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August 1 - 8th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship service at 9:30 am

Holy Communion

August 8 - 9th Sunday after Pentecost

Breakfast 8:00 am

Worship service at 9:30 am

August 15 - 10th Sunday after Pentecost

Breakfast 8:00 am

Worship service at 9:30 am

August 22 - 11th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship service at 9:30 am

August 29 - 12th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship service at 9:30 am



WE WILL KEEP YOU POSTED ON ANY UPDATES OF THE DATES!



NOW THAT WE ARE BACK IN FULL SWING, HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE BACK TO WORSHIP TOGETHER AS ONE BIG FAMILY!

Grace and Peace Beloved

August of 2021 is our second summer of pandemic time. The past 18 months have presented quite a few challenges for a great number of people. As I reflect on the times in which we live, I am brought to the Gospel message found in John chapter 6 verse 20, where it is written that Jesus provided comfort and assurance to the disciples with the words, "It is I, do not fear."

This assurance from Jesus is so very important for our peace, health, and worldview or outlook. A year ago in the August Pastoral Letter, I reflected upon the great disruption during our summertime. Many people stayed local, air travel was greatly reduced, and hotels realized unprecedented vacancies. The very foundations of our society were under great pressure and many people were in turmoil.

The COVID pandemic created an opportunity for our society to assess how well we truly care for and value one another. The many restrictions and hurdles of the pandemic highlight ways our communal safety-nets were insufficient and heightened the importance to pay close attention to the question, "who do you love?" At the core of Christ's teaching is that we love one another. It continues to be a joy to partner with our dedicated members, friends, and officers of the church who are fully committed to seeing Dryland thrive as a place to belong in Christ.

The opportunities remain plentiful to demonstrate civility, care, and welcome, alongside of sharing the Good News that God so loves the world that through Jesus, we shall know peace and life everlasting with God. An example of how Dryland continues to show God's love is in the care and

welcome the kitchen crew models in their interactions, warm invitations to join us for Sunday worship, and through their delicious meals.

Other exciting ways for people to experience God's love through Dryland Church are developing. The launch of Dryland Church as a hub for "Meals-On-Wheels" will help 1,000 people receive nutritious medically tailored meals daily. I look forward to Rally Day 2021 and the creative ways we will renew our commitments as disciples of Christ. Through our actions, more people will know the love of Jesus. Be encouraged, Jesus said, "It is I, do not fear." Let us rejoice and welcome the new thing God is doing at Dryland and beyond.

In Christ's Service,
Pastor Edward



Prayer Concerns and Joys: Family of Ernie Keller, Nancy & Dave Russell, Bill & Judy Tomko.

Long-term Prayer Concerns:

Kathy Anderson, Matthew Atwood, Sandi Berry, Guy Connelly, Debbie Coppola, Jean Cruttenden, Donna Depietro, Shawn Durn, Judy & Ken Faust, Charlie Gianguzi, Barbara Goldman, Jim Goldman, Terri Governa, Kevin Hann, Dorothy Johnson, Gayle Kozak, Sonny Laubach, Lois Lechner, Stephanie Lilly, Barbara Moon, Grayce Raven, Ken Raven, Jakob Raven, Barbara Scherer, Carolyn Stafnack, George H. Stewart, Jr., 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 E-2, Delta Advanced Hawkeye Pilot Seth Watlington



We would express our deepest sympathy to the family of Ernie Keller. Ernie's brother, Hal passed away on Thursday, July 22, 2021. May you know he is now at peace and sitting on the right side of our Lord and Savior forever.

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH
Each friend is a gift from a Loving God!



**Remember
Our Homebound Members**

Janet Day – 1/29/35, 610-865-3598
Country Meadows, Apartment 509,
4025 Green Pond Road, Bethlehem, PA 18020
Dottie Heckler – 12/29/29 610-759-0197
243 Nazareth Pike, Bethlehem, PA 18020
Herbert Heller – 5/4/26
Gensis-Lehigh Health Center, Room 208
1718 Spring Creek Road, Macungie, PA 18062

PARENTS IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ANNOUNCE ACHIEVEMENTS, HONORS, OR ACCOMPLISHMENTS ABOUT YOUR YOUNG ADULTS, PLEASE CONTACT ME, SO I CAN SHARE IT WITH THE CONGREGATION!

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



This month we are honoring:

MEMBERS OF THE MONTH

KITCHEN CREW

Once again, the kitchen crew is back at it serving breakfast before church. So, if you are a cook, dish washer, server, etc. Thank You for all that you do. It is greatly appreciated. So come early and enjoy the good food and then come up to hear the good word of our Lord. The cost is \$5.00 per person.

It is great people like these that keep Dryland a great family!
Nominated by Kathy I. Peters, Breeze Editor



Nazareth High School Athletics Hall of Fame

Dale Johnson (Class of 1955)

Winner of five varsity letters, 2 of each in football and baseball, 1 in basketball. Served as longtime Athletic Director from 1969 to 2000. Oversaw the athletic programs district and state. Under his leadership several programs were started, among them during his tenure, boys' and girls' soccer and a strong expansion of female athletic teams. Nazareth ran dozens of league accolades during his time of Athletic Director. Congratulations Dale!



July 18, 2021, we brought into our family through baptism, Averi Isabelle Sisto. Averi is the daughter of Louis & Erin Sisto and the granddaughter of Sheri Fitzgerald and John & Diane Sisto. Her sponsors are Sarah Sofko and Sean Fitzgerald. Welcome Averi to Dryland UCC.



The flower charts are once again hung on the bulletin board in the narthex, if you are interested in sponsoring flowers, we will start having altar flowers after Rally Day which would be September 12th. So, save your date by signing the chart or call the church office and leave a message. Thank You!



NEW MEMBERS

On June 13, 2021, we accepted into our church family here at Dryland the two ladies: Carol Butler and Rev. Emily Garcia Livingston. Nice to have you both in our family here at Dryland!



Attention handbell ringers: we will have a practice on August 26 at 7 pm in the sanctuary. Looking forward to seeing all of you. In addition, anyone interested in joining the handbell choir, please reach out to me at crrn51@yahoo.com, or 6107597844. Thanks, Carol



- 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
- 12 Lauren Mantz
- 14 Kenneth Faust
- 17 Gary Helm
- 19 Randall Butterworth
- 20 Brenda Creyer, Barbara Goldman
- 21 Sandy Banko, Katee Lambert
- 22 Donna Nagy, Jay Watlington, Rev. Emily Livingston
- Carissa Cramer
- 24 Brett Brinker, Nelson Stettler
- 25 Randy Setzer
- 28 Natalie Sasso
- 29 Elaine Dilliard
- 30 Braxton Kocher



8	Mr. & Mrs. Dustin Jones	13 years
10	Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Green, Jr.	35 years
14	Mr. & Mrs. Richard Wessner	45 years
19	Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Werkheiser	26 years
24	Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Lambert	19 years
25	Mr. & Mrs. Robert Nagy	37 years
29	Mr. & Mrs. David Dornblaser	51 years

GIANT CARD PROGRAM ENHANCEMENT

Do you regularly do your grocery shopping at Giant Stores? We have an enhancement to assist in a convenient way to participate and at the same time provide a simple source of funds for the church.

You can now order Giant gift cards through our on-line giving program. The cards can be ordered in denominations of \$50, \$100, \$200 and \$300. Simply log onto the church web site at drylanducc.org and select the on-line giving button. Once you have logged on you can select “one time” or “recurring donations” and select the Giant Card Program fund. The funds will automatically be deducted from the account you have selected (checking, savings or credit card). If you choose to order on-line, please place your order by the 20th of the month. This assures proper credit and allows time for bank clearing. When the cards are received from Giant, you will be contacted to arrange for pickup.

We have had the Giant gift card program for several years and it is a simple way for the church to earn 5% of the total orders.

ON-LINE GIVING!

Many of our members know that on-line giving has been offered for several years and has been a blessing to a number of our members. It offers an avenue to regularly give and not be concerned about writing checks or putting cash in the offering plate.

With on-line giving you select if you want to give on a recurring basis (i.e., weekly, bi-weekly or monthly), on a specific day of the week or a specific day of the

month. You can also make a contribution as you find it convenient to you each month. Recently we have expanded the selection of funds that you can decide to contribute to from 5 to 11 funds. This allows for greater flexibility in your giving decision.

On-line giving has proven to be of great benefit to the finance committee in providing regular and expected revenue in covering the regular monthly expenses of the church.

To sign up for on-line giving, simply go to the church web site at www.drylanducc.org and click on the give on-line button. The process is easy and quick to complete. An e-mail address is necessary to participate. If choosing a recurring gift option, you will be reminded each time the transaction will take place. You can use your bank account as a source of funding or your credit or debit card. If you need further information, contact the church office at 610-759-4444.

CONSISTORY 2021

Officers

President – Stacey Banko (D)
VP – Dan Cruttenden (E)
Secretary – Linda Atwood (D)
Treasurer – Dewayne Heller (E)

Committees

Christian Education – Stacey 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)

MUSIC & WORSHIP COMMITTEE

If you are still attending services from home, you may not know this...as of July 4th, we are singing an opening hymn. We hope to continue adding more hymns to our services and begin to introduce a few new selections. Additionally, the choir will resume singing live on Labor Day!

A few months ago, flower sponsorship charts were posted next to the bulletin board in the Narthex area. Soon the Bulletin sponsorship chart will be added. Please, consider acknowledging a loved one's special day—birthday, graduation, anniversary, heavenly birthday, or any other event—with your sponsorship. If you would like to sponsor, but are still not comfortable attending

services in person, please contact the church office. We will be happy to work with you.

Linda Atwood, Chairperson

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE



Reverend Livingston welcomes Ms. Victoria Coyle, CEO, Meals on Wheels of the Greater Lehigh Valley (MOWGLV) during our July 18th service. Dryland UCC is partnering with MOWGLV and will become a distribution site for clients in lower Nazareth and neighboring areas. Service from Dryland is scheduled to begin August 9th.

Dryland consistory has approved a plan that allows Dryland to serve as the new distribution site for MOW's Nazareth routes. This agreement allows a MOW vehicle and volunteers to access our packing lot for the purpose of dropping off meal containers and allow volunteers to pick them up for delivery to clients. Volunteers would return empty containers for overnight storage in an outside shed that will be located along the rear edge of the parking lot. Empty containers would be picked up the next morning when full containers are again delivered to Dryland. Drop-off and pick-up would occur between 10:00 am and 12:00 pm, Monday thru Friday. The tentative date to start using Dryland is September 1, 2021.

No access to the church building or use of Dryland staff is needed. We are simply sharing our parking lot and agree to locate a shed on our property to facilitate the dropping off & picking up of meal containers.

If you would like more information about volunteering for meal delivery you can visit their website: <https://mowglv.org/volunteer-for-meals-on-wheels/>

Charles Berthoud, Chairperson

INSIDE PROPERTY REPORT

Installed split air conditioner in kitchen also waiting for repairs on CE air unit.

Still working on keys

Dave Faust, Chairperson

TREASURER'S REPORT

The cash receipt and expenditures activity for the period June 1 thru June 30, 2021. The category Current-Mission-Property encompasses the options on the weekly giving envelop. 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.

Please Read: At the July Financial Committee Meeting we developed a brief financial criteria statement. It states: *Identify benchmarks that are no longer sustainable in our current operating structure. This includes both financial and covenant (membership) statistics.* The statement is a guide to maintain our focus in planning for future growth and existence in serving the Lord. Our first measurement was graphing the monthly opening balance bank statement since January 1, 2019, thru July 1, 2021. The line is like a roller coaster. Highs and lows, very few level rides. The highs are developed from kitchen activity contributions and transferring money from the Memorial Account to meet expenses. Our expenses are within budget guidelines.

Please Understand: We truly relate and understand individual and family needs. That is not in question at all. We are just sharing the facts so everyone can determine on their own what they are able to do to support Dryland's mission.

Please Pray: Pray for yourself asking God how I can make a difference. When you are done, then pray for others in the same manner you prayed for yourself.

Please Be Thankful: Be thankful and stay encouraged. God has given so much to us in our families and in our church family. You know the

commitment involved within your family matters. The joy, comfort, and rewards that transpire from that commitment. Same with our church family. We have not yet to know the full glory and joy that God has planned for your church. Let us all do our part. Remember God Is Still Speaking!

Please Communicate: Let us know what your church can do for you. Let us know what is on your mind and thoughts. Together in one body with Christ we can and will meet the challenges of this life on earth. Feel free to contact the church office at DrylandOffice@RCN.Com or Pastor Ed. For financial information you can email Drylandfinance@RCN.Com.

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!

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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Category	June Receipts	June Expense	June Balance	YTD Receipts	YTD Expense	YTD Balance
Current-Mission-Property	\$11,273.00	\$14,438.91	-\$3,165.91	\$85,227.33	\$96,191.39	-\$10,964.06
Capital (Mortgage)	\$1,708.00	\$1,031.90	\$676.10	\$10,086.10	\$5,368.60	\$4,717.50
Total Category Balance	\$12,981.00	\$15,470.81	-\$2,489.81	\$95,313.43	\$101,559.99	-\$6,246.56

Giant Card Program	\$2,650.00	\$2,517.50	\$132.50	\$13,700.00	\$13,015.00	\$685.00
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NOTE:

2021 Budget (exclude Capital)	\$233,972.00
Monthly Receipts Required	\$19,497.67
Weekly Receipts Required	\$4,874.42
2021 Budget (Capital)	\$14,712.00
Monthly Receipts Required	\$1,031.90
Weekly Receipts Required	\$257.98