

# The Breeze

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## August 6 -10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Worship service at 9:30 am  
Holy Communion  
Birthday Sunday

## August 13 - Laity Sunday

Worship service at 9:30 am  
Pastor away

## August 20 - Laity Sunday

Worship service at 9:30 am  
Pastor away

## August 27 - 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Worship service 9:30 am



**Do not forget those who are not with us because they are serving us!**



**August 7, 2023**



**Pastor's on Vacation August 13 & August 20**

## MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Grace and Peace Beloved of God,

Soon, the fall season will bring familiar change. The landscape will bring bright red and orange colors, election ads will begin to dominate public communications, and families will gear up for back-to-school. Advertising and marketing teams have collaborated to convince you of what you cannot live without. Public leaders have launched campaigns that declare ideological platforms and challenge the community to choose a side.

As you read this note, I invite you to pray together as a congregation this month. Pray to God for clarity about the role of the church in our families and our community and pray about your role as a follower of Jesus. As we pray, keep in mind that our mission as the church of Christ is to promote *salvation* and *new life* -- the Good News of the Gospel -- in Christ. Jesus often prayed. He specifically prayed for all to believe, to become one, and belong as God's beloved. Jesus desires this *new life* for all. In our *new life*, we become one in the unity of the Holy Spirit. (John 17:20-24)

I encourage you to pray for strength that together we will renew a spirit of joy and welcome and be creative in sharing the Good News in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Love is the bond of unity. As followers of Christ, we are called to be one with one another and one with Jesus, just as He is one with God. A way we can excel is to come together often for Sunday worship and collectively be in prayer.

Prayer is powerful. Prayer connects us with God, connects us with people, and connects us with our inner selves. When we feel uncertain about how to pray concerning a situation or crisis, the Holy Spirit intercedes on our behalf. Be

encouraged, for when we are at a loss for the words to pray, the Holy Spirit knows the pains of our hearts and petitions God for us.

The more we pray with, care for, and listen to people who both hold our values in common, as well as with those who do not, the more impactful our witness about God's love will be. Yes, the more we demonstrate acts of love, tolerance, forgiveness, and care, the more those around us will be influenced to respond in kindness. Jesus tells us that by our love for one another, people will know we are His disciples. By such love, we can provide the life direction that people need, so that they too may choose God.

Yours In Christ,  
Pastor Edward



**Prayer Concerns & Joys:**

Elise Intrepido, Malkina Kramm, Linda Benner, Richard Creyer, Zoe Catino, Peter Garcia, Kelsey Atwood, Sam Swan, Steven & Jane Bell.

**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**

**It is not doing the thing we like, but liking the thing we have to do that makes life happy!**



*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



**PERSON OF THE MONTH**

**CHRISTIE**

**Thank you for filling in on Sunday during our worship service with providing us with such beautiful music on the keyboard and with your beautiful voice with your singing. Hope to have you back for you to perform again soon.**

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

**Nominated by: Kathy Peters, editor of the breeze.**

**Dryland is sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive for the community on Wednesday, August 23 from 12:30 pm to 5:00 pm.**

*Give blood.*  
Every 2 seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood.  
American Red Cross

**Community Blood Drive  
Dryland UCC**  
CEC Room  
4415 Newburg Road  
Nazareth, PA 18064  
**Wednesday, August 23, 2023  
12:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter Dryland UCC to schedule an appointment.  
Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | redcrossblood.org | Download the Blood Donor App  
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# TOP 10 reasons

## Give to Blood



- You will get juice and cookies.**
- It's easy and convenient.** It only takes about an hour to give whole blood, and you can make your donation at an American Red Cross blood donation center or one of many blood drives held at businesses, community centers, schools or places of worship.
- You will weigh less.** One pint less than when you came in!
- It's something you can spare.** Most people have blood to spare, yet there is still not enough to go around.
- No one can ask you to do heavy lifting.** As long as you wear your bandage, you're on reprieve. Wear it as long as you like. It's a badge of honor!
- You will walk a little taller afterward.** Most people feel good about themselves knowing they've just helped save someone's life. You will too!
- You will be helping to ensure that blood is there when it's needed.** Most people don't think they'll ever need blood, but many do. One whole blood donation can yield up to three blood products: red cells, platelets and plasma.
- You will give a gift that costs nothing, but last a lifetime.** Blood is something money can't buy. It's only something that one person can give to another.
- You will be someone's hero.** You may give a newborn, a child, a mother or father, a brother or a sister another chance at life. In fact, you can help save up to three lives with just one donation!
- It's the right thing to do!**



redcrossblood.org | 1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | facebook.com/redcrossblood



### August 21 – Jim Goldman

#### Loaves and fishes

The Nazareth Rotary is partnering with Loaves and Fishes Summer Lunch Program to sponsor a Back-to-School Swap for clothing and supplies. The idea is that parents can bring gently used outgrown clothing to either donate or swap for things their child can use for the coming school year. We would appreciate some free publicity in your church bulletin or newsletter or both.

#### Back to School Swap

**Do you have gently used school clothing, shoes, or jackets you have outgrown but are too good to throw out? Nazareth Rotary Club is sponsoring a Back-to-School Swap. You can swap your stuff for other stuff or just give your stuff as a donation.**

**Donations will be accepted Monday through Friday at the Nazareth Moravian Church during the summer lunch program from noon until 1 PM up until August 9<sup>th</sup>. Please put your items in a plastic bag.**

**The swap will be on Thursday August 10<sup>th</sup>, Friday August 11<sup>th</sup> from noon until 1:20 PM and Saturday August 12<sup>th</sup>. from 9 am to noon. You can bring your stuff to swap at that time or just come to the 'shop'. No money will exchange hands, this is simply a way to recycle items that you no longer use and give to someone who will! A win/win,**

**We are looking to recycle school appropriate clothing, shoes, backpacks, and jackets. Any unused notebooks, colored pencils or other school supplies are also appropriate.**

Thank you and blessings,  
Linda Crook, Nazareth Rotary (610)905-6892



- 2 Sue Gallagher,
- 3 Matthew Rothrock
- 5 Paytra Betz, Clark Lieberman
- 6 Marian Miller
- 9 Carissa Perkins
- 10 Frank Erceg, Jerry Hittinger
- 11 Renee Burnette
- 20 Brenda Creyer, Barbara Goldman
- 21 Sandy Banko, Katee Lambert
- 23 Donna Nagy, Jay Watlington, Emily Livingston, Carissa Cramer
- 24 Nelson Stettler, Jessica Moran
- 25 Randy Setzer
- 29 Elaine Dilliard



- 8 Mr. & Mrs. Dustin Jones 15 years
- 10 Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Green, Jr. 37 years
- 14 Mr. & Mrs. Richard Wessner 47 years
- 19 Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Werkheiser 28 years
- 24 Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Lambert 21 years
- 25 Mr. & Mrs. Robert Nagy 39 years
- 29 Mr. & Mrs. David Dornblaser 53 years



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](mailto:kdrybreezekip@gmail.com). Looking forward to hearing from you. Thank You. Kathy I. Peters



**NAZARETH FOOD BANK**

3-ring binders, loose paper, folders, highlighters, pens, pencils, crayons, colored pencils markers, scissors, erasers, spiral notebooks and index cards, glue sticks, please have all items to the NAFB no later than August 12, 2023. They will be distributed on August 19, 2023.

Thanks, Dave Faust



**CHOIR PRACTICE SCHEDULE**

NO CHOIR PRACTICE UNTIL SEPTEMBER



**FROM the CHAIRPERSON** of Consistory

Peace and Blessings to All,  
Seems like just last week that we were wishing everyone a wonderful Summer and now, here we are beginning the month of August! Hard to believe! We do hope everyone is enjoying it. We would like to take a moment to thank Susan Mattes-Bostian for volunteering to fill in for Pastor Livingston during the month of July as he took some time to enjoy his family and the Summer. We appreciate you, Susan! Pastor will be taking a bit more time off during August. We are hard at work organizing Laity Sundays for August 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>. If you're interested in participating, please reach out to Linda Atwood, Alison Rothrock or Heidi Singer.

We are continuing to work on our Christian Education Program which we plan to re-boot for the Fall. Please stay tuned for detailed announcements. Please start talking to your family, friends, and neighbors with children about joining us.

Consistory has decided to put together a committee to look at the sustainability needs of Dryland for both the immediate and long-term needs of the church. You will soon be receiving a letter outlining the purpose of the committee as well as an invitation to participate on the committee and/or provide suggestions/thoughts on our sustainability. While we continue to put our faith in our Lord, we also recognize that we are his hands and feet. Now is NOT the time to leave it up to Consistory or to others. We need our entire church family to work together to keep Dryland a church which loves to serve the Lord and our community. Please consider volunteering for the committee or at the very least provide insightful thoughts and suggestions. You will also be needed to participate in our upcoming programs. Please join us for those as well.

Speaking of programs/projects, we are at the beginning stages of organizing a “Blessing of the Backpacks” prior to the start of the school year. We have been discussing the project with the Nazareth Food Bank and are coordinating an invitation to those who will be receiving backpacks through the food bank to join us as well. Again, stay tuned for more details! If you have thoughts about other events, we can sponsor please reach out.

If you or someone you know is planning a birthday party, baby or bridal shower, community gathering event or any other event for which a site to hold the event at is being looked for, please consider investigating holding that event at Dryland. We want to share our church and have lovely spaces for rent. Simply call the church office for availability.

This Fall the Consistory is hoping to see both new and familiar faces in our Sanctuary. Please reach out to each other and invite our family back to Dryland. To meet the needs of our members, we are working on bringing our 8 am service back. When we do, we will continue to have the second service at 9:30 am.

Peace and Joy to all of you as you enjoy our last month of Summer!

Dryland Consistory

## CONSISTORY 2023

### Officers

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 June 1, thru June 30, 2023.

Receipts for July 1 thru July 22, 2023

(Church Envelop Categories):

Category	Church Exp	--	\$ 7,249.00
Category	Missions	--	\$ 334.00
Category	Property	--	\$ 359.00
Category	Capital	--	867.00

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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# 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 [Alisonrothrock316@gmail.com](mailto:Alisonrothrock316@gmail.com) or look for information on our website: [www.drylanducc.org](http://www.drylanducc.org)



## TROOP 76 COURT OF HONORS

The month of June marked a special achievement for the Scoutmaster of Troop 76. Jerry Eldridge, who has been the Scoutmaster of Troop 76 for past ten years, was recognized with the Scouts BSA "Unit Leader Award of Merit". This award recognizes unit leaders that truly demonstrate the principles and values that the Boy Scouts of America expect from their leaders. During this special event, Jerry's wife, daughter, and son presented the award certificate, a special Scoutmaster patch, and a "Double Knot" patch that symbolizes this award. To top off the event, the current leaders of Troop 76 successfully brought together past Eagle Scout recipients and leaders that Jerry was involved with at Troop 76 over the years. Congratulations Jerry, on this amazing accomplishment!



# 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](http://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  
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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?

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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.).

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

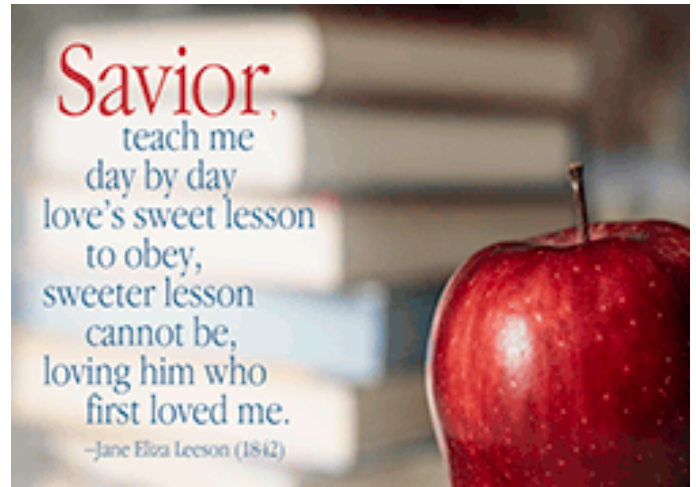


**BARBCUED SPARERIBS – Ready to Eat - To Go Dinner Saturday, August 12. Pickup time is between 11AM and 2PM. Enjoy a refreshing summertime dinner to go at only \$12 per meal.**



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.





<b>Category</b>	<b>June Receipts</b>	<b>June Expense</b>	<b>June Balance</b>	<b>YTD Receipts</b>	<b>YTD Expense</b>	<b>YTD Balance</b>
<b>Current-Mission-Property</b>	\$13,394.14	\$18,786.95	<b>-\$5,392.81</b>	\$85,928.48	\$105,564.08	<b>-\$19,635.60</b>
<b>Capital (Mortgage)</b>	\$1,347.00	\$1,031.90	\$315.10	\$8,719.00	\$6,191.40	\$2,527.60

<b>Giant Card Program</b>	\$2,800.00	\$2,660.00	\$140.00	\$16,750.00	\$15,912.50	\$837.50
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