



Today's Worship Team

Greeters	8:30 a.m.	Edgar & Barb Sommers
	11:00 a.m.	Betty Williams & Kari Corbett
Organist/Choir Director	.....	Brian Peters
Lead Pastor	.....	Rev. Howard T Woodruff
Liturgists	8:30 a.m.	Emily Gregory
	11:00 a.m.	Bill Corbett
AV Ministries	8:30 a.m.	Mark Whitfield
	11:00 a.m.	Lenny Tressler
Ushers	8:30 a.m.	Rick & Dawn Edmiston; Cathy Rideout; Karen Bryan
	11:00 a.m.	Scott Williams & Courtney; Joan & Jackie Raiser
Nursery Staff	.....	Darria Dixon and Lindsey Knepp
 MINISTRY ASSISTANTS...		
Intergenerational Pastor	.....	Shane Landherr
Adult Christian Education Coordinator	.....	Lisa Luse
Bell Choir Director	.....	Susan Park
Music Assistant	.....	Aden Wertz IV
Office Manager	Karin Garner
Treasurer	Mike Yarnell



Mt. Nittany United Methodist Church



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Mt. Nittany United Methodist Church
Sunday Worship Bulletin
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany *February 8, 2009*



Good Morning!

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany Sunday, February 8, 2009

Commitment. That is what our lives are all about. From time-to-time it is a good thing that we revisit the commitments that we have made to serve our Lord and each other through our church. This morning's time together affords us just this opportunity.

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 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 heavy 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.

Last Sunday at Mt. Nittany...



OUR ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY WAS...

8:30 a.m. Worship	-----88
9:45 a.m. Sunday School	-----27
11:00 a.m. Worship	-----121

THE OFFERINGS RECEIVED LAST SUNDAY WERE ...

General Fund	----- \$6679.00
Building Fund	----- \$2682.50
Benevolences	----- \$633.08

OUR OUTSTANDING MORTGAGE BALANCE IS

\$226,500.00



Consider for a moment the faith and trust required to risk crying out to God for healing for ourselves or for others. Joining the one with leprosy, the bold servant, the obedient commander, the psalmist, and the apostle, we proclaim – along with Jesus – that God desires to act on behalf of wholeness in human lives.

Focus Scripture: Mark 1:40–45



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This Week at Mt. Nittany...

TODAY	8:30 a.m.	Early Morning Worship (S)
	9:45 a.m.	Christian Education for all ages
	11:00 a.m.	Late Morning Worship (S)
	2:00 p.m.	Sports Ministry (FLC)
	5:00 p.m.	Jr Hi Youth Fellowship (6th - 8th grades)
	6:00 p.m.	Confirmands Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Practice
	7:00 p.m.	MS Missions Trip Informational Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Sr Hi Youth Fellowship- (9th to 12th grades)
MONDAY	7:00 p.m.	Communications Team Meeting (BR)
	7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study (Grazzini home)
TUESDAY	8:30 a.m.	District Meeting at Faith UMC (Bellefonte)
	10:00 a.m.	UM Women's Meeting (BR)
	3:30 to 5 p.m.	Friends School Basketball Practice (FLC)
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop #367 (FLC)
WEDNESDAY	12:00 p.m.	Senior Adult's Valentine's Day Meal (FLC)
	6:30 p.m.	Nurture & Care Committee (BR)
	6:30 p.m.	Praise Band Rehearsal
	7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal (CR)
THURSDAY	8:30 a.m.	Pre-School Valentine's Day Activities (FLC)
	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study (BR)
	3:30 to 5 p.m.	Friends School Basketball (FLC)
	6:00 p.m.	Thursday Night Meal & Small Group (FLC)
	7:00 p.m.	UM Women's Meeting (Jones home)
	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts #67 Den Meeting (Rm 107)
FRIDAY	8:30 a.m.	Pre-School Valentine's Day Activities (FLC)
	6:00 p.m.	Valentine's Day Set-up (FLC)
SATURDAY	5:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Church Valentine's Day Dinner (FLC)



We Gather

A TIME OF GREETING and SHARING

THE PRELUDE

"Love Medley"

Leatherman (1989)

GREETING and PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

We Hear

THE SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

pg. 882

*OPENING HYMN

"I Know Whom I Have Believed"

714

We Proclaim

MUSIC MEDITATION

8:30 a.m.

"Mighty God"

Sanctuary Choir

11:00 a.m.

"Faith of Our Fathers"

Bell Choir

ASSEMBLY TIME

"Doing what's right"

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.

Wesley's Covenant Renewal Service

PROCLAMATION

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, the Christian life is redeemed from sin and consecrated to God. Through baptism, we have entered this life and have been admitted into the new covenant of which Jesus Christ is the Mediator. He sealed it with his own blood, that it might last for ever. On the one side, God promises to give us new life in Christ, the Source and Perfecter of our faith. On the other side, we are pledged to live no more for ourselves but only for Jesus Christ, who loved us and gave himself for us. From time to time we renew our covenant with God, especially when we re-affirm the Baptismal Covenant and gather at the Lord's table. Today, however, we meet, as the generations before us have met, to renew the covenant that binds us to God. Let us make this covenant of God our own.

INVITATION

Pastor: Commit Yourselves to Christ as his servants. Give Yourselves to

him, that You may belong to him. Christ has many services to be done. Some are more easy and honorable, others are more difficult and disgraceful. Some are suitable to our inclinations and interests, others are contrary to both. In some we may please Christ and please ourselves. But then there are other works where we cannot please Christ except by denying ourselves. It is necessary, therefore, that we consider what it means to be a servant of Christ. Let us, therefore, go to Christ, and pray:

People: Let me be Your servant, under Your command. I will no longer be my own. I will give up myself to Your will in all things.

Pastor: Be satisfied that Christ shall give You your place and work.

People: Lord, make me what You will. I put myself fully into Your hands: put me to doing, put me to suffering, let me be employed for You, or laid aside for You, let me be full, let me be empty, let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and with a willing heart give it all to Your pleasure and disposal.

Pastor: Christ will be the Savior of none but his servants. He is the source of all salvation to those who obey. Christ will have no servants except by consent; Christ will not accept anything except full consent to all that he requires. Christ will be all in all, or he will be nothing. Confirm this by a holy covenant. To make this covenant a reality in your life, listen to these admonitions:

First, set apart some time, more than once, to be spent alone before the Lord; in seeking earnestly God's special assistance and gracious acceptance of you; in carefully thinking through all the conditions of the covenant; in searching your hearts whether you have already freely given your life to Christ. Consider what your sins are. Consider the laws of Christ, how holy, strict, and spiritual they are, and whether you, after having carefully considered them, are willing to choose them all. Be sure you are clear in these matters, see that you do not lie to God.

Second, be serious and in a spirit of holy awe and reverence.



Missions Giving...

Youth Service Funds

Helping youth help youth! That is what the Youth Service Fund (YSF) is all about. The mission of The United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ; therefore projects for YSF will be examined to see how they challenge youth to live as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. Giving changes the lives of the youth who receive. By "sharing the dream" of YSF, teens get caught up in the growing excitement of youth ministering to youth in the name and spirit of Jesus Christ.

Each year the Annual Conference divides the money raised through the conference for YSF. They hold onto 70% of it. A committee of Youth decides how to distribute the funds for Youth Ministry projects. The other 30% is designated to go to the United Methodist Youth Organizations level of the Youth Service Fund. Once they receive the money, it goes towards national and international missions along with promotions and informational videos.

2008 Grants from Youth Service Funds:

- \$450 - Hot Rod Ministry - Grace United Methodist Church - Mexico, PA
- \$1000 - GLEDA Grass Roots Development Center - Ghana West Africa
- \$1200 - Christscape Youth Ministry - Houserville UMC - State College, PA
- \$400 - Youth Workers Outreach - Salladasburg Parish Youth - Jersey Shore, PA

www.ccymspot.com/youth.html



MARCH NEWSLETTER ARTICLES/schedules are due in the church office by next Monday, February 16th.

Your **RESERVATION DEADLINE** for the Annual Valentine's Day Dinner **TODAY**.

There are extra reservation forms on the tables in the narthex. Questions can be directed to Susan Park.



YOUNG ADULT SOCIAL EVENT On **Friday, March 6th** from 6:30 - 9 PM we'll be having a potluck dinner and game night for the 20 and 30 somethings of the church to get to know one another and have some fun! ALL are welcome! We'll be meeting at Shane and Melanie Landherr's house. Bring a dish to share with everyone. Drinks and dessert will be provided! Feel free to bring any games that you may have and enjoy playing. Questions and RSVP to Emily Wertz: 235-0698 or eawertz@gmail.com. If you forget to RSVP but still want to come – just show up! (If you need directions, please talk with Shane)



This evening at 6 p.m. ... There will be a informational gathering of all people interested in having their child attend this year's **Confirmation Class**. This year's Confirmation Program will be a total of six, one-hour sessions. The class will be held on Sunday's from 4-5 p.m during March-April and May. The confirmands will join the church on Pentecost Sunday, May 31st. Confirmation is open to people of all aged 12 or older. See Pastor Howard if you have any questions.



ANNUAL TUSSEY MOUNTAIN SKI OUTING - Saturday, February 21 from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Please review the form enclosed with your bulletin for all the details and additional information. Questions can be directed to Chip Crawford.

USHERS & LITURGISTS NEEDED...Could you give a few minutes each month to help in the worship service? I am always on the lookout for new folks to sign up as liturgists or ushers for our Sunday morning worship services. **Ushers** serve for 1st or 2nd service for a given month. **Liturgists** only need to read the scripture lesson for one of the worship services during the month. This is an excellent way to serve your congregation and the

Third, claim God's covenant, rely upon God's promise of giving grace and strength, so you can keep your promise. Trust not your own strength and power.

Fourth, resolve to be faithful. You have given to the Lord your hearts, you have opened your mouths to the Lord, and you have dedicated yourself to God. With God's power, never go back.

And last, be then prepared to renew your covenant with the Lord. Fall down on your knees, lift your hands toward heaven, open your hearts to the Lord, as we pray:

COVENANT PRAYER

People: **O righteous God, for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, see me as I fall down before You. Forgive my unfaithfulness in not having done Your will, for You have promised mercy to me if I turn to You with my whole heart.**

Pastor: God requires that you shall put away all your idols.

People: **I here from the bottom of my heart renounce them all, covenanting with You that no known sin shall be allowed in my life. Against Your will, I have turned my love toward the world. In Your power I will watch all temptations that will lead me away from You. For my own righteousness is riddled with sin, unable to stand before You.**

Pastor: Through Christ, God has offered to be your God again if you would let him.

People: **Before all heaven and earth, I here acknowledge You as my Lord and God. I take You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, for my portion, and vow to give up myself, body and soul, as Your servant, to serve You in holiness and righteousness all the days of my life.**

Pastor: God has given the Lord Jesus Christ as the only way and means of coming to God.

People: **Jesus, I do here on bended knees accept Christ as the only new and living Way, and sincerely join myself in a covenant with him. O blessed Jesus, I come to You, hungry, sinful, miserable, blind, and naked, unworthy even to**

wash the feet of Your servants. I do here, with all my power, accept You as my Lord and Head. I renounce my own worthiness, and vow that You are the Lord, my righteousness. I renounce my own wisdom, and take You for my only guide. I renounce my own will, and take Your will as my law.

Pastor: Christ has told you that you must suffer with him.

People: **I do here covenant with You, O Christ, to take my lot with You as it may fall. Through Your grace I promise that neither life nor death shall part me from You.**

Pastor: God has given holy laws as the rule of your life.

People: **I do here willingly put my neck under Your yoke, to carry Your burden. All Your laws are holy, just, and good. I therefore take them as the rule for my words, thoughts, and actions, promising that I will strive to order my whole life according to Your direction, and not allow myself to neglect anything I know to be my duty.**

Pastor: The almighty God searches and knows your heart.

People: **O God, You know that I make this covenant with You today without guile or reservation. If any falsehood should be in it, guide me and help me to set it aright.**

And now, glory be to You, O God the Father, whom I from this day forward shall look upon as my God and Father.

Glory be to You, O God the Son, who have loved me and washed me from my sins in Your own blood, and now is my Savior and Redeemer.

Glory be to You, O God the Holy Spirit, who by Your almighty power have turned my heart from sin to God. O mighty God, the Lord Omnipotent, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, You have now become my Covenant Friend.

And I, through Your infinite grace, have become Your covenant servant. So be it. And let the covenant I have made on earth be ratified in heaven. Amen.

State College District. This class prepares individuals for leadership in the local church. Registration deadline is February 23. For more information, contact Patty DeCapria.



Informational Meeting Missions Trip

TODAY @ 7 pm All those interested in information for the Spring Break (March 7 - March 15) Mission Trip to Mississippi should plan to attend an informational meeting this evening in the Board Room. Trip schedule, lodging arrangements, cost and other details will be discussed. Questions should be directed to Kari Corbett or Jerry Park. **Registration deadline is next Monday February 16th.**



Mt. Nittany United Methodist Church, Our sister-in-law, Linda Franks, had surgery for nine hernias on January 21st. Then, she developed internal bleeding and pneumonia putting her in intensive care for most of her stay in the hospital. Thanks for all your prayers; her family is expecting to bring her home from the hospital the first week of February. She still has a ways to go for complete recovery, but she is forever grateful to all who have given her prayers.

Sincerely, Bob and Darla Franks

To Mt. Nittany UMC Family... Thank you for your many prayers, cards, love and support during my 8 month battle with cancer. I am recuperating at home from my recent surgery, but ask for your continued prayers as I heal both physically and emotionally from my recent divorce. God Bless you all.

Nancy Thomas



(Johnstone)

SENIOR ADULT VALENTINE'S DAY MEAL This coming Wednesday,

Febr. 11 beginning at 12 noon in the Family Life Center. Pastor Howard will be preparing a delicious meal. The program will be a **Barbershop Quartet** called 'Wild Pitch' and will serenade us with a selection of songs. This will pre-empt the meal so that our guests can sing first and eat with us afterwards before they go back to work. No sign-up is required but if you have any questions or want to let us know, call *BJ @ 238-7529* or Karin at the church office. I know you'll be glad that you came to this special time of fellowship that's been set aside just for you!





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.

TAPE MINISTRY - Cassette tapes of the worship services are available upon request. If you'd like a copy of a particular service, please call or get in touch with BJ Wurst for details. Please **DO NOT** just put the request on a slip of paper and lay it in the sound booth. If you're unable to notify BJ, please call the church office.

"STEPPING UP" Bible Study... We cordially invite you to join us in our study entitled, *A Woman's Heart: God's Dwelling Place*. **Monday** evening session begins at 7pm at Grazzini's house. The **Thursday** session starts at 10am in the church (board room). PLEASE NOTE: *Everyone* is welcome to participate – you do not need to have been involved in any of the previous studies to come!! Just bring your Bible and everything else will be provided. We would love to see you there!



UM WOMEN'S MINISTRY - Our new United Methodist Women's groups



begin THIS WEEK! All women are invited to attend either of the new groups for their first meetings: Tuesday Feb. 10 at 10am here at the church, or Thursday Feb. 12 at 7pm at Joanna Jones' house (1121 Haymaker -- off Hunter Ave in Dalevue). The meetings are for one hour, with the morning group focusing on missions and missionaries; the evening group with a focus to be determined by the group. If you are looking for the chance to connect with other women, enjoy some time for yourself and make a difference through the missions of UMW, this is your time! Bring a friend or neighbor, and if you have questions, contact Andrea Grazzini (235-1778)

BASIC LAY SPEAKING COURSE If you are interest in becoming a Lay Speaker, I encourage you to take the Course offered next month by the

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 "Dialogue" Dandrieu (1682-1738)
The Presentation
*Doxology "Rejoice...in Heart" #160, Vs. 5
*Offertory Prayer

***OUR HYMN OF PREPARATION "Together We Serve" # 2175**

HOLY COMMUNION # 15

OUR 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)

Janet Kelley; Hope Klein; John McKinney; Virginia Pletcher; Leo Lucci;
Linda Franks; Carissa Barrett, Harold Ammerman; Shirley Hosterman;
Bettylou Bargo & family; Nate Kingsbury; Patricia Martin,
Bea Simco; Tim Shumbat; Gladys Rock

If you would like to send a card to any of these people please pick up the (Address) Prayer List on the table at the rear of the Sanctuary. 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,
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 *"We've A Story To Tell"* #569, Vs. 1 & 4
- *THE BENEDICTION
- *OUR BIDDING HYMN *"Praise The Name of Jesus"* #2066
- POSTLUDE *"God of Glory"* Richolson (1967)



• 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

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.