

# The Breeze

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## March 3 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Lent

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

## March 10 - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after of Lent

Worship service at 8:00 & 9:30 am  
Sunday School 9:30 am  
Special Congregational Meeting 10:30 am

## March 17 - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Lent

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

## March 24 - Palm Sunday

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

## March 28 - Maundy Thursday

Worship service w/Communion 7:00 pm

## March 31 - Easter Sunday

Worship service at 8:00 & 9:30 am  
Communion



March 24, 2024



March 28, 2024



March 31, 2024

## Pastor's Report

Grace and Peace Beloved of God,

The Season of Lent provides an intentional time for looking within to hear in fresh ways the sacred instructions to love God and to love your neighbor as yourself. (Mark 12:30-31) To love the Lord your God, you must first know God. God desires that we transform our minds so that our hearts may be informed and prepared to love. This transformation starts with knowledge in the head, moves to experience within the heart, and flows outward to impact the world around us with action.

The impact followers of Jesus are to have on the world is that of truth that the Lord God is good, His mercies are new each day, and His grace is sufficient to enjoy new life, know peace now, and spend eternity with Him in heaven. This is the gift for those who choose to follow the way of Jesus. As followers of Jesus, we are to spread this knowledge and serve as bridge builders in a world that is strained with many fractures.

The world needs the peace of Christ. The Lenten Season offers a fixed time in the years to share in a time of reflection and remembrance of Jesus and his vision of nonviolent revolution for the sake of saving the souls of humankind. The revolution is that the Messiah came not to conquer by might, but to overwhelm the forces of evil and violence with love.

During this period, I am reminded of an instruction Jesus shared for the disciples and all people would follow Him to do. Jesus makes the command to take up your cross and follow Him. Understand that taking up your cross means choosing Jesus and choosing to walk in the instruction that Jesus provides. Instead of calling on God to stamp out the enemy, we are to call upon God for strength to seek reconciliation, strength to forgive, and strength to lay down instruments of violence, including the harm that can come from what we say.

In the Gospel text of Mark, chapter 8, Jesus teaches why following Christ as His disciple is essential for your soul, body, and mind now and for eternity. One declaration is the warning that striving to please the world and being measured by its standards will cause you to lose your life, your joy, and yourself; distract you from resting in God's love and instruction. What will it profit us to gain the world and its status and forfeit our life with the Divine source, God our maker? (Verses 34-36)

Only by abiding in Christ will we know God and therefore know peace, our purpose, and assurance that comes from knowing God's plan for our lives. Jesus urges that we follow Him, that is, choose His way and adopt prayer, giving, and fasting. These are the path that leads to abundant life with Christ. Prayer, giving, and fasting are guideposts and reminders that Christ is with us always. This Lenten season, search inward and share why Jesus and the Good News of the Gospel matter. Share with friend and stranger what Jesus means in your life.

In His Service,

Pastor Edward



**Prayer Concerns & Joys:**

Dottie Heckler, Jessica Harper, Jim Goldman, Steve Henninger, Family of Charles Yoder, Nicole, Betsy (Sister of Linda Atwood), Nolan Koch, Angela Tout, Yin-Yin

**Long-term Prayer Concerns:** Matthew Atwood, Brent Burton, Lina Benner, Richard Creyer, Gary & Karen Crosson, Cory Cruttenden, Paul Moore, Beth Chen, Guy Connelly, Debbie Coppola, Jennifer DaCosta, Joann Dornblaser, Deby Duby, Shawn Durn, Peter Garcia, Barb Goldman, Charlie Gianguzi, Kevin Hann, Dorothy Johnson, Linda Keller, Sonny Laubach, Stephanie Lilly, Debbie Luckenbach, Cade Lutz, Barbara Moon, Catherine Mrowka, Grayce Raven, Jakob Raven, Ken Raven, Maurice, Gillian & Genine Sloane, Barb Tomko, 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-5 Rodger Nagy, LT Seth Watlington



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



**I LOVE DRYLAND DAY**

Again, this year, Dryland Day was a huge success. A lot of items were brought in to help with various activities here at the church.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!! **Joyce**

**THOUGHT OF THE MONTH**  
**HE GAVE US ALL A CHANCE TO**  
**CHOOSE A SECOND BIRTH!**

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS**



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



**CHOIR PRACTICE SCHEDULE**

March 13 9:30 am  
March 27 9:30 am



The cost of the Bulletin will be \$12.00.

**CELEBRATING  
OUR  
MEMBERS**

**MEMBERS OF THE MONTH**

**PEOPLE WHO DONATED  
GOODS TO DRYLAND DAY**

**It only takes a few people to come forward and give their all for a project, and we can be so proud of everyone who came forward again this year in helping with our items for that special day!**

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

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



**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Randi Johnson
- 3 John Getz
- 10 Jacob Angione
- 12 Leon Lieberman
- 20 Nancy Weisel
- 22 Matthew Burton, Dan Cruttenden
- 28 Nicholas Youngkin
- 30 Luke Creyer, Bev Weidner



**MARCH ANNIVERSARIES**

- 12 Mr. & Mrs. Jack Schmauch 58 years
- 20 Mr. & Mrs. David Faust 43 years
- 24 Mr. & Mrs. Roy Seiple 45 Years



**Kitchen Committee Needs Help**

During the month of March there are three events involving the kitchen crew. March 9 is a dinner to go and eat in to raise money for a Special Needs Cheering team. The Cub Scout Blue and Gold Dinner is on March 24. The Easter Pie Sale is on March 29 and 30. If anyone is available to help even for a few hours on any of the following dates, it will be greatly appreciated.

March 7, 8 or 9 for the Stars Cheer dinner.

March 21, 22, 23 or 24 for the Blue and Gold Dinner.

March 26, 27, 28 or 29 for the Pie making.

There are numerous opportunities to assist that do not require any cooking skills.

Contact Karen Lambert at 610-504-1158 or Rich Durn at 484-894-9799 for more information.

**LOOKING FOR A NEW HOME**

When the church remodeled years back, we were able to purchase the pews that were no longer being used, we purchased one, but now we are sorry to say we are looking to give it a new home. It measures 57" long. If interested call me, Kathy, at 610-837-7210.

*Special Stars*  
**Fundraising Dinner**

March 9, 2024  
5-7 pm

Help support our team on their journey to All Star Worlds in Orlando, Florida

**\$12**  
per person  
cash or check only

Buffet dinner including:  
cheddar baked chicken, roast  
potato wedges, string beans, salad,  
rolls & dessert



Can't make it for dinner?  
Take out is available  
from 10-2  
Call to preorder:  
Rich (484) 894 - 9799 or  
Karen (610) 504-1158

Dryland UCC  
4415 Newburg Road  
Nazareth, PA

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

March 9 - Special Stars Dinner (dine-in or take-out)

March 24 - Palm Sunday 8am & 9:30am

March 28 - Maundy Thursday 7:00pm

Easter Pie Sale – pick up 3/29 & 3/30  
(Form attached)

March 31- Easter Sunday 8am & 9:30am





## Special MEETING Parking Lot Info

On Sunday March 10<sup>th</sup> after 9:30 worship we will have a Congregational meeting for the purpose of discussing and approving work to be done on the parking lot.

In our annual meeting those present were informed of the need to attend to the parking lot. We have received a quote to have the necessary work completed which includes filling the cracks, sealing, and repainting the parking slots and directional arrows for traffic flow. The cost will be between \$13,000.00 and \$14,000.00. This need is urgent. If the parking lot continues to deteriorate to the point that it needs repaving, the cost will be multiplied by 10.

Currently we have donations earmarked for this project that get us off to a good start, covering a little over 1/3 of the cost. The best-case scenario is to commit to the work being done as soon as possible so that the job will be able to be completed during the summer months.



### Christian Education Report:

In Christian Love,  
Alison and Linda



### **BURIED TREASURE FUNDRAISER**

Dave Russell, a good friend of Dryland UCC, is working to bring back his Buried Treasure fundraiser to benefit Equi-librium, a local therapeutic riding facility. This is a music trivia game that requires players to identify songs on the B sides of 45rpm records with songs from the 50s-80s. He hopes to have it up and running sometime in 2024. Anyone interested in more information can contact Dave via phone or email. 610-837-2065 [rmgt1999@verizon.net](mailto:rmgt1999@verizon.net)

## CONSISTORY 2024

### Officers

President –  
VP – Dan Cruttenden (E)  
Secretary – Alison Rothrock  
Treasurer – Dewayne Heller (E)

Susan Bostian	<a href="mailto:susanmattesbostian@gmail.com">susanmattesbostian@gmail.com</a>
Steve Brown	<a href="mailto:sab398@gmail.com">sab398@gmail.com</a>
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Dewayne Heller	<a href="mailto:thdmav@msn.com">thdmav@msn.com</a>
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CONSISTORY MEETS THE 3<sup>RD</sup> WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7:00 P.M. ANYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND THESE MEETINGS

### DRYLAND STAFF

Rev. Edward Livingston  
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Email: [pastor@drylanducc.org](mailto:pastor@drylanducc.org)  
Brooke Schaller, Church Secretary  
Kathy I. Peters, Breeze Editor  
Susan Bostian, Director of Music  
Dewayne Heller, Treasurer  
Craig Johnson, Assistant Treasurer  
Jerry Hittinger, Financial Secretary  
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**Website:** [www.drylanducc.org](http://www.drylanducc.org)

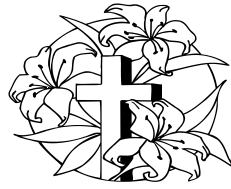


Dewayne Heller is looking for someone he can train to take over being the Church Treasurer.

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.



Wishing you and your family a very Happy and Blessed Easter! Pastor Ed, Brooke, Kathy, Susan, Connie, Dewayne, Craig, Alan, Jerry.



Flowers for  
Easter

Dryland United Church of Christ  
Easter Pie Sale

\$12 per Pie

Order by Sunday, March 24, 2024

Pick up Friday, March 29, from 8-2

Or Saturday, March 30, from 8-2

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

APPLE CRUMB \_\_\_\_\_

CHERRY CRUMB \_\_\_\_\_

COCONUT CUSTARD \_\_\_\_\_

KEY LIME \_\_\_\_\_

PEANUT BUTTER PIE \_\_\_\_\_

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).

Once again, you may sponsor flower plants to beautify the chancel for Easter. The cost is \$9.50 per plant. You may pick up your plants following the 9:30 a.m. worship service on Easter Sunday.

**THE DEADLINE TO TURN IN ORDERS IS SUNDAY,**  
**MARCH 10<sup>TH</sup>**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

Lily \_\_\_\_\_

How Many? \_\_\_\_\_

Mums \_\_\_\_\_

How Many? \_\_\_\_\_

Tulip \_\_\_\_\_

How Many? \_\_\_\_\_

Sorry, no color choices for the mums or tulips.

TOTAL NUMBER OF PLANTS \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to "DRYLAND UCC"

IN HONOR OF \_\_\_\_\_

IN MEMORY OF \_\_\_\_\_

*Sorry, no deliveries.*

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

The cash receipt and expenditures activity for the period January 1, through January 31, 2024

Category	January Receipts	January Expense	January Balance	YTD Receipts	YTD Expense	YTD Balance
Current-Mission-Property	\$13,010.21	\$16,992.27	\$3,982.06	\$13,010.21	\$16,992.27	\$3,982.06
Capital (Mortgage)	\$1,347.00	\$1,031.90	\$315.10	\$1,347.00	\$1,031.90	\$315.10
Total Category Balance	\$14,357.21	18,024.17	\$3,666.96	\$14,357.21	\$18,024.17	\$3,666.96

Giant Card Program	\$2,600.00	\$2,470.00	\$130.00	\$2,600.00	\$2,470.00	\$130.00
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**NOTE:**

2024 Budget (exclude Capital) Monthly Receipts Required \$218,975.00  
 \$18,247.82  
 Weekly Receipts Required \$4,561.98

2024 Budget (Capital) Monthly Receipts Required \$12,382.80  
 \$1,031.90  
 Weekly Receipts Required \$238.13

Keeping you informed... Discussion at our annual meeting regarding the four categories listed on the weekly envelopes. Can you explain what the funds are used for? A brief explanation follows:

Category – Church Exp: Funds are applied to meet our operating financial obligations for Dryland. That ranges from utilities, salaries, inside maintenance, outside maintenance, insurance, etc.

Category – Missions: That is our OCWM (Our Churches Wider Mission) commitment to the United Church of Christ denomination. Funds are sent to PNEC (Penn Northeast Conference, in Palmerton, PA.) to which we belong, to meet their budget requirements. They also have a commitment to General Synod. A portion of the money is also forward to the UCC General Synod as determined in the conference budget. Both conference and General synod can apply funds to mission projects that are determined by them. When Dryland has a mission project we want to support, we issue a separate communication for that project. NONE of our project money is sent to

conference under the OCWM umbrella. It is clearly earmarked for that mission project. For example: NIN (Neighbors In Need) all funds go to that project.

Category – Property: Funds are used to maintain inside & outside property. This fund supplements the Church Exp category.

Category – Capital: Fund is used to pay down the \$300,000.00 loan we signed in 2009. The loan was for the front lawn sign, parking lot (repair, seal, & Line), sanctuary renovation (pew restoration, new carpeting, all new lighting, new lighting controls, new audio system, new video system, control area for audio video equipment and operation, altar area enhancement).

I know this is a reader's digest version, so please feel free to ask any questions for clarification or suggestions. It is our intent to keep you informed and not confused.

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

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