

Dryden Presbyterian Church Newsletter

May 2024

Church on the Feminine Side

Have you ever gone to a women's retreat or one of those women's concerts? As an introvert with an aversion to large crowds, I'm not a fan. Too much touchy, transparent sharing for me. However, it is interesting to observe the common themes of these events.

- ◇ God says, "Baby girl, you are valued and loved."
- ◇ Daughter of God, you are royalty. Joy is your crown, and peace is your scepter.
- ◇ Jesus says, "Bring me your brokenness, cast at my feet all your shattered pieces, and I will give you peace."
- ◇ Sisters in Christ, embrace one another.

Whether in society or at home, in the Church or in the business world, women struggle with feelings—feeling unworthy, unwanted, unloved—feeling powerless, voiceless, ignored—feeling wounded, discarded, overwhelmed—feeling alone. So these events work to address these prevalent feelings through those touchy, transparent sharing moments that make me so uncomfortable—especially when the crying starts.

Our church is blessed to have a high percentage of men in attendance (compared to most churches). But this month I'm wondering, "What are we doing to reach the lonely women in our church and in our community?"

Here are some ideas that I encourage you to try out:

- May 1st is May Day! Give a woman a flower or two.
- May 2nd is National Prayer Day! Pray for women who need God.
- May 3rd is Chocolate Pudding Day! Need I say more?
- May 4th is Star Wars Day! Treat a woman to a funky hairstyle.
- May 5th is Cinco de Mayo! Take a woman out for Mexican food...
- May 12th is Mother's Day! Show the love!...
- May 26th is National Blueberry Cheesecake Day! (See May 3rd).

We all have such wonderful women in our lives. Let's reach out to them as well as to other women we don't know or maybe even don't like very much (Hey—it's a feminine reality). Let's affirm that they are loved, valued, strong, important, beautifully flawed, and not alone. And may the peace of Christ overflow our hearts and flood the world.

Blessings! Pastor Nancy



"The Holy Trinity." A Bavarian fresco in Urschalling, Germany dates back to 1390 is significant as it depicts the Holy Spirit as a youth, possibly female. The word for Spirit in Hebrew is feminine. In Greek, it is neuter. But when it came to Latin in 4th century, *Spiritus Sanctus* is all masculine.

Sundays in May

- May 12—Join us at coffee hour to celebrate Mother's Day and to honor church member anniversaries.
- May 19—Pentecost Sunday Prayers of Healing —**Wear Red!**
- May 26—New Member & Baptism! Plus Memorial Day Prayers.



Dryden Dairy Days

40th Annual Dairy Day, June 8, 2024

Booth workers and cookie makers needed.

See Pastor Nancy, Gale Conway, Cheryl Nemecek, or Chuck Nydam for information.



Dryden Community Dinners

Dryden Methodist Church
Wednesdays at 5:30.

Weather related cancellations will be on TV and radio, or call the church at 607-844-9861.



Servant Opportunities

Servants are needed in these areas:

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



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

Dryden United Methodist

RUMMAGE SALE

Friday May 3rd: 9am - 6pm

Saturday May 4th: 9am - 12noon - \$2 Bag Day

WEB Items for May:

Pudding Cups

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.



Church and Community News (continued)



Pastor Nancy, Colin and Connor talk about how things you don't even see can be essential - like lug nuts in a car. And like God's Word in our lives.



Thanks everyone for another job well-done.

Clean-up day went fantastic! We had a great crew and got a lot of weeding, raking & trimming done in short order.

A special thanks goes to Dave Parsons who placed 4ft x 4ft x 4ft bins around the grounds for us to fill and then picked them up with his tractor and hydraulically rotated them to dump the brush into the truck.

And a really special thanks goes to the several cooks who made goodies & coffee for us to enjoy.

Answers

To Word Game

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Bible Mothers
Match

- 1.G
- 2.M
- 3.K
- 4.F
- 5.H
- 6.O
- 7.A
- 8.N
- 9.D
- 10.B
- 11.C
- 12.E
- 13.P
- 14.Q
- 15.L
- 16.I
- 17.J



Did you see it?

Not all of us in Dryden got a good view of the eclipse because of the clouds.

Photo courtesy of Kathryn N. Boardman, Lee Center, just outside of Rome, New York, in the path of totality.



Ministry Committee News

Worship:

May 19th is Pentecost Sunday and communion; wear red! Pentecost is a Christian holiday which takes place on the 50th day after Easter Sunday. It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Mary, mother of Jesus and the Apostles of Jesus while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks, as described in the Acts of the Apostles

"When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them." Acts 2:1-13

Speaking in tongues is a fulfilment of John the Baptist's words about the Holy spirit baptizing with fire (Luke 3:16), and of the prophet Joel's words about the outpouring of the Holy Spirit (Joel 2:28, 29) Why tongues of fire? Tongues symbolize speech and the communication of the gospel. Fire symbolizes God's purifying presence, which burns away the undesirable elements of our lives and sets our hearts aflame to ignite the lives of others.

Wear red on Pentecost Sunday to symbolize that you are "on fire" for Jesus!

Hospitality:

"Whoever sows generously will also reap generously." 2 Corinthians 9:6 ERV. And we will be sowing... We had a lovely Coffee hour with MJ's delicious rolls on Sunday, April 14. As for sowing...We are in the planning stages of future events:

Mother's Day and Membership on Sunday, May 12. June 8 is Dairy Day with our cookie booth. Be sure to check the bulletin board by the kitchen for sign-ups/information. Cheryl

RECIPE for a Special Mom

Take two heaping cups of patience
A large pinch of courage
One heart full of love
Two handfuls of generosity
A dash of laughter
One head full of understanding

Sprinkle generously with kindness. Add plenty of faith and mix well. Spread this over a period of a lifetime.

Thank you to everyone who bought, paid and picked up your Easter Lily (Lilies). Until the poinsettias....

Alan Macomber and Cheryl Nemecek

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-aways 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.

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.

<u>January through March Operating Results</u>	2023 Actual (3 months)	2024 Actual (3 months)	2024 Budget (3 months)
<u>Operating Income</u>			
Pledge Receipts	\$ 28,116	\$ 33,803	\$ 29,029
Non-Pledge	2,579	300	1,000
Plate	625	700	1,125
Interest, Dividends & Misc Income	2,214	4,272	4,525
Expenses	(44,145)	(37,178)	(40,246)
Net Cash Flow	(10,611)	1,897	(4,568)
<u>Transfer to/from Reserve Accounts</u>			
To Capital, Copier and Piano & Organ Reserve Accounts	(900)	(900)	(900)
From Designated for Piano Tuning	920	-	-
From Insurance Proceeds for Preliminary Repairs of Nursery	-	195	-
From Memorials and Other Savings for Purchase of Equipment	1,423	-	-
Net Operating Income After Transfer to/from Reserves	\$ (9,168)	\$ 1,192	\$ (5,468)

() Denotes reduction to Income.

Operating Results

Pledge receipts were up in March, primarily thanks to one or more paying off their entire pledge for the year. This put year-to-date ("YTD") pledge receipts 16% above the budget. As the year continues, they should go back down close to the budget. Non-pledge & plate receipts continue to be significantly lower than the budget. YTD expenses are lower than last year and the budget due to timing of Repair & Maintenance and later contribution to Presbyterian Missions.

Driveway & Parking Lot

Cash in Hand	\$ 10,965	A sincere <i>Thank-You</i> goes to 18 contributors, including Presbyterian Women and the Methodist Church who made these gifts possible.
Pledged	<u>5,000</u>	
Total Amount Committed	15,965	
Balance to be Raised	<u>4,995</u>	
Total Cost of the Project	<u>\$ 20,960</u>	
<p><i>If you would like to help narrow the gap, please mark "<u>Parking Lot</u>" on the memo line of your check. Thanks!</i></p>		

Spring Clean-Up is April 27, 2024

The weather forecast looks great! However, if it rains a *lot*, the rain date will be Sunday, 4/28/24. We will start around 8:30. Coffee & goodies will be available to keep us energized. Please bring rakes, pruning shears, cleaning supplies, etc. for whatever projects you want to work on. If the 27th does not work for you, feel free to chip in for another day. Thanks, and see you then.

P.S... Thank you all who responded to our request to clear the branches, pine cones and leaves off the yard between the link and the Methodist Church early so Tanner can mow.

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9:00 a.m. - noon

Nancy Didway, Pastor

607-351-6966 text/call*

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

Mothers in the Bible Match Up

Match each Biblical mother on the left with the correct description on the right.

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| 1. ___ Sarah | a. 2nd wife to Abraham, mother of Ishmael |
| 2. ___ Eve | b. mother of John the Baptist and cousin of Mary |
| 3. ___ Mary | c. 2nd wife of Jacob, mother of Joseph and Benjamin |
| 4. ___ Jochebed | d. faith-filled mother-in-law to Ruth |
| 5. ___ Hannah | e. mother of Solomon, wife of King David |
| 6. ___ Rebekah | f. she hid her baby in a basket and sent him down the Nile River |
| 7. ___ Hagar | g. elderly mother of Isaac, wife of Abraham |
| 8. ___ Widow of Zarephath | h. mother of Samuel, whom she offered to Eli the priest |
| 9. ___ Naomi | i. 1st wife of Jacob, who bore many children |
| 10. ___ Elizabeth | j. mother of Timothy who was praised by Paul |
| 11. ___ Rachel | k. she was "blessed among women" as the mother of Jesus |
| 12. ___ Bathsheba | l. mother of King Hezekiah |
| 13. ___ Widow of Nain | m. the first mother or "mother of all living" |
| 14. ___ Ruth | n. gave the last of her flour and oil to Elijah |
| 15. ___ Abijah | o. mother of Jacob and Esau |
| 16. ___ Leah | p. due to her faith, Jesus raised her son from death |
| 17. ___ Eunice | q. married Boaz at Naomi's encouragement, mother to Obed |

NUMBER CORRECT _____

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May Birthdays

Jeanine Scott	8
Heather Kotula	10
Tyler Engels	11
Dottie Slocum	11
Mary Ann Pearce	17
Karen Cotterill	23
Nancy Newberry	25
McKayla Macomber	24
Carol Engels	25
Corey Cooper	29

No May Anniversaries

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



May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Kitchen Cupboard 5-6 Bulletin Dead- line	2 Prayer Shawls 1 pm	3 Kitchen Cupboard 11-12	4
5 Choir 915/1130 Sun. Sch. 930 Ministry Com. Mtg. 1130	6 Kitchen Cupboard 11-12	7	8 Kitchen Cupboard 5-6 Bulletin Dead- line	9	10 Kitchen Cupboard 11-12	11
12 Mothers' Day Choir 915/1130 Sun. Sch. 930 Coffee Hour 1130 Membership Sunday	13 Kitchen Cupboard 11-12	14 Quilters 10-2 Finance	15 Kitchen Cupboard 5-6 Bulletin Dead- line	16 Prayer Shawls 1 pm Session Re- ports Due	17 Kitchen Cupboard 11-12	18
19 Pentecost Communion Choir 915/1130 Sun. Sch. 930 Deacons 1130	20 Kitchen Cupboard 11-12	21 Session 7 pm	22 Kitchen Cupboard 5-6 Bulletin Dead- line	23 Newsletter Articles Due	24 Kitchen Cupboard 11-12	25 Kitchen Cupboard 11-12
26 Choir 915/1130 Baptism (tentative) Heifer Sunday	27 Memorial Day Kitchen Cup- board 11-12	28 Quilters 10-2	29	30	31	

Deadline for the June Newsletter is May 23.

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Join us as we worship
the Lord

Worship — Sunday, 10:30 a.m.
(Fall/Winter Hours)