



Today's Worship Team

Greeters	8:30 a.m.	..... Lee & Ellen Copper
	11:00 a.m.	..... Barb Gotwalt/Virginia Labenski
Organist/Choir Director	.....	Brian Peters
Intergenerational Pastor	.....	Shane Landherr
Liturgist	8:30 a.m.	..... Lynn DuBois
	11:00 a.m.	..... Stacey LeVan
Music Assistant	.....	Aden Wertz
Lead Pastor	.....	Rev. Howard T. Woodruff
Ushers	8:30 a.m.	.....
	11:00 a.m.	..... Jim & Billie Young
AV Ministries	8:30 a.m.	..... Shawn Kopp
	11:00 a.m.	..... Jim Young
Nursery Staff	.....	Darria Dixon and Lindsey Knepp

MINISTRY ASSISTANTS...

Adult Christian Education Coordinator	..... Lisa Luse
Children's Christian Education Coordinator	..... Dawn Woodruff
Bell Choir Director	..... Susan Park
Office Manager	..... Karin Garner
Treasurer	..... John E. Rideout



Reverend Jane Allen Middleton, Resident Bishop
 Rev. 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)
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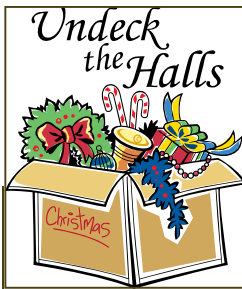
Mt. Nittany United Methodist Church

SUNDAY WORSHIP BULLETIN

January 3, 2010

Epiphany Sunday

“Create
 in me a
 clean heart,
 O God,
 and put a
 new and right
 spirit
 within me.”
 Psalm 51:10



Welcome to Today's Worship Experience! January 3, 2010

The holiday is over, but the season is here! There is always a post-Christmas let-down, unless we look beyond the wrapping paper and the ribbon to behold the wonderful gift which remains for us all. Next week we will discuss "Cleaning up the Mess" as we ask ourselves that challenging question, "Now what?"

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!

We Gather

PRELUDE	We Three Kings	Barr (2006)
GREETING and PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP		
*OPENING HYMN	"We Three Kings"	#254



Last Sunday at Mt. Nittany...

OUR ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY WAS...

8:30 AM Early Worship Experience	-----63
11:00 AM Late Worship Experience	-----77
Christmas Eve 5:00 p.m.	-----130
Christmas Eve 7:00 p.m.	-----164
Christmas Eve 11:00 p.m.	-----115

THE OFFERINGS RECEIVED LAST SUNDAY WERE ...

General Fund	----- \$4336.00
Building Fund	----- \$1120.00
Missions	----- \$595.00
Christmas Eve Services (combined)	----- \$3526.57

OUR OUTSTANDING MORTGAGE BALANCE IS

\$197,500.00

(\$1500 was paid on the principal during December)



Next Week @ Worship

Baptism of the Lord

Jesus lived by example. Never did He ask or require anyone to do anything that He, Himself, did not do. Next week we look at one of two sacraments we observe in the United Methodist Church, that being the sacrament of baptism. We will talk about its meaning and importance for the people then as well as for us, now.

Focus Scripture: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

This Week at Mt. Nittany...

TODAY	8:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m.	Early Morning Worship Experience (S) Christian Education Classes Fusion Youth Group Meeting
	11:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Late Morning Worship Experience (S) Bell Choir Rehearsal
MONDAY	8:30 a.m.	District Committee Meeting & Lunch (FLC)
TUESDAY	1:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting (Pastor's Office) Leadership Team Meeting (Copier Rm) Church Council Meeting (BR) S.A.M. Meeting (Choir Rm) Boy Scouts Troop #367 (FLC)
WEDNESDAY	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Praise Band (S) Cub Scouts #67 Leaders Meeting (BR) Choir Rehearsal (CR)
THURSDAY	10:00 a.m. 8:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study (BR) Volleyball (FLC)
FRIDAY	6:00-9:00 pm	Youth Hang Time (FLC)
SATURDAY	5:00 p.m.	Nittany Knights Installation Banquet (FLC)



We Hear and Proclaim

FOCUS SCRIPTURE READING *Luke 5:12-15* pg. 907

ASSEMBLY TIME *"The best task of all"*
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.

HYMN OF PREPARATION **"There's A Song In the Air"** #249

OUR MORNING MESSAGE *"Being made clean"*

We Respond

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 O Sleep, Dear Holy Baby Cooman (2006)
*Doxology **"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"**
*Offertory Prayer

THE SHARING OF HOLY COMMUNION

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)

Nathan Hartwig and Family; Barry Gummo;
Charles Myers; Nancy Thomas; Linda Eury; Della Tilburg;
Virginia Hartle; Eleanor Hite

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,
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."*



*"Be strong and courageous.
Do not be afraid or terrified because of them,
for the Lord your God goes with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you".
Deuteronomy 31:6*

- * **CMDR Allen L. Edmiston**.... 4917 Evergreen Way #401 Everett WA 98203-2828
(Allen is the son of Ron Edmiston)
- * **SGT. Fellows, Amber 0581** 422 CA BN COB Speicher APO AE 09393
(Amber is the neice of a friend of Gretta Klinefelter)
- * **SGT. Joshua Garner** New address forthcoming
(Joshua is the nephew of Karin Garner)
- * **SGT Daniel E Hannigan** 101 Chickadee Court, Clarksville, TN 37042
(Dan is the nephew of Dawn Edmiston)
- * **A1C Horn, Corey** 877ESFS-SFOC APO, AE 09375
(Corey is the son to friends of Pastor Howard & Dawn)
- * **Limbaugh, Glenn** KBR Services APO, AE 09391
(Glenn is the nephew of Robert & Patricia Kidder. He is a civilian working in Iraq)
- * **Lorson, Benjamin** B-4/319th AFAR CPO McLain APO/AE 09364
(Ben is a friend of Pastor Howard & Dawn)
- * **E-6 Staff Sgt. Melissa Shoup** 67347B Kaiea Place Waihaha, HI 96791
(Melissa is the granddaughter of Sonny & Lois Swanger)
- * **CPL Stepler, Rachael M** 2046 Barnett Ave Box 7015 Quantico, VA 22134
(Rachael is the granddaughter of Marjorie Rohrbeck)
- * **Cpl. Robert Wertz** CMR#3 Box 6816, Fort Rucker AL 36362
(Rob is the brother of Aden Wertz)

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.

IF THESE ADDRESSES CHANGE, PLEASE notify the office.

Missions Giving...



Housing Transitions Inc.

Housing Transitions Inc. is a nonprofit corporation, offering a variety of housing services to Centre County residents in need. Their mission is to assist families and individuals achieve a more independent lifestyle by providing a continuum of effective and well-managed services. Housing Transitions was founded in 1984 as a housing shelter and gradually has become the primary housing resources provider in Centre County.

Housing Transitions provides the following services to our community:

- Emergency Shelter and food is provided to homeless or those in crisis. The shelter is open 7 days a week, 24 hours a day at no charge to those in need.
 - Supportive Services provides Case Management services to individuals who are homeless to assist them in obtaining/remaining in permanent housing with the goal of increasing or maintaining income and to improve independent living skills.
 - Individuals and families have the opportunity to work with the Housing Case Manager to locate and secure affordable housing in Centre County. Families at or below 200% of poverty are eligible for this service and may be homeless, near homeless or relocating for various reasons.
 - The Adult Services Program provides a "safety net" to Centre County's human service agencies. County residents who need more help than available from other agencies in the county are referred to Housing Transitions.
 - The Family Self-Sufficiency Case Management Program is a voluntary 5-year savings plan program for families on Section 8.
 - An Emergency Food Pantry Program can supply families with enough food for a weekend or until the State College Food Bank is open again. This program is open to everyone in Centre County and operates separately from the shelter.
 - Transitional Housing Programs offers time limited housing for approved individuals and families who are coming out of the shelter
 - A Home Buyers Program works with those who may want to purchase a home within the Borough. It offers assistance with the various aspects of home buying. Basic Computer Skills education is offered to those who may have never or very minimally operated a computer. The goal is to assist with job search, employment and housing search through the computer. www.housingtransitions.com
- All donations today in the offering earmarked for Missions will be sent to Housing Transitions from Mt Nittany. In addition to giving generously on this day let us all pray for this amazing organization and what they do in our community.

We Go to Serve

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| *OUR CLOSING HYMN | "The Virgin Mary...Boy" | #2098 |
| *THE BENEDICTION | | |
| *THE BIDDING HYMN | "Go Tell It On The Mountain" | #251, Vs. 3 |
| POSTLUDE | Hark! The Herald Angels Sing | Cherwin (2006) |



Dear Mt. Nittany Church family,

To the many of you who have expressed your love and support to me in countless ways this past year, please know how deeply it is appreciated. I have learned this year, there is nothing more important than family. Enjoy every day of the new year with loved ones, and tell them every day how much you love them. Make memories, for they are the treasures of the heart.

New Year blessings to all of you.....

Much love, Karin

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.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS and HYMNALS are available upon request. Please request one from one of our Worship Attendants.



RECYCLE OLD CANDLES... For the next few weeks, there will be a box in the Copier room for you to place use, old and unwanted candles to be given to the Boy scouts to use in their "fire starter" program. If you have any questions, talk with Rebecca Berg. (238-8557)

YOUTH EVENT January 15th and 16th Arcade All-Nighter for grades 6-12. Ask your friends to join you and hang out with us for a great fun-packed evening! Talk with Pastor Shane for all the details.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT January 22nd... Mark your calendars and plan now to be with us for a great evening of fun activities and fellowship.

2010 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES - LAST CALL - Please take your offering ENVELOPES home with you **TODAY**. Please do **NOT** use last year's envelopes as some numbers have been re-assigned to other individuals. PLEASE consider using envelopes for your giving during the year. This makes for easier record keeping during the year. If you do not have or use envelopes and would like your own box, please stop by or call Karin in the church office.

PLEASE NOTE: *When you use an envelope from the pew and give cash, without your name on the envelope or your envelope #, I have no way of recording your contribution. Please remember to mark your envelopes with name, date*



*and/or number if you want credit on your year-end statement.
Thank you ...*

Karin

RECYCLED CARDS Mt Nittany Mission Team will be collecting used cards of all types to donate to St. Jude's Ranch for Children. There will be a box placed in the narthex for the month of January. Read more details in the January issue of our church newsletter.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES Our new series of classes will begin today and run thru end of February. Rik Harris will continue teaching from the book of "Acts" meeting in the Board Room; Pastor Howard will meet in the FLC... "God is Closer Than You Think"; and Helen Higgins class "Sign Language" will meet in the Copier Room. We encourage you to join the fellowship and discussion in one of these classes.

Discerning the Voice of God - *A 6 week study for women with 2 possible meeting times!* This Bible study from author and speaker Priscilla Shirer is designed to help participants know the voice of God: His language, character, and tone of voice, by growing closer to God through His Word. Beginning on January 19th and 21st (Tuesdays or Thursdays), there will be 2 groups meeting to do this study from 7-9 PM. Review the January newsletter for more details or talk with Emily Wertz.

Thanks to the Church Congregation

Nate and Elfriede Hartwig wish to thank the members of the church for all the cards, prayers and words of encouragement over the last six months. Elfriede's lung cancer didn't respond to chemotherapy treatment and she was at home under hospice care until she was called home on Dec. 24th. She would like to especially thank the quilting group for the quilt she received and the cooks who prepared a ham dinner for us before Thanksgiving as well as for the funeral luncheon. Also a special thanks to those who on their own brought food of various kinds at various times in recent months. Unfortunately her appetite was not good since beginning chemotherapy and primarily her husband has benefited from this for which he would like to give his heart felt thanks also.

We have had 46+ mostly wonderful years together and for that we are both thankful. When Elfriede's mother died, our daughter Susan was almost 3 and when the casket was lowered into the grave, she asked if she go with Omi (Grandma) and I said "no," Omi is going to have make the rest of this trip alone. That was the wrong answer, because God will lead us to the promised land and all we have to do is take his hand. God bless you all...

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