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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9am-Noon



**Dryland United Church of Christ
4415 Newburg Road, Nazareth, PA 18064**

Phone: 610.759.4444

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 6, 2025 – 9:30 am

Prayer Concerns: Audrey, Gloria Decker, Shirley Lieberman, Kirk Miller, Steve Steltzmen

Long-term Prayer Concerns: David Atwood, Karen Brugger, Brent Burton, Betsy Coladonato, Richard Creyer, Cory Cruttenden, Debbie Coppola, Joann Dornblaser, Deby DUBY, Shawn Durn, Jerry Enderle, Peter Garcia, Charlie Gianguzi, Roseann Good, Dolores Hageter, Kevin Hann, Jessica Harper, Monna Lou Henninger, Ray Hess, Joyce Hittinger, Francois Houlet, Dorothy Johnson, Doris Keller, Tammy Labar, Sonny Laubach, Stephanie Lilly, Debbie Luckenbach, Cade Lutz, Peter Marmaras, Rodger McKay, Luther Mitman, Robert Nagy, Melissa Pelaez, Grayce, Jakob & Ken Raven, Sharon & Jim Rehrig, Chris Shetlick, Maurice, Gillian & Genine Sloane, Cathy Stewart, Angela Tout, Jorn Walter, Sandy Wambold, Patty Weidner, Shirley Weidner, Charissa & Jason Williams, Carter Wolfgang, Grandpa Yin, All Members of Dryland

Our Service People: Chief MSG Thomas Bostian, SRA Patrick Jones, Major Scott Lechner, MSGT Paul Moore, PO1 Rodger Nagy, LT Seth Watlington, PO3 Troy Watlington

Daily Scripture Readings



Monday, April 07, 2025: Psalm 20; Exodus 40:1-15; Hebrews 10:19-25;

Tuesday, April 08, 2025: Psalm 20; Judges 9:7-15; 1 John 2:18-28;

Wednesday, April 09, 2025: Psalm 20; Habakkuk 3:2-15; Luke 18:31-34;

Thursday, April 10, 2025: Psalm 31:9-16; Isaiah 53:10-12; Hebrews 2:1-9;

Friday, April 11, 2025: Psalm 31:9-16; Isaiah 54:9-10; Hebrews 2:10-18;

Saturday, April 12, 2025: Psalm 31:9-16; Leviticus 23:1-8; Luke 22:1-13;

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.

Confirmation Class

Today we welcome our newest members to Dryland United Church of Christ!

Zach Angione
Mallory Dawson
Nadia Dawson
Tucker Wenrich

Thank you Mentors ~ Alan, Dewayne, Joyce, Shanna & Pastor Edward!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- 4/6: Easter Flowers orders due
- 4/12: Spring Penny Party
- 4/18 & 4/19: Easter Pie Sale Pick-up
- 4/19: Clothing Drive—benefitting Dryland and Naz. Mom’s Club
- 5/3: “Garage” Sale (indoor/outdoor)
- 5/20: Election Day Bake Sale



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Easter Pie Sale—Friday April 18 & Saturday April 19
- Dryland “Diner” Dinner — Saturday May 17
- Roast Beef Take-out Dinner — Saturday June 14

To order meals/pies contact: Rich 484-894-9799, Karen 610-504-1158, Church Office 610-759-4444



Benefits: Nazareth Mom’s Club & Dryland UCC

**Saturday April 19th
9am-1pm**

Dryland UCC Parking lot

EASTER FLOWERS

Order by: **TODAY**

Tulips, Mums, Lilies

\$9.50 each

See bulletin insert

Spring Penny Party!
Saturday, April 12th

Doors open ~ 11:30am, Games begin ~ 1:00pm

Tricky tray, 50/50 raffle, kitchen will be open!

**Donations of spring/summer themed baskets and items for baskets are WELCOME now!



EASTER PIE SALE

Friday, April 18 and Saturday April 19

\$12 per pie

**orders due by: *Sunday April 13*

Pick-up: Friday 4/18 8am-2pm or Saturday 4/19 8am-2pm

Apple Crumb, Cherry Crumb, Coconut Custard, Key Lime, Peanut Butter, Strawberry Rhubarb



PLEASE SIGN-UP!!!

Bulletin Sponsor sign-ups are now available in the Narthex for 2025! THANK YOU for participating!

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.



Saturday, May 3rd~8:00am-1:00pm

Dryland UCC ~ Inside and Outside

Inside tables—\$40, Outside tables—\$20

Download contract at everyribboncounts.com

HOW TO HELP IN OUR COMMUNITY:

The Nazareth Area Food Bank is asking for gift card or monetary donations for the months of January, February, March are welcome! Please send all donations 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 visit mowglv.org and complete the volunteer application.

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 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

Mar-29 Tucker Wenrich
Apr-7 Alison Rothrock
9 Luann Peters
11 Ace Deily, Stacy Hicks
12 Donna Green, Joan Pennucci



Anniversaries This Week

6	Mr. & Mrs. Dan Cruttenden	51 years
7	Mr. & Mrs. Charles Moser	46 years
11	Mr. & Mrs. Lynn Johnson	55 years
12	Mr. & Mrs. Larry Johnson	56 years

Bulletin Sponsor this Week

Sponsored by: Debbie & Timm Tenges
In Memory of: *Loved Ones*

Remember Our Shut-ins:

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

Gloria Decker—9/11/37
Gracedale, T9
2 Gracedale Ave., Nazareth PA 18064

Doris Keller
Atria Senior Living
1745 W. Macada Road, Bethlehem PA 18017



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!



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.”

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Family of God, we gather as who we are, and we bring what we have.

All: Let us encounter the new thing God is doing among us.

One: We bring joy and sorrow, hope and despair, resources and need, certainty and questions.

All: Let us engage the new thing God is doing among us.

One: In this space, we meet the One who parts seas, who creates paths, and who changes circumstances.

All: Let us support the new thing God is doing among us.

*OPENING PRAYER

*OPENING HYMN #106 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION

WORDS OF GRACE

HOLY SCRIPTURE John 12:1-8, page 936 in your pew Bible.

MESSAGE

CHOIR ANTHEM Bow the Knee

RITE OF CONFIRMATION – AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Prayer by the Candidates:

O God, my God, known to me in Jesus Christ, I give myself to You, to love and serve You faithfully all the days of my life. Amen.

Prayer by the Congregation:

Almighty God, grant your confirmed servants the gifts of Your Holy Spirit, joy in serving You, peace in disagreement, patience in suffering, kindness towards all people, goodness over evil, faithfulness in temptation, gentleness and self-control in all things in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Presentation of Gifts

Congregational Welcome

PASTORAL PRAYERS AND 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 TO OFFERING

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE Hymn #34

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit One. Amen.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

O Spirit of Life, shine on us again and again that we may become the blessing you intend. Keep awakening us to Your holy mystery and Your sacred call. Bless these gifts we bring so that Your energy of love may be shared with others and offer the light of a new beginning. By this, and more than we can name, continue to transfigure us and the world. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*HOSANNA (spoken)

All: Holy, Holy, Holy, Spirit of Earth, Air, Fire, and Water, Heaven and Earth delights in your glory, Hosanna, Hosanna. Blessed is the one who brings love and light to our world. Hosanna to our God. Alleluia!

BLESSING THE ELEMENTS

SHARING THE BREAD and CUP

*THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Shaped by water and the Living Word; sustained by Christ's gift of Love and His cup of Mercy; Together, we live as God's people. Holy God, we give You thanks for the bread, cup, your love, and mercy. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN #255 Beneath the Cross of Jesus

*BENEDICTION and SONG OF DEPARTURE "God Be With You" # 716

God be with you till we meet again, by His counsels guide, uphold you, with His sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

POSTLUDE