



Today's Worship Team

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| Greeters | 8:30 a.m. | Tom & Rita Kline |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Kari Corbett & Betty Williams |
| Organist/Choir Director | | Brian Peters |
| Intergenerational Pastor | | Shane Landherr |
| Liturgists | 8:30 a.m. | Barbara Derzak |
| | 11:00 a.m. | BJ Wurst |
| 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. | Ron Taverno |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Roger Wurst |
| Nursery Staff | | Darria Dixon and Lindsey Knepp |

MINISTRY ASSISTANTS...

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| 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)
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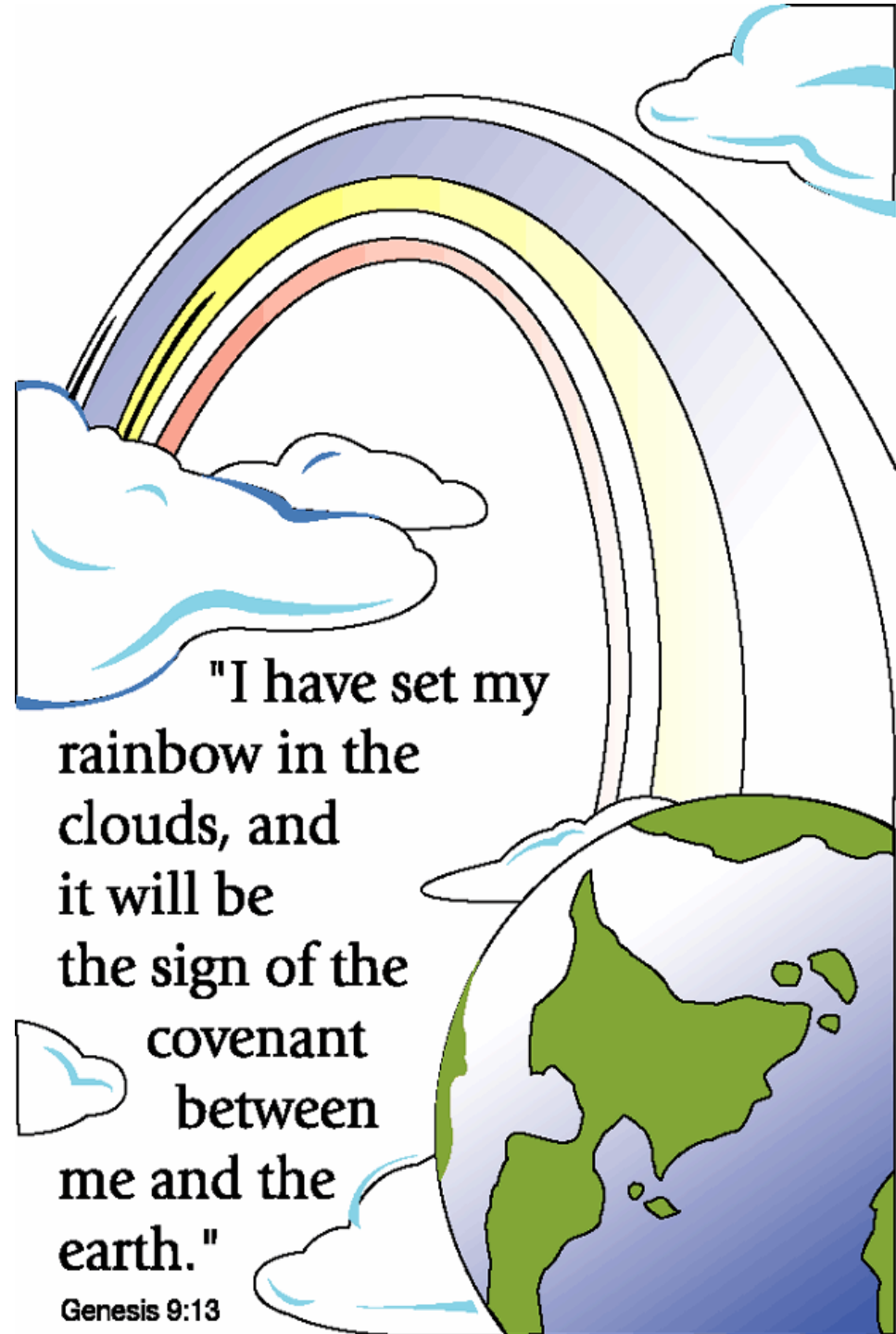
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Mt. Nittany United Methodist Church

SUNDAY WORSHIP BULLETIN

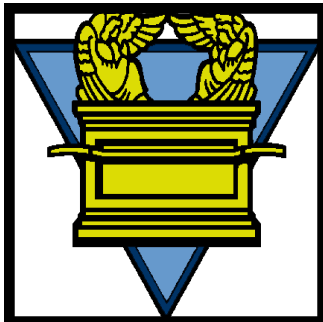
January 17, 2010

Fourth Sunday After Christmas



"I have set my
 rainbow in the
 clouds, and
 it will be
 the sign of the
 covenant
 between
 me and the
 earth."

Genesis 9:13



Welcome to Today's Worship Experience!
January 17, 2010

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.

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 Epistle Sonata Mozart

GREETING and PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*OPENING HYMN "Here Am I" #2178, Vs. 1 & 2

Last Sunday at Mt. Nittany...



OUR ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY WAS...

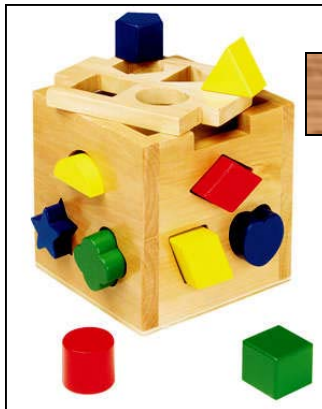
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| 8:30 AM Early Worship Experience----- | 103 |
| 11:00 AM Late Worship Experience----- | 119 |

THE OFFERINGS RECEIVED LAST SUNDAY WERE ...

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| General Fund----- | \$55543.56 |
| Building Fund----- | \$1105.00 |
| Missions----- | \$586.50 |

OUR OUTSTANDING MORTGAGE BALANCE IS

\$197,500.00



Next Week @ Worship

Did you ever try to jam a square peg into a round hole? Try as we might, it just doesn't fit. Often times, relationships are just like that. We sense a hole in our hearts and we try to fill it with objects that just won't fit right.

When it comes to developing our relationship with God, we see that there is a special sized "God shape" in our hearts that only He can fill.

This Week at Mt. Nittany...

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| 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 | 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. | Pre-School In-Service Meetings |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Quilting Group (Choir Rm) |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Worship Committee (Copier Rm) |
| TUESDAY | 10:00 a.m. | Prayer Team Meeting (Board Rm) |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Leadership Team Meeting (Copier Rm) |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Boy Scouts Troop #367 (FLC) |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Women's Bible Study (off-site) |
| 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. | Women's Bible Study (off-site) |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Cub Scouts #67 Leaders Mtg. (Rm 204) |
| | 8:30 p.m. | Volleyball (FLC) |
| FRIDAY | 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. | Family Fun Night (FLC) |

COMING EVENTS

Gideon's Ministry Presentation (Next Sunday, Jan 24)
 Confirmation Meeting (Sunday, Jan 24)
 Vision 2010 (Sunday, Feb 7)
 Valentine's Day Dinner (Sat. Febr 13)



We Hear and Proclaim

*CALL TO PRAYER

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray:

*OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

**O God, Searcher of all our hearts,
 you have formed us as a people and claimed us for your own.
 As we come to acknowledge your sovereignty and grace,
 and to enter anew into covenant with you,
 reveal any reluctance or falsehood within us.
 Let your Spirit impress your truth on our innermost being,
 and receive us in mercy,
 for the sake of our mediator, Jesus Christ,
 who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

FOCUS SCRIPTURE READING *Psalm 138* pg. 556

MUSIC MEDITATION

11:00 a.m. *"The Lord Came Down to the River"* Sanctuary Choir

ASSEMBLY TIME

"Let's make a deal"

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 *"Lord, You Give..." #584, Vs. 1 & 2

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 reaffirm 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.**



*"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 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)
- * **Jacob Scalise**..... Anchor Mail P O Box 820 #80 Groton CT 06340-0820
 (Jacob is a cousin of Brian & Paula Peters)
- * **E-6 Staff Sgt. Melissa Shoup**67347B Kaiea Place Waiahua, 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...



Human Relations Sunday

Human Relations Sunday was established by the 1972 General Conference of the United Methodist Church. "This Sunday occurs during Epiphany, the season of manifesting God's light to the world."

In the United Methodist Church calendar, Human Relations Day happens the Sunday closest to the observance of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. Following in the footsteps of The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Human Relations Day strives to abolish the myth of the haves and the have nots. The United Methodist *Book of Discipline* describes the purpose of Human Relations Day as a call to "the Church to recognize the right of all God's children in realizing their potential as human beings in relationship with each other."

Programs supported through the receipts of the Human Relations Day offering include but are not limited to:

- HIV/AIDS
- Affordable Housing
- Youth Empowerment/Initiatives
- Mental & Physical Health
- Youth Leadership
- Senior Citizen Assistance
- Restorative Justice
- Prison Ministries
- After-School & Summer Initiatives

Your offering on Human Relations Day strengthens United Methodist outreach to communities in the United States and Puerto Rico, encouraging social justice and work with at-risk youth.

Please give generously! Your gift makes a world of difference!

new.gbqm-umc.org/give/specialsundays/humanrelations

**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.

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.



Thank You very kindly for the Christmas Basket. *Bill Corl*

Thank you and the church for the wonderful care package. The warmth and love of you and the church was a blessing beyond measure. May the Lord bless this coming year for all.

Love "The Edmistons; Allen, Christina & Joshua

HAT DAY - Attention! All Ladies. Sunday February 14th is not only Valentine's Day, but we will set aside this day for you to wear your special hat. If you need a hat to wear, or have any questions, please see or talk with Barbara Boal.

CAMPBELL'S SOUP LABELS - There are containers available in the narthex for you to put your soup labels, or give them to Louisa Shawver. This ministry has been a tremendous support to the "Neighborhood Center" in Harrisburg. Watch for more details in the February newsletter.

COMMUNITY DINNERS The last Saturday of the month... We need volunteers and your support is necessary to help make these dinners successful. Please read more information on the insert in your bulletin.

HAITI EARTHQUAKE Assistance...Mission Central in Mechanicsburg is asking for your help in providing Health care kits. Please review the insert for specific needs and requirements.

PRE-SCHOOL REGISTRATION Mt. Nittany Preschool Fall & Summer Priority Registration for Church members and existing school families is occurring now. Information is available on a table in the narthex and in the nursery. You can also call Bonnie Spotts, 234-3938. Mt. Nittany Preschool is having an open house for summer and fall registration on January 30th from 9 AM to 12 Noon. Please help us out and spread the word.

VISITATION & SENIOR ADULT PROGRAMS I am looking for people to serve on these two different committees. Visitation goal will be to keep in touch with church members who are no longer able to attend services by way of phone calls, cards or visits. The Senior Adult event meets every two months for lunch & a program. We want to expand the programs and grow the program....and your input is valuable—Please contact me if you're interested in being a part of either or both of these committees. BJ Wurst, Chair

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.

LITURGISTS—Please sign-up for February 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.

Discerning the Voice of God - A 6 week study for women with 2 different locations. 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 this week...Jan. 19th Tuesday and 21st Thursday from 7-9 PM; 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)

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

VISION 2010 - We have re-scheduled the date for this church meeting to Sunday Febr. 21 @ 5 pm in the Family Life Center. We encourage you to attend... The vision of the church and the ministries that will be needed to support that vision will be the topic of discussion.

DAFFODILS Sunday of HOPE Orders available until Febr. 18th/ See the insert for details or talk with Susan Park

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.**

We Respond

COVENANT OF HOLY BAPTISM

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This morning we are blessed to present and baptize Memphis Allen Rossman. Memphis was born on August 29, 2009 at Mt. Nittany Medical Center and is the son of Brett and Nichole (Spicer) Rossman.

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)*

***Myra Lines; Jim Williams; Randy Putt; Rachael Petkac;
Gertrude Rodgers; Elijah Spangler; 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

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| Offertory | Resolution | Smith |
| *Doxology | "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" | #94 |
| *Offertory Prayer | | |

We Go to Serve

***OUR CLOSING HYMN** *"I Am Thine, O Lord"* # 419, Vs. 1 & 2

*THE BENEDICTION

***THE BIDDING HYMN** *"We Sing To You, O God"* #2001, Vs. 4

POSTLUDE