

The Breeze

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Worship service at 8:00 & 10:15 am Sunday School 9:00 am Holy Communion Birthday Sunday

December 8 - 2nd Sunday of Advent Worship service at 8:00 & 10:15 am Sunday School 9:00 am

December 15 - Sunday School Program Worship service at 8:00 Sunday school program 10:15 am

December 22 - 4th Sunday of Advent Worship Service at 8:00 & 10:15 am Sunday school 9:00 am

December 24 – Christmas Eve Worship Services at 7:00 p.m. & 10:00 p.m.

<u>December 29 – First Sunday after Christmas</u> Worship service at 8:00 & 10:15 am



December 22, 2019





December 2019

Grace and Peace Beloved of God,

It is a joy to celebrate my first Advent with you. Advent celebrates the coming of Christ as the Light of the world. In the Gospel of John, we learn that "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... In Him was life and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it." (John 1:1-2,4-5).

The season of Advent calls us to remember the awesome 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. Like the first-century forerunners to our faith who experienced the arrival of Jesus the Christ, we are reminded to focus on the Light --God with us -- Emmanuel. People of the world need this Joy and healing. In Jesus Christ is Peace, Hope, and Joy.

Advent means, "coming towards," from the Latin, adventus. Advent is the four-week season that leads into the Christmas season. Advent and Christmas celebrate the past and the future. We remember the infant Jesus who was born into poverty by a teen immigrant mother in Bethlehem. We also look with hope for the promise of the Second Coming of Christ when He returns to establish His earthly reign.

For some of us, this time of the year brings with it loneliness, sadness and anger. It can also bring to the surface the pain from broken or strained relationships, and memories of deceased loved ones. Others are struggling to find joy during this season and are afraid of the future. It's not easy to have hope when times are so challenging.

This reminds me of the Christmas story, how Mary must have felt as she traveled carrying her yet unborn child and how she waited to give birth into an uncertain world. Yet she knew how to cling to Hope and believe the promises of God.

This season, let's wait with the faith that Mary exhibited for the birth of new beginnings and new life. Let's reach out to a friend, a loved one or a stranger, even if just one, to welcome new possibilities in a world struggling in the shadows of death and despair.

Be encouraged in remembering God's desire for you: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" (Jeremiah 29:11). Love, laugh and live in the hope and joy of Jesus the Christ.

In Christ's Service, Pastor Edward



Prayer Concerns and Joys:

Barbara Goldman, Dottie Brechter, Bob Nagy, Ethel Okker, Jaden Leiby, Sally Johnson, Hailee Banko-Young, friend Dave, Alex Sierra, Peter

Garcia, Kelly Bartholomew, the family of David Bleiler, victims of the shootings in California, David Wagner

Long-term Prayer Concerns:

Matthew Atwood, Sandi Berry, Guy Connelly,
Debbie Coppola, Jean Cruttenden, Shawn Durn,
Linda Fries, Charlie Gianguzi, Barbara Goldman,
Jim Goldman, Gayle Kozak, Carey Laubach,
Sonny Laubach, Stephanie Lilly, Wayne Lilly, Rita
Metz, Barbara Moon, JoAnn Moon, Grayce Raven,
Ken Raven, Jakob Raven, Ted Spradlin, Shirley
Trumbauer, Jason Vliet, Paty Vliet, Jeffrey Wert,
Ryan Wesner, Charissa Williams, Carter Wolfgang
Our Service People:
A1C Patrick Jones, Spec 4
Logan Koch, Major Scott Lechner, TSGT Paul Moore,
PO2 Rodger Nagy, LTC Paul Olah, LT. JG Seth
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THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

"More light than we can learn, more wealth than we can treasure, more love than we can earn, more peace than we can measure, because one Child is born."



MAGS

December's meeting will be at the church at 10:30 a.m. on December 10. We will be having our annual Christmas Games, and luncheon prepared by Rich Durn. Reservations required. Cost is \$12.00. Bring two \$1 dollar gifts for prizes. We will be playing Now You Have It, Now You Don't, and Right Left game. Please join us for a very fun and delicious time. Next meeting will be announced depending on weather.

PERSONS OF THE MONTH

All Responsible for Installation 11/10/19
On the 10th of November we had the pleasure of installing Pastor Edward Livingston as our new pastor here at Dryland. We would like to thank all who had a part in this event. From visiting family and friends of Pastor Edward, all visiting pastors, Conference members, members of Dryland, all helpers who had a part in the preparing and serving of the delicious dinner held after the installation. It was a very moving service and a delicious dinner of fellowship. Thank you everyone and welcome Pastor Edward to our family! It is great people like these that keep Dryland a great family.

Nominated by Kathy I. Peters, Breeze Editor



December 2 (Tues) 8:00 a.m.,
Diner 248, Easton, PA.
Please join us for Good Company
and a Thought for the Day!



NAZARETH FOOD BANK

What to bring in this month: All the fixings for a Christmas dinner!



Bethlehem Special Olympics Dinner

We are sponsoring the Christmas dinner for the Bethlehem Special Olympics this Saturday, December 7th. This Mission from the church helps a local charity. We are in need of

volunteers for set-up on Saturday at 1:00 pm, and for the dinner at 5:00 pm. We are also looking for donations to offset the cost of the meal. If you can help in any way, please contact the church office. We ask you to come on out and support this fine group of youth.



The next dinner Third Thursday dinner will be on December 19th, where we will celebrate the holidays with a Happy Appy Christmas Party, serving from 4PM

– 7PM. The price will be \$6 per person. Mingle with your friends or make new friends! Come, join the fun! Listen to Christmas music while you dine, and who knows? Santa may even stop by! The menu will include:

Pot Stickers

Sweet Potato Bites

Pigs in a Blanket (sausage)

Ham and Cheese Wheels

Antipasto Cups

Ham Balls

Garlicky Shrimp Cocktail

Garlic Pretzels

Stuffed Mushrooms

Bruschetta Baguettes

Cranberry Cheese Ball Bites

Veggie Platter

Christmas Caprese Wreath

Cheese Platter

Honey Roasted Butternut Squash

Cocktail Meat Balls (sweet & sour)

Stuffed Jalapenos

Santa Cheesecake Bites

Stuffed Sweet Peppers

Christmas Light Cupcakes

Artichoke Spinach Dip

Christmas Cookie Stack

Buffalo Chicken Dips

Other Various Cookies

Parmesan Roasted Carrots

Eggnog

Bacon Crack Bites

Coffee / Tea / Hot Chocolate / Punch



Janet Day – 1/29/35, 610-865-3598 Country Meadows, Bldg 3, Room 130, 4007 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

Naomi Hunt – 12/10/27, 610-759-4558,

Country Meadows, Bldg. 5, Room 6B,

4005 Green Pond Road, Bethlehem, PA 18020



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

Financially, for Dryland, this has proven to be a very challenging year and we would like to ask for your help in a special way. We have 13th month offering envelopes available at 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 yet been able to contribute

for the year of 2019. 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 during the month of December. If you are unable to attend services, you can contact the church office and we can forward an envelope to you.

May God's blessings be with you during the Christmas season and throughout the upcoming year of 2020.

Dryland U.C.C. Finance Committee



New charts are now available in the narthex to sponsor 2020 Flowers and Bulletins! Please sign up early for your favorite dates!

Change in Sponsorship: You may have noticed that there are no sponsor sheets for Children's Bulletins for 2020. We decided to discontinue the Children's Bulletins. They will be replaced by coloring and activity sheets which will be in the back of the church. Please be sure to return the crayons, preferable in the box, for use on the following Sunday. Please take the activities home with you or recycle them as you do with your regular bulletins.

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE

December 1 – 10:15 A.M.

FLOWERS – Mark & Linda Atwood Jason & Melanie Motts BULLETINS – Sandy & Bill Banko CHILD BULLETINS – Open

GREETERS – Norma and Jennifer Johnson LAY READER – Dan Cruttenden

USHERS – Consistory

<u>December 8</u> – 10:15 A.M.

FLOWERS – Carol & Lawrence Olah
Joanne Reichenbach
BULLETINS – Paul & Suzanne Olah
CHILD BULLETINS – Paul Olah, Jr.
GREETERS –Bill & Sandy Banko
LAY READER – Dave Faust
USHERS – Mary Wenrich, Charlie Berthoud
Bill & Sandy Banko

<u>December 15</u> – 10:15 A.M.

FLOWERS – Hunt Family / Dale Vliet
BULLETINS – Open
CHILD BULLETINS – Open
GREETERS – Charlie Berthoud, Sandy Durn
LAY READER – Jerry Hittinger
USHERS – Norma Faust, Jim Goldman
Steve & Monna Lou Henninger

<u>December 22</u> <u>- 10:15 A.M.</u>

FLOWERS – Christmas Poinsettias
BULLETINS – Open
CHILD BULLETINS – Open
GREETERS – Norma Faust, Jim Goldman
LAY READER – Heidi Singer
USHERS – Tracy Jones, Karen Lambert
Dale Johnson, Jerry Hittinger

<u>December 24</u> – 7:00 P.M.

GREETERS – Steve & Monna Lou Henninger LAY READER – Chris Vliet USHERS – Consistory

December 24 - 10:00 P.M

GREETERS – Elise & Jenny Intrepido LAY READER – Nancy Catino USHERS – Consistory

<u>December 29</u> – 10:15 A.M.

FLOWERS – Dottie & Stanley Heckler
Jason & Melanie Motts

BULLETINS – Open
CHILD BULLETINS – Nicole Statfield
GREETERS – Lisa Intrepido, Dale Johnson
LAY READER – Dan Cruttenden
USHERS –Pat Muthard, Heidi Singer

Dale & Chris Vliet



December is always an exciting time for the children of Dryland UCC. This is when we get to see them live in action in our annual Christmas Program. With the combined efforts of our WONDERFUL teachers, the children have been working hard and will be putting on a wonderful show for all to see during the 10:15 am church service on Sunday, December 15th. Please plan to attend and show your support to our teachers and students. There will be refreshments offered in the CEC immediately following the show. If anyone wishes to bake or donate baked goods for this event, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board outside of the nursery or email me at sbanko1979@gmail.com. We will have coffee and drinks for the children as well. With that said, we will have our last Sunday School class for 2019 on December 22nd, 2019. Sunday School will resume on Sunday, January 5th, 2020.

Warmest wishes for Happy Holidays Stacy Banko

The offering envelopes for 2020 are now available on the table in the church Narthex. Please stop by and pick up yours and of your family at your convenience. This will save the church the cost of



mailing the envelopes at a later date. Thanks for your assistance and may you enjoy a joyous Christmas season and Happy New Year.



Thank You to everyone who helped with the Advent Workshop on Sunday, November 24th. There was a great turn out for help with decorating the church, the rooms, windows, and putting up the

Nativity Scene and the Christmas Trees! A lot of help from children and adults make a project fun and worthwhile. We are so lucky to have such an amazing congregation!



Please bring your mittens, scarves, gloves, hats and socks in, to place on the tree in the narthex. We always have such a good response to this mission

project so let's keep it going. Help to keep someone warm this winter. These items will be going to one of the local shelters in our area. While you are warm, think of someone who might not be. Joyce Hittinger will be selling homemade items in the narthex after services for your own use or for this purpose.

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE REPORT

As you may know we have experienced changes over the past few years at Dryland and we continue to face many of the challenges that today's churches are also facing.

Now we are celebrating the Advent season. This is a special season in our church leading to the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ at Christmas. We are anticipating a special advent season this year with Pastor Edward Livingston and would like you to join us, not only through Advent and Christmas, but also beginning in the new year of 2020.

We continue to hold weekly services at 8 A.M. and 10:15 A.M. at Dryland and work diligently to make our church a welcoming place for everyone to gather and worship each week. Our Sunday School classes are currently being conducted on Sunday at 9 A.M. We are also very involved in the community having instituted special fund raising for local special needs individuals and organizations. We continue to collect items for the Nazareth Food Bank and other disaster relief programs. Please visit our Facebook page at

<u>www.Facebook.com/DrylandUCC</u> to witness the extent of our community involvement.

Please consider joining us for our worship services during Advent, Christmas and on a regular basis beginning in January 2020. We look forward to seeing you at worship services. If you would like further information, please give us a call at 610-759-4444. Someone from our Evangelism committee would be happy to speak with you. May God bless you

Evangelism Committee



Thank you so much for gifting me with the John Sofka Scholarship. I greatly appreciate it and will look forward to putting it towards my education at Penn State University. God Bless.

Hailee Banko-Young

Thank you so much to all of my friends at Dryland who have been remembering me with cards, visits, and phone calls. It brightens my day to know that so many people remember me. I am doing good and enjoying my time here at Saucon Manor. God Bless.

Eleanor Hahn

We received a Thank You from Jane Shayer on behalf of Feed My Starving Children, stating:

Dear friends at Dryland UCC, Thank you so much for your recent donation for the Lehigh Valley Mobile Pack event. Your gift will provide five children with a daily Manna Pack meal for an entire year! We are grateful you are partnering with us to feed God's starving children, hungry in body and spirit.

Until all are fed, Jane



We are proud to announce that we collected \$205.00 from Change Sunday! These proceeds will go towards the Feed My Starving Children project. Thank you so

much for your generosity!

We are also happy to announce that we made \$325.00 at the Election Day Bake Sale. Also, Joyce was selling her knitted hats and profited \$60.00, which went to the



general fund. Thank you to all who supported this project!



- 1 Cathy Knouse, Brooke Schaller
- 4 Stacy Rice, Steven Vian
- 5 Richard Durn, Mary Ann Heller, Jaime Youngkin
- 6 Katelyn Seip
- 7 Keith Nesfeder, Hailee Banko-Young
- 9 Eleanor Hahn, 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



4	Mr. & Mrs. David Hess	32 years
12	Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Keller, Sr.	66 years
22	Rev. Edward & Rev. Emily Livingston	18 years
23	Mr. & Mrs. Donald Miller	57years
	Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Setzer	32 years
30	Mr. & Mrs. Alan Heller	47 years

CONSISTORY - 2019

President – Dale Vliet (E) Vice President – Steve Henninger (E) Secretary – Linda Atwood (D) Treasurer – Dewayne Heller (E)

Committees

Christian Education – Stacee Banko (D)
Church and Ministry – Dan Cruttenden (E)
Evangelism– Nancy Catino (E)
Finance – Dewayne Heller (E)
Inside Property – Steve Henninger (E)
Outside Property - Dave Faust (E)
Missions – Tracy Jones (E)
Music & Worship – Linda Atwood (D)
Stewardship – Susan Bostian (D)

CHURCH AND MINISTRY REPORT

Pastor Livingston's installation service on November 10th was an historic day for Dryland UCC. Thank you to all who participated in the service, especially our music director, Susan Bostian, who worked very hard to make this day special for everyone. The music groups and visiting pastor(s) were well received and enjoyable. It was a big day for Dryland UCC, and for the search committee that worked so very hard over the past 3 years to secure a settled pastor. We look forward too many more years of working with Pastor Edward while making Dryland strong and prosperous.

The nominating committee is still looking for individuals that would be interested in serving on Consistory. Please contact Dan Cruttenden, Heidi Singer or Jerry Hittinger if you would like to serve.

Dan Cruttenden, 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.
- Fixed light in Narthex, replaced Ballast with T8 style and T8 Bulbs.
- Purchased two new Kitchen mats, placed in Kitchen
- Equipment is in for Sanctuary Cooling system SW corner, schedule will be installed before Christmas.
- All doors with vertical sight windows have been cleaned and tacky gasket removed.
 Stephen R. Henninger, Chair

EVANGELISM REPORT

Evangelism is interested gathering a group to Christmas Carol for our shut-ins or anyone recently unable to attend church. It would be planned for a Sunday afternoon. Please contact Nancy Catino at 610-751-2153 if interested. The date is to be determined.

Anyone in need of a visitation, please call the church office to request a visit.

Thanks to Monna Lou Henninger for continuing to send out post cards to new township residents. Thank you also to Susan Heller for sending cards to members in need.

Nancy Catino, Chair

MISSIONS REPORT

A huge thank you goes out to everyone who made the Feed My Starving Children event on October 12th such a success!! We are grateful for our volunteers and those who donated. Amazing how God works... We as a church donated \$440 to offset the cost of meals packaged by our 11 volunteers during a 2-hour time frame. We then asked you, members of Dryland UCC, to give generously to help cover this expense. With your donations, and contributions from Change Sunday, we collected exactly \$440!! Awesome and amazing!

Thank you so very much to everyone who baked for the Missions bake sale at Bingo last Sunday! We raised \$113 which will offset the expenses associated with the 2 Special Olympics dinners taking place this season. We had a fabulous response from our congregation, with 18 volunteers who helped with the Lehigh County Special Olympics dinner on November 16th. Thank you!! We would love to have your help again on December 7th for the Bethlehem Special Olympics Christmas party.

And thank you to everyone who donated to those in need this month! Donations of warm coats were delivered to Nazareth Moravian Church and distributed to neighbors in our Nazareth community. In addition, a special thank you goes out to Liz Gainer-Romig for her generous donation of handmade baby blankets. These blankets were gratefully accepted by the Safe Start shelter for women and infants. May God bless the recipients of these donations, along with our loving congregation.

Tracy Jones, Chair

MUSIC & WORSHIP

On Sunday, November 10th, we celebrated Reverend Livingston's installation as our settled pastor. The service, with its musical diversity and inspiring sermon was a truly memorable occasion. A huge thank you to all who participated in any way; planning, participating, preparing the meal that followed, and helping with set-up and clean-up.

Sunday, November 24th was the day to prepare our Sanctuary and Narthex for the Christmas season, which begins with the first Sunday in Advent, December 1st. This year we will be changing our gathering song each Sunday in order to incorporate the themes of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love more into the service. The song will be

repeated at the end of the service. Don't worry, the tune is familiar. The choir anthem will also follow these themes.

We are looking forward to a Joyous season. We hope that all of us will see it in their hearts to keep the joy of Christ's coming in our thoughts, words, and deeds each and every day.

Linda Atwood, Chair

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

The Time and Talent surveys have all been sent out and are being turned in. The office staff will be compiling results so we can work to create a growing list of those who can share their talents with Dryland.

The Fall Bingo was an amazing success! Once again, we had almost a full house and the event generated over \$2600 in funds for the church! Thank you to all who supported this event, shared the event on social media, and invited all of their friends to come and support the church! Thank you also to our local businesses and friends who have donated the amazing prizes and gifts that were used as prizes for this bingo!

Fun thing! The WHITE ELEPHANT Donation for December! Are you getting gifts for Christmas that you just cannot use? Don't know what to do with them? Consider donating any NEW, unused gifts that we can utilize for future events at the church! What a great way to give back! Feel free to drop them off at the church or get them to Susan Bostian! Your unused gift can be a great way for the church to make a difference with our many events!

Susan Bostian, Chair

TREASURER'S REPORT

The cash receipt and expenditure activity for the period October 1 thru October 31, 2019 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 total sales made by obtaing a Giant Gift Card.

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

God bless. Dewayne Heller, Treasurer

Craig Johnson, Asst. Treasurer

<u>Finance Committee:</u> Dewayne Heller, Craig Johnson, Jerry Hittinger, Monna Lou Henninger, Steve Henninger, Karen Lambert, T,J. Bostian, Pastor Edward.



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To everyone and members of your families from the staff of Dryland U.C.C: Pastor Edward, Chris, Kathy, Susan, Carol, Dewayne, Craig, Jerry, and Dawn

MAKE HIM A PART OF YOUR LIFE!





If you would like to sponsor a poinsettia plant (red only) for Christmas, please complete this form and *return by SUNDAY*, *December 8th (NO EXCEPTIONS)*, with your payment, either cash or check made payable to Dryland UCC (note: poinsettias). Please indicate how many plants you are ordering. You may place this form with the payment in the offering plate or return it to the church office.

Name

Phone	#
	or of
In Men	nory of
	Cost: \$8.00 each
	How many?
	Total enclosed \$
	I will pick up my plant(s) after the 10 PM Christmas Eve service Please donate my plant

Category	October	October	October	YTD	YTD	YTD
	Receipts	Expenses	Balance	Receipts	Expense	Balance
Current-Mission-Property	\$10,885.17	\$18,044.82	-\$7,159.65	\$126,318.09	\$131,168.87	-\$4,850.78
Capital (Mortgage)	\$1,139.00	\$1,226.00	-\$87.00	\$12,956.00	\$11,632.76	\$1,323.24
Total Category Balance	\$12,024.17	\$19,270.82	-\$7,246.65	\$139,274.09	\$142,801.63	-\$3,527.54
Giant Card Program	\$1,850.00	\$1,757.50	\$92.50	\$19,900.00	\$18,905.00	\$995.00

NOTE:

2019 Budget (exclude Capital)	\$212,654.00
Monthly Receipts Required	\$17,721.17
Weekly Receipts Required	\$4,089.50
2019 Budget (Capital)	\$19,506.00
Monthly Receipts Required	\$1,226.00
Weekly Receipts Required	\$306.50