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PLEASE NOTE THAT WE WILL ADVISE WHEN WE WILL RETURN TO IN-HOUSE SERVICES. UNTIL THEN, THE TIMES BELOW REPRESENT TIMES FOR ONLINE SERVICES AT 10:15 AM ON SUNDAYS.

December 6 – 2nd Sunday of Advent

Worship service at 10:15 am

December 13 – 3rd Sunday of Advent

Worship service at 10:15 am

December 20 – 4th Sunday of Advent

Worship service at 10:15 am

December 24 – Christmas Eve

Worship service at 7:00 p.m. (Subject to Change)

December 27 - New Years' Eve Sunday

Worship service at 10:15 am



December 25, 2020



January 6, 2021

Grace and Peace Beloved of God,

A global pandemic has brought a sorrow that hits close to home for so many. Yet, we are privileged to celebrate another season of Advent together. The word "Advent" is from the Latin *adventus*, meaning "coming." Advent calls us to remember, as the family of God, the love God has for all humanity. To remember is to bring to one's mind an awareness of something that one has seen, known, or experienced in the past.

The ritual of lighting Advent candles each week during the season helps us connect with the promises of God. The four candles remind us that in Christ, we find hope, peace, joy, and love. The season of Advent brings into focus the significant events and promises of God. God so loves us all that God entered into the world as Jesus, an infant born of a woman. That's quite the earth-shattering event. Another is Jesus' promise to return for us as the righteous judge that we may enter into eternity with God. (Matthew 24:20).

Each season we are invited to celebrate this dual meaning of Advent. We can rejoice because Christ dwelt among us that we may be redeemed and reconciled with God. This act changed everything. The birth, crucifixion, and resurrection of Jesus forever reconciled us with God. We only need to believe and be doers of God's Word until Jesus returns.

In the meantime, we are to love neighbor as ourselves and love God. Love God. Love prevails. Love refuses to let COVID-19, religious, or racial bigotry, or partisan bitterness keep a foothold any longer in our houses, institutions, and communities. We can help to repair this world. It begins with you and me as doers of the Word. It grows by you and me proclaiming the good news that the power of God makes what seems impossible possible. Nothing is impossible with God. (Matthew 19:26)

A letter from the Apostle Paul to the church at Corinth can sharpen our focus as followers of Christ. Paul describes our role as Christ's ambassadors and that our task is to help people reconcile to God. I urge you to read 2 Corinthians 5: 14-21 (NIV) and allow it to sit with you throughout this Advent season.

2 Corinthians 5: 14-21 (New International Version)

¹⁴ For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. ¹⁵ And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. ¹⁶ So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:^[a] The old has gone, the new is here! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹ that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.²⁰ We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. ²¹ God made him who had no sin to be sin^[b] for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Share with your parents, siblings, and children the meaning of Advent and that you are training as an ambassador for Christ. Remind them that Jesus calls us all to love by demonstrating the weightier matters of the law; justice, mercy, faithfulness (Matthew 23:23). Such love reconciles people back to God.

I invite you to speak to God from your heart; pray to God about your concerns, desires, and hopes, listen, and be still. God hears your prayers and equips you. Your time in prayer prepares your heart to receive God's love that you may more fully love those around you. Love of God and neighbor as yourself is the "God solution" that will keep you in peace, as well as transform and heal the world. Rest knowing that nothing is impossible with God.

Be well and stay encouraged,
Pastor Edward

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH
We are never so lost that our angels can't find us!



Prayer Concerns and Joys:
Chris Vliet, Lois Hunt, Family of

Eleanor Hahn, Carolyn Stafnack, Liz Romig-Garnier, Rev. Emily Livingston
Long-term Prayer Concerns: Kathy Anderson, Matthew Atwood, Sandi Berry, Guy Connelly, Debbie Coppola, Jean Cruttenden, Shawn Durn, Charlie Gianguzi, Barbara Goldman, Jim Goldman, Dorothy Johnson, Gayle Kozak, Sonny Laubach, Stephanie Lilly, Wayne Lilly, Barbara Moon, JoAnn Moon, Ethel Okker, Grayce Raven, Ken Raven, Jakob Raven, Carolyn Stafnack, Jason Vliet, Paty Vliet, Jeffrey Wert, Charissa Williams, Carter Wolfgang
Our Service People: Chief MSG Thomas Bostian, SRA Patrick Jones, Major Scott Lechner, MSGT Paul Moore, E-5 Rodger Nagy, LT. JG Seth Watlington



Flower Sponsors for December 2020

- 12/6** a) Carol & Lawrence Olah in memory of Eleanor's birthday, Dec. 9
b) Open
- 12/20** Poinsettias
- 12/27** a) Mae Pursel, in honor of brother Richard's 93rd birthday
b) Open



Bulletin Sponsors for December 2020

- 12/6** Bill & Sandy Banko, in honor of granddaughter Hailee Banko Young's 20th birthday

There has been a change in what type of footwear is being accepted in the Equ-librium drop off box. At the present time, please place only **sneakers** in the box.



DRYLAND BIBLE STUDY

Cancelled until further notice due to virus.

Charles Berthoud

MEMBERS OF THE MONTH

Pie Bakers, Candy Makers,
And everyone who
participated in purchasing
these items.

We would like to again thank all who were involved in baking the Thanksgiving pies a total of 282 pies were baked. And for everyone who is taking a part of bringing back our delicious Christmas candy. The candy is not only delicious to eat, it is such a fun time in helping to make it.

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



Our church family was saddened this past month when Eleanor Hahn passed away on November 7, 2020. Eleanor was the oldest member of Dryland. She and Paul were very involved with things here at Dryland over the numerous years that they were members. They started the MAGS group, she was a member and past president of UCW, Paul was on the Dryland Dart Baseball team, and they introduced Dryland to the delicious candy making at Easter and Christmas. She is now at peace and sitting at the right hand of our Father in heaven. May she Rest in Peace.

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
SARA LECHNER

Since I graduated high school in 2017, I have been a student Elizabethtown College working toward earning my Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood and Special Education. I am currently a senior and will be student teaching in the Spring. My student teaching will be split between Early Childhood and Special Education (8 weeks in each).

I am still dancing! I have been a member of the Elizabethtown College Dance Team since my freshman year, and I was also a member of E-motion (the dance club on campus) for 1 semester. I was also teaching dance up until this past Spring, with a company called Bitty Ballet. I am in numerous other clubs and involved in other activities on campus too. I am a student tutor for 3 education courses, I was the Vice President of the Education Organization last year and am now the Hours Coordinator and Club Representative, I am a member of Kappa Delta Pi the Education Honors Society at Etown, and I am a Troop leader for a Daisy Girl Scout troop (K-1st) that meets on campus. This year, we have been meeting virtually.

I will be graduating from Elizabethtown College in May 2021.


**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
Naomi Hunt – 12/10/27, 610-759-4558,
Country Meadows, Bldg. 5, Room 32B,
4025 Green Pond Road, Bethlehem, PA 18020



1 Cathy Knouse, Brooke Schaller
4 Stacy Rice, Steven Vian

- 5 Richard Durn, Maryann Heller, Jaime Youngkin
- 6 Katelyn Seip
- 7 Keith Nesfeder, Hailee Young
- 9 Deb Watlington
- 10 Naomi Hunt
- 15 Lisa Intrepido
- 16 Floyd Rice, Luke Smith
- 17 Megan Jones
- 19 Eric Knopp
- 20 Gregory Heckler, Susan Heller, Dale Vliet
- 21 Jenna Buskirk
- 23 Jason Borda
- 24 Jaclyn Betz, Brianna Horvath
- 25 Paul Bader, Alan Heller
- 26 Kevin Lechner, Bennett Mosser, Lani Schneck
- 27 Terri Vian
- 28 Debbie Berthoud
- 29 Dottie Heckler, Roy Seiple



**Chicken Cordon Bleu / Chicken with biscuits
Ready to Eat - To Go Dinner
Saturday, December 5**

Pick-Up Time is Between Noon - 2 PM

Chicken Cordon Bleu is a dish of chicken wrapped around Ham and Swiss Cheese with a touch of Dijon Mustard, then breaded in bran flakes and baked until golden brown. Or choose Chicken and Biscuits with Gravy - breaded chicken over a bed of biscuits, covered with gravy and topped with even more biscuits. Dinner includes Potato Wedges, Honey Roasted Butternut Squash, Salad, and homemade Apple Crisp.

All this for only \$10.00! Order deadline is Sunday, November 29. Call Rich at 484-894-9799, Karen at 610-504-1158, or the church office at 610-759-4444 to place your order. If there is no answer, please leave a message in order that we may return your call



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| 4 | Mr. & Mrs. David Hess | 32 years |
| 12 | Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Keller, Sr. | 66 years |
| 22 | Rev. Edward & Rev. Emily Livingston | 19 years |
| 23 | Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Setzer | 32 years |
| 30 | Mr. & Mrs. Alan Heller | 47 years |

13th MONTH OFFERING

It's hard to believe that another year has passed, and the holiday season is upon us. This is the Christmas holiday season, however, and it is the time to celebrate the birth of our savior Jesus Christ.

Financially, the year of 2020 for Dryland has been extremely challenging and we would like to ask for your help on a special way. We have 13th month offering envelopes available at the church for a special offering. We are asking all members to prayerfully consider giving a one-time special gift. This could be an extra amount that you would normally give on a monthly basis or just a lump sum amount if you have not been able to contribute for the year of 2020. In previous years members have been generous to the 13th month program and it would be an enormous help if this program could again help us end the year financially positive.

The envelopes will be available in the back of the church and in the church office during the month of December. If you are unable to attend services,



CHRISTMAS CANDY SALE

After a seven year hiatus, the kitchen committee has decided to bring back the Christmas candy sale. We are offering the all-time favorites of milk and dark chocolate peanut clusters, raisin clusters, pretzels and nonpareils in ½ pound packages for \$8.00. In addition, we will offer milk and dark chocolate trees for \$3.00.

We have attached an order form to the newsletter for your use in submitting your order. Instructions on placing and picking up the order are included on the order form. We are happy that we can, once again, offer you this YUMMY treat!!

you can contact the church office and we can forward the envelope to you. Due to the COVID-19 crisis and limited worship services, you may find it convenient to mail in your 13th month offering. The church address is: 4415 Newburg Road, Nazareth, Pa. 18064.

May God's blessings be with you during the Christmas season and throughout the upcoming year of 2021.

Dryland U.C.C. Finance Committee

OFFERING ENVELOPES

The offering envelopes for 2021 are now available on the table in the church Narthex. The envelopes will be available in the Narthex through the end of the year. Access to the church facility is limited due to COVID-19. Should we be able to open in December for the holiday, we encourage everyone to pick up yours as well as your family members envelopes. By picking up the envelopes, the church will save on mailing costs after the first of the year. Thanks for your assistance and may you all enjoy a joyous Christmas season and Happy New Year.

CONSISTORY – 2020

Officers

President – Dave Faust (E)

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 – Steve Henninger (E)

Outside Property – Allen Singer (D)

Missions – Greg Teitsworth (D)

Music & Worship – Linda Atwood (D)

Stewardship – Susan Bostian (D)

MISSIONS REPORT

EVANGELISM REPORT

MUSIC & WORSHIP REPORT

The Music and Worship committee is trying to get back to the business of its duties other than electronic pieces of our services. Members of the committee met to discuss what Advent will look like this year. At the time of our meeting we were having in house services at discussed how we would decorate the church for the Christmas season. Would we have a hat and mitten tree? Should we order a tree? Who would coordinate the set-up of the manger scene?

At our Consistory meeting on November 18, 2020 it was decided that would do the bare minimum with respect to decoration. The Manger scene in front of the church will be the primary focus and we trying to decide how we can have some kind of in-person service. Whatever we do, the birth of Christ and the safety of our congregation is first and foremost.

Linda Atwood, Chair

INSIDE PROPERTY REPORT

Meeting Minutes- items completed this month

- Continue in the process of cleaning up the key list and having keys returned to the church for reuse.
- The facility continues to be cleaned and areas wiped down.
- Purchased 3 fogger for sanitizing the church facility.....courtesy of the kitchen committee. Thank you Richard and Karen.
- Also purchased 2 UV lite wands for sanitizing purposes.

Submitted by: Stephen R Henninger
CC: Rich Durn, Karen Lambert and Dan Statfield.

Dryland Church Historian Report:

November 2020

- Continue to process archived items into the portable hard drive

Interesting Facts

With the passing of Stanley J Heckler, a founding charter member, I decided to go thru the archives and see who the other

founding charter members are, they are the following.

- **Pastor Schmidt**
- **Stanley J Hahn- President**
- **Donald Johnson- Vice President**
- **Stanley Heller- Secretary**
- **Donald Heckman- Treasure**
- **Arlen Heller- Financial Secretary**
- **Stanley Heckler**
- **Herbert Heller**
- **Willard Peters**
- **Paul A Weaver**
- **Roscoe Fehnel- Delegate to the Synod**
- **Herbert (Chucky) Johnson- youth representative**

The above Charter Members names were taken from the consistory minutes from 1965 and 1966. At the February 6, 1966 reorganizational meeting a motion was made and seconded to retain the same officers and consistory members as in 1965.

- **Anyone with any items that should be archived please make sure I receive them. Stephen Henninger**

TREASURER'S REPORT

The cash receipt and expenditure activity for the period October 1 thru October 31, 2020. 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 commitments.

Repeat from November's Newsletter:

FORWARD !! God has a presense and purpose in your life as well as in the life of Dryland UCC. A breif summary of four items listed may provide a guide to help in choosing a path to diminish our distractions that stop us from moving **FORWARD** in serving our Lord.

1. Consider what's best – Priority
2. Clarify what's best – Prioritize your priorities
3. Choose what's best - Courage to embrace your limitations. It's okay to say No.
4. Commit to what's best – Courage to practice consistantly what is best.

Some points Pastor Ed had in his November 22nd Sermon. If you didn't hear it, take a moment to listen to it at DrylandUCC.Org.

1. Who are we in Christ?
2. The Loving Kindness God Shows to All Humankind
3. We are made in the image and likeness of God
4. We are doers of the Word
5. Eyes of our Heart

With prayer, reaching out to your neighbor in Love and appreciation, and Trust in God,,, we will move **FORWARD!** 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 don't feel bashful to pitch in.

We celebrate the **Birth** of our **Lord**. **Rejoice** in the Promises God has made for us.

With the covenant made between God and each one of us, we can and will support the programs offered by our Dryland family.

We do so by our **FAITH!** **MERRY CHRISTMAS !!**

– A Place To Belong -

Blessings

Finance Committe

Dewayne Heller – Treasurer, Craig Johnson – Assistant Treasurer, Pastor Edward, Jerry Hittinger, Steve Henninger, Monna Lou Henninger, Karen Lambert, TJ Bostian, Allen Singer, Hugh Harris

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Wishing you and your families a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year this year, from the saff of Dryland UCC: Pastor Edward, Chris, Kathy,

Stacee, Susan, Carol, Dawn, Jerry, Dewayne,
Dave, Craig

Category	Oct Receipts	Oct Expense	Oct Balance	YTD Receipts	YTD Expense	YTD Balance
Current-Mission-Property	\$14,118.14	\$16,306.18	-\$2,188.04	\$153,752.59	\$161,317.24	-\$7,564.65
Capital (Mortgage)	\$1,219.04	\$1,241.00	-\$21.96	\$16,212.03	\$13,490.00	\$2,722.03
Total Category Balance	\$15,337.18	\$17,547.18	-\$2,210.00	\$169,964.62	\$174,807.24	-\$4,842.62
Giant Card Program	\$2,300.00	\$2,185.00	\$115.00	\$22,500.00	\$21,395.00	\$1,105.00

Note area for your guidance:

2020 Budget (exclude Capital)	\$233,972.00
Monthly Receipts Required	\$ 19,497.67
Weekly Receipts Required	\$ 4,874.42
 2020 Budget (Capital)	 \$ 14,712.00
Monthly Receipts Required	\$ 1,226.00
Weekly Receipts Required	\$ 306.50