



## Today's Worship Team

<b>Greeters</b>	8:30 a.m. ....	Jetta McClenahan
	11:00 a.m. ....	Jerry & Susan Park
<b>Organist/Choir Director</b>		Brian Peters
<b>Guest Pastor</b>		Rev. James Williams
<b>Liturgists</b>	8:30 a.m. ....	Emily Gregory
	11:00 a.m. ....	Donna Lawrence
<b>AV Ministries</b>	8:30 a.m. ....	Ron Taverno
	11:00 a.m. ....	Chip Crawford
<b>Ushers</b>	8:30 a.m. ....	Scott & Laura Sommers, Jeff & Cindy Simpson
	11:00 a.m. ....	Ed Benner, Barb Gotwalt, Kay Partenheimer, Marcus Poulin
<b>Nursery Staff</b>		Darria Dixon and Lindsey Knepp
 <b>MINISTRY ASSISTANTS...</b>		
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

## 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**  
 May 17, 2009  
 Sixth Sunday of Easter



**Precious Lord...  
 Take My Hand**



## GOOD MORNING!

May 17, 2009

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.

## We Gather

A TIME OF GREETING and SHARING

THE PRELUDE

*"Glorious Is Thy Name"*

Page (2003)

GREETING and PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

\*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.*

## Last Sunday at Mt. Nittany...



### OUR ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY WAS...

8:30 a.m. Worship Experience ----- 104  
11:00 a.m. Worship Experience -----95

### THE OFFERINGS RECEIVED LAST SUNDAY WERE ...

General Fund ----- \$5617.00  
Building Fund ----- \$992.00  
Benevolences ----- \$863.00

### OUR OUTSTANDING MORTGAGE BALANCE IS

\$206,500.00



VISIT  
OUR  
ONLINE  
PRAYER ROOM

- 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](http://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.

# This Week at Mt. Nittany...

<b>TODAY</b>	8:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Early Morning Worship (S) Sunday School Classes for all ages Late Morning Worship (S) C.L.A.S.S. 101 High School Youth Group
<b>MONDAY</b>	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	“Loving Hands” Quilting Group (Copier Rm) Trustees Meeting (BR) Women’s Bible Study (Grazzini home) Worship Committee (Copier Rm)
<b>TUESDAY</b>	All Day 10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Primary Elections (FLC) Prayer Committee Mtg. (Bd. Rm) Leadership Team (Copiers Rm) Girl Scouts Troop #1884 (Rm 204) S P R C Meeting (Copier Rm) Boy Scouts Troop #367 (Rm 203) Missions Committee (Board Rm)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	8:00- 3:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Global Connections (FLC - K) Praise Band Rehearsal (S) Choir Rehearsal (CR)
<b>THURSDAY</b>	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	UM Men’s Group Meeting (FLC) Men’s Bible Study (Rm 107) Cub Scouts #67 (Rm 201)
<b>FRIDAY</b>	6:00-9:00 p.m.	Youth Fun Night (FLC)
<b>SATURDAY</b>	10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Special Olympics Wedding (Off-site)



## We Hear

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: We are children of God,  
**People: As brilliant as a shining star,**  
 Leader: As wondrous as an ocean wave,  
**People: As special as each fragrant rose,**  
 Leader: As unique as each falling leaf,  
**People: We are God’s children,**  
 Leader: United in praise, humbled in awe  
**People: And prompted to sing.**

\*OPENING HYMN “Hymn of Promise” # 707

### \*OPENING PRAYER

We are warmed by your sun, encircled by your love, blessed by your presence, sustained by your Spirit. You gather us into this sacred circle of life and give us a song in our hearts, laughter on our lips, and kindness on our touch. With praise and thanksgiving, we offer you our dreams and our trials and this sacred time of worship. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

## We Proclaim

### MUSIC MEDITATION

8:30 “There Is A Redeemer” Bell Choir  
 11:00 a.m. “I Will Sing of His Mercies” Parks

### ASSEMBLY TIME

Patty DiCapria

*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 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 "Canzonetta" Beethoven (1770-1827)  
 The Presentation  
 \*Doxology "Thank You, Lord" Pg. 84  
 \*Offertory Prayer

OUR SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE 1 Peter 1:3-9

\*OUR HYMN OF PREPARATION "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" # 474

OUR MORNING MESSAGE Rev. James L. Williams  
 "Jesus Christ, Take My Hand"

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)*

**Jeff Cryster; Peggy Page; Dennis Dubbs; Brian King;  
 Jacob Sunderland; Virginia Pletcher;  
 Brian Peters & Family; Jeff Goss; Rita & Tom & Kline;  
 Barbara Sherlock & daughters Ilana and Courtney  
 Marilyn Kline ; Karin & Jeremy Garner ; Ryleigh Benninghoff;  
 Stanley Kush; Bea Simco; Jo Moore-Houser;  
 Georgeanna Hillard family; Roger Wurst family**

*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.*

# Missions Giving..



ChildReach Ministries exists to offer eternal hope to children in desperate need. They seek to accomplish this through God-given direction, much prayer and financial responsibility. **James 1:22** says that we are to "be doers of the Word and not hearers only." It goes on to say that "true religion is this, to look after the widows and the orphans and not to be corrupted by the world." ChildReach believes they have been called by God to rescue children through orphanages, teenage pregnancy centers and through mission trips.

**Aden and Emily Wertz** will be traveling to Peru from August 7 - 15<sup>th</sup> with ChildReach Ministries to serve on the grounds of Hannah's Home and Hope and in the surrounding areas. Hannah's Home is a home for pregnant, homeless, teenage girls in Chilca, Lima, Peru. Its mission is to rescue the unwanted babies by caring for their mothers. It is not uncommon for these girls to give birth and then terminate the baby's life in horrific, unspeakable ways. The best way to save these babies is to care for, mentor and teach the young mothers, some as young as 10-years-old. The girls will be taught skills to help them better cope with life outside the walls of Hannah's Home. Hannah's Hope (Esperanza de Hannah) is an orphanage soon to be completed on the grounds with Hannah's Home. Ground was broken and construction began in July of 2007. When finished, it will be home to 48 - 60 children and include a nursery for the babies. Statistics tell us that over 600,000 children were abandoned in 2005 and the number has risen each year since.

*Funds collected for Missions this Sunday and June 14 & 21 will go to assist Aden and Emily with their travel and additional funds will go to ChildReach Ministries. If you would like to make a specific donation at any other time to ChildReach Ministries please be sure to specify on your offering envelope. If you have any questions please ask Aden & Emily or visit the ChildReach website.*

<http://www.childreachministries.org/index.php> Thanks to Aden and Emily for answering God's call to help! Let us all keep them in our prayers as they prepare their minds and bodies for this mission.





# Our Military Personnel..

**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 finance of Allie DeCapria)

**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.

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."*

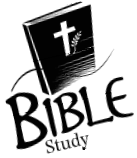
## We Serve

- \*OUR CLOSING HYMN**      *"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*      **# 140**
- \*THE BENEDICTION**
- \*THE BIDDING HYMN**      "His Eye Is On the Sparrow"      #2146 (refrain only)
- \*POSTLUDE**      *"Kyrie Eleison"*      Gounod (1818-1893)

**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.

**GERANIUM orders must be in by next Tuesday, May 26. Please be sure to mark your order forms included in today's bulletin.**

**CHURCH WORK DAY:** The Trustees have scheduled a church work day on Saturday, June 6, 2009 starting at 9 a.m. There is some painting to be done and miscellaneous carpentry work. If you are interested in doing some painting, please bring brushes and rollers with you. If you have any questions, please contact Scott Williams, Chairman of the Trustees, 861-5288.



**Sex, Money, & Power: The Man Series** Men's Bible Study - Continues on Thursday evenings at 7pm in the Small Group Room (former location of Friendship Class). Bring your Bible! Ever wonder what the bible says about being a real Godly Man? Come and find out how we can be more like the Jesus depicted in the bible who is not just a "nice guy" but is also a strong warrior who was faithful and true to His Father in heaven. We will be watching a series of messages and discussing the applications to our lives over the course of six weeks. Contact Aden Wertz for more information 235-0698 or awertz4@hotmail.com

**CONFIRMATION CLASS** Confirmation classes will continue tonight, May 17th. *Confirmation Sunday* will take place on May 31st with one service at 9 a.m. with cake following the service.

**MONTHLY DINNERS @ Mt. Nittany UMC!** Our monthly community dinners continue in the tradition of our Football Dinners. Our next meal is scheduled for Saturday, May 30, from 4-7 PM. In addition to helping shrink our mortgage, these dinners are a great opportunity for fellowship and community outreach. Please contact Wendy Franklin (238-0662) if you can lend a helping hand. (Volunteers must be at least 12 years old.) On the menu for May....Roast Beef!

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** continues on **Monday evenings at 7 p.m.** with *The Anointed, Transformed, Redeemed*. The group meets at the home of Andrea Grazzini, 487 Nimitz Ave., State College, PA 16801.

**Beth Moore Living Proof Seminar:** If you are planning on attending this seminar in Pittsburgh on June 12 & 13 please confirm with Emily Wertz, ewertz@gmail.com or Andrea Grazzini 235-1778 or agraz05@yahoo.com as soon as possible.

**BLOCK PARTY PLANNING MEETING**, June 3 @ 6:30 PM. Everyone is invited to join us in the planning of Mt. Nittany's Annual Block Party, scheduled for Aug. 15!

**YOUTH MINISTRY** - The Middle school and High school youth groups will continue to meet this Sunday evening with C.L.A.S.S. 5-6 p.m. and High School from 7 to 8 p.m.

**LOOKING FOR 2009 GRADS!** Mt. Nittany will recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of our graduates on Sunday, June 7th, and we don't want to miss anyone. If your son or daughter (or someone you know who is connected to Mt Nittany UMC) is graduating from high school or college please notify Pastor Shane at slandherr@gmail.com or call



## Vacation Bible School

C a m p E · D · G · E ·  
(Experience + Discover God Everywhere).

Campers mark your calendars (JULY 19-24) 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.



**MEN'S PICNIC DINNER** — Men, a picnic in your honor is planned for June 20 from 4-6 p.m. This all you can eat meal is free! Details in the newsletter. Stay posted!

**LOCAL MISSIONS:** This summer during the week of **July 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>** you will have the opportunity to participate in LOCAL Missions work – helping those in our congregation and nearby in our community. Pray and plan for this week of rewarding ministry. Mark it on your calendar. More details will follow in the newsletters but please make time to **PLAN & PRAY NOW** for the Lord's direction in your participation of this missions outreach!!!

**RED CROSS SHELTER TRAINING:** The Red Cross is holding a Shelter Operations Training Course for anyone interested in knowing how things will work when our church is used as an emergency shelter. If you are interested in helping with the emergency shelter, this basic course will provide individuals with the knowledge needed to operate in a Red Cross Disaster Shelter, and is scheduled for May 28, 2009 from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. at Centre Region COG Building, 2643 Gateway Drive, State College. Please RSVP before May 22, 2009 to Shawn Kauffman at skauffman@crcog.net or 235-7838. Contact Scott Williams with questions.

## News From The Woodruff Family -

Pastor Howard, Dawn, and Hilary want to thank everyone for their mighty acts of compassion, caring and friendship shared with us during this difficult time in our lives. We thank God for being here and praise Him for the people He has placed in our lives. We want you all to know that while we have our moments of grief and darkness, we are beginning to experience those moments of joy and sunshine. Words will never be able to convey our thankfulness to you all.

Pastor Howard will resume his office hours as usual beginning tomorrow and will be back in the pulpit beginning Sunday, May 31st.