

The Breeze

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April



April 2 - 2nd Palm Sunday

Worship service at 9:30 am

April 9 - Easter/ Lord has Risen

Worship service at 9:30 am

Holy Communion

April 16 - 1st Sunday after Easter

Worship service at 9:30 am

Installation of Consistory

Congregational Meeting/By Laws

April 23 - 2nd Sunday after Easter

Worship service 9:30 am

April 30 - 3rd Sunday after Easter

Worship service 9:30 am



4/2/23



4/6/23 7:00 PM



4/7/23



4/9/23

Grace and Peace to you Beloved of God,

We have endured the shorter times of daylight that come with the winter months. We have journeyed through the Lenten season; observed Holy Week where we reflected upon the journey of Jesus to the cross and because of His sacrifice, the sting of death and the hold of sin on our lives have forever been broken. We can rejoice that through Christ's Resurrection, our Redeemer Jesus has bridged the gulf and reconciled us with God our Father. (2 Corinthians 5:17-19)

The world knows pain, it knows violence, it knows theft, and it knows fear. With so much division, strife, and violence taking place, now is the time for more people to heed God's call and stand in the gap. Disciples of Christ were forged to lead with love and to model grace and forgiveness. It is a very natural sense to think that peace is unattainable. While optimism may not be practical, given the many ways our communities and families are fractured, as followers of Christ, perhaps you and I can hold out for hope. Perhaps we can model grace, love, compassion, and forgiveness. Perhaps, with the help of God, peace can begin with us. (Romans 12:18)

The Joy of the Gospel is the Good News that Christ Lives! I pray that Dryland Church grows stronger as we teach and demonstrate God's love, and ever expand the invitation to new life through Christ Jesus. I pray that by remembering Christ's sacrifice and celebrating His victory over death, we can live as people of the Resurrection each day of the week. I pray that the world catches on to the reality that God's love is more powerful than evil. I pray that by our love God is glorified and hearts turn back to embrace the Living God. (Luke 1:17)

Hallelujah! He Lives, Pastor Edward



Join the Choir...

You'll Be Glad
You Did!

CHOIR PRACTICE SCHEDULE

March 26 we will practice right after church 10:30 to 11:30 for Palm Sunday's song. We can practice in the Sanctuary.

April 3 Practice (For Maundy Thurs and Easter Sunday)

April 17 Practice

May 1 Practice

May 15 Practice



**Easter Sunday
Breakfast**

Please join us before worship for a delicious breakfast from 8:00 – 9:00 a.m.



Altar Flowers

April 9 – Easter Flowers – Sponsors



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

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

Amazing, isn't it, how some people see the basket half empty, and others see it half full. Some see life hopeless, others hopeful. Even when things are less than perfect, if you can think of the good, the beautiful, the hopeful, you'll be more than sustained-you'll conquer!



Prayer Concerns & Joys:

Sam Swan, Weidner family, Linda Thomas, Kelsey Atwood, Jenn Dacofta, Beth Chen, Dave Wagner.

Long-term Prayer Concerns: Mark Atwood, Matthew Atwood, Brent Burton, Cory Cruttenden, Guy Connelly, Debbie Coppola, Deby Duby, Shawn Durn, Peter Garcia, Charlie Gianguzi, Kevin Hann, Dottie Heckler, Jack Hunt, Lisa Intrepido, Dorothy Johnson, Sonny Laubach, Stephanie Lilly, Debbie Luckenbach, Cade Lutz, Barbara Moon, Pat Muthard, 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.



Loaves and fishes lunch program is resuming starting in April. 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.



Don't forget to pick up your Easter flowers you ordered after the service on Easter. Thank you to all who sponsored these flowers and made the front of the church look beautiful for Easter and Spring!

**CELEBRATING
OUR
MEMBERS**

MEMBERS OF THE MONTH

Bev & Ron Weidner

Thank you to both of you for supplying the flower arrangements to be used on the altar when there are no sponsors. The arrangements are beautiful, and they will change periodically.

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

Nominated by: Kathy I. Peters, Editor



Thank you for all the cards and condolences at the sudden passing of our sister, Lois Hunt. Also, a big thank you to Rich and the kitchen crew. They made a difficult situation a little easier by taking care of everything for the reception. Thanks again to all, Craig, Sally, Suzie, and Sheree Hunt

Thank you from Nazareth Food Bank for our contributions on Super Bowl Sunday of cans of soup. Also, to Dave Faust for all the work he does with the Food Bank.



Friday, April 21, 2023 – 5 to 8PM

We are looking for crafters and vendors. Featuring: Tricky Tray and Prizes and 50/50. Vendors and crafters can earn a discount on their table by donating Tricky Tray and Raffle items for our Bingo and upcoming events. Tables as low as \$25.00.



- 3 Elise Intrepido, Jennifer Johnson, Gregory Teitsworth
- 4 Willow Fogel, Luther Mitman
- 5 Deborah Tenges
- 6 Joseph Erceg, Kathryn Erceg
- 7 Alison Rothrock
- 8 Christopher Singer
- 9 Luann Peters
- 11 Ace Deily, Stacy Hicks
- 12 Donna Green, Joan Pennucci
- 13 ShannaLee Dawson, Suzanne Hunt, Skye Spadaccia
- 14 Linda Cruttenden
- 15 Joann Mitman
- 16 Rick Nagle
- 18 Irene Sofka
- 19 Debbie Mosser, Steven Mosser, Evelyn Motts
- 21 Kaylee Schiavone
- 26 Mark Atwood
- 27 Alec Gerhart
- 29 Adam Weidner
- 30 James Goldman



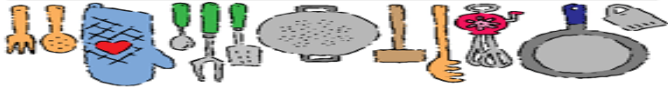
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| 2 | Mr. & Mrs. Chris Miller | 19 years |
| 6 | Mr. & Mrs. Dan Cruttenden | 49 years |
| 7 | Mr. & Mrs. Charles Moser | 44 years |
| 11 | Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Johnson | 53 years |
| 12 | Mr. & Mrs. Larry Johnson | 54 years |
| | Mr. and Mrs. Eric Nagle | 37 years |
| 21 | Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Statfield | 16 years |
| 23 | Mr. & Mrs. Alan Peters | 12 years |
| 28 | Mr. & Mrs. John Knouse | 33 years |
| | Mr. and Mrs. Jason Motts | 11 years |
| 30 | Mr. & Mrs. James Dawson | 18 years |



Pick up times:

Fri. 4/7 8-2 Sat, 4/8 8-2

FROM THE KITCHEN COMMITTEE



Chicken Dinner update, there were 320 meals sold and we received a total of over \$2,400.00. Thank you everyone who purchased these meals and all of those that helped make this event such a success.



Over the past year several initiatives have taken place to clean out and neaten up our church home. We are joyfully sharing our building space with Hope Alliance church every Sunday. As a result, we have a piano that is not being used in the Nursery classroom which we need to find a new home for. It is in need of tuning, and you would need to make arrangements to have it moved. If you are interested in having the piano, please reach out to the church office either via email (drylandoffice@rcn.com) or via phone (610-759-4444) by Monday, 01/23/2023.

Peace,
Heidi Singer, Consistory President

CONSISTORY 2023

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Wishing all of you a very Blessed Easter as we begin a new year with the rising of our Lord from, Pastor Edward, Christina, Kathy, Susan, Jerry, Dewayne, Craig, Heidi, Connie.



FROM the CHAIRPERSON Note from Consistory

Happy Spring to All! Consistory has been busy setting our plans for this next year. As a reminder, if you have questions, suggestions or wish to speak with one of us about a specific issue, if it has to do with Church & Ministry, Christian Ed, Music & Worship or Inside Property (Team Inside) please reach out to me, Linda Atwood or Alison Rothrock OR if it has to do with Missions, Stewardship, Evangelism or Outside property (Team Outside) please reach out to Susan Bostian, Steve Brown, Dan Cruttenden or Sam Yoder.

We will be installing our new Consistory members on Sunday, April 16th. We are also holding a Congregational Meeting that same Sunday to review and vote on accepting the revised By-Laws. Copies will be sent very soon via mail, email and available at church for review prior to the meeting. Please plan to attend. A huge thank you to Heather Brown, Dan Cruttenden, Hugh Harris and Randi Johnson for working on this last Spring and Summer.

Updates on some of the work happening in the church....

Alison Rothrock will be working with Lisa and Jennifer Intrepido as well as Linda Lechner in setting up a youth church program with the goal of it starting in the Fall. They will be flushing out the details and putting the program together. Stay tuned!

I am currently putting a core team for our Open & Affirming process. So far the team consists of myself, Allen Singer and Heather Brown. We are looking for a few more people to join us. I would like to encourage anyone who may have questions or reservations about the process to volunteer. It is important we have a variety of opinions and thoughts to help us through the process.

Linda Lechner has several people who have expressed interest in helping with Loaves & Fishes. Thank you if one of them is you! We are always happy to have more volunteers. We are just waiting to find out when they need the Dryland team to help.

Hope Alliance will be hosting a Vacation Bible School this Summer from August 1 – August 4,

2023 during evening hours. It will be open to all. They will be sending us more information. We will make sure we pass it along for our members with young people (kids, grandkids, neighbors, etc.) who might wish to attend.

Service opportunities....

Karen Lambert and Rich Durn volunteered to keep our church sign up to date with events, service times etc. It would be great to have an extra hand or two to assist them with this task. If interested, please reach out to me.

Alan Heller and Trevor Watlington have very diligently and faithfully been working hard to make sure our Sunday service runs smoothly from an audiovisual perspective for those of us inside the church as well as for those who join us online. We are looking for someone with an interest in learning the technology or if you are already well versed, interested in helping them to volunteer to make their load a bit lighter. Please speak with Alan Heller or me if interested.

Upcoming Events

Vendor and Craft Show Friday April 21, 2023, from 5 – 8pm. Please stop by and check it out!!

Consistory is wishing everyone a wonderful start to your Spring and a Blessed and Joyful Easter!

Peace,
Heidi Singer

OUTSIDE PROPERTY

Thank you, Rich & Karen who have taken on the task of changing the sign at the front of the church for upcoming events.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The cash receipt and expenditures activity for the period February 1, thru February 28, 2023.

Receipts from March 1 thru March 25, 2023

(Church Envelop Categories):

Category Church Exp --	\$ 9,299.00
Category Missions --	\$ 508.00
Category Property --	\$ 389.00
Category Capital --	\$ 1,178.00

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

Many of us have heard ... When One Door Closes, Another One Opens. We may be confused with that statement and struggle to understand what it means. We may look at doors as opportunities or challenges. When God opens doors in our lives don't try to close it because of the trials, which is sometimes required. No one can close an open door that God has for you so have confidence in the Lord. If it's God's will it will be done, remember he always has a plan. Revelation 3:8 --- 'I know your deeds. Behold, I have put before you an open door which no one can shut, because you have a little power, and kept my word, and have not denied my name.'

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

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OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP THOSE IN NEED!



Recent global events have created a humanitarian crisis in the Ukraine, Turkey, and Syria. Death tolls continue to rise and there are hundreds of thousands of lives at

risk. As of 2/21/2023 the death toll from the first earthquake has reached 46,957, the 6.3 magnitude aftershock which occurred on Monday 2/20 created further suffering for those who are injured and

displaced. The families and communities affected by Hurricanes Fiona and Ian continue to need aid. Donations will be used by our UCC partners in the areas of greatest need, for relief and long-term recovery.

Gifts made to UCC "Ukraine Relief" and "Turkey and Syria" will provide shelter, food, and other care to internally displaced people in those countries. See the websites below for further information.

<https://support.ucc.org/global-h-o-p-e/turkey-syria-emergency-appeal/donate>

<https://www.ucc.org/global-h-o-p-e/ukraine-emergency-appeal/>

<https://support.ucc.org/donate---hurricanes-2022>

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



Category	February	February	February	YTD	YTD	YTD
	Receipts	Expense	Balance	Receipts	Expense	Balance
Current-Mission-						
Property	\$15,652.66	\$16,342.72	-\$690.06	\$30,825.79	\$33,621.58	-\$2,795.79
Capital (Mortgage)	\$1,279.50	\$1,031.90	\$247.60	\$2,881.50	\$2,063.80	\$817.70
Total Category						
Balance	\$16,935.16	\$17,374.62	-\$ 442.46	\$33,707.29	\$35,685.38	-\$-1,978.09
Giant Card Program						
	\$2,450.00	\$2,327.50	\$122.50	\$5,250.00	\$4,987.50	\$262.50