

The Breeze

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July 2 - Happy 4th of July Sunday

Worship service at 9:30 am
Holy Communion
Birthday Sunday

July 9 - 6th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship service at 9:30 am

July 16 - 7th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship service at 9:30 am
Supply Pastor

July 23 - 8th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship service 9:30 am
Supply Pastor

July 30 - 9th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship service 9:30 am



July 4, 2023 Be Safe!



Enjoy it to your fullest!



July 16 & 23

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Grace and Peace Beloved of God,

As we move into the summer months, I was struck by the gratitude people have been sharing. Gratitude is a quality of being thankful or ready to show appreciation and return kindness. Whether it was speaking with the Nazareth Area Garden Club or the Quilters or the Scouts, each shared gratitude that in Dryland United Church of Christ, they have found a reliable friend, haven, and community partner.

I think of the story that unfolds like a modern-day adventure in Acts, chapter 27. Paul had been imprisoned, was escorted by Roman guards, and placed on a ship to stand trial in Rome. A hurricane soon swept up the ship and for two weeks, the crew fought to survive the violent storm. After 14 days of seeing no sun or stars, the crew gave up all hope of being saved.

That night, an angel appeared to Paul in a dream. He was assured that though the storm would rage, none would perish. Paul led them in praying for daylight and urged everyone to eat so that they may gain strength. During the storm, Paul took bread, gave thanks to God before every person on the ship, broke the bread, and distributed it. The next day, all 276 souls onboard the ship made it safely to shore.

Paul did not wait till the storm passed; he gave thanks in the middle of the storm. Churches across the country have been enduring a prolonged storm. As we have endured the great disruption of the pandemic, I pray that we can continue to give thanks that God has called

the souls of Dryland Church to shine as a beacon of hope for the Good News of the Gospel. Like Paul, may we offer gratitude to God before He supplies our needs.

I look forward with anticipation to the fall start of our Creation-themed series for Christian Formation. Ask Allison or me about the series and the survey. Together in Christ, may we continue to grow in love, appreciation, and joy. May your Independence Day be safe and filled with gratitude and laughter.

Yours In Christ,
Pastor Edward



CHOIR PRACTICE SCHEDULE

NO CHOIR PRACTICE UNTIL SEPTEMBER



Prayer Concerns & Joys:

Watlington Family, Henninger Family, Linda Benner, Richard Creyer, Zoe Catino, Peter Garcia, Kelsey Atwood, Jarret Nagy, Sam Swan

Long-term Prayer Concerns: Matthew Atwood, Brent Burton, Beth Chen, Cory Cruttenden, Guy Connelly, Debbie Coppola, Jennifer Dacosta, Deby Duby, Shawn Durn, Peter Garcia, Charlie Gianguzi, Kevin Hann, Jack Hunt, Lisa Intrepido, Dorothy Johnson, Sonny Laubach, Stephanie Lilly, Debbie Luckenbach, Barbara Moon, Grayce Raven, Jakob Raven, Ken Raven, Barb Tomko, Elwood Trumbauer, Charissa & Jason Williams, Carter Wolfgang, Susan Young, All Members of Dryland.

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

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

When doubt knocks at the door, let faith answer!



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
Fellowship Community, Room 330, Villa
3000 Community Drive, Whitehall, PA 18052
Herbert Heller – 5/4/26
Gensis-Lehigh Health Center, Room 208
1718 Spring Creek Road, Macungie, PA 18062

**CELEBRATING
OUR
MEMBERS
MEMBERS OF THE MONTH**

Members who purchased Geraniums for Pentecost
Thank you to everyone who helped adorn the front of the altar for Pentecost with Geraniums. The beautiful red flowers really lite up the altar.
It is great people like these that keep Dryland a great family!
Nominated by: Kathy Peters, editor of the breeze.



Dear Dryland Family,
We feel so fortunate to be a part of the Dryland **Family**. Your support during the recent passing of Deb's brother, Daniel, meant the world to us. Thank you for the cards and prayers; we truly appreciate them. A special thank you to Alan, Sue, Karen, and Dave for the time they spent preparing for Dan's celebration of life. We don't have words to thank Pastor Edward. His spiritual guidance and guidance in planning Dan's celebration of life were what got us through and will continue to get us through this difficult time. We are so lucky to have Pastor Edward here at Dryland UCC.
Blessings,
The Watlington Family



- 1 Dale Johnson, Melissa Miller
- 2 Michael Creyer
- 4 Adam Perkins
- 6 Bill Duquesnel, Allison Getz
- 7 Jaime Gerhart, Sue Johnson
- 8 Joan Heckler
- 9 Nick Catino, Linda Trexler
- 10 Alexa Davis
- 12 Jeffrey Youngkin, Amanda Zanzalari
- 13 Nancy Catino, Mason Hamilton, Mary Wenrich
- 14 Nicole Danchak, JoAnn Dornblaser, Alexander Miller, Tyler Youngkin
- 16 Charles Berthoud, Mary Bostian, Tyler Rothrock
- 18 Zachary Angione
- 20 Rick Johnson
- 21 Christopher Creyer
- 22 Stephen Henninger
- 23 Kevin Lambert, Eric Lechner
- 24 Gail DeRea
- 27 Dawn Werkheiser
- 29 Ron Weidner
- 30 Shawn Rice, David Francavilla
- 31 Ashley Knause

Loaves and fishes lunch program is resuming starting in July. We will be looking for 4-5 volunteers to serve lunch at St. John's UCC on Broad Street. Dates are not set yet. Time between 10:30-1:30. If interested, please reach out to Linda Lechner.



Here at Dryland, we currently have a prayer chain; however, it only consists of 6 people. It used to be three chains with 6 in each chain. Due to deaths, members moving and leaving the church, we are down to only 1 chain with 5 members. I am sending out a plea for more people to join this list. It only consists of making a call to a person on the list to let them know who is currently put on the prayer chain and what their problem is if they want to indulge it. That's all it is. Only takes about 3-4 minutes of your time. I get the calls from members or the Pastor and pass them on to the starting members of each chain, then it is passed on from there. Anyone can do it, male or female, young or old. Please consider this and let me know, so we can have a three- or four-person chain again. Contact me at 610-837-7210 or kdrybreezekip@gmail.com. Looking forward to hearing from you. Thank You. Kathy I. Peters



2	Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Brown	13 years
7	Mr. & Mrs. William Tomko	33 years
	Mr. & Mrs. Eric Lechner	30 years
11	Mr. & Mrs. Mike Carl	36 years
13	Mr. & Mrs. Jason Vian	21 years
16	Mr. & Mrs. Barry Gerhart	30 years
	Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Stoudt	14 years
	Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gerhart	42 years
20	Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Youngkin	32 years
	Mr. & Mrs. Joshua Peters	4 years
23	Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Kocher	29 years
31	Mr. & Mrs. Leon Lieberman	58 years



We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the following families who have lost a loved one this past month:

Deb Watlington and family upon the sudden loss of her brother Dan.

Steve Henninger and family upon the loss of his sister-in-law Doris.

Please know that are now safe and at peace with our father in heaven.



NO SPONSORS FOR JULY



Did you drink a soda today or even open a can of soup? Did you save the tab? If so, you brought a smile to a child who appreciates your efforts in saving the tabs.

Such a simple task for us, yet a significant way to help those in need.

Tab collection beginning January 1, 2023, through June 15, 2023, totaled 3,425. Adding this to our total of 74,249 since we began this program several year ago, Our grand total is now 77,674.

Thank You to all who continue dropping off the tabs in the church narthex. There is no limit to the number of participants. Just drop the tabs in the container labeled.

TABS by the water fountain in the Narthex area.

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 donations to 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 to 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



HAPPY 4TH TO ALL OUR MEMBERS AND FAMILIES OF DRYLAND. WE HOPE IT WILL BE A SAFE AND EVENTFUL DAY: PASTOR ED, KATHY, SUSAN, CONNIE, JERRY, DEWAYNE, CRAIG, HEIDI.



FROM *the* CHAIRPERSON of Consistory

It is hard to believe that we are actually already starting the month of July! This month we begin the search for a new administrative assistant. Christina's family needs did not allow her to be able to be available at the church during the hours we need her to be there. As a result, we are now in the process of looking for a person to serve in that role for the church. If you or someone you know is interested in a part time morning hour position, please reach out to the church office via phone or email for more information.

A big thank you to Alison Rothrock and Jerry Hittinger for assisting me in covering the office for the past two weeks. An even bigger thank you to Linda Atwood who has volunteered to cover the position until we are able to hire someone.

The Consistory will be sending out a fund drive letter to all the community groups who use our church asking them to consider making a contribution which will support our ability to remain a place for community groups to meet.

It has come to our attention that our AED is over 20 years old and should be replaced so we are working on getting that done.

Our Open & Affirming committee has its first meeting at the end of June (Pride Month). We are looking forward to starting this journey.

As announced before our Christian Education program will be resuming in October in a different format that we hope meets the needs of the busy families in our community. Please keep your eyes peeled for more information as it comes out. We will soon be starting to look at job descriptions and evaluations for our staff here at Dryland as well. We may be asking members to provide some feedback for us to assist with this process. We will greatly appreciate your input.

Hope Alliance will be hosting a Bible School program from July 18th through July 22nd. If you

are interested in more information, please reach out to the church office.

We would like to wish everyone a blessed and joyful July 4th!!

Peace,
Dryland Consistory

CONSISTORY 2023

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- President – Heidi Singer (E)
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MUSIC & WORSHIP REPORT
NO REPORT THIS MONTH

TREASURER'S REPORT

The cash receipt and expenditures activity for the period May 1, thru May 31, 2023.

Receipts for June 1 thru June 17, 2023
(Church Envelop Categories):

Category	Church Exp	--	\$ 5,079.00
Category	Missions	--	\$ 200.00
Category	Property	--	\$ 296.00
Category	Capital	--	615.00
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

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

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Some of the clergy from UCC East Area Ministerium Council meeting at Dryland, June 2023.

GOD IS STILL SPEAKING

In the beginning before time and space,
Before anything was created, there wasn't a trace,
But God was here.
God is still speaking;

Join us for an innovative approach to Christian Education/Sunday School designed to fit into busy family life.

Mark your calendars for the launch in October 2023.

Month long Christian Education session (all ages) focusing on the biblically anchored Story of Creation

Help us shape the time/dates of our program. Please respond to this quick survey via QR code below. Or feel free to contact me directly at Alisonrothrocks316@gmail.com or look for information on our website: www.drylanducc.org

Dryland Christian Education Survey

Thanks in advance for participating, your feedback will help us shape the re-launch of our Christian Education Program at Dryland United Church of Christ. You may also submit this survey on our www.drylanducc.org website. Find the **CLICK HERE** button.

Are you and/or your family interested in participating in Dryland's Sunday School Program?

- Yes No

Check boxes which apply to age groups which would be attending:

- Ages 3-5
 Ages 6-10
 Ages 11-13
 Ages 14-17
 Ages 18-25
 Ages 65+

What time of the week would you be able to attend?

- Prior to Church Service

- During Church Service for children, parents attend Church
- Monday Nights
- Tuesday Nights
- Wednesday Nights
- Thursday Nights
- Friday Nights
- Packets that can be downloaded and worked on at own pace
- Weekday mornings
- Weekday afternoon

Our initial goal is to have intentional 1-month long themed sessions. The first one will take place in October and the topic will be: The Story of Creation. This will be a fun filled 4 weeks which will include bible study, craft activities, food, fun and fellowship. What is the likelihood that you would attend (date and time TBA).

Highly likely to fit this into our schedule.

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5

Unlikely to fit this into our schedule

What other ideas would you like to consider as we re-launch our new Christian Education Program at Dryland?

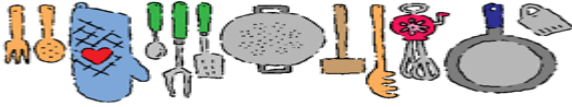
Can we contact you in the future with updates and our next steps regarding the re-launch?

- Yes
 No
 Option 3 _____

If yes, please enter contact information below (email, text or phone number, etc.).

Call or email the church office to find out more or to pre-register, (610) 759-4444 or drylandoffice@rcn.com

FROM THE KITCHEN COMMITTEE



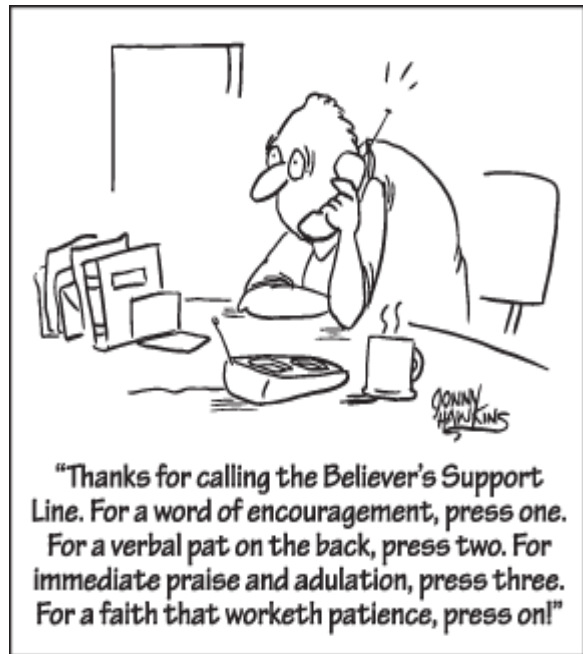
BARBCUED SPARERIBS – Ready to Eat - To Go Dinner Saturday, August 12. Pickup time is between 11AM and 2PM. Enjoy a refreshing summertime dinner to go at only \$12 per meal.

Start your meal with a fresh tomato



salad. From here, move on to tender Oven Baked Barbecued Spareribs. The remainder of the menu includes Corn (on or off the cob) German Potato Salad, Dinner Rolls, and homemade Brownies.

Order deadline is **Sunday, August 6**. 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.



Category	May Receipts	May Expense	May Balance	YTD Receipts	YTD Expense	YTD Balance
Current-Mission-Property	\$16,434.00	\$16,354.44	\$ 79.56	\$72,534.34	\$86,777.13	
Capital (Mortgage)	\$1,519.50	\$1,031.90	\$487.60	\$7,372.00	\$5,159.50	\$2,212.50

Giant Card Program	\$2,700.00	\$2,565.00	\$135.00	\$13,950.00	\$13,252.50	\$697.50
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