



Today's Worship Team

Greeters 8:30 a.m. John & Cathy Rideout
 11:00 a.m. Jim & Barbara Hiller
Organist/Choir Director Brian Peters
Lead Pastor Rev. Howard T. Woodruff
Liturgists 8:30 a.m. Contemporary Service
 11:00 a.m. Joanna Jones
AV Ministries 8:30 a.m. Ron Taverno
 11:00 a.m. Lenny Tressler
Ushers 8:30 a.m. Kevin & Stacey LeVan, Jake & Alex
 11:00 a.m. Ralph & Delores McChesney; Jim & Billie Young
Nursery Staff Darria Dixon and Lindsey Knepp

MINISTRY ASSISTANTS...

Intergenerational Pastor Shane Landherr
 Adult Christian Education Coordinator Lisa Luse
 Children's Education Coordinator Dawn Woodruff
 Bell Choir Director Susan Park
 Music Assistant Aden Wertz IV
 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)

Church Address

1500 East Branch Road
 State College, PA 16801
 (814) 237-3549

Electronic Addresses

Church Office: mtnittanyumc@comcast.net
 Church Website: www.MtNittanyUMC.org
 Central Pennsylvania Conference: www.cpcumc.org
 State College District Website: www.umcstatecollege.org

Parsonage

1510 Elizabeth Road
 State College, PA 16801
 (814) 238-1630

Mt. Nittany United Methodist Church

Sunday Worship Bulletin

March 29, 2009

Fifth Sunday in Lent



SLOTH



Good Morning!

March 29, 2009

Today we conclude our discussion of the seven deadly sins as we look at the sin of sloth. Roughly defined, sloth is our unwillingness to do any type of physical activity. Not only does sloth eat away at our physical being, but its toll on the spiritual being is even more devastating!

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 young 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 **bold 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.

The flowers on the altar this morning are given to the glory of God and in celebration of their 10th wedding anniversary by Stacey & Kevin LeVan

We Gather

A TIME OF GREETING and SHARING

THE PRELUDE

"Song of Sadness"

Sibelius (1865-1937)

GREETING and PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Last Sunday at Mt. Nittany...



OUR ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY WAS...

8:30 a.m. Worship	115
9:45 a.m. Sunday School	44
11:00 a.m. Worship	89

THE OFFERINGS RECEIVED LAST SUNDAY WERE ...

General Fund	\$3725.50
Building Fund	\$1760.00
Benevolences	\$999.50

OUR OUTSTANDING MORTGAGE BALANCE IS

\$226,500.00



Next week we join to celebrate Jesus triumphal entrance into Jerusalem and then witness as those cheers of "Hosanna" rapidly deteriorate into jeers of "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!" It is our observance of Palm/Passion Sunday.

Palm Sunday

*Focus Scripture: Mark 11:1-11;
.....14:1-15:47*

This Week at Mt. Nittany...

TODAY	8:30 a.m.	Contemporary Worship Service(S)
	9:45 a.m.	Christian Education for all ages
	11:00 a.m.	Late Morning Worship (S)
	1:30-3:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts (FLC)
	5:00 p.m.	Jr Hi Youth Fellowship (6th - 8th grades)
	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Practice
	7:00 p.m.	Sr Hi Youth Fellowship- (9th to 12th grades)
MONDAY	9:00 a.m.	Peanut Butter Eggs Project Crew 1 (FLC)
	5:30 p.m.	Peanut Butter Eggs Project Crew 2 (FLC)
	7:00 p.m.	S.A.M. Meeting (ChoirRm)
	7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study (Grazzini home)
TUESDAY	9:00 a.m.	Peanut Butter Eggs Project Crew 1 (FLC)
	5:30 p.m.	Peanut Butter Eggs Project Crew 2 (FLC)
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop #367 (Rm 201)
	7:00 p.m.	SPRC Meeting (Copier Rm)
WEDNESDAY	6:30 p.m.	Adult Praise Band (S)
	7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal (CR)
THURSDAY	10:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study (BR)
	6:00 p.m.	Meal & Small Group Study (FLC-S)
	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts #67 (Rm 201)
SATURDAY	2 - 4:00 p.m.	Sports Ministry

COMING IN APRIL

April 11 - Easter Egg Hunt
 April 18 - S.A.M. Dance
 April 25 - Community Dinner



We Hear

OUR GUIDING SCRIPTURE *Mark 7:14-23* # 889
 *OPENING HYMN *"Come and Find the Quiet Center"* # 2128

We Proclaim

MUSIC MEDITATION *"Thy Word"* Sanctuary Choir

ASSEMBLY TIME *"Feeling like doing nothing?"*
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.

OUR SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE *II Thessalonians 3:6-15* # 1037

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 *"Were You There"*
 The Presentation
 *Offertory Prayer

*OUR RESPONSIVE PREPARATION *Psalm 137* # 852

OUR MORNING MESSAGE *"Are we an improvement over last year's model?"*

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)
 Judy Poponak, Dave Partenheimer; Larry Partenheimer; Debra Poulin;

Bonnie Brough & family, and 8 yr old granddaughter Lena Burandt;
Jim Whitfield; Ed Sommers; Norman Houser

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** *"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"* # 297

***THE BENEDICTION**

***OUR BIDDING RECITATION**

Pastor: He hung his head and died.

People: ...and he never said a mumbalin' word.

Pastor: He hung his head and died.

People: ...and he never said a mumbalin' word, not a word, not a word.

Missions Opportunity...

Nothing But Nets



Nothing But Nets is a grassroots campaign to save lives by preventing malaria, a leading killer of children in Africa. The people of the United Methodist Church are invited to participate with *Nothing But Nets* to help stop a deadly disease - malaria. In sub-Saharan Africa, a child dies every 30 seconds from this preventable disease. This is a statistic that the world must pay attention to according to Bishop Joao Somane Machado, leader of the United Methodist Church in Mozambique. "This is not an African issue," said Machado. "It's not only for poor countries. It's global."

Nothing But Nets is powered by your passion; it works because you do! With the money raised, the Foundation and its partners work with the Measles Initiative - one of the most successful vaccination efforts ever undertaken - to purchase bed nets and distribute them in countries and communities in greatest need. Using its proven distribution system - which in just five years has vaccinated nearly a quarter billion children - the Measles Initiative will distribute bed nets along with measles vaccinations and other medicines to at-risk countries. It's an effective and cost-efficient way to get the nets to the people who need them. Just \$10 buys a bed net, distributes it to a family and provides education on how to use it.

By answering Jesus' call to "minister to the least of these who are members of our family," we can beat this awful disease and save future generations. So give a child the opportunity to live a life of health and happiness. Pray. Communicate the need.





Our Military Personnel...

TSgt Jason Bloom3 SQ IqAF Unit 70069/FOB Warrior
.....APO, AE 09359

(Jason is the grandson of Bea Simco)

Spc. Dillen, Brian AC 2-112 Unit #43007
.....Camp Liberty, APO AE 09344-3005

(Brian is the son of Kathy Sulkowski)

PFC Dixon, Michael BHHC 2/112 56 SBCT Unit #43007
.....Camp Liberty, APO AE 09344-3005

(Michael is the son of Darria Dixon)

SGT Joshua GarnerPSC 103 Box 3584
.....APO AE 09603-0035

(Joshua is the nephew of Karin Garner)

SGT Daniel E Hannigan417A Lawrence Circle
.....Fort Campbell, KY 42223

(Dan is the nephew of Dawn Edmiston)

SPC Kingsbury Nathan MHeadquarters 2-112th 56th SBCT
.....Unit #43007 Camp Liberty, Iraq APO AE 09344-3005

(Nate is the finance of Allie DeCapria)

LCPL Stepler, Rachael M2046 Barnett Ave Box 7015
.....Quantico, VA 22134

(Rachael is the granddaughter of Marjorie Rohrbeck)

Cpl. Robert WertzB Co 2/502 Inf Reg
.....Fort Campbell, KY 42223

(Rob is the brother of Aden Wertz)

SGT Hamilton T Woodruff116 Chestnut Court
.....Jacksonville, NC 28546

(Hamilton is the son of Pastor Howard & Dawn Woodruff)

If you have friends, or family members, or know of an individual serving in our Armed Forces, please contact the church office to have their name and address included in this listing.



• 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.

Upcoming Mission Opportunities ...

- Mount Nittany "Mission Possible"
July 13th - 17th 2009 Mark your calendars!! Get ready to join in the fun!!
- Tlancualpican, Mexico ... October 2009
Space is always available... is your passport up to date?



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.



HOUSEWALK '09 - Sunday April 26th - 2 locations ... Grace Lutheran Church in State College, and Faith United Methodist Church in Bellefonte. Brochures and registration forms are available on the tables in the narthex. If you can't walk, please consider being a sponsor for another individual. Everybody is invited to walk as much or as little as they'd like. There will be relief vehicles circling the routes just in case someone needs a lift to the nearest rest stop or back to the churches. Refreshments will be available at the churches following the walk. For more information please contact 353-2390 or email: Susan@habitatgcc.org

JOSEPH & THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT - performances at the Schwab auditorium Apr 2-3rd @ 7:30 p.m. / Apr 4th @ 2 PM & 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12 adults...\$8.50-18yrs and younger. For more info call 1-800-ARTS-TIX or visit the website www.clubs.psu.edu/up/thespians

NITTANY VALLEY HANDBELL FESTIVAL - This coming Saturday, April 4th 7:30 p.m. at the State College High School NORTH Gymnasium. Guest conductor Ron Bellamy will lead 14 choirs made up of over 150 ringers. Several choirs will perform additional solo pieces. Tickets are \$5....students are admitted free. More information is on the flyer, posted on the bulletin board in the copier room.

BREAKFAST PASTRIES are needed for Easter Sunrise morning breakfast. If you can help with donations please talk with BJ Wurst or indicate it on the sign up sheet. Wendy will be cooking the breakfast and the UM Men's group will assist. If you're planning to attend the breakfast, please sign-up on the sheet in the narthex so we have plenty of food.

CANNED FOOD DRIVE - TODAY 2 - 4 PM The Youth group will be picking up canned food from around our immediate area to donate to the local food bank. We could use any help that you want to offer! We hope to see you at 2 pm when we start collecting. We will meet in the narthex outside Pastor Shane's office.



SPRING FLOWERS - Various spring/Easter flowers will be available at a cost of \$7 per 6" pot. The deadline to order will be next Sunday, April 6th. Payment is due when you place the order. Please complete the form included in your bulletin and return it to the church office.



ANOINTED, TRANSFORMED, REDEEMED - 6 week bible study for women of all ages! A study on the life of David. Three Authors ... Three Generations ... Three Perspectives... One Bible Study. NO EXPERIENCE| NECESSARY! We will meet at Andrea Grazzini's house (487 Nimitz Ave) on Monday evenings at 7 PM beginning April 13th. The study will continue for six weeks concluding on May 18th. We invite you to join us for this time together. Please **contact:** Emily Wertz (ewertz@gmail.com) or Andrea Grazzini (235-1778) if interested so we can be sure to have a book for you!

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES



SUNRISE SERVICE 6:00 A.M.

BREAKFAST in the Family Life Center
7:30 A.M.

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE
9:00 A.M. **(One Service Only)**

PLEASE NOTE: The Thursday morning Bible Study of "A Women's Heart: God's Dwelling Place" will continue without interruption through June 5.