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Dryland United Church of Christ
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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
January 19, 2025 – 9:30 am

Prayer Concerns: Ray Hess, Chris Shetlick, Cathy Stewart, CA fire victims

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, Barb & Jim Goldman, Roseann Good, Dolores Hageter, Kevin Hann, Jessica Harper, Francois Houlet, Dorothy Johnson, Tammy Labar, Sonny Laubach, Stephanie Lilly, Debbie Luckenbach, Cade Lutz, Peter Marmaras, Rodger McKay, Doris Miller, Joanne & Luther Mitman, Robert Nagy, Melissa Pelaez, Grayce, Jakob & Ken Raven, Sharon & Jim Rehrig, Maurice, Gillian & Genine Sloane, 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, January 20, 2025: Psalm 145; Isaiah 54:1-8; Romans 12:9-21;

Tuesday, January 21, 2025: Psalm 145; Song of Solomon 4:1-8;
1 Corinthians 1:3-17;

Wednesday, January 22, 2025: Psalm 145; Song of Solomon 4:9-5:1;
Luke 5:33-39;

Thursday, January 23, 2025: Psalm 19; Isaiah 61:1-7; Romans 7:1-6;

Friday, January 24, 2025: Psalm 19; Nehemiah 2:1-10; Romans 12:1-8;

Saturday, January 25, 2025: Psalm 19; Nehemiah 5:1-13; Luke 2:39-52;

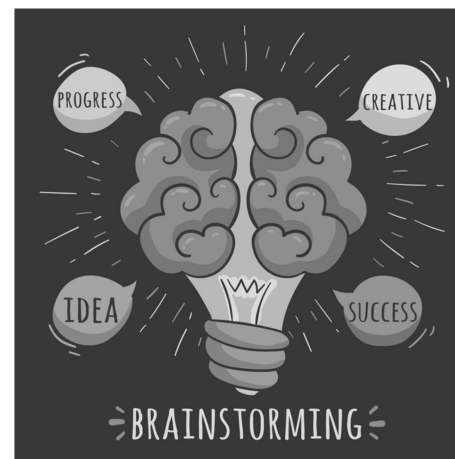
The UCC Statement of Faith

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.



**ALL are WELCOME to join us
on Sunday, February 2nd at
2:00pm**

**Brainstorming/Planning Session
for the 2025 year!**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- 2/1: Meatloaf Take-out Dinner
- 2/2: Dryland Planning Mtg. 2:00pm—ALL are welcome!
- 2/7: Vendor/Crafter Fair 4:00-8:00pm
- 2/9: I Love Dryland Day!
- 2/9: Scout Sunday
- 2/15: Cherry Pie Sale pick-up



UPCOMING KITCHEN EVENTS:

Meatloaf Dinner ~ Saturday, February 1

Cherry Pie Sale ~ Saturday, February 15

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

I LOVE DRYLAND DAY!

Sunday, February 9th

Keep an eye out for the poster in Narthex to see how you can show your love for Dryland!

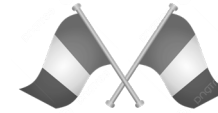


Valentine's Shopping Event!

Friday, February 7th

4:00-8:00pm

Vendors/Crafters WANTED!



Italian Something Dinner

Saturday, January 18

MANY THANKS to Rich, Karen and all volunteers who helped to prepare over 200 meals!

We hope you all enjoyed!



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.

MEATLOAF Take-out Dinner

Saturday, February 1 (11am-2pm)

\$12.00 per person

**Order by: Sunday January 26*

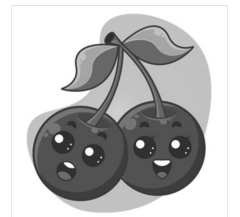
Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, brown gravy, corn, dinner rolls, dessert



Cherry Pie Sale ~ Saturday, February 15 (8am-2pm)

\$12 per pie

**Order by: Sunday February 9*



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

- 20 Jenny Intrepido, Jason Motts
25 Grant Brown



Anniversaries This Week

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| 20 Mr. & Mrs. Luther Mitman | 63 years |
| 25 Mr. & Mrs. Mark Atwood | 28 years |

Bulletin Sponsor this Week

Sponsored by: Dan & Linda Cruttenden
In Celebration of: *Mark's 38th Birthday 1/22/25*

Remember our Shut-Ins

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



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.”*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Let us gather in this hour to offer praise and worship to our Holy God, who challenges us and calls us to create *the Beloved Community*. Rejoice! Our God has made us to be One Body with many members.

All: United and uniting. This is our calling.

One: God calls us by name to share the gifts of the Spirit as given to each of us.

All: United and uniting. This is our redemption.

One: God longs for us to be united in loving-kindness and to make visible the Holy Spirit in our different ways.

All: United and uniting. This is our worship.

*OPENING PRAYER

*OPENING HYMN #72 Great Is Thy Faithfulness v1,3

PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION ²Sermon by Rev. King, "The Drum Major Instinct" 1968

One: O God, you call us to co-create the Beloved Community; a community that works together for the common good. Stay our minds on you and our hearts on the care for all people, our congregation, our conference, our homes, even those who have failed us, and those with whom we strongly disagree.

All: Forgive us when we focus on our differences and ignore the signs of your loving presence. Lord, Have Mercy.

One: All is not well across the land, merciful God. The voices of brothers and sisters who hold different worldviews, beliefs, and ways of worshipping are too often rejected and treated as enemies. Forgive us for our blindness and cold-heartedness.

All: Forgive us for not partnering to support your Beloved Community that values all people as your creation in your Holy name. Christ, have mercy.

One: Loving God, you have called us to be *drum majors for justice, peace, and righteousness*.² Forgive us for the times when the work of peace and justice overwhelms us and building the Beloved Community seems impossible.

All: Forgive us when there is no peace within us and we find ourselves on the paths of disregarding people, be it by exclusion, judgment, oppression, or any other form of violence. Lord Have Mercy.²

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WORDS OF GRACE

HOLY SCRIPTURE Gospel of John 2:1-11, page 923 in your pew Bible.

MESSAGE

CHOIR ANTHEM Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

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

Gracious God, we come today with joy for your grace; we come with praise for your glory; we come with gratitude for your love. Accept these gifts, we humbly pray, O God. Let them give you honor and glory as we serve the needs of your people. Amen.

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

*BENEDICTION

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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.

POSTLUDE

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