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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 OR OUTDOOR (WEATHER PERMITTING) SERVICES AT 10:15 AM ON SUNDAYS.

<u>September 6 – Labor Day Sunday</u>

Online worship service at 9:30 am Holy Communion

<u>September 13 – 15th Sunday after Pentecost</u> Outdoor and/or Online worship service, 10:15 am

<u>September 20 – 16th Sunday after Pentecost</u> Outdoor and/or Online worship service, 10:15 am

<u>September 27 – 17th Sunday after Pentecost</u> Outdoor and/or Online worship service, 10:15 am



September 11



September 13, 2020



Grace and Peace Beloved of God,

As the Fall season quickly approaches, I am struck by what is different and find comfort in the familiar. Since March, routines and norms many of us enjoyed were disrupted. The world paused as news of the COVID-19 outbreak flooded news cycles. Most routines were interrupted. The ways we shopped, how much we were permitted to purchase, and even the hours we had access to merchants changed. Restrictions have also impacted how we visit those we love in senior care centers and hospitals, how we lay to rest our dead, and how we gather for worship and fellowship.

Throughout this time of upheaval, I've been searching and assessing how best I may continue to be of help to family, stranger, neighbor, and self. I see the devastation from the inland hurricane that has displaced thousands in Illinois and Iowa. The UCC Disaster Recovery Ministry team in Iowa has informed our conference that sending money directly through the UCC Recovery Ministry is the best way to assist at this time. I am fortunate to be part of a giving congregation. If you choose to write a check, be sure to put "Iowa recovery" in the memo line. We will collect donations for this particular emergency over the next four weeks.

I read that 1 in 7 children in Pennsylvania struggle with hunger, which is 399,270 children, according to Feeding America. Similar realities exist with gaps in education, housing, employment, and health for many people. As followers of Christ, we are to care for the vulnerable among us. How well we listen to those in need and pained is essential and will influence the way we get through this pandemic.

Following the risen Christ equips us to take courage and not lose heart in the face of such overwhelming upheaval. The Holy Spirit strengthens us to share out of we have -- whether we have little or much -- to help make a difference in the lives of people. Acts of kindness, an encouraging word, sharing food and water, giving cash or donating to ministries and programs help. Assistance with navigating the structures of social services is a real help. These lifelines amplify our prayers and demonstrate compassionately that our destinies are intertwined.

Such acts of kindness, direct action, and advocacy show people that God's love is real. People can know that to follow Jesus is to love, welcome, and walk with all people as neighbors. Together, we are learning how to walk by faith and in wisdom to serve Jesus as lighthouses in ways that may be new to us.

As we begin the Fall season, know that through all temptations, trials, and triumphs, God is with us, our Savior reclaims us, and the Holy Spirit revives and renews us to be the change the world needs to see. Trust in God, stay encouraged, and reach out in love.

I will be on vacation with family from Friday, August 21 to Thursday, September 10. During this period, please contact our Consistory President, David Faust, or Rev. Jeff Brinks from St. John's UCC in Nazareth for pastoral emergencies.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Edward



<u> Help for Iowa - Disaster Relief</u>

On August 10, an inland hurricane, also known as a "derecho," tore through parts of Iowa and Illinois. Iowa sustained extensive damage, and thousands of homes are without electricity. Some families have lost everything and are living in tents.

Dryland is a giving church that works to provide aid and support, especially whenever there is a crisis. The UCC disaster recovery ministry team in lowa has informed our conference that the best way we can assist is to send money directly to lowa.

As the Holy Spirit leads you, we are asking that you help lowa by donating. If you are giving electronically, use this UCC Giving Link:

https://transactions.ucc.org/CampaignForm/UCChrist/Disaster

If you choose to write a check to Dryland UCC, be sure to put "lowa recovery" in the memo line. We will collect donations for this particular emergency over the next four weeks.

Our siblings in the Midwest need our prayers AND our financial support during this time of great need. Thank you for supporting this recovery effort.

Pastor Edward



Pastor Edward will be on vacation from Friday, August 21st thru Thursday, September 10th. During this time, if you need pastoral care, please contact Rev. Jeff Brinks from St. John's UCC in Nazareth at 610-759-1893 (church) or 610-393-4441 (cell).

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the LORD.

MEMBERS OF THE MONTH

Kitchen Crew

Thank you to all the people who have prepared the meals for the past few months; all the cooks, volunteers who helped make and package the meals and distribute them to the public, to the people who order and support this great project, and for the profit that Dryland makes on these great meals!

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

Nominated by Kathy I. Peters, Breeze Editor



Prayer Concerns and Joys:

Elysse Catino & family, Kathy Peters, Carolyn Stafnack, Harvey Mann, JoAnn Mitman, Viola Heller, Janet Day, Naomi Hunt, the Hunt

family, Frank Garofola

Long-term Prayer Concerns:

Matthew Atwood, Sandi Berry, Guy Connelly,
Debbie Coppola, Jean Cruttenden, Shawn Durn,
Charlie Gianguzi, Barbara Goldman, Jim Goldman,
Gayle Kozak, Sonny Laubach, Stephanie Lilly,
Wayne Lilly, Barbara Moon, JoAnn Moon, Ethel
Okker, Grayce Raven, Ken Raven, Jakob Raven,
Shirley Trumbauer, Jason Vliet, Paty Vliet, Jeffrey
Wert, Charissa Williams, Carter Wolfgang
Our Service People: Chief MSG Thomas
Bostian, C-5 Patrick Jones, Major Scott Lechner,
MSGT Paul Moore, E-5 Rodger Nagy, LTC Paul
Olah, LT Seth Watlington

To my Dryland family,

We can't thank you all enough for the outpouring of love, support and prayers during my Dad's passing. It meant more than you know.



Love.

The Burton and Danchak families Donna, Brent, Nicole, Chantelle, Brendon, Matthew

Dear Friends of Dryland, Thank you for all your support to Glenn and myself while I was suddenly put in the hospital. After 15 days, I am happy to be home. I am doing good, still in a wheelchair, no weight on right leg until Sept. 3rd. Then will start therapy and hopefully be able to walk again. Thank you for all your cards, calls and prayers, they certainly brightened my days. I love my Dryland family. In Christian Love, Kathy Peters



We received a letter from the Special Olympics PA that read in part:

Dear Friends,

Générosity Thank you for your generosity to Special Olympics Pennsylvania. Your gift of \$400 on June 11, 2020 will be directed to the Lehigh Valley Polar Plunge, which raised more than \$110,000! Your gift will help us provide opportunities for our nearly 20,000 athletes to train in 22 sports and take part in more than 250 competitions across PA every year. Thank you for your support, and stay safe and well.

Matthew B. Aaron, President and CEO

Remember Our Homebound Members

Janet Day – 1/29/35, 610-865-3598 Country Meadows, Apartment 509, 4025 Green Pond Road, Bethlehem, PA 18020 Eleanor Hahn – 12/9/23, 610-748-0049, Saucon Valley Manor, Room 24, 1050 Main St., Hellertown, PA 18055

Dottie & Stan Heckler – 12/29/29 & 8/25/29 610-759-0197, 243 Nazareth Pike, Bethlehem, PA 18020

Viola Heller – 7/29/29

Moravian Hall Square, Room 1003W, 175 W. North Street, Nazareth, PA 18064

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

While we are unable to hold our services indoors, we would like to acknowledge those who have sponsored flowers and bulletins. These sponsorships were made in memory of loved ones or to honor or celebrate events that are meaningful to the sponsors.



Flower Sponsors for September 2020

a) Chuck and Patti Moser, in honor of granddaughter's 2nd birthday

b) Open

<u>9/13</u> a) Open

b) Open

<u>9/20</u> a) Mae Pursel, in memory of husband Stewart

b) Michelle Mitman

<u>9/27</u> a) Craig and Randi Johnson, in memory of Clara I. Johnson

b) Open



Bulletin Sponsors for September 2020

9/6
 Sandy and Bill Banko, in celebration of grandson Nathaniel Lambert's 16th birthday

<u>9/13</u> Open

<u>9/20</u> Open

<u>9/27</u> Open

From the Kitchen Crew - Sincere and heartfelt thanks to everyone for your support of our take-away dinners so far! Please be sure to check back on the webpage later in September for information on our upcoming October dinners - Meat Loaf Dinner on October 10, and Pork and Sauerkraut Dinner on October 24!





STUFFED PEPPER OR STUFFED CABBAGE (HALUPKI) TAKE HOME, READY TO HEAT AND EAT DINNER

Saturday, September 12 – Pick-Up 12 - 2 PM Cost \$10 per dinner. Order deadline is Sunday, September 6

Choose between:

- Stuffed Peppers, a dish where bell peppers are filled with a stuffing consisting of ground beef, cooked rice, herbs, spices and cheese, served in a hearty sauce, or
- Stuffed Cabbage Rolls (Halupki), a traditional Eastern European dish. A blend of beef, sausage, and rice stuffed into tender cabbage leaves and baked in and drizzled with a sweet, soupy tomato sauce.
- This meal also includes a fresh salad with a choice of Ranch, Italian or French dressing, buttermilk biscuits and Key Lime Pie (fresh from our kitchen to you!).

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 so that we may return your call.





THE ITALIAN SOMETHING DINNER!
TAKE HOME, HEAT & SERVE
Saturday, September 26 – Pick-Up 12 - 2 PM

Cost \$11 per dinner. Order deadline is Sunday, September 20

Choose between: Lasagna, Chicken Parmesan or Eggplant Parmesan. Begin your dining with a Caesar Salad (we make our own dressing!). Enjoy your entrée served with Penne Pasta, Italiano String Beans, and Garlic Bread. Top off your meal with a delicious Cannoli!

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 so that we may return your call.







Want to free up some of your time over the Thanksgiving holiday? Why not let Dryland United Church of Christ lend a helping hand with the baking!

9" Pies, \$9.00 Each Order deadline is Thursday, November 19

Apple Crumb Apple Tart Pumpkin Wet Bottom Shoo-Fly Strawberry Rhubarb

Pick up dates are:

Tuesday, November 24 from 8 AM – 2 PM Wednesday, November 25 from 9 AM – 6 PM To order, please contact Rich at 484-894-9799, Karen at 610-504-1158, or the church office at 610-759-4444. If there is no answer leave a message in order that we may return your call.

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.

From the Mantz Family:

Lauren will be entering her senior year at Northampton High School. She is on the chorus and orchestra. Lauren took a few online college courses this summer at NCC. She just started her 1st job at Chick fil A. For fun, when she has time, she plays recreational softball.

Lucas will be entering his freshman year at Northampton High School. He plays percussion for the concert band. Lucas takes drum lessons and for fun plays recreational baseball.

CONVENIENT CONSISTENT GIVING



Tithes and Offerings

This is for all of you Dryland members out there who are into the world of electronic media, cell phones, I-pads, etc. Do we have good news for you!!

You can enjoy the convenience of up-to-date technology and be able to financially support Dryland at the same time. How you ask, can

this be possible? Well, it's called <u>online giving</u>. It's available and as simple as logging onto the church web site (<u>drylanducc.org</u>). On the home page there is an <u>"Give Online"</u> button at the top of the page. Clicking on the button will take you to the sign-on page. Once there you have choices of funds to which you can contribute. This can be as directed or on a recurring basis (i.e. weekly, biweekly, monthly or day of the month). You choose a <u>bank account or a debit or credit card</u> from which you wish the funds are to be taken. A current e-mail address in the church records is necessary to participate.

This program is convenient for both you and Dryland. You can select contributions that are convenient to you and Dryland can more effectively plan for regular contributions to cover recurring expenses (salaries, utilities, heating & building maintenance). There are a number of members who currently participate in the program and are very pleased with the results.

If you would like more information, you can contact Jerry Hittinger, Dewayne Heller, Monna Lou Henninger or any member of the finance committee.

The following is a testimony from a Dryland member regarding the on-line giving:

We have been using online giving for about two years. It is a snap to set up and it is easy to update. You can also designate to which fund you would like your contribution to go. Current, Capital, Missions, etc. Every week, we receive a reminder email that our contribution is being deducted from our bank account. Before, if we would miss a week or two of church, we always played catch up to get our giving on track. Sometimes, we didn't get it back on track. Now, we know our weekly contribution is taken care of whether or not we attend church in any given week. Prayers and blessings to all.

Yours in Christ, Deb & Jay Watlington



- 1 Joann Easterday, Lisa Tenges
- 5 Cara Hess
- 6 Erin Kichline
- 7 Pam Youngkin
- 8 Monna Lou Henninger, Robert Kichline
- 9 Victoria Pizzoferrato, Patrick Snoke
- 10 Nathaniel Lambert
- 13 Shaun Dyer, Joe Hllavacova, Doris Keller
- 14 Judy Hartzell, Grant Hittinger
- 16 Heidi Singer
- 18 Jerry Green, Jr., Joyce Hittinger
- 21 Tiffany Hess
- 22 Stacy Dyer, Gary James Helm, Cade Kocher
- 23 Sandy Durn
- 24 Eliza Miller, Ernest Keller, Sr., Justin Statfield
- 25 Carol Rice
- 27 Carly Kocher, Patti Moser
- 28 Doris Stettler
- 29 Paul Moore, Christopher Moser, Ryan Seiple
- 30 Jonathan Helm, Amanda Horvath, Sara Lechner, Phillip Trapp



1	Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Hittinger	53 years
2	Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Mantz	20 years
3	Mr. & Mrs. Tim Lockard	26 years
4	Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Heckler	44 years
5	Mr. & Mrs. Dean Altemose	28 years
11	Mr. & Mrs. Nelson Stettler	66 years
	Mr. and Mrs. Ron Weidner	44 years
19	Mr. & Mrs. Edward Gallagher	33 years
23	Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Henninger	48 years
25	Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Ryan	38 years
	Mr. & Mrs. Phillip Trapp	16 years
26	Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Zanzalari	11 years
29	Mr. & Mrs. Richard Durn	49 years



Hi All!

Well, the summer has come and gone. Some children are learning virtually, some are happily back in the classroom learning, and some are doing a mix of both. As we continue to navigate these unchartered waters, we continue to look for a way to incorporate Sunday School back into our regular lives. Please stay tuned as we work towards that goal! God bless and stay safe!

Stacee Banko

CONSISTORY - 2020

Officers

President – Dave Faust (E) VP – Dan Cruttenden (E) Secretary – Linda Atwood (D)

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Evangelism – Charlie Berthoud (E)
Finance – Dewayne Heller (E)
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Missions – Greg Teitsworth (D)
Music & Worship – Linda Atwood (D)
Stewardship – Susan Bostian (D)

DRYLAND UCC HISTORIAN

Dryland Church Historian Report: August 2020

- Process (1) Ancestry inquiry, Leonard Stocker for Susan Horn Cummings
- Continue to process archived items into the portable hard drive. Copied list of members book for Trinity Lutheran Church and Dryland Reformed UCC Church (1763-1848)
- Anyone with any items that should be archived please make sure I receive them.
 Stephen R Henninger, Chair

INDOOR 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.
- Replaced light bulbs in Emergency Lighting unit in Narthex
- Emergency light unit above Organ not working.
 Will trouble shoot or replace unit.
- Repaired one of the two cooling units in CEC West side. Will operate ok for a while but will need to be replaced soon. Second unit compressor is shot.

Stephen R Henninger, Chair

MUSIC & WORSHIP

Hopefully, many of you were there to enjoy our outdoor services under the maple trees on the last two Sundays of July. They were a bit of an experiment as we have never conducted our services quite this way before. These services were a bit different than the Rally Day services under the pavilion that our long-time members may remember.

Our collective worship returned to virtual in August. This was to allow time to assess the outdoor services and to discuss what we may be able to do to enhance the experience. When September arrives, we hope to re-introduce outdoor services in perhaps a slightly different format.

We look forward to gathering together again, donned in our masks and keeping a safe distance from each other.

Linda Atwood, Chair

TREASURER'S REPORT

The cash receipt and expenditure activity for the period July 1 thru July 31, 2020 is attached. The category Current-Mission-Property encompasses the options on the weekly giving envelope. These costs cover the basic needs to keep your church operational (i.e salaries, utililties, insurance, property maintenance). The Capital category is refering to the capital section of the giving envelope. The monies here are applied to the loan obtained for the santuary 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 obtaing a Giant Gift Card.

The Note area is a guide to keep us on target for meeting our commitments.

Last month's article asked two straight-forward questions. 1) How are you doing with the COVID-19 Pandemic? 2) What are some of your needs during this period of time? They are sincere questions with variable and difficult responses depending on your situation. Be assured that with prayer and God's Grace, He is aware of your situation and will provide comfort.

As members of Dryland we are one body in Christ to bring His Blessings and Love to each one of us and to the community. You continue to share your financial resources even stronger in July. The gap between our expenses and receipts reflect your generosity. A positive message to share with others the commitment you have in service to the Lord. There are other means as well to share God's Hope. (Prayers, participation, sharing God's word just to mention a few.) Let us continue to listen and talk with each other and our neighbors. Together we may provide a bit of wisdom to someone seeking to answer questions 1 & 2.

For your awareness, we continue to work with our financial institution that provided the PPP loan in May. As the forgiveness process continues, we feel very positive that the loan will be forgiven. So, we applied the loan to our bottom line retro active to May. This reduces our year to date budget deficit considerably. But, this is not the time to relax. The commitments made must continue. We pass this information on to you to be open and transparent. Our expenses are just covering daily operational costs. All projects are on hold and will not be done until funds are secured. This includes an air conditioning unit in the CEC that is not working and needs to be replaced. Funds are not available at this time to make the replacement possible.

We THANK each of you for your generosity, no matter the size. There is plenty of work to accomplish, so don't feel bashful to pitch in. Remember, please don't hesitate to contact any members of the Finance Committee with your concerns or questions. You may also reach us with an email at Drylandfinance@rcn.com.

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!

- A Place To Belong -

Dewayne Heller, Treasurer Craig Johnson, Asst. Treasurer

<u>Finance Committee:</u> Dewayne Heller, Craig Johnson, Pastor Edward, Jerry Hittinger, Steve Henninger, Monna Lou Henninger, Karen Lambert, TJ Bostian, Allen Singer

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Category	July	July	July	YTD	YTD	YTD
	Receipts	Expense	Balance	Receipts	Expense	Balance
Current-Mission-Property	\$17,896.64	\$17,430.55	\$466.09	\$109,669.71	\$113,025.41	-\$3,355.70
Capital (Mortgage)	\$1,742.50	\$1,226.00	\$516.50	\$11,384.43	\$9,782.00	\$1,602.43
Total Category Balance	\$19,639.14	\$18,656.55	\$982.59	\$121,054.14	\$122,807.41	-\$1,753.27
Giant Card Program	\$2,200,00	\$2,090,00	\$110.00	\$15,600,00	\$14.840.00	\$760.00

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