12.

Order deadline is **Sunday, March 19**. 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.

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Easter Pie Sale

\$10 per Pie

Order by Sunday, April 2, 2023

Pick up Friday, April 7, from 8-2

Or Saturday, April 8, from 8-2

NAME _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

APPLE CRUMB _____

** CHERRY CRUMB _____

COCONUT CUSTARD _____

KEY LIME _____

MOLASSES WET BOTTOM _____

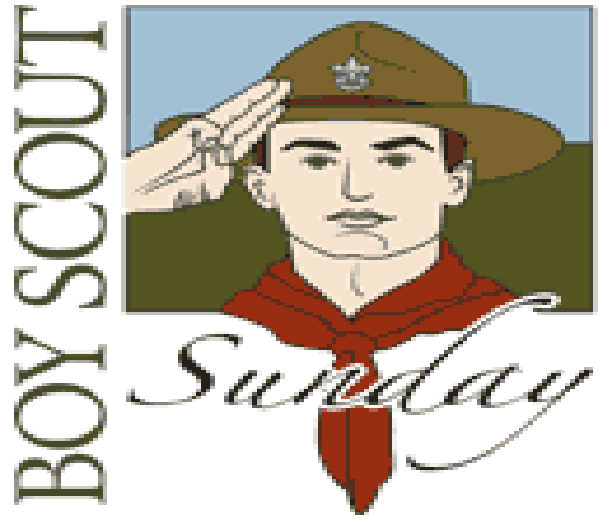
SWEET POTATO _____

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).

** CHERRY CRUMB – LIMITED QUANTITY AVAILABLE



2-23-23

Category	Dec	Dec	Dec	YTD	YTD	YTD
	Receipts	Expense	Balance	Receipts	Expense	Balance
Current-Mission-						
Property	\$16,582.15	\$21,216.87	-\$4,634.72	\$163,176.00	\$220,672.00	-\$57,496.00
Capital (Mortgage)	\$1,395.00	\$1,031.90	\$363.10	\$16,958.00	\$14,383.00	\$2,575.00
Total Category						
Balance	\$17,977.15	\$22,248.77	-\$4,271.62	\$180,134.00	\$235,055.00	-\$54,921.00
Giant Card Program						
	\$2,700.00	\$2,565.00	\$135.00	\$32,300.00	\$30,865.00	\$1,435.00
NOTE: 2022 Budget (exclude Capital) \$226,263.00						
Monthly Receipts Required \$18,855.25						
Weekly Receipts Required \$4,351.21						
2022 Budget (Capital) \$12,382.80						
Monthly Receipts Required \$1,031.90						
Weekly Receipts Required \$238.13						

