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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
December 1, 2024– 9:30 am

Prayer Concerns: Carey Gacioch, Dolores Hageter, Jessica Harper, Francois Houlet, Tammy Labar, Shirley Lieberman, Melissa Pelaez, Karen Peters, Sharon & Jim Rehrig, Chris Shetlick, Bob Tomko, family of Bill Tomko, Patty Weidner, All Hurricane victims

Long-term Prayer Concerns: David Atwood, 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, Kevin Hann, Dorothy Johnson, Sonny Laubach, Stephanie Lilly, Debbie Luckenbach, Cade Lutz, Peter Marmaras, Rodger McKay, Doris Miller, Joanne Mitman, Robert Nagy, Grayce, Jakob & Ken Raven, Maurice, Gillian & Genine Sloane, Angela Tout, Elwood Trumbauer, Jorn Walter, Sandy Wambold, 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, December 02, 2024: Psalm 90; Numbers 17:1-11; 2 Peter 3:1-18;

Tuesday, December 03, 2024: Psalm 90; 2 Samuel 7:18-29;
Revelation 22:12-16;

Wednesday, December 04, 2024: Psalm 90; Isaiah 1:24-31; Luke 11:29-32;

Thursday, December 05, 2024: Luke 1:68-79; Malachi 3:5-12;
Philippians 1:12-18a;

Friday, December 06, 2024: Luke 1:68-79; Malachi 3:13-18;
Philippians 1:18b-26;

Saturday, December 07, 2024: Luke 1:68-79; Malachi 4:1-6; Luke 9:1-6;

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- 12/1: Communion Sunday, First Sunday of Advent
- 12/1: Poinsettia Orders Due TODAY
- 12/2: Cookies with Santa 5:00-8:00pm
- 12/14: Holiday Penny Party 1:00pm
- 12/22: Deadline to register for NYE Dinner
- 12/31: New Year's Eve Dinner 5:00pm



UPCOMING EVENTS:

To order meals contact:
Rich 484-894-9799, Karen 610-504-1158 or Church office 610-759-4444

Cookies & Milk with Santa!
Monday, December 2 ~
5:00-8:00pm

*More details on the bulletin board
in Narthex!



**2025 Offering Envelopes are
available now!**



**Please pick-up in the Narthex
on Sundays or the
Church Office
(M-Th 9am-11am)**

Poinsettia Sponsor Forms available
in the Narthex!



Please return forms by: **TODAY!**
Poinsettias can be picked up after
the Christmas Eve service

HOLIDAY PENNY PARTY!

Saturday, December 14th
Doors open @ 11:30am,
Party starts @ 1:00pm
Tricky Tray, 50/50 Raffle, Lottery Tree



Please consider donating a
“holiday” raffle basket by 12/7



PLEASE SIGN-UP!!!

Bulletin Sponsor sign-ups are now available in the
Narthex! 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.

New Year's Eve Dinner ~ Tuesday, December 31 ~ 5:00pm

\$25 per person—only 100 tickets will be sold!
Deadline to register: Sunday 12/22
BYOB—beer and wine ONLY!



Appetizers, Strawberry Spring Mix Salad, Soup, Roast Beef Tenderloin OR
Seafood Combo, Roasted Little Potatoes, Brussel Sprouts or Carrots,
Biscuits, Cheesecakes, Carrot Cake, Chocolate Fudge Cake

HOW TO HELP IN OUR COMMUNITY:

The Nazareth Area Food Bank is asking for gift card or monetary donations for the months of December, 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.

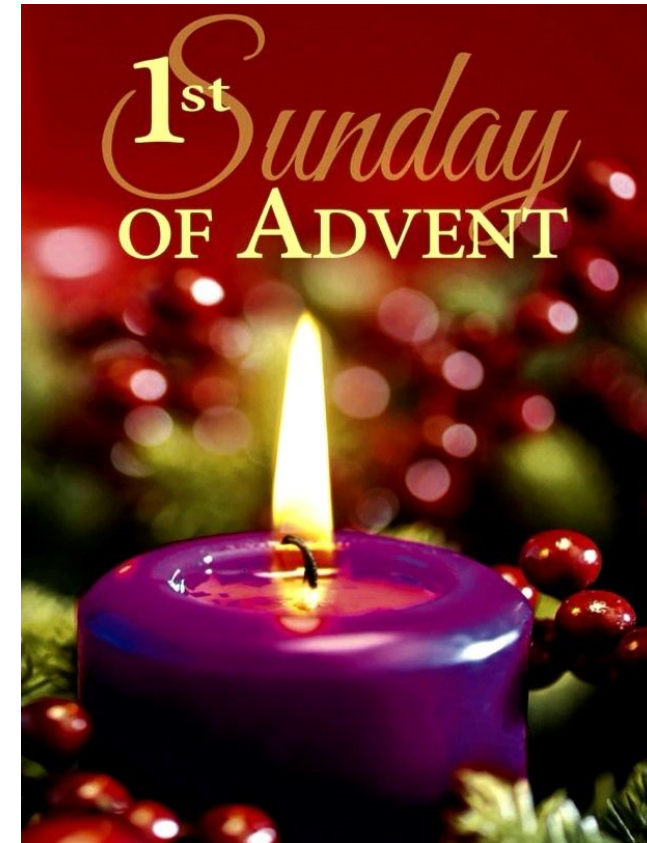
Meals on Wheels – If you have an interest in volunteering to help with the delivery of meals please visit mowglv.org and complete the volunteer application.



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!

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

- 1 Brooke Schaller
- 4 Steven Vian
- 5 Richard Durn, Maryann Heller



Anniversaries This Week

- 4 Mr. & Mrs. David Hess 37 years

Bulletin Sponsor this Week

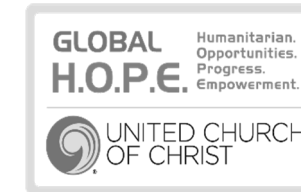
Sponsored by: Bev & Ron Weidner
In Celebration of: **Brooke's Birthday!**

Remember our Shut-Ins

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



Do you or someone you know, need help with: parenting, stress management, elder care, domestic violence, school issues, employment, mental health, homelessness, food insecurity, child welfare, and much more..... **there is help** .
The Nazareth Ministerium of Churches has a Social Worker to help support those who need help in our community. Please contact them at: 610-759-3163, ext. 104 or email nazarethsocialworker@gmail.com



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

PRELUDE ANTHEM Christmas Is Coming

WELCOME

CALL TO GATHER - ADVENT HOPE

Lighting of Advent Candle – Dewayne Heller

The Light of Hope – Zach Angione

Prayer of Hope

Let us pray. Faithful God, out of death you bring life. We gather in your Holy Name. Renew us in hope, that we may be alert to the budding of Christ's advent among us. God of promise, God of hope, into our lives, come.

All:

Come, Jesus Christ, our savior— teach us your way, lead us to freedom, grow in our lives, open our minds, shine in our actions, rule in our hearts, be with us here, now and always. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN #175** We Light the Advent Candles v1,2

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 21:25-36, pages 915-916 in your pew Bible

MESSAGE

CHOIR ANTHEM Hope Has Hands

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, may our offerings and our lives help all of your people to believe in you, become your disciples, and to know that we all belong to You. 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 #154** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel v1,2,3

***BENEDICTION**

SONG OF DEPARTURE Hymn #154 (refrain)

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

POSTLUDE