



Today's Worship Team

MINISTRY ASSISTANTS	
Greeters 8:30 a.m.	.....Bob & Darla Franks
11:00 a.m.	Scott & Amy Williams, Courtney & Ryan
Organist/Choir Director	..... Brian Peters
Intergenerational Pastor	..... Shane Landherr
Liturgists 8:30 a.m.	..... Cathy Rideout
11:00 a.m.	..... Andrea Grazzini
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.	..... Rick Edmiston
11:00 a.m.	..... Leonard Tressler
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)
 Patty DeCapria, Lay Leader (238-6794)
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Baptism of the Lord

Mt. Nittany United Methodist Church

SUNDAY WORSHIP BULLETIN

Baptism of the Lord

January 10, 2010



**Welcome to Today's Worship Experience!
January 10, 2010**

Jesus lived by example. Never did He ask or require anyone to do anything that He, Himself, did not do. Today 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.

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 *O God Our Help In Ages Past* Baldrige (1999)

GREETING and PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*OPENING HYMN *"When Jesus Came to the Jordan"* #252

Last Sunday at Mt. Nittany...



OUR ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY WAS...

8:30 AM Early Worship Experience -----94
11:00 AM Late Worship Experience -----86

THE OFFERINGS RECEIVED LAST SUNDAY WERE ...

General Fund -----\$17037.50
Building Fund -----\$11015.00
Missions-----\$940.00

OUR OUTSTANDING MORTGAGE BALANCE IS

\$197,500.00



Next Week @ Worship

Many of us work by contractual agreement...we perform a certain set of tasks and for that performance we receive some type or remuneration. But that is not the agreement that God has with us. God seeks to draw us into a covenantal relationship. Join us next week as we explore just what that covenantal relationship is and how we strive to live it out in our lives.

Focus Scripture: Psalm 138

This Week at Mt. Nittany...

TODAY	8:30 a.m.	Early Morning Worship Experience (S)
	9:45 a.m.	Christian Education Classes Fusion Youth Group Meeting
	11:00 a.m.	Late Morning Worship Experience (S)
	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	MONDAY	7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Children's Education Meeting (Copier Rm) Communications Meeting (BR)
TUESDAY	1:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting (Pastor's Office)
	6:00 p.m.	Leadership Team Meeting (Copier Rm)
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop #367 (FLC)
	7:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts #1884 (Rm 204)
WEDNESDAY	6:30 p.m.	Praise Band (S)
	7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal (CR)
THURSDAY	10:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study (BR)
	7:00 p.m.	Money Counters Meeting (Copier Rm)
	8:30 p.m.	Volleyball (FLC)
FRIDAY	12 Noon	February Newsletter Deadline
	8:00 p.m.	Youth Arcade All-Nighter
SATURDAY	9:30 a.m.	Lay Ministers Training (BR)
	8:00 p.m.	S.A.M. Dance (FLC)

COMING EVENTS

- Family Fun Night (Friday, Jan 22)
- Gideon's Ministry Presentation (Sunday, Jan 24)
- Confirmation Meeting (Sunday, Jan 24)
- Vision 2010 (Sunday, Feb 7)
- Valentine's Day Dinner (Sat. Febr 13)



We Hear and Proclaim

FOCUS SCRIPTURE READING Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 pg. 905

MUSIC MEDITATION

8:30 a.m. "The Lord Came Down to the River" Sanctuary Choir
11:00 a.m. "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" Pine Hall Blue Grass Band

ASSEMBLY TIME

"The magic of cleanliness"

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

"I Was There...Cry"

#2051

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

"Just what is Stewardship?"

OUR MORNING MESSAGE

"Living by Example"

We Respond

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)*

**Betty Hoff; The Family of Eleanor Hite; Nathan Hartwig and Family;
Barry Gummo; Charles Myers; Nancy Thomas;
Linda Eury; Della Tilburg; Virginia Hartle**

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."*

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 8:30 a.m. Offertorio Pastorale
 11:00 a.m. The Mark The Pine Hall Blue Grass Band
 *Doxology "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" #94
 *Offertory Prayer



*"Be strong and courageous.
 Do not be afraid or terrified be-
 cause 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 Cannon, Rachael M (Stepler)** 100 Talon Dr Apt @G Jacksonville NC 28546
 (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...

Interfaith Missions



Interfaith Missions is an affiliate of the Centre County Office of Human Services and maintains close working relationships with other human service agencies in Centre County to coordinate services for clients. Though cash is never distributed to clients, payments on their behalf is made for rent or security deposits, utility bills, heating oil, emergency medical needs, bus transportation within Pennsylvania, CATA tokens, and other emergency needs. The intent is to provide assistance in emergency situations, not long term support. Clients schedule an appointment for an interview, and support is coordinated with other local agencies. Interfaith Mission is a member of the Community Safety Net. The Community Safety Net is a collaborative effort of 14 agencies in Centre County to provide a wide variety of services to residents of Centre County.

Interfaith Missions has initiated The Helping Hands Program. The Helping Hands Program has been started to offer in depth money management and budgeting services to residents of Centre County. Interfaith Mission is a Representative Payee Organization approved by Social Security. As a Representative Payee organization, clients who are not able to manage their household finances can have Interfaith Mission manage their finances. The client money manager will meet with clients in their homes or at any other location. As more households face economic hard times, Interfaith Mission stands ready to help. Referrals are accepted from human service agencies, the Office of Aging, Children and Youth and the Office of Adult Services.

Interfaith Missions also has a furniture recycling program for any client residing in Centre County. Available free of charge are household items ranging from appliances, chairs, tables, sofas, beds, small appliances and linens. These items are donated and held in storage awaiting client inquiries. This program is maintained solely by donor contributions of items in good condition. If you wish to donate furniture call Interfaith Mission to schedule a pickup. Please understand they do not have a repair facility and all items must be in good condition.

All offering designated as Mission donations made today will be distributed to Interfaith Missions to help support their efforts in State College and surrounding areas.

interfaithmission.centreconnect.org

We Go to Serve

*OUR CLOSING HYMN

8:30 a.m. "O God Our Help in Ages Past" # 117
11:00 a.m. "Tis So Sweet To Trust..." The Pine Hall Blue Grass Band

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE BIDDING HYMN "We Sing To You, O God" #2001, Vs. 4
POSTLUDE God of Glory Richolson (1966)

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.

YOUTH EVENT This coming weekend.... 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 Friday, January 22nd... Mark your calendars and plan now to be with us for a great evening of fun games, fellowship and refreshments.

LITURGISTS are encouraged to sign-up for the Sundays in January on the form located on the greeters stand in the narthex. Your involvement in this vital part of our worship experience is valuable to us, and we appreciate your desire to be involved in this ministry. Please talk with Patty DeCapria if you have any questions.

2010 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES - were mailed this week. If you didn't get a box, and would like a set of your own for the new year, please call or stop by the church office and talk with Karin.



RECYCLED CARDS Mt Nittany Mission Team is collecting used cards of all types to donate to St. Jude's Ranch for Children. There is a box in the Copier Room for them. You can read more about this project in the latest issue of the church newsletter.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES Our new series of classes have started and will continue to the end of February. Rik Harris will continue teaching from the book of "Acts" ... in the Board Room; Pastor Howard's class meets in the FLC... "God is Closer Than You Think"; 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 next week...January 19th and 21st (Tuesdays or Thursdays), from 7-9 PM; we have 2 different off-site locations. Review the January newsletter for details or talk with Emily Wertz.

RECYCLE OLD CANDLES... The box is in the Copier room for you to place use, old and unwanted candles for the Boy scouts "fire starter" program. If you have any questions, talk with Rebecca Berg. (238-8557)



This month's **CONTEMPORARY** Style Worship service will be held next Sunday, Jan 17th at the 8:30 a.m. service. Come join us in celebrating through song and reflection what Christ has done for us. Talk with Aden if you have any questions.



see you soon.

Thank You For Caring: You have a truly special heart... and I was lucky to be on the receiving end of all its caring and support. To All My Church Friends, I want to thank you so much for the basket you sent to me. I miss all of you, and hope you are doing well. Hope to see you soon.
Love Bea Simco

We would like to thank everyone that blessed us with cards & gifts this Christmas. It was greatly appreciated and we loved spending this Christmas season with you all.

Pastor Shane & Melanie

Dear Friends, This is to gratefully acknowledge your recent Christmas gift in the amount of \$179. Your kindness means so much and we want you to know of our sincere gratitude. The boys & girls who live in our cottages and emergency shelter have had difficult childhoods. Many are the victims of child abuse, neglect, or even abandonment. Most of these children have never experienced Christmas and celebrated this holy season as we know it. Your generosity has touched the lives of these hurting children by helping us provide for them. Thank you for thinking of the children at this wonderful time of year. May you have a joyous New Year.

*Rev. David Reed and Kathy Eppley
United Methodist Home for Children*

CHURCH DIRECTORY: The rough draft of our next church directory will be available throughout January between services. Please stop by and review your family's entry! If you did not turn in a directory form you should **STILL CHECK** your entry for accuracy. The sooner the entries are checked, the sooner we can get it to the printer!!! Questions: contact Joanna Jones 234-9077

MONEY COUNTERS - If you are interested in assisting in this area of ministry, we urge you to attend the meeting scheduled for this Thursday at 7 pm in the Board Room. This meeting is essential in learning the procedures and duties. Please talk with Pastor Howard if you have any concerns.

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER articles/schedules are due this Friday. Space is limited, so please try & avoid lengthy articles. Please include pertinent information in the article, date, time, place of event, contact person. Talk with Karin (in the church office) if you have any questions.