

**Mt. Nittany United Methodist Church**  
1500 E. Branch Rd., State College, PA 16801  
phone: 814-237-3549 e-mail: mtnittanyumc@juno.com  
Church Website: www.gbgm-UMC.org/mtnittanyumc  
**July/August 2003 Newsletter**  
**“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors”**

# From The Pastor

Dear Friends,

WOW! You folks have been great. Our welcome here at Mt. Nittany has been wonderful. You have helped Sam and I feel very much at home here. Thanks so much to all of you, especially the unpacking crew and the folks who organized our first Sunday here. We're still getting settled in but it already feels like home. I'm looking forward to getting to know all of you in the weeks and months ahead.

A number of folks have asked the question "What should we call you?" When I answer the phone, I usually say "Rev. Hartman speaking" (just in case the caller is the Bishop or someone important, but I'm not that formal. Folks in my other appointments have just called me "Rev." Marian is fine (it's worked for 50 years). Pastor Marian is fine... Just don't call me Mrs. Hartman ('cause I'm not, that was my mother).

As we begin our ministry together, please pray for our congregation, our community and for me (I'll take all the prayers I can get). Please seek God's guidance for our ministry together. Then, take a few minutes to read the following and pray about it.

Every Christian has a ministry to fulfill!

See you in church!

## JOB OR MINISTRY? (Author unknown)

How can you tell the difference between a job and a ministry? Some Christians merely have a job(s) in the church. Others are involved in a ministry. There's all the difference in the world! How can you tell the difference between a job and a ministry?

... If you are doing it because no one else will, it's a job. If you are doing it to serve the Lord, it's a ministry.

... If you're doing it just well enough to get by, it's a job. If you're doing it to the best of your ability, it's a ministry.

Rev



*For in the one spirit  
we were all baptized  
into one body.*

1 Corinthians 12:13

... If you'll do it only so long as it doesn't interfere with other activities, it's a job. If you're committed to staying with it even when it means letting go of other things, it's a ministry.

... If you quit because no one praised you or thanked you, it was a job. If you stay with it even though no one seems to notice, it's a ministry.

... If you do it because someone else said it needs to be done, it's a job. If you are doing it because you are convinced it needs to be done, it's a ministry.

... It's hard to get excited about a job. It's almost impossible not to get excited about a ministry.

... If your concern is success, it's a job. If your concern is faithfulness, it's a ministry.

... People may say "well done" when you do your job. The Lord will say "well done" when you complete your ministry.

An average church is filled with people doing jobs. A great church is filled with people involved in ministry.

If God calls you to a ministry, for heaven's sake (literally), don't treat it like a job. If you have a job in the church, give it up and find a ministry! God doesn't want us feeling stuck with a job, but excited, fulfilled, and faithful to Him in a specific ministry.



# August Worship Service Helpers

Morning Worship: 9:00 A.M. and 10:30 A.M.

Junior Church - 9:00 A.M.

## Greeters

**Aug 3** Margerie Rohrbeck & Marilyn Kline  
**Aug 10** Jim & Nancy Williams  
**Aug 17** Wendy & Heather Franklin  
**Aug 24** Bob & Darla Franks  
**Aug 31** Barbara Dean

## Liturgists

(to be announced)

## Sound System Team Attendants

**Aug 3** Ryan Spotts\* and Wayne Zweig\*\*  
**Aug 10** Ron Taverno\* and Vinnie Scalamogna\*\*  
**Aug 17** Chip Crawford\* and Evan Rowland\*\*  
**Aug 24** Allen Bonsell\* and Roger Wurst\*\*  
**Aug 31** Rick Edmiston\* and Jim Young\*\*

## Ushers

Allan Derzak and Bob Kidder\*

## First Time Visitor

Les Kline

## Junior Church Leader

**Aug 3** Nicole Fornicola  
**Aug 10** Brenda Harpster  
**Aug 17** Kari Corbett  
**Aug 24 & 31** Joanna Jones

## Acolytes

**Aug 3** Allie DeCapria\*  
**Aug 10** Tom Kondash\* and Erin Gallagher\*\*  
**Aug 17** Alex Rowland\* and Ben Jones\*\*  
**Aug 24** Kevin Spotts\* and Cody Goss\*\*  
**Aug 31** Ryan Mullins\* and Alex Park\*\*

## Money Counters

**Aug 3** Barbara Dean, Ed & Barbara Sommers  
**Aug 10** Ed & Donna Jane Benner  
**Aug 17** Bob & Judi Yohn  
**Aug 24** Pat Weaver, Jean Juba, Ron Taverno  
**Aug 31** Pat Weaver and Jean Juba

## Tape Ministry Visitor

**Aug 3** Ric Rowland  
**Aug 10** BJ Wurst  
**Aug 17** Bob Kidder  
**Aug 24** BJ Holderman  
**Aug 31** Ric Rowland

## Memorial Gifts Received in Memory of.....

- **Samuel Klinefelter by:**  
Joan Sheaffer  
Natalie Meyer Noll
- **Elsie Maude Burton by:**  
William & Doris Mulberger

## Prayers of Comfort and Strength



William & Doris Mulberger, on the death of Doris' mother, Elsie Maude Burton.

Jerry & Susan Park and Mark & Susan Whitfield, on the death of their grandmother, Beatrice Whitfield.

## MT. NITTANY MEN

As part of its service outreach to the community, the United Methodist Men will provide lunch for about 100 Second Mile summer campers on Wed., July 23<sup>rd</sup> at noon. The lunch will be served at the small park pavilion near the intersection of Park Ave. and University Dr. on the Penn State Campus. Volunteers are needed for this one or two hour outreach program. Please contact Charlie Jones, UMM President, if you would like to volunteer.

The UMM will be coordinating a workday at a **Habitat for Humanity** house in Philipsburg. The proposed workday is scheduled for Wed., Aug. 13<sup>th</sup> from approx. 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Please see Charlie Jones, UMM President, if you'd like to help, or sign up on the sheet on the narthex table. ALL members of Mt. Nittany are invited to participate. Thank you!



*What a surprise to walk into the sanctuary on Pentecost Sunday and see it filled with red geraniums! I appreciated the message for the children and us on Pentecost.*

*Thanks to Phyllis Dreibelbis for ordering and arranging the flowers. It was great to see my suggestion fulfilled. Wouldn't it be nice if this were to become a Mt. Nittany tradition? Thanks, also, to the congregation for their participation!*

*~ Barbara Boal*

## INTERFAITH MISSION UPDATE

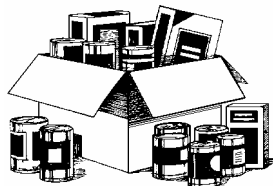
### If you don't volunteer, who will?

Interfaith Mission helped 135 adults and 134 children in May and June 2003.....

- \$15,687.51 was paid out for client services for housing, fuel, utility and medical assistance to help local families.
- 9 families were provided permanent housing to end their homelessness.
- 22 families were saved from being evicted from their homes.
- 5 families were provided with heating assistance.
- 11 families were saved from having their utilities terminated.
- 6 persons were provided emergency medical, prescription, or dental help.
- 251 pieces of furniture were given out to clients.

Reserve September 21 on your calendar for Interfaith Mission's 6th Annual Dinner and Silent Auction at Toftrees. Area businesses and friends of Interfaith Mission donate goods and services. You support Interfaith Mission while doing some early holiday shopping. Entertainment is provided by Richard Wylie, classical guitarist, while you enjoy your dinner of London broil, chicken, or vegetarian pasta. You can review and bid on the items starting at 5:00 p.m. Dinner is at 6:00 p.m. Contact Barbara Sherlock (466-2271) or Interfaith Mission (234-7731) if you would like to purchase tickets (\$20.00 per person). If we have eight to ten people attending, we can reserve a table for Mount Nittany UMC.

The Food Bank of State College had a busy month in May. The Letter Carriers' collection provided 32,000 pounds of food. 900 people attended the Empty Bowls dinner. 13,000 pounds of food were gathered from departing Penn State students. \$39,000 was raised at the Trash to Treasure sale. It sounds like a lot. But the Food Bank is serving 150 - 170 households a month, and is starting to see the impact of the closing of Corning-Asahi. It may be 18 months before the full impact of that plant closing is felt in the community.

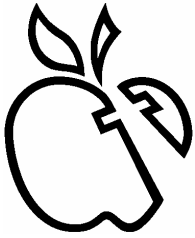


## FOOD BANK NEEDS FOR July/August:

Jiffy or Bisquick baking mix, canned fruits, dried pasta and pasta sauces, bars of soap, personal hygiene products (like shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste and toothbrushes), doubled brown paper bags. Some special needs: cleaning supplies, sunscreen, insect sprays.

## FINANCIAL \$ STATEMENTS

Please note that if you received a Faith Promise Quarterly Statement, the cover letter may have been misleading. It should have stated that if the ***final*** amount listed under "Variance" is in parentheses, this is the amount still due on your faith commitment pledge. (not ***any*** amount in parentheses.....)



## EDUCATION NEWS

Power Express, our Sunday morning elementary program, will be starting up Sept. 7 with "Dig Into The Bible!". Every rotation needs shepherds (just like a crew chief) and teachers for the stations. You can choose

to teach an entire rotation (about 3 Sundays) or teach just for one Sunday, choosing the station you like best (cooking, video, games, music, art, storytelling). Shepherds don't need to prepare a thing, but do have to be there every week of a unit.

We are also looking for youth class teachers for the September-November term. Those classes work with Bible Lessons for Youth, a contemporary Bible study with everything you need in one book—or with LinC, a current-events discussion class with lessons sent via email every week. A commitment for the fall is not a commitment for the entire year.

And not to leave the preschoolers out, Nicole Fornicola will be our lead preschool teacher for BibleZone during the fall term, but we need another pair of hands. If you feel called to join the children/youth ministry team, please contact Joanna at 234-9077 or email her at [tomatoh8r@hotmail.com](mailto:tomatoh8r@hotmail.com).

In June, the Administrative Council approved a Safe Sanctuaries policy for Mt. Nittany, to be implemented in the next year. It is the recommendation of our Conference that every United Methodist church have in place a policy which outlines procedures to faithfully provide our children and youth a safe and secure environment to grow in their relationship with God. This policy covers physical safety (trip guidelines, building safety), barriers to any potential abuse of our children and youth, protection of our volunteers from false accusations, and an action plan should abuse allegations arise or accidents occur.

As part of this policy, the Education staff will be collecting a "data base" of volunteer information. Our staff, teachers and youth leaders have undergone standard background checks, such as schools require, for several years now. Occasional volunteers (persons who may substitute, or teach only 2 or 3 Sundays) with children and youth here at Mt. Nittany will NOT be asked to complete such checks; they need only be active in the church for at least 6 months before working with children and youth, and give standard contact information (name, address, etc.) Drivers for our youth will need to come from a list the youth

leaders will be compiling. First Aid and Abuse Education training will be offered for our volunteers and staff. This is a large and slow-moving undertaking, but a commonplace one in contemporary society. If you have questions about the Safe Sanctuaries policy or volunteering at Mt. Nittany, or would like to help with implementing the policy, feel free to ask Rev. Hartman, Education Coordinator Patty De Capria, or Education Assistant Joanna Jones. Thank you to Chairperson Patty De Capria and the Safe Sanctuaries Committee for their months of work on this subject: Lance Wilkinson, Emily Gregory, Jennifer Boucher, Bonnie Spotts, Susan Park, and Joanna Jones.

---

Thank you to our summer teachers! Your commitment to our children's Christian Education is wonderful to see. Our teachers were: Brenda Harpster, Nicole Fornicola, Joanna Jones, Kari Corbett, Marjorie Rohrbeck and Christine McCann.

---

Youth in 6<sup>th</sup> grade and older are invited to join the **acolyting team** this fall. Our orientation meeting for new and returning acolytes will be held at **6:30 on September 21<sup>st</sup>**. Current acolytes are reminded that they can retire, but only if they tell Mrs. Jones in person (don't send your mom or dad!). A new year-long acolyte schedule has been posted in the narthex. If you want to sign yourself up for a particular Sunday, you are welcome to do so.

-----

-

Our last **Family Fun Night** of the summer will be held Friday, August 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 until 9 P.M. **We will be hosting a special "preschool hour" from 6:30-7:30 with activities in the FLC** just for the little ones. Please sign-up on the narthex or education boards.

## VBS Wrap Up

**Thank you** to our SCUBA primary staff, who worked so hard every night to make it a wonderful evening of learning: Marjorie Rohrbeck and Kari Corbett, John Williams and Karen Burke-Crawford, Patty De Capria and Ben Jones, Jennifer Boucher and Pam Rowland, Brenda Harpster, Lori Williams, Bonnie Spotts, Phyllis Field and Alex Vavreck.



kitchen a clean and organized place for everyone to use and feel comfortable in. THANK YOU!

~ BJ Wurst, Banquet Committee

## FROM THE BANQUET COMMITTEE



The football season will soon be here and that means that we will be serving our **football dinners** again for all home games. The Banquet Committee has made the commitment to plan the dinners and now it's your turn to make a commitment to help in any way possible:

- There are some openings to help the kitchen crew.
- There are plenty of openings in the dining room and clean up. If you can breathe, walk, fill serving dishes, fill takeout cartons, push a cart of food to your table, and pour coffee, you qualify.
- If you can stand and dry dishes as they come out of the dishwasher or wash kettles, you qualify for the clean up crew. Delores McChesney will more than happy to show you what needs to be done. Wendy and Jean will be delighted to show you the procedure. The cooks always welcome extra hands!

Sign up sheets will be available for each dinner. To assist Barb Gotwalt in contacting people to make cupcakes, there will be a category on the sheets for you to sign up. Please list your name, phone number and email address so that we can contact you. In addition to the 7 football dinners, there are 2 banquets and the Consecration Dinner for St. Paul's on November 9<sup>th</sup>. As you can see, there is ample opportunity for you to help.

The Banquet Committee is asking that when you use the tables and chairs, please make sure that they are wiped off and put away clean. Also use protective coverings on the tables, such as the old tablecloths, when using markers. This will be a policy for all people who use the equipment, not just church members.

The kitchen equipment will be getting periodical cleanings, so please identify your items in the cooler and in the pantry. If you donate things such as napkins, platters, etc, please leave your name so that we can thank you. We want to make the



## TRANSPORTATION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES PROGRAM

This program is available to persons who are less than 60 years of age and who are certified as disabled under the Americans with Disabilities Act. Van service is provided to qualified persons through the Centre County Shared Ride Transportation Program and is available Monday thru Friday (except holidays) from 8:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. The fare is \$2.50 for a one-way trip. Examples for transportation use would be shopping, beauty or barber shop, bowling, library, eating out, doctor appointments, etc. Please call the Community Help Centre at 234-8222 or the Centre County Office of Transportation at 355-6807 for information and an application to register.

## HELP WANTED!

Anyone interested in applying for the Nursery Worker position should contact Charlie DuBois at 364-9305. If you are interested in *volunteering* in

the Nursery while we continue to search for permanent Nursery workers, please contact Pastor Hartman at 237-3549.

love to include your children in the fun. Please call if you would like more information.

## INTERNATIONAL HOSPITALITY COUNCIL NEEDS HOSTS!

The International Council is hosts for its Program this new visitors to our support families away from home for the first time and provide a personal link to another culture. Hosting (doesn't provide housing) crosses international borders in a way no political or governmental body can. Hosts and visitors alike create friendships which may last a lifetime. Call the IHC Office at 863-3927 or visit our web site at [www.international.psu.edu/ihc](http://www.international.psu.edu/ihc).



Hospitality looking for Friendship fall to welcome international area. Hosts students and

**Help us update our e-mail addresses!** Please send e-mail to the Church Office ([mtnittany2@juno.com](mailto:mtnittany2@juno.com)) so we can add your address to our address book. Thanks!

## Volunteer Opportunity For a few good men!

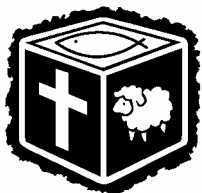


**Mission Trip To Mexico:** For the past 10+ years the Central PA Conference has been sending a work team to the GYTTE (**Give Ye Them To Eat**) project in the village of Tlancualpican, Puebla, about 120 miles south of Mexico City. It's a wonderful ministry with the rural poor in Mexico and a wonderful learning opportunity for those who participate. This year's trip will be Oct. 9-19<sup>th</sup> and we're still in need of 2 men to join our team. Have you always wanted to do something like this? Have you thought it would be a growing experience to try a work camp? Want to see how well your new pastor can chop trees down with a machete? Now's the chance! This will be my 4<sup>th</sup> visit to GYTTE and I will be the team leader. If anyone is interested, please let me know. We need to confirm our reservations by Aug 4<sup>th</sup> Thanks!

## SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCHEON

Join us at the Church on Wednesday, July 30<sup>th</sup> and get to know our new pastor, Rev. Marian Hartman.

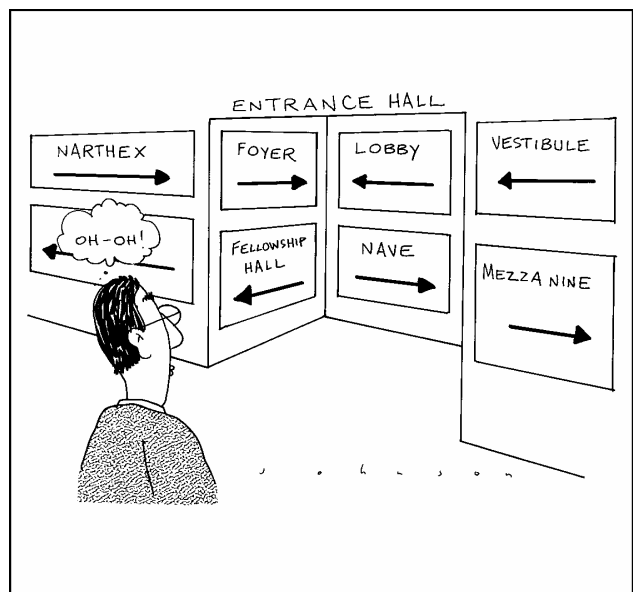
## PRESCHOOL NOTES with Bonnie Spotts (234-3938)



Our summer program is going well. The children are busy exploring with Kim Knepp. So far, they have been learning about color experiments, animals, and the ocean. We

have lots more fun in store! We want to thank Kim for doing such a great job.

Fall will be here before you know it. We would



Rev