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**Dryland United Church of Christ**  
**4415 Newburg Road, Nazareth, PA 18064**  
**Phone: 610.759.4444**  
**[www.drylanducc.org](http://www.drylanducc.org)**

## **Dryland UCC – Mission Statement:**

The avowed purpose of this church shall be to worship God; to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and to celebrate the Sacraments to realize Christian fellowship and unity within this church and the Church Universal; to render loving service toward mankind; and to strive for righteousness, justice and peace.

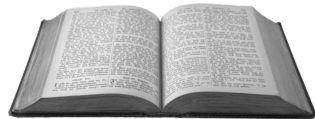
**Pastor: The Rev. Edward Livingston, MDiv.**

**DRYLAND UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**4415 Newburg Road, Nazareth PA**  
**April 28, 2024– 9:30 am**

**Prayer Concerns:** Nicole, Betsy Coladonato, the family of Dottie Heckler, Alan Heller, Joan Penucci, Joanne Mitman, the family of Catherine Mrowka, Peter, Eileen & Rachel Rinaldi, Yin-Yin, Kelly Vitale, Shirley Weidner

**Long-term Prayer Concerns:** Matthew Atwood, Lina Benner, Brent Burton, Richard Creyer, Cory Cruttenden, Guy Connelly, Debbie Coppola, Gary & Karen Crosson, Jennifer Dacosta, Joann Dornblaser, Deby Duby, Shawn Durn, Peter Garcia, Charlie Gianguzi, Barb & Jim Goldman, Kevin Hann, Jessica Harper, Elise Intrepido, Lisa Intrepido, Dorothy Johnson, Linda Keller, Sonny Laubach, Stephanie Lilly, Debbie Luckenbach, Cade Lutz, Barbara Moon, Paul Moore, Grayce, Jakob & Ken Raven, Maurice, Gillian & Genine Sloane, Barb Tomko, Angela Tout, Elwood Trumbauer, Jorn Walter, 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

**Daily Scripture Readings**



**Monday, April 29, 2024:** Psalm 80; Isaiah 5:1-7; Galatians 5:16-26

**Tuesday, April 30, 2024:** Psalm 80; Isaiah 32:9-20; James 3:17-18

**Wednesday, May 1, 2024:** Psalm 80; Isaiah 65:17-25; John 14:18-31

**Thursday, May 2, 2024:** Psalm 98; Isaiah 49:5-6; Acts 10:1-34

**Friday, May 3, 2024:** Psalm 98; Isaiah 42:5-9; Acts 10:34-43

**Saturday, May 4, 2024:** Psalm 98; Deuteronomy 32:44-47; Mark 10:42-45

**The UCC Statement of Faith**

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, And to your deeds we testify: You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death.

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin. You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles. In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, You have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself.

You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues and races. You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be your servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at His table, to join Him in His passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust You, forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trials and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end. Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto You. Amen.

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**Geranium Plants for Pentacost**

**\$5.00 per plant**

**Orders due by: Sunday, May 5**

Please pick-up your plants following the 9:30am service on ***Sunday, May 19th***. Sorry, no deliveries.  
Checks payable to: Dryland UCC



Order forms available in the Narthex

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:**

- 5/3: Spring Craft/Vendor Fair
- 5/5: Communion, Geranium Orders Due
- 5/14: Friends in Faith Networking
- 5/18: Winner, Winner—Chicken Dinner
- 5/19: Pentecost, Communion



**UPCOMING EVENTS  
SAVE THE DATES!!!**

**Friday, May 3rd  
Spring Craft Fair 4:00-8:00pm**



For more info/to register:  
Everyribboncounts.com (events tab)  
Call Susan 610-417-2448

**Tuesday, May 14th  
Friends in Faith Networking  
8:00-10:00am**



**Choir Lyrics: So Glad Medley**

So glad I'm here, so glad I'm here, so glad I'm here in Jesus' name! O, Lordy! So glad I'm here, so glad I'm here, so glad I'm here in Jesus' name!  
 So glad I'm here in Jesus' name, so glad I'm here in Jesus' name. I don't know what you've come to do, I don't know what you've come to do, I've come to praise His name! O, Lordy! I've come to praise His name.  
 You know that I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me. (Repeat 2x). Singin' glory hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.  
 You know I'm so glad, so glad I'm newborn again. Been a long time a-talkin' 'bout my trials here below. Free grace, free grace, free grace sinner. Free grace, free grace, I'm newborn again. So glad, so glad, I'm newborn again Been a long time a-talkin' 'bout my trials here below, Lord. Yes, I'm so glad I've come to praise his name!

**MANY THANKS...**

...To all of the Volunteers who helped with the Funerals and Luncheons

...To all of the Volunteers who helped with the Election Day Bake Sale

We appreciate you!



**PLEASE SIGN-UP!!!**

There are sign-up sheets in the Narthex for Bulletin Sponsors (\$12 per week).

Please consider sponsoring for May, June, July!



Every Sunday during worship  
9:30am-10:30am  
All Children Welcome

***Did you know that shopping at Giant can help Dryland?***



Purchase gift cards in increments of \$50 from Dryland to shop at any Giant food stores. You get the full value of the gift card and it's like paying cash when you shop! Dryland receives 5% of the total you purchase!

If interested, please contact Jerry Hittinger at 610-866-6516 or [oljer@rcn.com](mailto:oljer@rcn.com).

**WINNER, WINNER, CHICKEN DINNER!**

\$12 per person

**Saturday May 18: Take-out 11am-2pm**  
*Orders due by: Sunday May 12*



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

Contact: Karen 610-504-1158, Rich 484-894-9799 or Church Office 610-759-4444

## HOW TO HELP IN OUR COMMUNITY:

**The Nazareth Area Food Bank** The food bank is open for donations on Tuesdays 5:30-7pm and Fridays and Saturdays 9-11am—**paper towels, tissues, napkins, TP and granola bars are requested for May.**

Monetary donations are always welcome and should be mailed to:

**Nazareth Area Food Bank, P.O. Box 178, Nazareth, PA 18064**



**LOAVES & FISHES Soup Kitchen** is accepting food and monetary donations for their weekly meals and food pantry.

St. John's UCC, 183 S. Broad St., Nazareth PA 18064 – mark the envelope as a Loaves and Fishes. Questions, please contact St. John's UCC at 610-759-0893.

**Meals on Wheels** – If you have an interest in volunteering to help with the delivery of meals please contact Dawn Stillwagen, Director of Volunteer Services 610-841-7011.



Dryland often receives requests for gift cards to help with food purchases for those in need. Please consider donating a \$25 or \$50 **Giant gift card** to the Church to help those in need.

Please see Jerry Hittinger or call the Church Office for more details. Thank you!

*In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus teaches that the mission of His church includes providing food for the hungry. (Matthew 25) Dryland embraces Christ's mission. We thank you for being a part of this mission by providing for those in our community who hunger.*



### ONLINE GIVING!

Many of our members know that online giving has been offered for several years and has been a blessing to a number of our members. To sign up for online giving, simply go to the church website at [www.drylanducc.org](http://www.drylanducc.org) and click on the give online button. The process is easy and quick to complete. An email address is necessary to participate. If choosing a recurring gift option, you will be reminded each time the transaction will take place.

## Birthdays This Week

30 James Goldman



## Anniversaries This Week

28 Mr. & Mrs. Jason Motts 12 years  
30 Mr. & Mrs. James Dawson 19 years

## Bulletin Sponsor this Week

Sponsored by: Mark & Linda Atwood  
In Celebration of: *Mark's birthday*

### Remember our Shut-Ins

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



**Do you or someone you know, need help with:** parenting, stress management, elder care, domestic violence, school issues, employment, mental health, homelessness, food insecurity, child welfare, and much more..... ***there is help*** .  
The Nazareth Ministerium of Churches has a Social Worker to help support those who need help in our community. Please contact them at: 610-759-3163, ext. 104 or email [nazarethsocialworker@gmail.com](mailto:nazarethsocialworker@gmail.com)



Global events, not natural and war related, have created a humanitarian crisis in the world. Donations can be made online at <https://support.ucc.org> by selecting your donation amount, then the fund you are donating to on the drop-down.

Funds can also be sent to:

**The United Church of Christ, PO BOX 71957, Cleveland, OH 44194.**

Please earmark your check for the fund to which you are contributing. Donations will be used by our UCC partners in the areas of greatest need, for relief and long-term recovery. Gifts made will provide shelter, food, and other care to those who have been displaced.

***“Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, ‘Abba, Father.’” – Galatians 4:6*** *If you have made Jesus your Savior, He is your spiritual home and He lives in you.*

***A prayer of Hope:*** *“Heavenly Father, fill our hearts with your spirit. Let us face the day with the knowledge that You are with us always. Amen.”*

## **PRELUDE**

## **WELCOME**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We have been saved by the Risen Christ, the life-giving Vine.

**All: We abide in Love, the life-giving Vine.**

One: We are branches of the Vine”sustained, nurtured, and pruned by Love.

**All: We have no life apart from Love, the life-giving Vine.**

One: When we make our home in the Vine, and the Vine makes a home in us, we bear the fruit of Love.

**All: We produce the fruit of Love, from the life-giving Vine.**

One: How shall we bear the fruit of Love?

**All: We will rest in the Lord our God. We will love God and one another in all that we do and say.**

### **\*OPENING PRAYER**

**ANTHEM** So Glad Medley

### **PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION**

**All: Merciful One, you know when we are afraid to love; you know when we are too selfish to show mercy. Remind us again that perfect love casts out such fears. Surround us and strengthen us with your perfect love, even in the face of our imperfections. Fill us with a love so strong that we may cast aside our pride and embrace the power of your love.**

### **WORDS OF GRACE**

Christ is the vine. We are simply branches. If we abide in Christ, Christ’s words will abide in us. In the name of Christ, you who seek forgiveness are forgiven!

## **PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

### **HOLY SCRIPTURES**

Our first reading is Psalm 22:25-31, pages 475-476 in the pew Bibles. Our Gospel reading is from John 15:1-8, page 939 in the pew Bibles.

**\*HYMN #440** Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

### **MESSAGE**

### **PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### **CALL FOR THE OFFERING**

### **\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**Gracious God, thank you for your gift of Jesus Christ, who cares for us and protects us. With these gifts we return to you, help us care for others in our communities and around the world. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN #466** Take My Life and Let it Be

### **\*BENEDICTION**

### **SONG OF DEPARTURE**

**Lord be with us on this day, and in thy presence may we evermore adore Thee. And Lord be near and show Thy way, that we may follow in the path You choose.**

## **POSTLUDE**