



Today's Worship Team

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| Greeters | 8:30 a.m. | Tom & Rita Kline |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Roger & BJ Wurst |
| Organist/Choir Director | | Brian Peters |
| Intergenerational Pastor | | Shane Landherr |
| Liturgists | 8:30 a.m. | Barbara Sommers |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Joanna Jones |
| Music Assistant | | Aden Wertz |
| Guest Pastor | | Rev. J. Marlyn Rimert |
| AV Ministries | 8:30 a.m. | Chip Crawford |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Roger Wurst |
| Ushers | 8:30 a.m. | John & Louisa Shawver |
| | | Glenn & Kathy Mulberger |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Patty DeCapria; Alanna McChesney; |
| | | Ralph & Delores McChesney |
| 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 |

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)
 Barbara Sommers, Assistant Lay Leader (466-6086)

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Mt. Nittany United Methodist Church

Sunday Worship Bulletin

June 28, 2009

Fifth Sunday in Kingdomtide

Christ

the POWER of
GOD and the
WISDOM of

God



WELCOME
to worship!

Good Morning!

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Experiences of vulnerability may make us feel as if we have nowhere to turn. In those times and places, we are invited to turn to God, whose compassion knows no boundaries. We see in these readings the character of God's power revealed in loving acts of healing and saving. In receiving and in offering such care, we open ourselves to lives of wholeness in God's reign.

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

A TIME OF GREETING and SHARING

Last Sunday at Mt. Nittany...



OUR ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY WAS...

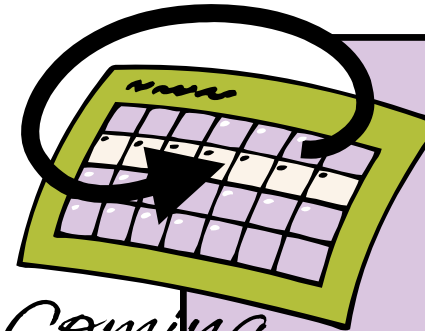
8:30 A.M. Worship Experience----- 112
11:00 A.M. Worship Experience-----78

THE OFFERINGS RECEIVED LAST SUNDAY WERE ...

General Fund ----- \$3852.11
Building Fund ----- \$854.50
Benevolences ----- \$495.50

OUR OUTSTANDING MORTGAGE BALANCE IS

\$206,500.00



*Coming
Next Week*

Living in the fullness of God's powerful and loving presence is a faith-filled journey. God calls and sends; our response is trust that we are being sent where we are needed. Next week's reading invites us to discern God's wisdom as we move forward, embracing challenges and hurdles with hope and imagination.

Focus Scripture: Mark 6:1-13

This Week at Mt. Nittany...

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| TODAY | 8:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. | Early Morning Worship Experience (S) Sunday School Classes for All Ages Contemporary Worship Experience (S) |
| MONDAY | | No Events Scheduled |
| TUESDAY | 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. | Leadership Team (Copier Rm) Finance Meeting (Board Rm) Boy Scouts Troop #367 (FLC) |
| WEDNESDAY | All Day 6:30 p.m. | Pastor Shane's Day Off Block Party Meeting (Copier Rm) |
| THURSDAY | All Day | Pastor Howard's Day Off |
| FRIDAY | 5:30 p.m. | Matthews/Ducko Wedding Rehearsal (S) |
| SATURDAY | 2:00 p.m. | Matthews Ducko Wedding (S) |



THE PRELUDE "Here I Am Lord" Carter (1995)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: If you come in uncertainty or confusion in anger or anguish
Congregation: this time is for us
 Leader: If you come in silent suffering or hidden sorrow, in pain or promise
Congregation: this time is for us.
 Leader: If you come and do not know why, to be here is enough
Congregation: this time is for us all.
 Leader: Come now, Christ of the forgiving warmth
 Come now, Christ of the yearning tears
 Come now, Christ of the transforming touch
Congregation: this time is for you.

*OPENING HYMN "Praise To The Lord" #139

*OPENING PRAYER (unison)
Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen"

*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 Hear

*OUR FOCUS SCRIPTURE Deuteronomy 34:1-3, 10-12 #189
 Joshua 1:1-9 #190

MUSIC MEDITATION Emily & Aden Wertz

ASSEMBLY TIME
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.

We Proclaim

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

"Andante Cantabile"

Tchaikovsky (1840-1893)

Doxology

The Presentation

*Offertory Prayer

***HYMN OF PREPARATION** "In the Midst of New Dimensions" #2238

OUR MORNING MESSAGE

"That Was Then, This Is Now"

Rev J. M. Rimert

PRAYER OF CONTRITION (unison)

Almighty and most merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.

Have mercy upon us. Spare those, O God who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to the promises declared to all persons in Christ Jesus. And grant, O most merciful God, for Jesus' sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous and sober life, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

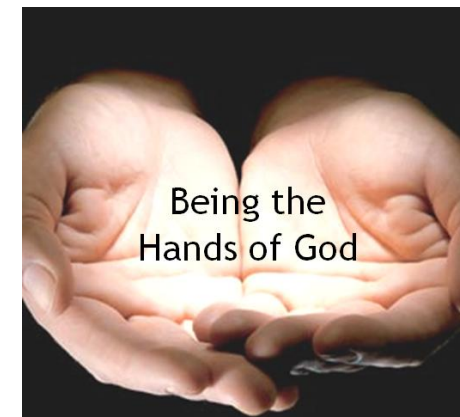
CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

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.

Missions Giving...

Mission **POSSIBLE**

**Be the hands, feet,
and heart of Jesus Christ!**



If you haven't already heard... the week of July 13th - 18th you will have the opportunity to participate in LOCAL Mission work - helping those in our congregation and nearby in our community.

There is a way to help for everyone. Whether you can work half a day, a whole day, several days or the whole week - YOU will be rewarded in ways you can only imagine. It's not too late to come in and help if you haven't already signed up. There's opportunities to work using your God given skills whether they are a specialized trade, a good talker, a prayer leader, general knowledge as a handyman/handywoman, a cook or someone that is willing to run errands.

Our prayer is that we have lots of volunteers to complete lots of good will for those in our congregation and our community. Any funds collected through Mission giving this week and from the month of July will assist with costs involved in this project. If you have a need for help or know of someone who does please be sure to share with a Mission Team member to get them on the schedule! There are forms available in the Narthex on the bookshelves for volunteers and for work requests. Additional copies are always available from Karin.

Questions can be directed to any of the Mission Team members: Kari Corbett, Patty DeCapria, Rick Grazzini, Jackie Raiser, Jerry/Susan Park (234-3041), and Howard/Dawn Woodruff.

Blessings in His name,
The Mount Nittany Missions Committee





Our Military Personnel..o

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 fiance of Allie DeCapria)

Neidigh, Madylin Delta Company, 1st Battalion, 34th InfRegt
..... 3rd Platoon (war dawgs) Fort Jackson, SC 29207
(Maddie is part of MNUMC)

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)

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.

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)

Faye Breon; The Family of Bill Wertz; Cindy Clouser

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."*

We Serve

- *OUR CLOSING HYMN "Be Thou My Vision" # 451
- *THE BENEDICTION
- *THE BIDING HYMN "Thy Word " (Vs 1) #601
- *POSTLUDE "The Rejoicing from Royal Fireworks" Handel (1685-1759)

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Drew Stahl
by Barbara, and Kevin, Kileen & Emily Stahl*

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.

Come to the Block Party Saturday, August 15 from 5 to 8pm

Welcome back to a free evening of family-friendly entertainment right here in our own backyard! Enjoy live music, indoor and outdoor games and prizes, good food, and great company. Immediately following the block party will be a dance for singles and couples (intended for adults) in the family life center. This is a "no strings attached" night of fun for your whole family. We encourage you to join us.

We need your help! The following captains need volunteers to assist: BJ Wurst (food preparation & serving), Shane Landherr (outdoor games and youth activities), Joanna Jones (postcards and door prizes), Jeff Goss (dance fellowship). **We are in need of additional volunteers to coordinate the following areas:** tent/canopy & lighting set-up, live music, scout troop liaison. Most of the volunteer activity occurs on the day of the block party, between 10am and 2pm. To volunteer or to get more information please contact the church office (237-3549) or call Andrea Grazzini (*new phone number: 814-353-1593*) or email agraz05@yahoo.com **The next planning meeting will be this Wednesday July 1, 2009 at 6:30pm. Please come – all are welcome!!**

The women of Mt Nittany are invited to participate in an informal weekly Bible Study each Monday evening at 7pm. There will be no homework and no videos during the summer months, so feel free to drop in whenever you can! Just bring your Bible. We will meet at the Grazzini's new address: 151 Mendels Way, Bellefonte. For GPS or Google maps, the location is 1107 Buffalo Run Road, Bellefonte. The house is at the end of the drive past the greenhouses. All are welcome!



Pastor's Return Pastor Howard and Dawn return today from a week at Soccer Camp. Pastor Howard will resume office hours tomorrow.

Vacation Bible School JULY 19-23rd 6:30 to 8:30 PM



Campers mark your calendars and grab your knapsacks for a camping experience on the EDGE! Join the adventure for an exciting week of Vacation Bible School. Registration for attendance and volunteering is available on the bulletin board in the education wing and on the tables in the narthex.

CONGRATULATIONS to Dr. Jane H. Fujiyama-Novak in obtaining her doctorate degree in Philosophy on Friday, June 19th, 2009. (submitted by husband Allen)

DID YOU KNOW? Mount Nittany members *Margaret and Morgan Higgins* will each appear at the Boal Barn Playhouse this summer! Margaret will play the mother of twelve in "Cheaper By The Dozen" July 29-August 1 and August 4-8. The story is about the triumphs and tribulations a large family faces as their children grow. Morgan will play a storyteller in "Children of Eden" August 12-15, 18-22 and 25-29. Children of Eden is a musical which portrays the stories of Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, and Noah and the flood. Both will be enjoyable and appropriate for the whole family. All shows are at 8 pm and tickets can be reserved by calling the State College Community Theater at 814-466-7141 Tuesday - Saturday from 2-8 pm or visiting the box office during those hours. For more information, please talk with Margaret Higgins. (submitted by Margaret Higgins)

S.A.M. Summer Dance Night—July 18th, beginning at 8 PM. This new & exciting opportunity is open to adult singles (age 21 and older) to dance and socialize every 3rd Saturday of each month. A variety of up-beat music is featured along with various related activities and refreshments. Talk with Jeff Goss, SAM director @ 867-7771 or email Dancing2as1@yahoo.com

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION - Today marks the end of the spring session of classes. Next week we will not have classes due to the July 4th holiday weekend. Classes will resume on Sunday, July 12, with two electives. Rik Harris will continue his study on the Book of Acts in the Board Room. The second class will be held in the Family Life Study, and is a general Bible Study. Both classes will continue until August. Thank you for your attendance and support. We are never too young or too old to grow in our knowledge of the Lord. Suggestions for future classes may be directed to Lisa's email shelbyandlisa@yahoo.com or a note in my mailslot (in the Copier Room)