#### A note from Madelyn Kirkella President of the Board of Trustees

My dear friends,

I am looking forward to seeing you at Promised Land Community Church, on Sunday May 29<sup>th</sup>. It will be wonderful to see each other again. Although, it's been another terrible year in which our world has been affected by Covid we are starting to see the light. We are all tired of Covid 19 which has caused so many deaths, murders, riots, depression, and even has succeeded in dividing our country. We all have been affected in some way. We must remember God is always with us, giving us hope for our many problems. Just like God gives us a beautiful rainbow after a bad summer storm, he will lead us out of this darkness we have all felt for 2 years. Let me share with you some inspirational verses by Helen Steiner Rice from a book, "Precious Moments of Praise".

Springtime is a season of hope, and joy, and cheer

There's beauty all around us to see and touch and hear

So, no matter how downhearted and discouraged we may be, new hope is born

when we behold leaves budding on a tree. Or when we see a timid flower push through the frozen sod and open wide in glad surprise its petaled eyes to God

For this is just God saying "Lift up your eyes to me. And the bleakness of your spirit like the budding springtime tree,

will lose its wintery darkness and your heavy heart will sing".

For God never sends the winter without the joy of spring.

Now don't forget I'll see you at church on Sunday May 29<sup>th</sup> Madelyn Kirkella – President of the Board of Trustees

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## From Chaplain Steve Belinski

Brothers and sisters in Christ, grace and peace to you from God our Father and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Since we last gathered this past Labor Day weekend so much has changed in the world. A new wave of the Corona virus named Omicron swept into our lives and has left just as quickly. The war in Ukraine has left so many dead as well as millions of refugees in neighboring countries. But through it all one thing has remained constant, God is and continues to be present in each and every one of our lives and the lives of those who experience the tragedy that his creation has endured. Please continue to pray for peace and health for all in need, and for all who need to be touched by God's healing love. As we prepare to worship together on Memorial weekend, may the peace and love of God fill us with the hope that comes in knowing Jesus as the Lord of our lives. May God bless us all. Pastor Steve

# **Memorial Observance**

In 2021, we remembered those of our beloved Promised Land Church and community (that we knew of) who have passed from this life to be with our heavenly Father, within the past year. We give thanks to God for the life they shared with each of us and the peace they now share in God's Heavenly Kingdom.

Judy Fasching, Dorothy J. Miller, Ferne Louise McGrath, Kathryn M. Rush, Betty Ann Bastian, Peggy MacLaren Ulrich, and Geraldine Welton

The Memorial Service, remembering Promised Land's departed from August 1, 2021, through July 31, 2022 will be held on August 21.

## Please provide information in writing to MADELYN KIRKELLA 118 ROCKY ROAD GREENTOWN PA 18426 <u>by August 1<sup>st</sup></u>

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In the past few years, the roof and down spouting has been replaced. In the near future plans include continuing drainage work around the property and recoating the basement floor and walls to help eliminate water seepage.

A Special thank you is extended to Dottie Belinski (and Steve) for their work to beautify the church property.

Donations towards maintenance and repairs are always welcomed.

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#### The Promised Land Protestant Community Church

was founded in order to minister to the local community and the guests at Promised Land State Park.

Because we are a part-time church with no denominational affiliation, we must depend on the donations of those who worship here to maintain and beautify our sanctuary. We are fortunate to have faithful supporters who have contributed by mail to the General Fund, our Improvement Fund and our Memorial Fund over the years.

### **Our Community Outreach Project: Art in the Park**

Sponsored by: Promised Land State Park, Conservation Volunteers and The Promised Land Community Church At time of printing complete plans for this year have not been finalized, nor a list of items that are needed Monetary donations are always helpful. Donations through the church may be

deductible for your tax purposes

More information as the time approaches

# Keep in touch with the community

Promised Land Cabin Owners Association ... plcoa.org Promised Land Sportsmen Association ... promisedlandsportsmen.org State park ... dcnr.pa.gov ... then find a park ... promisedlandstatepark link: <u>Promised Land Volunteer Fire & Ambulance | Facebook</u>