

Dryden Presbyterian Church Newsletter

June 2024

Pastor's Corner



Meet my dad: Gail Edward Didway. He used to have hair, but went for the clean look instead of comb-over in 1995.

At work, Dad was a tool and die maker, creating parts for Lockheed Martin, Boeing, and NASA. He made little tiny screws and other parts that could not have the slightest flaw for space shuttles and jet planes. He always came home glistening with metals shards.

At home, you are likely to find him reading a book in his recliner, and probably watching TV at the same time. The book is usually sci-fi, westerns, or period fiction. The TV is usually sports or Fox News. If he looks asleep, he's just "resting his eyes."

In past years, you might also find him outside fixing, building, trimming, planting, etc. I think he could build or fix just about anything.

He loves to laugh, to watch his children and grandchildren grow up, and to talk with just about anyone.

He has bowled multiple 300 games and used to play baseball and football. A favorite family story is how a bunch of guys from my sisters' college-age church group would come over to see if my dad could go play softball with them on Sunday afternoons. (My sisters and I got to tag along too).

I've learned a lot about life from Dad's choices. He never lost his temper. He was always there for family, no matter what. He often worked multiple jobs so my sisters and I could go to good schools. He never drank, smoked, or swore—teaching us girls that we could do those things when he did. He was always willing to take care of his grandchildren, even the ones in trouble. He grew up in poor circumstances, worked hard, and rolled with the financial punches whatever they may bring.

Dad is now 86 years old and lives in Winslow, Arizona, with one of my sisters. These days he spends more time in his recliner "resting his eyes." He also talks less but smiles more. This past month, though, his health has been touch and go. It's a reality that's hard for me to grasp. I know my dad as this capable, outgoing guy. My sister says it's heartbreaking to see him decline.

Praise the Lord, Dad's health has rebounded, and he is building up strength in the rehab. We hope to have him back home in the next week or so. Mom and I are going out for a visit in October.

This month, we honor our fathers on the third Sunday in June, so I just wanted to share a little bit about my dad.

Happy Fathers' Day to All! Blessings! Pastor Nancy



Thank God for our Dads!

Be sure to put your dad's name on the fence at church!

The righteous man walks in his integrity; His children are blessed after him.

Proverbs 20:7

Summer Hours begin on Fathers' Day

June 16, 2024

Worship: 10:00 a.m.

Choir and Kids' Club will resume with the return of Fall/Winter hours on the Sunday after Labor Day



Happy Birthday Millie Tull!



(Millie, seen here riding with Piers Bramham in his 1930 Chevolet, celebrates her birthday on June 13.)

Dryden Dairy Days

40th Annual Dairy Day
June 8, 2024

Look for us at the
Dryden Presbyterian Booth!



Dryden Open Gate Garden & Art Tour

June 22 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

James Street - Free



Servant Opportunities:

- ❖ Usher
- ❖ Liturgist
- ❖ Greeter
- ❖ Kids' Club
- ❖ Providing flowers

Please consider adding your name to the sign up sheets in the Fellowship Hall.

Deacons' Prayer Circle:

A part of each monthly Deacons' meeting will be devoted to prayer. To share your prayer request,

> complete the pew card that looks like this →
and drop it in the offering basket

OR

> Share your request with Chuck and MJ Uttech (beaverhollow6@gmail.com), or Dottie Slocum (dottie.highfield@gmail.com).



Your Name: _____

Contact Information: _____

Check any that apply:

- Confidential
- Include in Sunday bulletin.
- I would like to talk with Pastor regarding this.

Your Prayer Request: Please include name of person(s) needing prayers and any details you are free to disclose. Use back if needed.

Please place request in offering plate, prayer box, or give to a deacon.

WEB Items for June: Boxed Mac & Cheese



Please keep sizes small enough to fit into a child's backpack.

Kitchen Cupboard and Clothing Shed

Mon, Fri. & last Sat. of each month: 11 a.m. to noon. Wed: 5 to 6 p.m.



Dryden Community Dinners

Dryden Methodist Church
Wednesdays at 5:30.



EMAIL/TEXT SCAM ALERT

Please be aware that scammers are targeting pastor email or text accounts.

Here is how it works:

1. Scammer gets pastor's name and church from the web.
2. Scammer sends pastor an email or a text that looks like normal request.
3. Scammer steals pastor's contact list.
4. Scammer sends a request to everyone on the contact list for a favor, or help, in the pastor's name but from a bogus email address or phone number.
5. If a person responds to this request, there is usually a distressful story about sick or hungry or oppressed people who need money that has to be directly sent online.
6. **DO NOT SEND THEM ANY MONEY. IT IS BEST TO NOT RESPOND TO THEM AT ALL.**

PRECAUTIONS:

Pastor Nancy will NEVER ask for money that is not payable to the church through our normal banking procedures.

Pastor Nancy will NEVER ask for money via text or email.

Any time you receive an email or text asking for help or a favor from Pastor Nancy—check where it came from first. If it is NOT from pastor.nancy@drydenpres.com or 607-351-6966, then it is a scam.

Pastor Nancy's official email always has the church and contact information listed.

Please call the church or Pastor Nancy if you are concerned about any request that you receive.

If you have sent money to any of these requests, please contact the police.



Susquehanna Valley Presbyterians Help Counter Plastic Pollution

Our Presbytery overwhelmingly approved an overture "**On Becoming Free from Plastic Pollution**" for consideration at our General Assembly, June 28—July 5. You can read the full text on the OGA website: <https://www.pc-biz.org/search/3001145>. Please note there are now several concurring presbyteries supporting our overture.

Our Presbytery's overture concludes "Currently, 430 million tons of plastic is produced yearly resulting in a production of 11 billion metric tons of plastic in the last century, surpassing the biomass of all animals on earth. Despite efforts to convince people recycling is effective, only 9% of the plastic ever produced has been recycled, and 19% has been incinerated. Plastics are now one of the largest environmental disasters on our planet, polluting the Earth we are passing on to our children and subsequent generations. God placed Adam in the garden to serve it and to preserve it. It is time for the Presbyterian Church (USA) to preserve creation by becoming free from plastic pollution."

Beyond an overture, **we can help** counter plastic pollution by calling our New York State Assemblymember,

Dr. Anna R. Kelles, in support of the *Packaging Reduction & Recycling Infrastructure Act*

(A5322-b) and the *Better Bottle Bill* (A.635). Can you take a couple of minutes to contact Dr. Kelles by calling [607-208-2024](tel:607-208-2024) or emailing kelleesa@nyassembly.gov and truly help God's creation?

Packaging Reduction & Recycling Infrastructure Act (A5322-b), <https://actionnetwork.org/forms/prria-vote-assembly>
Better Bottle Bill (A.635) https://www.nypirg.org/pubs/202401BB_Final_press_packet_1.10.24.pdf.



#RedCrossOnTheWay

The journey of a pint of lifesaving blood begins with you.

(Excerpts from a letter of thanks from the Red Cross following our April Blood Drive.)

Each local drive is an integral piece of a puzzle to secure a healthy, readily available blood supply in your community and for every American in need.

When collections exceed need for patients in local communities, we are able to expand distribution to areas with low supply due to weather, seasonal illness, and other challenges. Ensuring we don't waste a single drop of blood is our way of honoring your selfless effort and that of every generous donor.

We're so grateful for your partnership and hope you and your team feel the pride of extraordinary service to your community and beyond.

Ministry Committee News

Worship and Hospitality:

"The more you praise and celebrate your life, the more there is in life to celebrate" -Oprah Winfrey

And we are celebrating!

On Sunday, May 12 we celebrated Mother's Day with a coffee hour complete with beautiful cupcakes fit for a queen. Thank you Gale!

On Sunday, May 26 we celebrated Rich Couch's baptism and "officially" joining our church with cake and beverages.

We have upcoming events:

Dairy Days on Saturday, June 8.

On Sunday, June 9 we will have an ice cream sundae social to celebrate CE and an early Father's Day. FYI, some of the Dad's wear matching shirts with their sons Father's Day, June 16.

And we are also planning "Worship at the Lake" on August 11 with a dish-to-pass afterwards.

As we move into our summer months, I want to thank all those who helped set up, decorate, serve, bake, make the coffee (Peggy:)) and clean up! You are appreciated! Have a great summer!

Cheryl

"May the flowers remind us why the rain was necessary" -Xan Oku

AI's Fudge Sauce

- 1/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons Cocoa powder
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 3/4 cup evaporated milk
- 1/4 cup butter
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla

Combine cocoa and sugar in a saucepan. Blend in evaporated milk. Add butter and salt. Cook, stirring constantly, until mixture begins to boil. Remove from heat. Stir in vanilla. Serve warm over ice cream and enjoy!

Missions:

Thanks to all who were able to respond to the Special Donation for One Great Hour of Sharing as we are able to send \$1234 to the Presbyterian Church USA. By pooling this with other OGHs donations, our denomination will be able to respond to needs of the Presbyterian Hunger Program, Disaster Assistance, and Self-Development of People, roughly about a third to each program.

Mission Committee in conjunction with the rest of the Church Ministry Committee is preparing for our continued outreach program to help Heifer International in their efforts to overcome poverty and hunger. This year we will be combining efforts from our congregation with the Dryden Dairy Day support as we reach out to the community at large to gain additional resources for Heifer aid. For our congregation, we plan for May 26, June 2, and June 9 to announce Heifer's work in different areas. Offering envelopes will be in the pews for donations. If using a check, make it out to Dryden Presbyterian Church and note it is for Heifer. Our Dairy Day presence will be different this year. We are planning a more visible presence from our church with Heifer display and game and kid give-a-ways and/or prizes of Heifer themed little items. In addition, as in the past, the church will be selling cookies and brownies, so expect more information coming on solicitation for assistance.

Nic Brenner from the Second Wind project addressed the congregation at morning worship on May 5 to update progress and plans for the future. In addition to continued prayers for success of this community outreach, all other means of support are welcome, including workers as the building heads toward completion. Additional means of contribution from us are being developed.

Education:

Kids' Club and Adult Christian Education will resume in the Fall.



Make sure you check out the new Kids' Club room with its brand new floor and fresh paint, courtesy of Chris Baurle.

Thank you, Chris, for all your hard work and attention to detail!

<u>January through April Operating Results</u>			
	2023	2024	2024
	Actual	Actual	Budget
	(4 months)	(4 months)	(4 months)
Contributions			
Pledge Receipts	\$ 35,447	\$ 40,233	\$ 38,705
Non-Pledge	2,579	807	1,333
Plate	2,017	1,000	1,500
Interest, Dividends & Misc Income	2,886	5,642	6,033
Cash Expenses	<u>(57,056)</u>	<u>(53,337)</u>	<u>(57,196)</u>
Net Cash Flow	(14,128)	(5,655)	(9,624)
Transfer to/from Reserve Accounts			
To Capital, Copier and Piano & Organ Reserves	(1,200)	(1,200)	(1,200)
From Memorials and Other Savings for Equipment & Worship Software	1,806	195	-
From Insurance Proceeds for Preliminary Repairs of Nursery	<u>920</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Operating Income After Transfer to/from Reserves	<u>\$ (12,602)</u>	<u>\$ (6,660)</u>	<u>\$ (10,824)</u>

() Denotes reduction to Income.

Operating Results

Contributions through April are 5% higher than last year. Pledge receipts are up by 14%. Plate and non-pledge receipts are down by 50% / 69%, respectively. **Expenses** through April are basically the same as last year except for small pay increases & associated taxes this year and three one-time costs incurred last year: (a) purchase of two stoves, (b) purchase of cellular fire alarm system and (c) preliminary repairs of the flooding of the nursery.

Driveway & Parking Lot

	<u>31-Mar</u>	<u>30-Apr</u>	
Cash in Hand	\$ 10,965	\$ 11,985	We're getting closer! An additional \$1,020 was contributed in April.
Pledge Outstanding	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>	
Total Amount Committed	15,965	16,985	<i>If you can help close the gap, write "Parking Lot" on the memo line of your check.</i>
Balance to be Raised	<u>4,995</u>	<u>3,975</u>	
Total Cost of the Project	<u>\$ 20,960</u>	<u>\$ 20,960</u>	

Nursery Repairs

Repairs of the water damage to the Nursery are finished. Al Avery made the initial repairs to the broken pipe and removed the damaged ceiling, wall section & floor in March of 2023 and replaced the ceiling & wall this spring at a total cost of \$ 3,852.33 (\$34 under the amount of the insurance check). Chris Baurle & Matt Seyfried generously replaced the floor with vinyl planking at no cost to the church which saved the church up to \$1,000 based on an estimate from a flooring company. **Thanks Chris & Matt.**

Spring Clean-Up

Spring clean-up went great! We had a lot of fun and got a lot done in short order. Dave Parsons generous contribution of equipment made the job go much faster & easier. **Thanks Dave.** Thanks goes to the entire crew and a special thanks goes to our gracious cooks who prepared the coffee & goodies to keep everyone, who braved the not-so-bad elements, nourished.

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Church Office Hours Tues. – Thurs.

9:00 a.m. - noon

Nancy Didway, Pastor

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Pastor.nancy@drydenpres.com

Pastor's office hours are

Monday through Thursday 10 a.m.—2 p.m.

The best way to contact her is by her cell phone.

(Please note this is a new number. Please update your contact information.)

Session

Doug Barton, Worship
Brenda Carpenter, Worship
Dan Carpenter, Education
Gale Conway, Hospitality
Cheryl Nemecek, Hospitality
Chuck Nydam, Missions
Dave Parsons, Technology
Peggy Parsons, Assistant Clerk
Brad Perkins, Facilities
Jack Scott, Clerk of Session
Ernie Walker, Finance

Deacons

Susan Barry
Evan Carpenter
Christi LaPlant
Fran Sincerbeaux
Dottie Slocum
Chuck Uttech
MJ Uttech

Staff

Clerk of Session..... John Scott
Office Admin..... Susan Barry
Treasurer Dottie Slocum
Financial Secy. Jay Engels
Organist Michael Singbusch
Music Director Scott Miller
Custodian..... Rob White
Librarian..... Gretchen Young

In Your Garden (submitted by Cheryl Nemecek)

First plant five rows of peas:

Patience
Promptness
Preparation
Perseverance
Purity

Next plant three rows of squash

Squash Gossip
Squash Indifference
Squash Criticism

Then Plant five rows of lettuce:

Let - us be faithful to duty
Let - us be loyal
Let - us love one another
Let - us be unselfish
Let - us be true to obligations

And no garden is complete without turnips

Turn - up for important meetings
Turn - up with good ideas
Turn - up with a smile
Turn - up with determination to make everything count for something and worthwhile.

The Committee, St. Antony's Catholic Church, Groton, Favorite Recipes



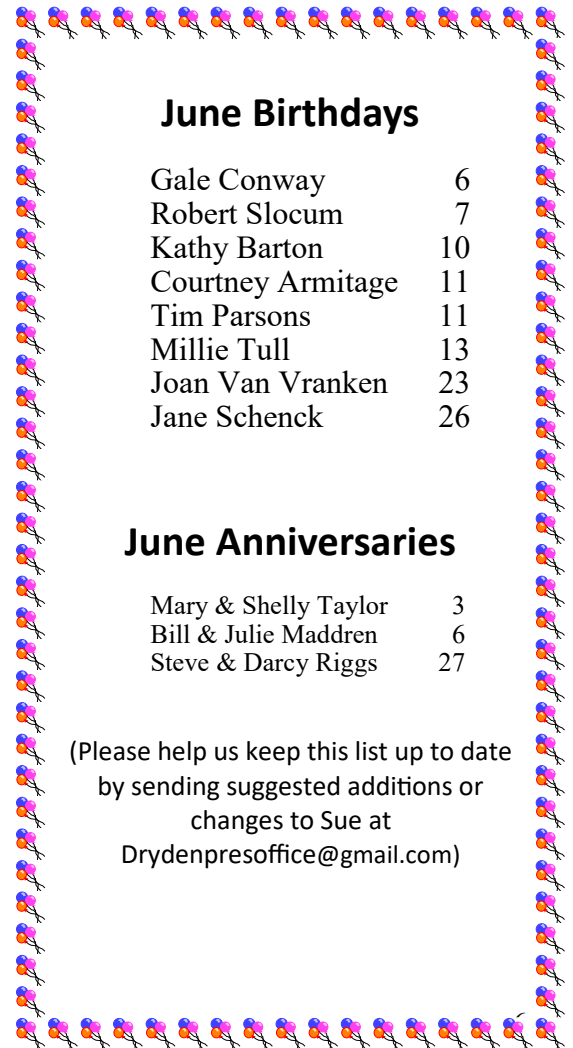
June Birthdays

Gale Conway 6
Robert Slocum 7
Kathy Barton 10
Courtney Armitage 11
Tim Parsons 11
Millie Tull 13
Joan Van Vranken 23
Jane Schenck 26

June Anniversaries

Mary & Shelly Taylor 3
Bill & Julie Maddren 6
Steve & Darcy Riggs 27

(Please help us keep this list up to date by sending suggested additions or changes to Sue at Drydenpresoffice@gmail.com)





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Choir 915/1130 Worship 10:30 am Ministry Com. Mtg. 1130 Heifer Sunday	3 Kitchen Cupboard 11-12	4 Finance 7 pm	5 Kitchen Cupboard 5-6 Bulletin Deadline	6 Prayer Shawls 1 pm Session Reports Due	7 Kitchen Cupboard 1-12	8 Dairy Day
9 Choir 915/1130 Christian Ed Sunday Worship 10:30 am Coffee Hour 1130 Heifer Sunday	10 Kitchen Cupboard 11-12	11 Quilters 10-2 Session 7 pm	12 Kitchen Cupboard 5-6 Bulletin Deadline	13	14 Kitchen Cupboard 11-12	15
16 Father's Day Worship 10 am Deacons 11 am	17 Kitchen Cupboard 11-12	18	19 Second Wind Pillowcases 1pm Kitchen Cupboard 5-6 Bulletin Deadline	20 Summer Newsletter Articles due Prayer Shawls 1 pm	21 Kitchen Cupboard 11-12	22 Dryden Garden Tour
Pastor's Vacation – June 17-30						
23 Worship 10 am Guest Preacher: Jon Barton	24 Kitchen Cupboard 11-12	25 Quilters 10-2	26 Second Wind Pillowcases 1pm Kitchen Cupboard 5-6	27	28 Kitchen Cupboard 1 1-12	29 Kitchen Cupboard 11 -12
Pastor's Vacation – June 17-30						
30 Worship 10 am Guest Preacher: Matthew Gibbons Pastor's Vacation – June 17-30						

Please pencil in **Saturday, October 5th, 8 am - 1 pm**, for this coming Dryden Fall CARE Day - an opportunity to love our neighbors alongside community churches.

Deadline for the July Newsletter is June 20.

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Join us as we worship
the Lord

Worship — Sunday, 10:30 a.m.*.

*Summer hours begin June 19,
2024 (Father's Day)
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.