

## **The Breeze**

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### **September 1 - Labor Day Sunday**

Worship service at 9:30 am

Holy Communion

Birthday Sunday

### **September 8 - Rally Day Sunday**

Worship service at 9:30 am

### **September 15 - Start Early Church, & SS**

Worship service at 8:00 & 9:30 am

Sunday School 9:30 am

### **September 22 - 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Worship service at 8:00 & 9:30 am

Sunday School 9:30 am

### **September 29 - 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Worship service at 8:00 & 9:30 am

Sunday School 9:30 am



**September 8 - 9:30 am**



**September 11**

Grace and Peace Beloved of God,

As children return to preschool, churches gear up for rally day, and the fall sports programs and classes begin, let us remember that each day is a new beginning and that in Christ we are alive! Remembering that our identity is first as a child of God, made wonderfully and lovingly in God's image will help us be the joy and light so needed in our communities.

In chapter 17 of the Gospel of John, Jesus declares that we belong to Him and prays that we might have His joy fulfilled within us. Jesus prays that we may all become one just as the Father in heaven and Jesus are one. Jesus is ever caring for our well-being. He knows that so many of us are stressed and troubled by fear. Though these times may feel uncertain, know that God is in control and is still speaking.

There is much pain and suffering in our world. Intolerance and rejection of others perceived as not holding the same values, beliefs, or opinions burden many hearts. Yet, we who follow Christ are called to serve our families and communities as ambassadors of hope. In Christ, we can act with compassion in response to corruption, idolatry, and hatred. We can remind one another that all souls belong to God and we each are made in God's image.

We find an example of being claimed by God in the Bible text of 1 Samuel. God reveals a call story for our learning. Young Samuel, who is studying to become a priest, hears God's call and replies, "Speak, LORD, for Your servant is listening." God showed Samuel a vision of things to come, and Samuel walked after God, grew in wisdom, and became a great leader who led Israel from tribal disunity to national solidarity and established the monarchy with Saul as their first

king. A key lesson is that God desires to be in fellowship with us.

Fellowship, with God at the center, can help us to model forgiveness and community, and help us develop spiritual gifts such as leadership, hospitality, wisdom, stewardship, and listening, for God is still speaking. Fellowship is a theme we will explore within our Sunday School exploration of Noah's Ark. Just as God instructed Noah to gather two of every kind of living creature and bring them into the ark, we renew the invitation for you to bring into the church every gift, no matter how great or small.

Come and fill Dryland with your presence, prayers, praise, song, and talents. Come and let us discern together the ways we will help our community as builders and peacemakers. Let the Holy Spirit move through you so that our neighbors and families can experience anew God's beloved community at Dryland.

In Christ's service  
Pastor Edward



**Prayer Concerns & Joys:** Norma, Peter, David Atwood, Brent Burton, Burton Family, Creyer Family, Danchak Family, David & Nancy, Nicole, Claudia & Cleah, Dolores Hageter, Doris Miller, Joanne Mitman, Robert Nagy, Earl & Lori Peck, Grandpa Yin, Patients at Fellowship Manor.

**Long-term Prayer Concerns:** Betsy Coladonato, Richard Creyer, Gary & Karen Crosson, Cory Cruttenden, Beth Chen, Debbie Coppola, Gary & Karen Crosson, Joann Dornblaser, Deby Duby, Shawn Durn, Jerry Enderle, Peter Garcia, Barb & Jim Goldman, Charlie Gianguzi, Wanda Green, Kevin Hann, Jessica Harper, Dorothy Johnson, Linda Keller, Sonny Laubach, Stephanie Lilly, Debbie Luckenbach, Cade Lutz, Rodger McKay, Grayce, Jakob & Ken Raven, Maurice, Gillian & Genine Sloane, Barb Tomko, Angela Tout, Elwood Trumbauer, Jorn Walter, Sandy Wambold, Shirley Weidner, Katrina, Charissa & Jason Williams, Carter Wolfgang, All members of Dryland.

**Our Service People:** Chief MSG Thomas Bostian, Major Scott Lechner, MSGT Paul Moore, E-6 Rodger Nagy, LT Seth Watlington

### **THOUGHT OF THE MONTH**

**If there's no lifeline and you're sinking or lost**

**~Just believe in your direction**

**let your heart explore!**



*Remember Our Shut-ins*

**Janet Day – 1/29/35,**

Fellowship Community, Room 271, Terrace  
3000 Community Drive, Whitehall, PA 18052

## **CELEBRATING OUR MEMBERS**

### **MEMBER OF THE MONTH**

#### **Marsha Stiles**

**Thank you for delivering the message on Sunday, 8/11 while Pastor Ed was on vacation. It is nice to have the meaning of the scriptures broken down so that it is easy to understand the real meaning behind them.**

**Good Job, Marsha.**

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

**Nominated by Kathy I. Peters, Editor**



Want to honor a loved one or as a memorial? You can become a sponsor of the Bulletin! The cost of the Bulletin will be \$12.00. This will help with the cost of the paper and ink. Thank you in advance. 2025 sign-ups will be available in November.



We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the families of Steve Henninger whose brother John, passed on 7/27/24 and to the families of Marian Miller, she passed on 8/22/24. Please know that they are at peace and with our Father in Heaven.

## Mark Your Calendar

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Saturday, Sept 7, Clam Bake
- Sunday, Sept. 8, Rally Day 9:30am
- Sunday, Sept 15, Early church 8:00am & Sunday School 9:30am
- Saturday, Sept 21, Scout Clothing Drive 9am
- Saturday, Sept 28, Scout Bingo 12:00pm
- Tuesday, Nov 5, Election Day Bake Sale
- Friday, Nov 8, Fall Craft Fair 5:00-8:00pm
- Saturday, Nov. 9, Every Ribbon Bingo 11:45am



Rally Day is September 8<sup>th</sup>!

Our theme this year is Noah's Ark. Please show your rally day spirit by wearing animal themed apparel (yes could be your favorite sport team--example Eagle Jersey)! Also, we want to hear from you--if you were asked to be on Noah's Ark and you could bring something in addition to your partner--what would your gift be? What would you want to save?

This is a tough question, while I would like to bring a few batches of my favorite food (spaghetti and meatballs--I make great sauce!) --but what I really need to bring is \_ \_ \_ \_ , can anyone guess what I am thinking?

See you on the 8th.....Let's Rally!!!!  
In Christian Love, Alison



### Upcoming events:

- Saturday, Sept. 7 – Clam Bake
- Saturday, Oct. 26 – Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner – take-out
- November 26 & 27 – Thanksgiving Pie Sale



Welcome Back to Sunday School Everyone!

We are very excited to start our Sunday School year. The first weeks of Sunday School will focus on Noah and the Ark he built. We will talk about why he had to build it and how. This gets us thinking about God's love, His forgiveness of our sins and the gifts that Noah put on that Ark. Since this is such an important story, we have also decided to make it our theme for Rally Day.

I am still in need of a few volunteers for Sunday School which will be held from 9:30-10:30 each Sunday morning. Even if you could volunteer 1 Sunday a month it would be great.

Also, if you intend to have your children attend, please text me or call me to let me know. I will need to know the child's name and age so I can manage supplies and ensure we have teaching staff ready. My number is (610) 730-5492.

Here are some important dates:

1. Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>---RALLY DAY---our theme for Rally Day is Noah's Ark---bring your favorite stuffed animal and/or clothing with animals to help us kick off the Sunday School year. Rally Day takes place during our Church service from 9:30-10:30.
2. Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>---First Day of Sunday School

Our Sunday School program is open to all youth ages 5 to 18.

Also, I would love to start a bible study for adults, so I am looking for someone to lead this over lunch time on a weekday. Let me know your interest.

Hope to hear from many of you!

In Christian Love, Alison

## CONSISTORY 2024

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- 1 Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Hittinger 57 years
- 11 Mr. & Mrs. Nelson Stettler 70 years
- 12 Mr. & Mrs. Ron Weidner 48 years
- 14 Mr. & Mrs. Robert Moran 5 years
- 15 Mr. & Mrs. Cody Deily 7 years
- 23 Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Henninger 52 year
- 29 Mr. & Mrs. Richard Durn 53 years



Dewayne Heller is looking for someone he can train to take over being the Church Treasurer.

Alan Heller is looking for someone he can train to take over or help with the video program. If you feel you can help out with either of these positions, please contact Dewayne or Alan.



**THANK YOU ALL WHO CAME OUT AND DONATED BLOOD FOR THIS WORTHWHILE BLOOD DRIVE. IT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED! SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!**



**A GREAT BIG THANK YOU**

**TO LINDA ATWOOD FOR STEPPING UP  
WHILE THE PASTOR WAS ON VACATION  
AND COORDINATING THE TWO WORSHIP  
SERVICES. YOU DO A GREAT JOB IN  
WHATEVER YOU PARTAKE IN, KEEP UP THE  
GOOD WORK, IT IS ALWAYS APPRECIATED!**



**FROM *the*  
CHAIRPERSON**

Hello from your Consistory! It seems the summer has moved along way too quickly. We hope everyone has had a fun summer with an enjoyable vacation. Rally Sunday is approaching very quickly - September the 8th. Our theme this year coincides with the theme for our Sunday school classes. The theme is Noah's Ark. Please read Alison's report to see how we are to proceed.

We are very happy to report that we had a very successful blood drive at the church on August 21st. We had 24 complete donations, and it was labeled a success by the American Red Cross. We hope to do this on a yearly basis in August.

As usual, the financial situation regarding Dryland, is still critical. The financial committee with consistory is still discussing ways in which we can balance our budget. Thankfully, we were able to raise enough funds to finish the parking lot and add better lighting to the back of the church as well. Again, thank you to all those that have made this possible! In the near future we will have a meeting with all those that use our facility to bring them up to speed on our new policies and the financial situation we are facing.

There are numerous events that are coming up on the calendar. Please be aware of those and give prayerful consideration to participation in those events. There will be some bingo events, and a

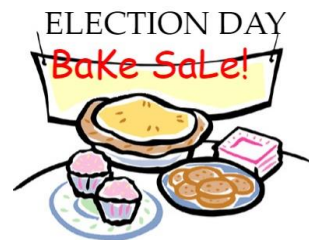
craft show as well as a clambake taking place in the near future. Thank you to Susan, Rich and Karen (and kitchen helpers) for all you do!

We hope this year to have another bake sale during the November election. There will be sign-up sheets for bakers and for those willing to spend time during the day to help with the selling of those items. We are giving some thought to possibly adding a few twists to help those waiting in the voting line.

The financial committee has also addressed the issues regarding our air conditioning. We are currently waiting to receive the estimates for the sanctuary and the units needed in the CEC. Once we receive those, we will make a decision and inform the congregation as to how we will proceed.

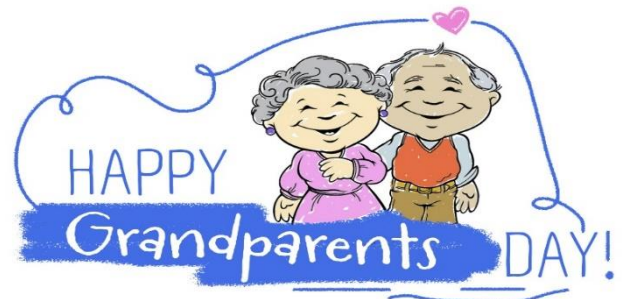
We hope everyone will have a great Labor Day! Enjoy the weekend and pray for nice weather!

Dan Cruttenden  
Consistory VP



**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5**

***WE NEED YOUR HELP!! WE WILL NEED LOTS OF BAKED GOODS TO SELL AND WE ALSO NEED HELP TO WORK THE TABLE DURING THE DAY - COULD BE DIFFERENT SHIFTS. MORE DETAILS WILL FOLLOW SOON!  
THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR HELP, BOTH BAKING OR HELPING ANOTHER WAY!***



Give them lots of love!  
Sept. 8, 2024

# BINGO!



DRYLAND UCC CHURCH (CEC Center)  
4415 Newburg Road, Nazareth, PA  
**DATE: Saturday, September 28, 2024**  
Games start at 12 PM  
Doors open at 11:00 (food will be available!)



**Tickets: \$20 in advance, \$30 at the door**  
*To purchase tickets please contact:*

Brody 610 216-3146  
Susan Bostian 610 417-2448

**50/50, Refreshments, and MORE!**  
**PICK YOUR OWN PRIZE WHEN YOU WIN!**



Click here for Every Ribbon's Event page and to order tickets ONLINE for this event!



# CASH and PRIZE BINGO!



DRYLAND UCC CHURCH (CEC Center)  
4415 Newburg Road, Nazareth, PA  
**DATE: Saturday, November 9, 2024**  
Games start at 11:45AM *Event ends at 2pm*  
Doors open at 10:30 (food will be available!)

**Tickets: \$20 in advance, \$30 at the door**  
*To purchase tickets please contact:*

Church Office (9am-11am) 610 759-4444  
Susan Bostian 610 417-2448

**50/50, Refreshments, and MORE!**  
**PICK YOUR OWN PRIZE WHEN YOU WIN!**

To order tickets online, go to our EVENTS page and click the link for EVENTBRITE!

We have a Bingo Sept. 28th too!



# 2024 FALL Vendor and Craft Show

Tricky Tray and auction too!

**Friday, Nov. 8, 2024**  
**5:00pm to 8:00 pm**  
Dryland UCC  
4415 Newburg Road, Nazareth, PA 18064 !

### FEATURING:

- Crafters and Vendors
- 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 upcoming events.  
**Tables as low as \$25**
- Food vendors welcome!
- Amazing prizes already donated!! Tons to win! And yes, we will call all winners to come pick up their prizes after the event!



For information please contact: Susan 610 417 2448 email: info@everyribboncounts.com

Event Contracts available at EveryRibbonCounts.com under the EVENTS tab.

## Eagle Scout Project Fundraiser



Provided by:



Winter clothes greatly appreciated!!

### Clothing Drive

Dryland UCC - 4415 Newburg Rd, Nazareth, PA 18064

**Saturday, September 21st, 2024**

9am-1pm

**Please come out and donate clothes to support the project!**

Go to [bit.ly/APEagleProj](https://bit.ly/APEagleProj) or scan the QR code for more info about myself and the project!



**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**CASH RECEIPTS (FROM PLATE OFFERING & ON-LINE GIVING) AND EXPENDITURES ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, THROUGH JULY 31, 2024.**

<b>Category</b>	<b>July Receipts</b>	<b>July Expense</b>	<b>July Balance</b>	<b>YTD Receipts</b>	<b>YTD Expense</b>	<b>YTD Balance</b>
Current-Mission-Property	\$11,352.00	\$15,964.30	\$4,612.30	\$93,748.02	\$133,122.07	\$39,374.05
Capital (Mortgage)	\$1,397.00	\$1,031.90	\$365.10	\$9,895.50	\$7,223.30	\$2,672.20
Giant Card Program	\$2,700.00	\$2,565.00	\$135.00	\$19,075.00	\$17,860.00	\$1,215.00

**NOTE:**

2024 Budget (exclude Capital)	\$218,975.00
Monthly Receipts Required	\$18,247.82
Weekly Receipts Required	\$4,561.98
2024 Budget (Capital)	\$12,382.80
Monthly Receipts Required	\$1,031.90
Weekly Receipts Required	\$238.13

Sharing, for all to know – The consistory and finance committee were recently provided an update on the three items as listed below. The items are related to the parking lot enhancements and sanctuary air conditioning outage.

1. Parking Lot Resurfacing & Lining – Status is complete. Receipts were \$13,765.43, Expenses \$12,910.00.  
Remaining balance \$ 855.43
2. Parking Lot Lights – Status is complete. Receipts were \$ 4,063.15, Expenses \$1,390.00.  
Remaining balance \$ 2,673.15

The balance remaining for these two items is \$ 3,528.58.

3. Sanctuary Air Conditioning – two units service the entire sanctuary. They are identified as the East Side and West Side.

Both were originally installed 30 years ago.

- a. West Side – Entire unit replaced in 2018. Several key components recently failed that caused the system to be inoperable. While some items are covered under warranty, some are not. Labor was not covered. The cost to bring the unit back in service was \$ 2,711.60. We applied the balance from the parking lot funds to pay this invoice. The total remaining parking lot fund is now \$ 1,381.36.
- b. East Side – Original unit from 1993. The system is completely inoperable and not in use. Estimated costs provided by the contractor are over 50% of the new system. That cost may even go higher as they begin working on the unit. In a joint agreement with the consistory and finance committee, we advised the contractor to do no work on the current unit and submit a quote for a replacement unit. We are now waiting for that quote.

Summary – We will try to keep the sanctuary comfortable with running the one unit. So, we ask for understanding while we work through this situation. Also, we ask for your financial support in acquiring the funds for a replacement unit. When we obtain the quote, we will share that with you. Depending on the level of financial support, that will determine the timeline on how soon the new system can be installed. We will also apply the parking lot fund balance (\$ 1,381.36) toward the new unit. Your gift(s) can be made Online by selecting “Fund Drive” then simply note as Sanctuary A/C. Or place in weekly offering plate with envelope noted as “Fund Drive” – Sanctuary A/C. Thank You for your support.

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! - Relationship with Christ !!**

Blessings

Finance Committee --- Pastor Ed, Jerry Hittinger, Steve Henninger, Monna Lou Henninger, Karen Lambert, Alison Rothrock, Hugh Harris, Craig Johnson, Dewayne Heller