



Assisting Us in Our Morning Worship:

Lead Pastor: Rev. Howard T. Woodruff
 Ministers: Everyone
 Office Manager: Karin Garner
 Bell Choir Director: Susan Park
 Choir Director/Organist: Brian Peters
 Children's Christian Education Coordinator..... Nicole Snyder
 Adult Christian Education Coordinator Lisa Luse
 Music Assistant: Aden Wertz IV
 Nursery Staff:..... Darria Dixon & Lindsey Knepp-Hill
 First Time Visitor: Les Kline
 Greeters: (8:30 a.m.) Bob & Judi Yohn and Michelle
 (11:00 a.m.)..... Jim & Barbara Hiller
 Acolytes: (8:30 a.m.)..... Chelsea Boucher
 (11:00 a.m.)..... Brian Higgins
 Liturgists: (8:30 a.m.)..... Patty DeCapria
 (11:00 a.m.)..... Jerry Park
 Sound System: ... (8:30 a.m.)..... Roger Wurst
 (11:00 a.m.)..... Chip Crawford
 Ushers: (8:30 a.m.)..... Wilden Nuss, Vernon Crawford, Tom & Rita Kline
 (11:00 a.m.)..... Rick & Debbie Harris; John & Lori Williams

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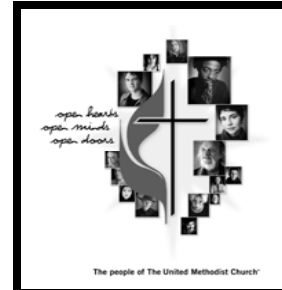


Reverend Jane Allen Middleton, Resident Bishop
 Reverend Dr. Pamela Ford, State College District Superintendent
 Reverend Howard T. Woodruff, Lead Pastor (238-1630)
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Celebration of Ministries

December 2, 2007

First Sunday of Advent

COURTESY MEALS - This ministry has been available by request for a long time, but rarely has been used within our congregation. If you, or someone you know is in the midst of difficult circumstances (prolonged illness, recovering from surgery, new baby, or a death in the family) Mt. Nittany UMC would like to provide courtesy meals in an effort to help. We will need information about dietary requirements, number of family members, etc. so please help us. Please notify Stacey LeVan (861-7097) when you, or someone you know would benefit from this ministry. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING - New Beginnings Contemporary Worship would like to invite the entire congregation to go caroling with us next *Friday, December 14th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.* with refreshments following in the Family Life Center. We will be visiting local nursing and retirement homes and some of our congregation shut-ins.  This will surely be an evening of good fun and fellowship!!! If you have any questions, please call Stacey LeVan @ 861-7097

SENIORS CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON - Want to have a nice relaxing lunch, with no strings attached? Dinner music of favorite Christmas carols and holiday music provided by our own Karin Garner, (from the church office) and a delicious holiday lunch prepared by Chef Howard. You won't want to miss this! If all of this appeals to you, then please plan to join us on **Wednesday, December 19th beginning at 12 Noon** in the Family Life Center at the church. We'll need to know for how many to prepare, so please complete one of the Count-Me-In forms and drop it in the offering plate. We'll take care of the rest! We're looking forward to seeing you there!



The acknowledgement of vase flowers in the bulletin on Sunday, November 18th should have included the number of years and children's names which I inadvertently omitted. The full verse should have read.... "In loving memory of Kenneth Knepp who past away 25 years ago, given by his wife, Billie, and children, Kendale, Ron, & Kelly". My apologies to Billie and children on this oversight. ~ Karin



"THE NATIVITY STORY" - Mark your calendars now for this outstanding movie event....Sunday, December 9 when Mt. Nittany will sponsor the State Theatre premiere of this outstanding 2006 film. We are among the very first groups in State College to sponsor a movie at the theatre, located downtown at 130 W College Avenue. Showings will be at 4 and 7 P.M. and are open to the public. Ticket prices are \$7 for adults, \$5 for students/children and purchased at the door. This is **NOT** a fundraiser; it is a gift to the community during the holiday season, when so much of what is offered has a pricetag and little to do with Christmas. If you've not been to "The State" after it's renovation, you're in for a real treat. The theatre is beautiful, comfortable, and the acoustics and visuals are stunning.

The Season for Giving

Here at Mt. Nittany...each holiday season, we have given the spirit of **Christmas to our shut-ins** to let them know they are not forgotten for all the support they have given the church in the past. We also have given this same spirit to individuals or families that needed a little pick-me-up during a rough time.

Again, this year the *Nurture and Care Committee* is sponsoring a basketful of joy being delivered between December 8 and December 12. **Donations are needed to fill these baskets.** Check the list after services and sign up. Items can be brought to the church on Friday, December 7 between 8 am and 5 pm or Saturday, December 8 before 12 noon, and placed on the island in the kitchen.



We need volunteers to deliver...let us know if you are able to deliver and spend some quality time visiting with people that haven't had a visitor in a while. We are also looking for some more baskets about 8" in diameter. If you have any to give, please let us know.

December 8 at 2:00 pm will be our work session to fill the baskets and prepare them for delivery. Please come and volunteer your time.

Questions on this worthwhile event can be directed to **Andrea Grazzini**.

LITURGISTS and ACOLYTES are needed for the months of December and January. Please sign the clipboard **TODAY** located on the stand in the narthex. Your participation in this vital ministry of our worship service is appreciated so very much. Please call the office if you have any questions.



Remember our men and women serving in the military
Cpl Hamilton T Woodruff #284222 MEU DET A
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Garner, JoshuaUSNSE
HQ ISAF APO AE 09356



Last Sunday at Mt. Nittany...

THE ATTENDANCE FOR OUR VARIOUS PROGRAMS WERE...

9:45 a.m. Adult Christian Education-----	39
Children's Christian Education-----	22
11:00 a.m. Worship Experience-----	142

THE OFFERINGS RECEIVED WERE

General Fund-----	\$3605.50
Building Fund-----	\$1770.50
Benevolences-----	\$144.00

OUR OUTSTANDING MORTGAGE BALANCE IS

\$259,900.00



Next Week's Worship Service Prep

Hope, like God who offers it, can be shocking. Dead stumps send out live shoots. Spirit-led leaders rule for the poor. The overturning of enmities in the natural order breaks ground for a wilderness prophet who shakes up privileged orders with calls to repentance. God raises the banner of hope for all to follow, and a little child leads the way.

Our Focus Scripture.....Isaiah 11:1-10



This Week's Ministry Opportunities

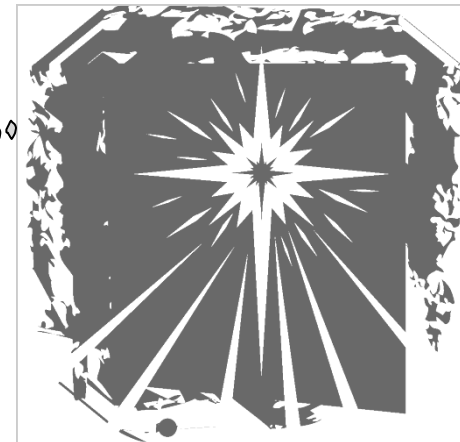
TODAY	9:45 a.m.	Christian Education for all ages
	11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship (S)
	4:00 p.m.	Essence of Joy Concert (Pasquerilla Center)
	4:30 p.m.	The Search for Peace (Curwensville UMC)
	6:00 p.m.	Adult Praise Band
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Meeting
MONDAY	3:30 p.m.	Friends School Basketball (FLC)
	7:00 p.m.	St. Paul's UM Women's Meeting (FLC)
	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts Pack #67 (Rm 107)
TUESDAY	5:30 p.m.	Mary Kay Party (FLC)
	6:30 p.m.	Brownies #1227 (Rm 107)
	7:00 p.m.	Administrative Council (BR)
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop #367 (Rm 201)
WEDNESDAY	6:30 p.m.	Hospitality Committee (CNTRM)
	7:30 p.m.	Choir & Cantata Rehearsal (CR)
THURSDAY	3:30 p.m.	Friends School Basketball (FLC)
	6:00 p.m.	New Beginnings evening Meal
	6:45 p.m.	Contemporary Worship Service
SATURDAY	8:30 a.m.	District Lay Speakers event (FLC)

*FLC—Family Life Center; *BR—Board Room; *CNTR—Counting Room;
*CR—Choir Room; *MNR—Mount Nittany Room; *S—Sanctuary

COMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Sunday, Dec 9	... The Nativity Story (State Theatre)
	... Youth Caroling & Bell Ringing (Walmart)
Monday, Dec 10	... Team Leadership Meeting (Pastor's Office)
Friday, Dec 14	... Christmas Caroling
Sunday, Dec 16	... Church Christmas Dinner
	... Church Choir Christmas Cantata
	... Children's Christmas Program

The star announces...



The second annual Parsonage Open House

Saturday, December 8th

5:00—8:00 p.m.

1510 Elizabeth Road

Come and enjoy
the
Fun,
Food
and Fellowship
that the season
has to offer!

Our Missions Focus

Mission Moment

Prayer of Saint Theresa:

“Christ has no body now but yours, No hands, no feet on earth but yours.
Yours are the eyes through which he looks with compassion on the world.

Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good.

Yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world.

Christ has no body now but yours.”

State College Food Bank

The State College Food Bank's mission is to provide emergency food to those in need in the State College area and to support the network of food pantries in Centre County. Over 2000 people receive food annually from the State College Food Bank.



If you would like to help fulfill the mission of providing food to those in need in Centre County, consider helping out during the Christmas season. Thanks to the proximity to Penn State University, the Food Bank receives an abundance of great volunteers during Penn State's regular school year. During the Christmas Break, however, we are often short of volunteers. If you would like to volunteer, contact Ernest at ernestboyd@hotmail.com or call the Food Bank office: (814) 234-2310.

If you would like to make a food donation there are collection boxes near the door to the Family Life Center. Monetary donations placed in the offering for missions this week will go to the State College Food Bank. <http://foodbank.centreconnect.org>



INCLUDED IN YOUR BULLETIN TODAY AND NEXT WEEK WILL BE THE ORDER FORM FOR YOUR POINSETTIAS FOR THE 2007 CHRISTMAS SEASON. THE COST PER FLOWER WILL BE \$8.25 ... CHECKS MUST BE MADE PAYABLE TO MT. NITTANY U.M.C.

THE **DEADLINE** FOR YOUR ORDER IS ...

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10TH.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM TODAY AND/OR CALL THE OFFICE THIS WEEK TO SUBMIT YOUR INFORMATION.