

# The Breeze

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## January 2 - Epiphany Sunday

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

## January 9 - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

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

## January 16 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday school 9:00 am  
Worship service at 9:30 am  
Annual Congregation Meeting 10:30 am

## January 23 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday school 9:00 am  
Worship service 9:30 am

## January 30 - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

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



January 16, 2022 10:30 am



Honoring MLK  
January 17, 2022

Grace and Peace Beloved of God,

Glad tidings, Merry Christmas to you, and Happy New Year! With the start of 2022, we celebrate the Season of Epiphany in the life of the Church. Epiphany means the divine appearance and is celebrated by many Christians across the globe on January 6th. The Epiphany is also known by other titles that include *Theophany* and *Three Kings' Day*.

As Christians, we sing praises to God for bringing forth His Love into our world through the birth of Jesus — Emmanuel, God with us. We give honor to God for making salvation available to Gentiles through Jesus, the Jewish Messiah that none would perish, but would enjoy eternal lives with God in Heaven. All of this can be marked by the visit Mary, Joseph, and their baby Jesus received from the Magi who traveled at great risk and distance to celebrate and worship the newborn King, Jesus.

Magi from the East, worshipping the Son of God, Jesus connects with Mary and Joseph's encounter with the righteous and devout Simeon in the Temple. During the service of presenting Jesus to God, Simeon pronounced a blessing that this child Jesus would be "a light for revelation to the Gentiles" (Luke 2:32). This was further affirmation that Jesus came for all people, of all nations, creeds, and races to know God for themselves. This is the work of the Christian. This is our mission, to be light in the world.

Our work is not new. An expansive community of people has walked before us on the paths of love and justice. When I think of a contemporary person who embraced this sacred life-work, I think of the Reverend Doctor Howard Thurman -- pastor, dean, mystic, and civil rights leader. "He preached a philosophy of Common Ground, which taught that humans need to seek an inner spiritual happiness that would lead them to share their experience in community with others." Thurman's moral compass was true to Jesus' teaching that "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with

all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." (Luke 10:27)

The work of the Christian disciple is compelling and the year 2021 was particularly difficult. Let us look to this new year with the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. This is the faith we're encouraged to embrace in Hebrews 11:1. May this New Year mark new beginnings, new norms, and new encounters for you as well. Be encouraged, for God is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow and has plans to prosper you and give you a future of hope. (Jeremiah 29)

May your heart be filled with compassion and your acts bless those who meet you. May the spirit of love, joy, peace, and hope shine brightly through you and carry you through the coming year. Let us live in 2022 remembering this guiding light by Rev. Thurman:

When the song of the angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and the princes are home,  
When the shepherds are back with their flock,  
The work of Christmas begins:  
To find the lost,  
To heal the broken,  
To release the prisoner,  
To rebuild the nations,  
To bring peace among others,  
To make music in the heart.

Howard Thurman,  
*THE WORK OF  
CHRISTMAS*

With Hope,

Pastor Edward



**Prayer Concerns:** Dottie Heckler, Jack Hunt, Marion Bjorkman Gerald Hartzell, Judy Hartzell, Estelle Harper, Deby Durby

**Long-term Prayer Concerns:** Matthew Atwood, Sandi Berry, Guy Connelly, Debbie Coppola, Jean Cruttenden, Donna Depietro, Deby Durby, Shawn Durn, Judy & Ken Faust, Heather Frantz, Krystyna Gabryluk, Charlie Gianguzzi, Terri Governa, Kevin Hann, Dottie Heckler, Lisa Intrepido, Dorothy Johnson, Gayle Kozak, Sonny Laubach, Stephanie

Lilly, Debbie Luckenbach, Cade Lutz, Barbara Moon, Grayce Raven, Ken Raven, Jakob Raven, Brett Ruhl, Wayne Wenrich, Charissa & Jason Williams, Carter Wolfgang

**Our Service People:** Chief MSG Thomas Bostian, SRA Patrick Jones, Major Scott Lechner, MSGT Paul Moore, E-5 Rodger Nagy, LT Seth Watlington.



**Janet Day** – 1/29/35,

Fellowship Community, 3000 Community Dr.,  
Terrace Room, #153B, Whitehall, PA 18052

**Dottie Heckler** – 12/29/29 610-759-2340

243 Nazareth Pike, Bethlehem, PA 18020-9460

**Herbert Heller** – 5/4/26

Genesis HealthCare Lehigh Center Room 208  
1718 Spring Creek Road, Macungie, PA 18062



### **CHOIR PRACTICE SCHEDULE**

Starting January 10<sup>th</sup>, Monday at 10:00 a.m.  
for remainder of January.

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. We look forward to seeing new faces in the new year.



### **Altar Flowers**

January 2	Open	
	Open	
January 9	Open	
	Open	
January 16	Open	
	Open	
January 23	Open	
	Open	
January 30	Open	
	Open	

## **THOUGHT OF THE MONTH**

**Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves!**

# **CELEBRATING OUR MEMBERS**

## **MEMBERS OF THE MONTH**

**Heather & Steve Brown,  
Sunday school teachers, and Sunday school  
children of Dryland**

**On Dec. 19 the youth program was entitled, The Gifts of Dryland! It was both a live and virtual message. The children expressed the things that mean so much to Dryland all year through and put an ornament on the tree to symbolize their gifts. It was good to see and hear the voices of Dryland children again whether virtual or in person. Thank you for being part of our Dryland family! Remember you are the future of Dryland!**

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

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



**Greetings to All!!**

We are still collecting Tabs. You can deposit them in the Narthex, in the container, by the water fountain.

The collected Tabs are given to the Ronald McDonald House, so let's **Keep on Pulling those Tabs!!**

The last count of tabs reported through second quarter 2021 was 38,589. During the third and fourth quarter of 2021 we collected an additional amount of 10,865. Our new overall total collected through December 2021 is 49,454.

**THANKS FOR PARTICIPATING** In this outreach program. The kids at Ronald McDonald House Thank You!!!

Happy New Year, and hope everyone had a blessed Christmas!

Mary Ann Heller

**Keep on Tab'N!!**

Continuing with our corner to hear from, and about, our Young People. To contribute information, please e-mail [kdrybreezekip@gmail.com](mailto:kdrybreezekip@gmail.com) or the church office, [drylandoffice@rcn.com](mailto:drylandoffice@rcn.com) so we can include it in the newsletter each month.



**This month we are honoring: TEITSWORTHS**

**Silas** is in 6th grade at Nazareth Intermediate School. He likes playing hockey and baseball with his friends. He likes going to school and playing Xbox with his friends online.

**Ethan** is in 4th grade at Butz Elementary in Bushkill Township. He plays hockey and baseball. He likes to go fishing and hunting with his Dad. He is one of the tallest kids in his class and is starting to cause a food shortage in our pantry.

**Oliver** is in 1st grade at Butz Elementary. He plays hockey and baseball like his older brothers. He is also learning to play golf with his Grandfather. He loves school and is already a great reader. Oliver loves to decorate the house for all the holidays, and we are always at the dollar store buying decorations to keep the house festive no matter the season.



**SILAS**



**ETHAN**



**OLIVER**



## DRYLAND UCC BLOOD DRIVE

When: January 4, 2022, 3:00PM to 6:00PM

(By Appt. Only)

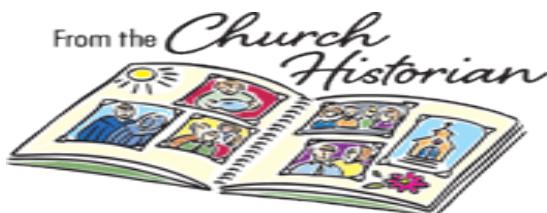
Where: Dryland CEC

Get Appointment Online:

[https://donor.giveapint.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/84856](https://donor.giveapint.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/84856)

or

Call: (610) 691-5850



### NEWS FROM DRYLAND HISTORIAN

"DRYLAND UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST"

Have you ever wondered where the name "DRYLAND" comes from, and what it means?

In General, the name "Dryland" means "Dry Land." In the mid 1700's The Drylands consisted of approximately twelve thousand acres of land that had no springs or creeks. The Indians referred to this area as the "Manor of Fermor" and "The Barrons", thus "DRYLAND"

Although this area was Dry it was bordered by lands that were desirable because it was bordered by streams such as the Bushkill, Monocacy, Lehigh and the Delaware. These more desirable lands were sold as watered lands and the plots of 500 acres that were sold were known as "Gentleman's Lands".

Over the years and as late as 1752 very few settlers occupied the Drylands as most were attracted to the watered land. They described the Drylands as a wasteland covered with scrub oak. It was considered good hunting lands by the Indians.

*By Stephen R Henninger- Church Historian- Please look forward to continued Volumes of Dryland UCC History.*



**MEATLOAF DINNER – Take home a "Meat Treat – Ready to Eat" Saturday, January 15. 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 16 between 11AM & 2PM. You will be notified by phone if the need arises to change the date.**

Your dining begins with Spinach Salad including our own famous dressing. Dine on MeatLoaf, Mashed Potatoes, Brown Gravy, Buttered Corn and Dinner Rolls. Complete your dining with homemade Cream Cheese cupcakes.

All this for **\$11.00**. Order deadline is **Sunday, January 9**. Call Rich at 484-894-9799, Karen at 610-504-1158 or 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.

### **DRYLAND UCC ANNUAL HOMEMADE SOUP SALE!! SATURDAY, JANUARY 29**

**Is the January Cold Weather bothering you?**

**Warm yourself up with Homemade Soup from the Dryland Kitchen. Or if you are so inclined, put a smile on the face of a neighbor or friend with a container of soup or chili. Chili is served with a container of rice on the side. All soup and chili orders include crackers on the side.**

**Choice of:**

**Vegetable Beef Soup**

**Chicken Noodle Soup**

**Chili**

**Navy Bean Soup**

**Chicken Rice Soup**

**Price is \$10 per quart, or \$5.00 per pint**

**To order, contact Rich at 484-894-9799 or Karen at 610-504-1158.**

**Orders are due by Sunday, January 23**

**Pick-up is scheduled for Saturday, January 29, 8AM – 2PM or Sunday January 30 after church (Approximately 10:30AM).**



Blessings to All,

With the end of the year approaching all too quickly, the Nominating Committee is actively seeking four individuals who are moved to serve Dryland UCC on Consistory.

For those unfamiliar with how Consistory works, the group consists of nine church members and each heads a committee which serves to manage and operate the church in various ways. The committees are Missions, Stewardship, Christian Education, Music & Worship, Inside Property, Outside Property, Finance, Church & Ministry and Evangelism. One member serves as Consistory President. Consistory meets on a monthly basis and the individual committees meet as that committee sees fit. The service of these members is significant and imperative to the running of the church.

Clearly, I realize that sounds to some overwhelming and can cause trepidation. I would like to share with all that when I was feeling the pull to volunteer for the Pastor Search Committee, I had no idea what to expect and was anxious to say the least. After the experience I can honestly share that serving on that committee was one of my best church experiences ever. I cherish the time I spent with the individuals on that committee. Yes, it was challenging but I grew as a person and a Christian in ways I did not imagine before the experience.

I encourage you to reflect and sincerely consider volunteering for Consistory. Serving our Lord and the church in this way will be a blessing in ways unforeseen to all. If you are so moved or would like to talk to someone about the opportunity to serve on Consistory, please feel free to reach out to Dan Cruttenden, Jerry Hittinger, or myself. You may also speak to any current Consistory member. Peace and Love, Heidi Singer

## CONSISTORY 2021

### Officers

President –  
VP – Dan Cruttenden (E)

Secretary – Linda Atwood (D)

Treasurer – Dewayne Heller (E)

### Committees

Christian Education – Stacee Banko (D)

Church and Ministry – Dan Cruttenden (E)

Evangelism – Charlie Berthoud (E)

Finance – Dewayne Heller (E)

Inside Property – David Faust (E)

Outside Property – Allen Singer (D)

Missions – Greg Teitsworth (D)

Music & Worship – Linda Atwood (D)

Stewardship – Susan Bostian (D)

### INSIDE PROPERTY

We are happy to announce that we have a new sexton, Connie Ashenfalder.

Dave Faust, Chairperson

### MUSIC & WORSHIP COMMITTEE

The month of December has always been important in our lives as Christians. We were blessed to be able to look forward to the birth of Jesus together in the Sanctuary this year. Our Christmas Eve service was well attended and those who felt that they could not attend in person had the opportunity to view the service via live stream. It was wonderful to have the Bell Choir and Senior Choir add joyful music to the celebration of Christ's birth. Additionally, we were thrilled that Pastor Edward was well enough to participate in the celebration in person.

We are looking forward to the new year and integrating new and exciting elements into our worship experience.

Linda Atwood, Chairperson

### TREASURER'S REPORT

The cash receipt and expenditures activity for the period November 1 thru November 30, 2021 are listed in the chart at the end of this newsletter. The category Current-Mission-Property encompasses the options on the weekly giving envelope. 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 the year (January 1 thru September 30), we are at 67% monthly average of meeting our required monthly budget receipts. Ideally, we should be at a 100% or greater number of receiving monthly budget receipts. If you have not participated in supporting this goal, please prayerfully consider how that may change so we can end 2021 in a positive direction.

The Gifts of Dryland --- On Sunday, December 19, Fourth Sunday of Advent, the youth presented a very strong and powerful message identifying the many various gifts that are given and received at

Dryland. We really appreciate them taking the time to show us these gifts through the eyes of children. If you missed the service, you may have the opportunity to see the service on the web. As the new year 2022 begins, together as friends, and as one body in Christ known as the church, we can continue to provide HOPE in our community. Identifying with Christ, he will provide the HOPE, PEACE, JOY, and LOVE that we all seek and need. Keep him close to you.

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!**

## Dryland United Church of Christ --- A Place to Belong! Safe & Prosperous New Year!!

Blessings

Finance Committee --- Dewayne Heller, Craig Johnson, Pastor Ed, Jerry Hittinger, Steve Henninger, Monna Lou Henninger, Karen Lambert, Allen Singer, Hugh Harris

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Wishing you and your families a very Happy New Year, from the staff of Dryland UCC: Pastor Edward, Kathy, Linda, Steve, Susan, Carol, Connie, Jerry, Dewayne, & Craig.

This is from the Dryland UCC Kitchen Crew.

If you wish to volunteer and help in the Kitchen for our Fundraiser Dinners, please contact Rich Durn @ 484-894-9799 for details.



<b>Category</b>	<b>Nov Receipts</b>	<b>Nov Expense</b>	<b>Nov Balance</b>	<b>YTD Receipts</b>	<b>YTD Expense</b>	<b>YTD Balance</b>
Current-Mission-Property	\$14,519.23	\$15,096.87	- \$577.64	\$142,568.83	\$192,988.34	- \$50,419.51
Capital (Mortgage)	\$1,625.00	\$1,031.90	\$593.10	\$17,537.10	\$12,023.23	\$5,513.87
Total Category Balance	\$16,144.23	\$16,128.77	\$15.46	\$160,105.93	\$205,011.57	- \$44,905.64
Giant Card Program	\$3,150.00	\$2,850.00	\$300.00	\$26,650.00	\$25,175.00	\$1,475.00

**NOTE:**

2021 Budget \$233,972.00

(exclude Capital)

Monthly Receipts \$19,497.67

Required

Weekly Receipts \$4,874.42

Required

2021 Budget \$14,712.00

(Capital)

Monthly Receipts \$1,031.90

Required

Weekly Receipts \$257.98

Required