

The Breeze

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May 5 - 5th Sunday after Easter

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

May 12 - 6th Mother's Day

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

May 19 - Pentecost Sunday/Baptism

Worship service at 8:00 & 9:30 am
Sunday School 9:30 am
Baptism of Noah & Marcus
New Members, Shirley & Gloria

May 26 - 1st Sunday after Pentecost

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



May 12, 2024



May 19, 2024



May 19, 2024



Pastor's Report

GRACE AND PEACE BELOVED OF GOD

Amidst this season for planting, graduations, and proms, remember Christ and His gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The Way of Christ is so important for our current time. The lives of people across the globe are very different now. The Way of Christ is clear and serves as a light to draw people to God. God is empowering us to be the Church, to be agents of God's grace that teach about and show Christ's love through our acts, words, and the Scriptures. This is how people are drawn to know the Living God for themselves.

I love how Jesus ignites our understanding of belonging through an illustration of vines and branches in the Gospel of John, chapter 15. Jesus is the source, the vine, and we the Church, are the branches. We are to stay connected to the vine so that our branches produce fruit. Reflect upon this example...Just as a branch is unable to produce fruit, let alone live when it is severed from the vine, we are not able to sustain producing the fruit of the Spirit apart from God. Thus, we must remain or abide in Jesus.

The life application of this illustration teaches that we only bear the fruit of the Spirit when we're connected, when we are obedient, and stay focused on God's Word. As the church, we are to support people in coming to know Christ (Rom. 1:13), to rejoice in the new life (Rom. 6:21-23), and to demonstrate the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, obedience, kindness, and self-control (Gal. 5:22-23). Because Christ lives, we have the hope of new life in Him.

May your hearts rejoice that you abide in Christ. May your hearts be delighted and strengthened because you rest in Christ. When we do this as individuals and as a community of faith, we can fear less about what we are losing and find more joy about where the Spirit of the Living God is

leading us next. Share what dreams of mission as the Church are being revealed to you.

Remember Romans 8: 12-17 for encouragement. Verse 15 reminds you that you did not receive a spirit of bondage to fear. Instead, you received the Spirit of adoption to become heirs through Christ Jesus. Jesus is the True Vine and an awesome gift for us all. Tell everyone that through Christ Jesus, the True Vine, we're connected and renewed by the Holy God, the Source of Life. Glory be to God!
In Christ's service
Pastor Edward



HAPPY BIRTHDAY PASTOR ED,
May 23, 2024



Remember Our Shut-ins

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



Prayer Concerns & Joys:

Family of Dottie Heckler, Nicole, Betsy Coladonato, Alan Heller, Joan Pennucci, Joanne & Luther Mitman, Yin-Yin, Family of Catherine Mrowka, Kelly Vitale, Rinaldi family (Peter, Eileen, & Rachel)

Long-term Prayer Concerns: Matthew Atwood, Brent Burton, Lina Benner, 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, Jessica Harper, Dorothy Johnson, Linda Keller, Sonny Laubach, Stephanie Lilly, Debbie Luckenbach, Cade Lutz, Barbara Moon, Grayce, Jakob & Ken Raven, Maurice, Gillian & Genine Sloane, Barb Tomko, Angela Tout, 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-6 Rodger Nagy, LT Seth Watlington

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH
Friendship is a blessing
from one heart to another!

CHANGE OF ADDRESS



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



Many thanks for the cards and get well wishes! I am thankful for the encouragement and appreciate the support! Thank You, Alan Heller

Thank you to all who sent goodies in for the bake sale on election day. There were lots of good eats. Also thank you to all who helped man the table for the sales.



Want to honor a loved one or as a memorial? You can become a sponsor of the Bulletin! The cost of the Bulletin will be \$12.00. This will help with the cost of the paper and ink. Thanking you in advance.



Our sincere condolences to the family of Dottie Heckler, Dottie passed away on April 8, 2024. Her memorial service was held on April 16. She was our oldest member at Dryland, and she will be greatly missed. Please know that she is now at peace with our Father in Heaven.



MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Jarrett Nagy

Thank you to Jarrett for stepping up and learning how to manage the audio equipment that is used during the worship service. You did an excellent job, and we hope you stay on and help as needed.

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

Nominated by Kathy I Peters, Breeze Editor



- 5 Heather Koch Brown
- 8 Kristen Wenrich
- 11 Mark Hamilton
- 12 Brent Burton
- 13 Silas Teitsworth
- 14 Brandon Werkheiser
- 16 Amie Federico
- 17 Debbie Koch
- 23 Rev. Edward Livingston, Charles Moser
- 26 Emma Davis, Allen Singer
- 27 Jean Erceg
- 28 Julie Hamilton
- 29 Everly Francavilla
- 31 Lynn Johnson



- 7 Mr. & Mrs. Frank Erceg 41 years
- Mr. & Mrs. Mark Hamilton 30 years
- 10 Mr. & Mrs. Charles Berthoud 49 years
- 15 Mr. & Mrs. Grant Hittinger 25 years
- 20 Mr. & Mrs. Brent Burton 24 years
- 31 Mr. & Mrs. Robert Jones 27 years
- Mr. & Mrs. Sam Yoder 16 years



Christian Education Report:

Blessings to All from our Sunday School Program:

Recently at Sunday School we celebrated Palm Sunday by doing a skit in class of Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a donkey. We did this in our Sunday School hallway with palms, blankets and of course a pretend donkey. Much fun! Recently, we learned about Jonah and how God taught him a lesson (we discussed what the inside of a whale probably smelled like) and made crafts out of cups, string, and flat puppets so our students could re-tell the story at home. We covered the stories of Simon Peter and the fishes ---we threw nets out and caught ourselves some stuffed paper

fish....and they didn't smell 😊 . Just last week we learned the story of Zaccheus and how Jesus wanted to meet him and eat with him. He loved Zaccheus even when others in the community did not. These stories tell us so much about how we should live our lives and care for those around us.

Looking forward to ending our Sunday School year in mid - May. It's never too late to join us or feel free to stop in and see what we have been working on.

We are still looking for volunteers for Vacation Bible School. We need 4 more teachers, an art director, and a director of snacks. Vacation Bible School will be held on June 25 thru June 26 from 5:30 to 7:00. Please contact me ASAP if you can help. Without sufficient help we will not be able to have Vacation Bible School at Dryland. This mission will be important to help us grow! Please contact me at 610-730-5492 by May 10th if you can help.

Thank you, Alison

Mark Your Calendar

DATES TO REMEMBER:

5/3 – Spring Craft/Vendor Fair- 4-8 pm

5/5 Geranium Orders Due

5/14 Friends in Faith Networking 8:00 – 10:00am

5/18 Winner, Winner – Chicken Dinner- 11- 2pm

CONSISTORY 2024

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FROM *the*
CHAIRPERSON

Blessings to all! Dryland's consistory has been working very hard to address the situation where we need members of the congregation to get involved. If anyone would like to serve on consistory, please let us know. We currently need 3 individuals and are operating without a president.

With that being said, the consistory continues to discuss revision of facility policies and the usage of space. It is the hope that we can make scheduling easier and clearly state the importance of working together to make Dryland a better place for all.

On a very positive note, the bake sale during the recent election was extremely successful. A HUGE THANK YOU to all who donated baked goods. The variety was wonderful. We also want to thank the volunteers who gave of their time to price items and organize the tables and actually man them throughout the day. Our success would not have been possible without them. We look forward to the election bake sale in November and pray for it's success.

We would also like to say a special thank you to Brooke, our office secretary, and to Connie (our sexton) and her husband, for going above and beyond their regular duties. Their help, concern, and extra efforts are very much appreciated.

Yours in Christ,
Dryland Consistory.

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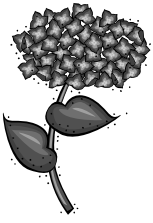
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Dewayne Heller is looking for someone he can train to take over being the Church Treasurer.

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.





2024 Geranium Plants for Pentecost



It's a PENNY PARTY!

Friday, June 14

Doors open at 5:30pm

Party starts at 7:00pm

Dryland UCC

4415 Newburg Road

Nazareth PA 18064

610-759-4444

Kitchen will be open! Tricky tray!

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You may sponsor geraniums to beautify the Sanctuary for Pentecost Sunday. The cost is **\$5.00** per plant and the **LAST DAY TO ORDER IS SUNDAY, May 5. ORDERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DAY.** Please pick up your plants following the 9:30 a.m. worship service on May 19, 2024.  
(Please print clearly)

Name

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Phone #

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TOTAL NUMBER OF PLANTS YOU WISH TO ORDER?

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TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$

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(please make checks payable to Dryland UCC)

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\*\*Sorry, no deliveries.



STARTING DATE: TUESDAY, May 14, 2024

Time: 8:00 am to 10:00 am

Donation \$20.00

For more information: Contact Event Organizers

Susan Bostian (610-417-2448) or

Sam Yoder (610-442-8209)

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**COMMUNITY OF FAITH CHURCH**



A great time to be had by all!

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

SUPPORT OUR VETERANS

MAY 18, 2024



**WINNER, WINNER  
CHICKEN DINNER!!!**

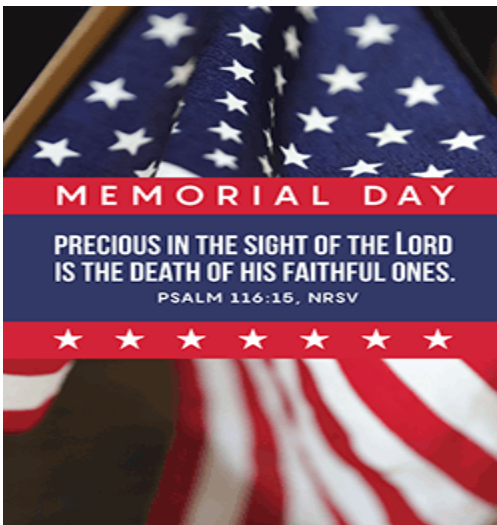
**Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> Pick-up:  
11am-2pm  
\$12 per person**

Boneless stuffed chicken breast (potato filling),  
gravy, corn, salad, dinner roll, chocolate fudge  
cake

Order by: *Sunday, May 12*

Call or text: Rich 484-894-9799, Karen 610-504-  
1158

Call: Church Office 610-759-4444



**MAY 27, 2024**

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

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