



## Today's Worship Team

<b>Greeters</b>	8:30 a.m. ....	Allan & Barb Derzak
	11:00 a.m. ....	Betty Williams, Kari Corbett & Bill Corbett
<b>Organist/Choir Director</b>	.....	Brian Peters
<b>Guest Pastor</b>	.....	Rev. Tyson Ferguson
<b>Liturgists</b>	8:30 a.m. ....	Rose Baker
	11:00 a.m. ....	Jerry Park
<b>AV Ministries</b>	8:30 a.m. ....	Shawn Kopp
	11:00 a.m. ....	Lenny Tressler
<b>Ushers</b>	9:00 a.m.	Charles & Lynn DuBois, Frank Vongehr, MaryJane Johnson
<b>Nursery Staff</b>	.....	Darria Dixon and Lindsey Knepp
 <b>MINISTRY ASSISTANTS...</b>		
Intergenerational Pastor	.....	Shane Landherr
Adult Christian Education Coordinator	.....	Lisa Luse
Children's Education Coordinator	.....	Dawn Woodruff
Bell Choir Director	.....	Susan Park
Music Assistant	.....	Aden Wertz IV
Office Manager	.....	Karin Garner
Treasurer	.....	John E. Rideout

## Mt. Nittany United Methodist Church



Reverend Jane Allen Middleton, Resident Bishop  
 Reverend Dr. Pamela Ford, State College District Superintendent  
 Reverend Howard T. Woodruff, Lead Pastor (238-1630)  
 Shane Landherr, Intergenerational Pastor (359-9447)  
 Karin Garner, Office Manager (237-3549)  
 Patty DeCapria, Lay Leader (238-6794)  
 Emily Gregory, Associate Lay Leader (238-8769)  
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*Mt. Nittany United Methodist Church*  
**Sunday Worship Bulletin**  
*Third Sunday of Easter* *April 19, 2009*

Welcome  
to  
Worship



**GOOD MORNING!**

April 26, 2009

Please take a moment to sign the attendance register found at the end of your pew. If you are visiting with us this morning, we ask that you provide us with your name and mailing address on the attendance register or that you complete a visitor's card and place it in the offering plate during our morning offering. We also cordially invite you to return and, if you are searching for a church home, we invite you to consider making us a part of your new church family.

To enhance your worship experience with us, we want you to know that we have audio enhancement equipment available, just ask our Sound System Attendants. If you desire a large print bulletin or hymnal, please request one from one of our Worship Attendants. If you have young children, we have a fully staffed nursery (located to the right of the Family Life Center just beyond the doors of the Sanctuary) and we have "Children's Pew Packs" located on the tree rack in the Narthex. Also, the places in the bulletin marked by an asterisk (\*) indicate that you should stand, if so able. **The bold print such as this indicates those areas in which you should join with your voice.**

May God bless us as we worship together in His Holy Temple.

**We Gather**

A TIME OF GREETING and SHARING

THE PRELUDE "There Is A Redeemer" Kellner (1982)

GREETING and PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

**We Hear**

\*SCRIPTURE READING Luke 24: 36b-48

\*OPENING HYMN "Many & Great, O God" #148

**Last Sunday at Mt. Nittany...**



**OUR ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY WAS...**

6:00 a.m. Sunrise Worship Experience ----- 109  
9:00 a.m. Worship Experience----- 112

**THE OFFERINGS RECEIVED LAST SUNDAY WERE ...**

General Fund ----- \$9148.55  
Building Fund ----- \$1058.50  
Benevolences ----- \$425.50

**OUR OUTSTANDING MORTGAGE BALANCE IS**

\$206,500.00

(a payment of \$20,000 was made this past week)



- Did you ever have those moments where you wanted to ask for prayer, but weren't at the church or didn't know who to call?

- Did you ever want to lift someone up in prayer, but just didn't feel comfortable?

- Do you want to let many of your brothers and sisters celebrate an answer to prayer with you?

Well, now you can. Go to our online prayer room at [www.virtualprayerroom.net/MtNittanyUMC](http://www.virtualprayerroom.net/MtNittanyUMC)

and submit a request, read a request, or celebrate an answer to prayer.  
*It's easy. It's anonymous. And it's open 24/7!*

**See Barbara Sommers if you have any questions.**

# This Week at Mt. Nittany...

<b>TODAY</b>	8:30 a.m.	Early Morning Worship (S)
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Classes for all ages
	11:00 a.m.	Late Morning Worship (S)
	5:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
<b>MONDAY</b>	7:00 p.m.	S.A.M. Committee (Choir Rm)
	7:00 p.m.	Trustees Meeting (Board Rm)
	7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study (Grazzini home)
<b>TUESDAY</b>	6:00 p.m.	Leadership Team Meeting (Copier Rm)
	7:00 p.m.	Finance Committee (Board Rm)
	7:00 p.m.	Implementation Committee (Copier Rm)
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop #367 (FLC)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	6:30 p.m.	Praise Band Rehearsal (S)
	7:30 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (CR)
<b>THURSDAY</b>	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study (BR)
	7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study (Rm 107)
	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts #67 Leaders Meeting (Rm 201)
<b>FRIDAY</b>	5:30 p.m.	Retirees Banquet (FLC)
<b>SATURDAY</b>	(May 2)	Pastor Howard & Dawn's Wedding Anniversary

## \*OPENING PRAYER

O Great Spirit, whose breath gives life to the world, and whose voice is heard in the soft breeze: we need your strength and wisdom. Cause us to walk in beauty. Give us eyes ever to behold the red and purple sunset. Make us wise so that we may understand what you have taught us. Help us learn the lessons you have hidden in every leaf and rock.

**Make us always ready to come to you with clean hands and steady eyes, so when life fades, like the fading sunset, our spirits may come to you without shame. AMEN**

## \*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

## \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*As we join in worship on this glorious day, we take the opportunity to seek out friends, old and new, and to seek the restoration of relationships broken by past offenses and hurts. As we celebrate the new life Christ offers us this day, let us also be willing to share that "newness" in our relationships, one with the other.*

## **We Proclaim**

## MUSIC MEDITATION

8:30 a.m.

"Beyond The Cross"

Sanctuary Choir

11:00 a.m.

"There Is A Redeemer"

Bell Choir

## ASSEMBLY TIME

Joanna Jones

*This is a time when we invite our children through the age of 11 to come to the front of the Sanctuary to share time with the Pastor and each other.*

## OUR OFFERING

*If you are visiting with us, please consider yourself our guest. Please feel no obligation to give money to the church. Freely enjoy this service allowing God's Spirit and His Word to minister to your heart. However, if you are considering making this your new church home, scripture teaches us that the responsibility to support the ministries of this church are ours. Tithes and offerings are given as an act of worship unto the LORD.*

(Proverbs 11:25-26; 2 Corinthians 9:6-7)



The Collection  
Offertory "His Name is Life" Doran (1993)  
The Presentation  
\*Doxology "When Morning Gilds The Sky" Pg. 185 , vs. 1  
\*Offertory Prayer

OUR SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE *I John 3:1-7* pg. 1070

\*OUR HYMN OF PREPARATION "Grace Greater Than our Sin" # 365

OUR MORNING MESSAGE "Really, It's Me" Rev. Tyson Ferguson

#### CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

*During this time, we lift up our concerns for the needs of our church and community and express our praises for the many ways in which God has blessed us this past week. Please feel free to openly share your concerns and praises when the worship leader invites you to do so. Open your heart and give those concerns over to the Lord.*

#### Prayer List

*To start the prayer chain call Barb Gotwalt @ 238-9583  
(If you're unable to contact Barb, please call Phyllis Dreibelbis @ 238-3610)*

*Bea Simco; Jo Moore-Houser; Georgeanna Hillard family;*

*Roger Wurst family; Jeff Goss;*

*Howard Woodruff family; Linda Zazworsky family;*

*Harold Peters; Virginia Labenski; Andrea Clouser & family;*

*Ron Metheny; Paul Martin; Bryce & Sandy Dieterle; Dave Partenheimer;*

*Jane Novak and son Allan; Jim Whitfield*

*If you desire to send a card to any of these people please take a Prayer List from the table at the rear of the Sanctuary that includes their address. **Please call the office with updates** on your prayer needs and/or requests so the information (in the bulletin) is current. If you are going to the hospital or know of one of our members who is, please contact the church office. If there is someone who is in need of support from the prayer chain, please contact Barbara Gotwalt or make a note on the Prayer Request card found in the pew rack, and drop it in the offering plate.*

*Following the pastoral prayer, you will be invited to join us as we pray*

#### The Lord's Prayer:

*"Our Father, who is in heaven,*

*Holy is Your name.*

*Your kingdom come,*

# Missions Giving...

## Native American Ministries

Native American Awareness Sunday recognizes and supports the contributions of Native Americans to the church and society. This observance, approved by the 1988 General Conference, is one of six special church-wide Sunday offerings.

The funds collected will allow The United Methodist Church to partner with existing native ministries and create programs on behalf of Native Americans. Money collected also supports seminary scholarships for United Methodist Native Americans.

Fifty percent of the offering remains in the annual conference to develop and strengthen local Native American ministries. Should no such ministries exist within the conference, the offering is remitted in full to the General Council on Finance and Administration (GCFA). The funds are then distributed equally between the United Methodist Board of Higher Education and Ministry to provide scholarships for American Indians attending the church's schools of theology and the Native American Urban Initiative of the General Board of Global Ministries.

Approximately 19,000 United Methodists identify themselves as Native American. What can you buy for \$1 . . . \$10 . . . \$20? If you put your money where your heart is, you can buy a lot on Native American Ministries Sunday! Please do so. Celebrate the gifts and contributions of Native Americans. Thank you!

[www.new.gbqm-umc.org/resources/annual/nativeamerican/](http://www.new.gbqm-umc.org/resources/annual/nativeamerican/)

**Remember: \$1 per member per Special Sunday offering makes a big difference!**

Please give generously.

## Native American Creed *by the Rev. Roger Scott*

I believe in God, Creator of our unique native languages,  
Who gifted us this identity as a distinct people through  
our native tongues,

so that our native spiritual leaders could relay God's love  
to our native people who could not understand  
that foreign tongue called English.

I believe in Jesus Christ, our relative,

Who talked of us when he said, "I have other sheep out there,  
besides those I have here."





# Our Military Personnel..

**Spc. Dillen, Brian A** ..... C 2-112 Unit #43007  
.....Camp Liberty, APO AE 09344-3005  
(Brian is the son of Kathy Sulkowski)

**PFC Dixon, Michael B** ..... HHC 2/112 56 SBCT Unit #43007  
.....Camp Liberty, APO AE 09344-3005  
(Michael is the son of Darria Dixon)

**SGT. Joshua Garner** ..... PSC 103 Box 3584  
..... APO AE 09603-0035  
(Joshua is the nephew of Karin Garner)

**SGT Daniel E Hannigan** ..... 417A Lawrence Circle  
.....Fort Campbell, KY 42223  
(Dan is the nephew of Dawn Edmiston)

**SPC Kingsbury Nathan M** .....Headquarters 2-112th 56th SBCT  
..... Unit #43007 Camp Liberty, Iraq APO AE 09344-3005  
(Nate is the finance of Allie DeCapria)

**LCPL Stepler, Rachael M** .....2046 Barnett Ave Box 7015  
.....Quantico, VA 22134  
(Rachael is the granddaughter of Marjorie Rohrbeck)

**Cpl. Robert Wertz** .....B Co 2/502 Inf Reg  
.....Fort Campbell, KY 42223  
(Rob is the brother of Aden Wertz)

*Your will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Yours is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory,  
Forever and ever. Amen."*

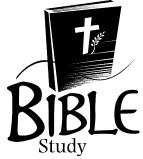
## We Serve

- \* **OUR CLOSING HYMN**      *"Crown Him With Many Crowns"*      # 327
- \*THE BENEDICTION
- \*THE BIDDING HYMN      "Christ The Lord is Risen"      #2116, v.1 (2x's)
- \* **POSTLUDE**      *"Fanfare"*      Dillon (1970)

If you have friends, or family members, or know of an individual in our Armed Forces, please contact the church office to have their name and address included in this listing.

**OUR PARISH MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS** Join with us as we rejoice over the many ministries, events, and joys of our church which we have recently experienced and as we welcome our visitors present with us this morning.

*The basket of flowers at the altar this morning are given to the glory of God in loving memory of my mother...Alma Mae Spicer, by Georgie Hillard and family.*



**Sex, Money, & Power: The Man Series** Men's Bible Study - Beginning Thursday April 30th - 7pm - Small Group Room (former location of Friendship Class). Bring your Bible! Ever wonder what the bible says about being a real Godly Man? Come and find out how we can be more like the Jesus depicted in the bible who is not just a "nice guy" but is also a strong warrior who was faithful and true to His Father in heaven. We will be watching a series of messages and discussing the applications to our lives over the course of six weeks. Contact Aden Wertz for more information 235-0698 or [awertz4@hotmail.com](mailto:awertz4@hotmail.com)

**OVERNIGHT HOST HOUSING** for the INDIA Children's Choir is needed. They will be arriving early afternoon on May 13th, presenting a concert and then go home with you. There are 22 children to be housed in groups of 2-3 per home; there will also be 6 adult chaperones. If you can help us, please contact Joanna Jones (234-9077) who is coordinating this effort. Please read the May newsletter for all the details.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Wendy is lining up help for 2 banquets coming up the beginning of May. The first one is Friday, May 1st serving time at 5:30 which Wendy is cooking. The other one is Monday May 4th serving time of 6:00 and BJ is cooking that one. If you are able to help with either or both of these banquets, please talk to Wendy today (238-0662) or call BJ on Monday the 27th (238-7529).

**PASTORS AVAILABLE FOR YOU....** During Pastor Howard & Dawn's time away, the following pastors are available for hospital calls, visits, or consultation.... Pastor Shane is here at the church M-T-Th & F or you may call the office and talk with Karin to set up appts. with any one of these pastors as well...

Pastor Carl Hill, (Milesburg UMC)  
Pastor Gene McCallips, (Fairbrook UMC) and  
Pastor Duane Bardo (Buffalo Run UMC)

**CONFIRMATION CLASS** Confirmation classes will continue as planned this evening, and again May 3rd & May 17th. *Confirmation Sunday* will still take place on May 31st.

**DISHES, CONTAINERS & PANS** that contained delicious food for recent events here at the church can be found in the FLC. PLEASE -stop by and take yours home TODAY after the ser

vice. Thank You.

**YOUTH MINISTRY** - The Middle school and High school youth groups will continue to meet as usual on Sunday evenings. **Youth Sunday** is next Sunday - May 3rd. I ask that the middle school stay longer and the high school come early THIS EVENING so that from 6-7pm we can meet as a group and go through the Youth Sunday service.



**LOOKING FOR 2009 GRADS!** Mt. Nittany will recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of our graduates on Sunday, June 7th, and we don't want to miss anyone. If your son or daughter (or someone you know who is connected to Mt Nittany UMC) is graduating from high school or college please notify Pastor Shane at [slandherr@gmail.com](mailto:slandherr@gmail.com) or call Karin in the church office (237-3549)

**COMPASSION INTERNATIONAL** - *Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it. -- Proverbs 22:6 (NIV)* Compassion International takes this approach in ministering to children in poverty. Given the opportunity to learn income-generating skills, to develop social skills, and to hear the gospel, thousands of children have come to know and receive Jesus Christ. Now they not only have the hope of salvation, but also the ability to make a living, to provide for their own families, and in many cases to even help their parents and siblings become self-sufficient. Find out how you can make a difference on May 3rd when you will be given the opportunity to sponsor a child with Compassion International as a part of Youth Sunday.

**LADIES SPRING BANQUET** - All women and girls of all ages are cordially invited to attend the Ladies Spring Banquet here at the church on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. A delicious meal will be prepared and served by the men of the church, followed by a one-of-a-kind fashion show you won't want to miss. The cost will be \$7.00 per person with children 10 and under Free. Tickets are on sale each Sunday morning. Don't miss out on this unique fashion show. You are sure to see that perfect fashion item for the upcoming season you will just want to have in your closet. Mark your calendars now!



**With Special Thanks** ~ I want to express my thanks to all the members of Mt. Nittany UMC for the prayers, phone calls, and cards sent to me during my recent heart problems and surgery. I truly felt the prayers and caring and want you to know how much they helped. Best wishes to all of you! Sincerely, Ed Sommers

**LOCAL MISSIONS:** This summer during the week of **July 13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>** you will have the opportunity to participate in LOCAL Missions work - helping those in our congregation and nearby in our community. Pray and plan for this week of rewarding ministry. Mark it on your calendar. More details will follow in the newsletters but please make time to **PLAN & PRAY NOW** for the Lord's direction in your participation of this missions outreach!!!