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WORSHIP

ON THE

LAWN

Sunday Worship Bulletin
Sept 6, 2009
 Mt. Nittany United Methodist Church
Fifteenth Sunday in Kingdomtide



Worship
on the Lawn

Good Morning!

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Change for the good may come when we listen with care, speak with compassion, and enact our faith. Such wisdom sees that the persistent practice of mercy, like love, comes as gift and calling from God. As we continue in the Season after Pentecost,

hear the invitation to be open to the welcome God extends to all by responding to the presence and needs of others.

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

GREETING and PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Last Sunday at Mt. Nittany...



OUR ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY WAS...

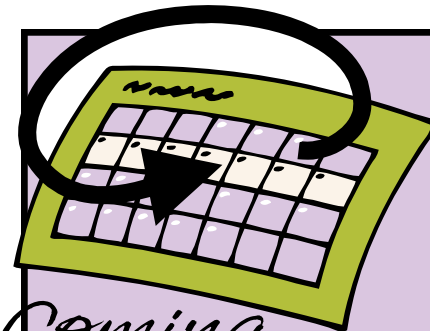
8:30 A.M. Worship Experience -----	103
11:00 A.M. Worship Experience -----	82

THE OFFERINGS RECEIVED LAST SUNDAY WERE ...

General Fund -----	\$4770.03
Building Fund -----	\$972.50
Missions -----	\$476.00

OUR OUTSTANDING MORTGAGE BALANCE IS

\$206,500.00



Coming
Next Week

Words have the power to "name" or shape people in ways that may lead to good or ill, to acceptance or rebuke. Who we say Jesus is shapes our journey as disciples. Wise followers listen for the words and ways of God in their midst. For God's words and ways lead to deeper understanding of who we are called to be because of whom we follow.

Focus Scripture: Mark 8:27-38

This Week at Mt. Nittany...

TODAY	10:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.	Worship Experience on the Lawn (S) Special Olympics Volleyball (FLC)
MONDAY		Labor Day - Church office closed
TUESDAY	8:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	District Ministerium Meeting & Lunch (FLC) Leadership Team Meeting (Copier Rm) SPRC Meeting (Copier Rm) Girl Scouts Troop #1884 (Rm 204) Scouts Troop #367 (FLC)
WEDNESDAY	6:30 p.m.	Nurture & Care Committee (Copier RM)
THURSDAY		No Events Scheduled
FRIDAY		No Events Scheduled
SATURDAY	4:00 p.m.	(Beef) Football Supper (FLC)

COMING EVENTS

All Church Corn Boil/Hot Dog Roast...Sunday, Sept 13 @ 4 p.m.
 Membership Class begins Sunday Sept 13 @ 9:45 a.m.
 S.A.M. Dance Saturday Sept 19 @ 8 p.m.



*OPENING HYMN *"Morning Has Broken"*

1. Morning has broken like the first morning; blackbird has spoken like the first bird. Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word.
2. Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven like the first dewfall on the first grass. Praise for the sweetness, of the wet garden sprung in completeness where his feet pass.
3. Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning born of the one light Eden saw play! Praise with elation, praise every morning, God's recreation of the new day!

We Hear

*OUR FOCUS SCRIPTURE *Mark 7:24-37*

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

*HYMN OF PREPARATION "Hymn of Promise"

1. In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed an apple tree; in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be unrevealed until its season something God alone can see.
2. There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody; there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me. From the past will come the future; what it holds a mystery unrevealed until its season something God alone can see.

3. In our end is our beginning, in our time, infinity; in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity. In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

OUR MORNING MESSAGE

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)*

*Helen Brown; Berdena Proctor; Robert Johnson;
Ashley Button; Bob Yohn; Daniel Perrino;
Frank & Debbie McHugh & family; Donna Jane Benner;
Dick Franks; Steve Fellows; Dan Novak 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.*

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.*

Missions Giving...

Volunteers In Mission Sunday



The vitality of the United Methodist Volunteers In Mission movement is alive and well at Mount Nittany United Methodist Church!

The Volunteers In Mission movement is one of the most exciting things happening in the United Methodist church today. The Volunteers In Mission movement provides a constructive response to disasters and hardships. The United Methodist Church accomplishes tasks that might not otherwise get done. **When others move on, the Volunteers In Mission movement keeps working - doing Gods calling.**

Representatives of Mount Nittany United Methodist Church have served God through Missions here in Centre County; in Biloxi, Mississippi and in Tlancualpican, Mexico. Volunteers from Mount Nittany have ranged in age from 8 to 84! There is something for everyone in every situation. There is space available for more Mission Volunteers and they, of course, need our prayer.

The volunteers have given Hope to the hopeless and a chance to develop relationships with those who they go to help. Participants have testified to lives transformed, primarily their own, and congregations being renewed as they became involved in "service with others" mission outreach. The mission is a spiritual journey for the volunteers regardless of skill levels and provides real-life experience in the stewardship of life, love and resources. Teams do some of God's hard work, reaching out as the hands and eyes of Christ.

Volunteers are needed at any and all skill levels. Whether you are a carpenter, brick layer, painter, computer expert or are able to pray and talk with those whom the Mission teams are serving..... There is space for you!

Funds raised today will be sent to our local Conference Volunteers in Missions account. *Be a part of this exciting hands-on ministry! Is God calling you?*

<http://new.gbqm-umc.org/about/us/mv/programs>

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE:



There was once a small boy who banged a drum all day and loved every moment of it. He would not be quiet, no matter what anyone else said or did to get him to take a break from his constant banging. Various attempts by many were made to do something about this young child and his drum.

One person told the boy that if he continue to make so much noise, he would perforate his eardrums. This reasoning was far too advanced for the child, who was neither a scientist nor a scholar. Another person told him that drum beating was a sacred activity and should only be carried out on special occasions. Still another promised to buy the young boy several books in an attempt to help him become more docile, and another offered friends and family ear plugs. However, none of these attempts worked.

Eventually a wise old man came along with an effective motivation. He looked at the situation, handed the child a chisel and a hammer, and simply asked, "I wonder what's inside the drum?"

—Selected

Enjoy a great "End-Of-Summer" holiday - and always remember... You are greatly loved and appreciated!

Hugs ~ Karin

*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

*The Presentation

***Doxology**

*Offertory Prayer

We Serve

***OUR CLOSING HYMN "Peace Like A River"**

1. I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul (repeat)
2. I've got joy like a fountain...
3. I've got love like an ocean...

*THE BENEDICTION

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.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - The women of Mt. Nittany are invited to participate in a weekly Bible study Thursday mornings, @ 10 am in the Board Rm of the church. This study will cover the book of Daniel over 12 weeks. The first portion, from Daniel chapters 1-6 deals with Daniel's life as he faced the kind of pressures and temptation Christians encounter today. Daniel models how to develop enduring integrity in an enticing world. We will spend about 15 minutes each week reviewing the independent study and then watch a lesson by Bible scholar Beth Moore. We promise to keep to a prompt 11:30 ending time. Workbooks are provided—just bring your Bible. For more information, contact Andrea Grazzini (353-1593). All are welcome !

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - It's almost here!!! New series Beth Moore's "Believing God" starting Tuesday Sept. 15th from 7-9pm...at 1457 Harris St w/ Stacey LeVan and Thursday Sept 17th... at 140 Birchtree Court w/ Emily Wertz. Please see one of us today if you'd like to preview this newest study. Let's prepare to draw closer to God!



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN - The Tuesday Circle will meet on Tuesday, Sept 8th @ 10 am in the Board Room. All are welcome! Tye Thursday circle will NOT meet until October. If you have questions, please contact Cathy Rideout, Joanna Jones or Andrea Grazzini.

ANNUAL CHURCH CORN BOIL & Hot Dog Roast Next Sunday- Sept 13th @ 4 pm. Please bring a covered dish to share and your own place settings. A selection of your favorite-hymns and special music will be provided by Jeremy Garner. Call *Stacey LeVan* at 861-7097 for more information.

HEALING ARMS MINISTRY - We are proud to announce the beginning of Healing Arms, our newest small group at Mt Nittany. This ministry is a cancer support group open to cancer survivors and their families. Meeting monthly, usually on the last Wednesday of the month with exception of holidays, at 7pm in the Mt Nittany in the small group room, this group is open to the public and anyone battling cancer, or a cancer survivor or a friend or family member of someone who has had cancer. All are welcome.

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES - With the return of our students to college we are making ready for our college care packages. We are looking for two things from our congregation. First of all the names and addresses of our students and secondly items and/or notes to include in the packages. It is very important that we get updated mailing information to the students, as it can change from year to year. So even if you think we already have it, please submit it again. We will be assembling and mailing out the packages at the end of September, so over the next few weeks, there will be a large box outside the sanctuary for needed items. Baked goods can be bro't in during the week of September 27th. Please talk with Pastor Shane if you have any questions. *Items include but are not limited to: Pen/Pencils/Markers/and other office products; Hot Cocoa/Tea Mixes/Candy/Snacks/Air Fresheners*



CHRISTIAN ED CLASSES START SUNDAY - SEPT 13 9:45 - 10:45 A.M.

Acts of the Apostles - Jesus' last recorded words are the Great Commission: "You shall be witnesses...to the ends of the earth." Acts is the story of the early Christians who took this seriously. Led by Rik Harris in the Board Room.

His Needs, Her Needs - No surprise—Men and women have vastly different priorities and outlooks. Taking 10 important needs of both men and women, this book aims to equip couples to "affair proof" their marriage. Led by Kevin and Stacey Levan in the Copier Room.

Membership Class 101 - 4 weeks. For current members who are looking for meaning in their membership and for those interested in taking church membership. Led by Pastor Howard in the FLC.

MISSION POSSIBLE - We are thankful to the Lord for the opportunities we had to serve Him through ministry to family, friends and neighbors last month. There are still a few jobs that remain to be completed or finished. If you can give a few hours of your time on an evening after work, or a Saturday, please contact Jerry Park (880-1185) for projects and job site.



A MEN'S BIBLE STUDY - The Gospel of John , beginning Thursday, Sept 17th @ 7 pm No videos, No extra books to read. Just the word of God, discussions, and fellowship. Meet us in the youth/small group room in the education wing of MNUMC and bring your Bible. Talk with Aden Wertz @235-0698 or Email: awertz4@hotmail.com



FOOTBALL SUPPER VOLUNTEERS Please refer to the sign-up book in the narthex on the table. Any questions, please call BJ Wurst 238-7529. I will follow-up with E-mail.