



## Today's Worship Team

**Worship Assistants**

Lead Pastor: ..... Rev. Howard T. Woodruff  
 Ministers: ..... Everyone  
 Office Manager: ..... Karin Garner

Bell Choir Director: ..... Susan Park  
 Choir Director/Organist: ..... Brian Peters  
 Adult Christian Education Coordinator ..... Lisa Luse  
 Music Assistant: ..... Aden Wertz IV  
 Nursery Staff: ..... Darria Dixon & Lindsey Knepp-Hill

**Acolytes:** (8:30 a.m.)..... Wade Bonsell  
 (11:00 a.m.)..... Colin Corbett


**Greeters:** (8:30 a.m.)..... Barbara Stahl & Shirley Reichard  
 (11:00 a.m.)..... Ralph & Delores McChesney

**Liturgists:** (8:30 a.m.)..... Jo Moore-Houser  
 (11:00 a.m.)..... Jerry Park

**Sound System:** (8:30 a.m.)..... Rick Edmiston  
 (11:00 a.m.)..... Mark Whitfield

**Ushers:** (8:30 a.m.)..... John Shawver; Frank Vongehr;  
 ..... Karen Bryan; and Cathy Rideout  
 (11:00 a.m.)..... Jerry & Linda Bergman; John & Lori Williams

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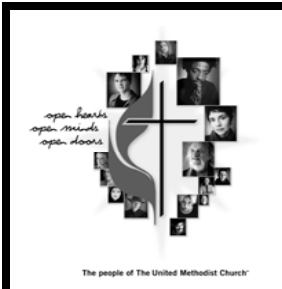


Reverend Jane Allen Middleton, Resident Bishop  
 Reverend Dr. Pamela Ford, State College District Superintendent  
 Reverend Howard T. Woodruff, Lead Pastor (238-1630)  
 Robert Kidder, Lay Leader (237-4086)  
 Cathy Rideout, Associate Lay Leader (237-9372)  
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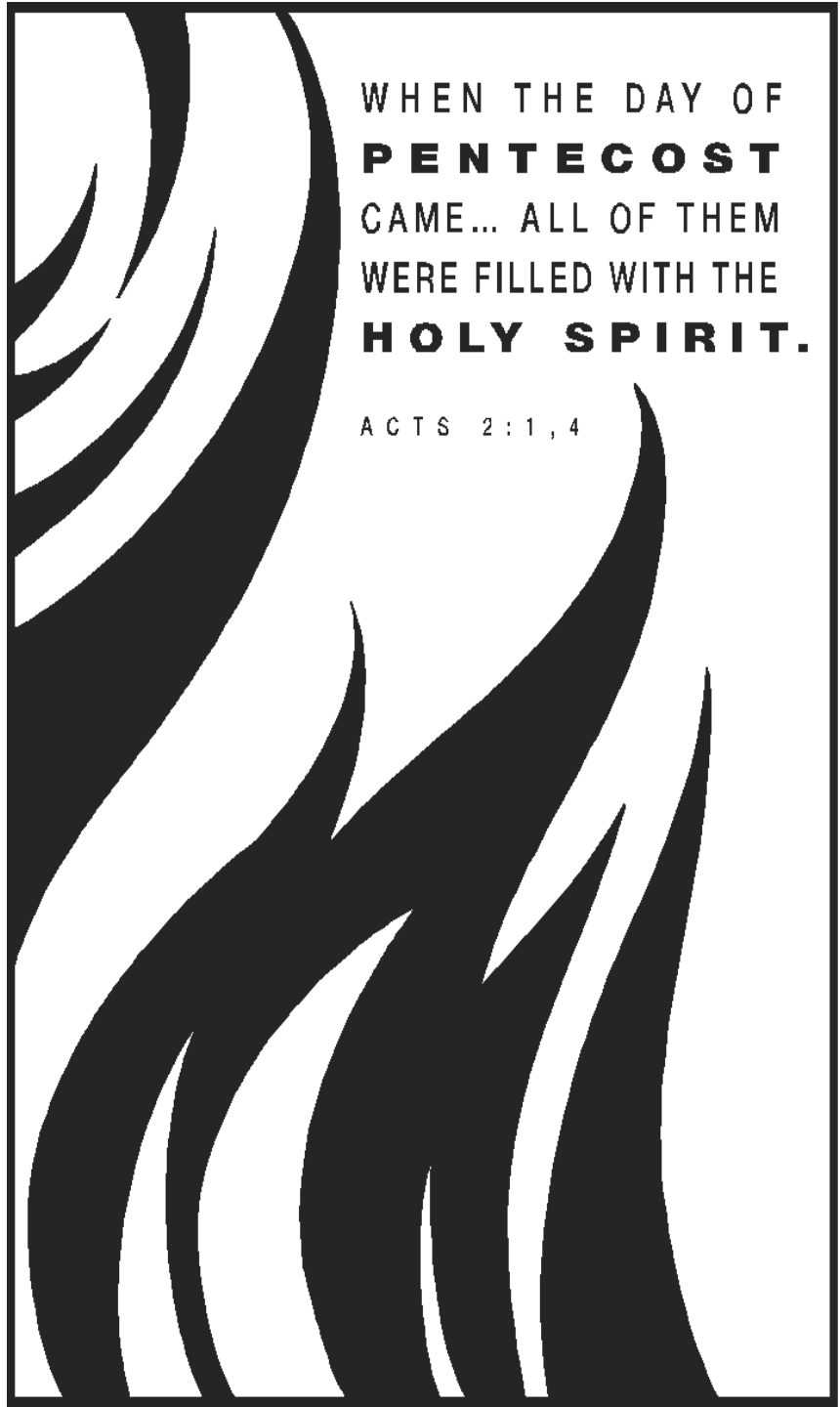


Mt. Nittany United Methodist Church

# Sunday Worship Bulletin

May 11, 2008

Pentecost Sunday



# Good Morning!

Pentecost Sunday

Sunday, May 11, 2008

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and our LORD Jesus Christ...



This Pentecost Sunday we celebrate God's life-giving Spirit poured out abundantly on the community of disciples. Rich images of wind and fire frame the proclamation of God's power in words that all can understand. Community is extended by the Spirit's blessing through a diversity of persons and gifts for the common good.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome you to this time of praise and worship. We believe that it is not by chance that you have come here to be with us this morning, and we encourage you to lay aside your concerns, worries, and burdens as you experience God's awesome love and power.

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.

## PRAY FOR OUR ★★★★★ MILITARY

*Remember our men and women serving in the military*

- SGT. Hamilton T Woodruff #2842 .....PO BOX 8962
- .....CAMP LEJUUNE, NC 28547
- SGT Joshua Garner .....HHC 173rd BSB
- .....FOB Fenty (JAF) APO, AE 09310
- Robert Wertz, PFC .....DCO 2\502 INFREG
- .....FOB KALSU APO AE 09312



## Last Sunday at Mt. Nittany...

### THE ATTENDANCE FOR OUR VARIOUS PROGRAMS WERE...

8:30 a.m. Worship Experience ----- 119  
 9:45 a.m. Christian Education -----  
 11:00 a.m. Worship Experience-----

### THE OFFERINGS RECEIVED WERE

General Fund ----- \$3073.50  
 Building Fund ----- \$1962.00  
 Benevolences ----- \$220.00

### OUR OUTSTANDING MORTGAGE BALANCE IS

\$236,500.00

## Next Week's Worship Experience...



**A Look at  
Next Week!**

*In Genesis 1, God speaks and new life emerges. On this Trinity Sunday, we celebrate the many ways that God continues such life-giving work among us. We rejoice in the gift of living each day in relationship with God as Christ's disciples – formed in the Creator's image and empowered by the Spirit – and commit to caring for what God has made.*

Our Focus Scripture: .....Genesis 1:1—2:4a

## This Week at Mt. Nittany...

<b>TODAY</b>	8:30 a.m.	Early Morning Praise Service (S)
	9:45 a.m.	Christian Education for all ages
	11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship (S)
	5:30 p.m.	Refreshments
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Meeting
<b>MONDAY</b>	6:00 p.m.	St. Paul's Spring Banquet (FLC)
	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts #67 (Rm 201)
<b>TUESDAY</b>	9:30 a.m.	Leadership Team Meeting (PHO)
	5:30 p.m.	Pre-School Staff Meeting (Cntrm)
	6:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts #316 (Rm 107)
	7:00 p.m.	Acts 29 Team Meeting (BR)
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts # 367 (FLC)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	7:30 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir (CR)
<b>THURSDAY</b>	6:00 p.m.	New Beginnings Fellowship Meal (FLC)
	6:45 p.m.	New Beginnings Contemporary Worship
<b>SATURDAY</b>	8:00 a.m.	Church Grounds Clean-Up Day

\*FLC -Family Life Center; \*BR -Board Room; \*K -Kitchen \*CNTR -Counting Room;  
\*CR -Choir Room; \*MNR -Mount Nittany Room; \*PHO -Pastor's Office \*S -Sanctuary

### COMING EVENTS

TRUSTEES Meeting - Monday, May 19  
UM MEN'S Group - Tuesday, May 20  
MISSIONS Committee Meeting - Tuesday, May 20  
BISHOP'S Meeting - Wednesday & Thursday, May 21 & 22  
OFFICES CLOSED - Memorial Day Monday, May 26  
FINANCE Committee Meeting - Tuesday, May 27  
PASTA Dinner - BSA Troop #367 Friday, May 30  
PRAYER Seminar - Saturday, May 31



## Our Order for Morning Worship

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.



Today we celebrate Mother's Day and want to express our thankfulness to God for the Mothers that He has placed in our lives!

**Blood Pressure Screenings** will be taken on the 3rd Sunday of each month from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. This service is offered to you as part of our Parish Health Ministries. If you have any questions, please talk with Dawn Woodruff.

**WOMEN OF FAITH** Conference...coming in July. This event is being organized by Nikki Muck of the Faith United Methodist Church in Bellefonte. A poster containing lots of information on the conference, the trip, costs, etc. is posted in the narthex. For more information call *Edie Hertzog* (237-7737)



**This coming SATURDAY, May 17th** - We'd like to have as many of you as possible to help with the church grounds clean-up. Grab your work gloves, wheel-barrows, rakes, other implements to do yard work, and meet with us beginning at 8:00 a.m.. Many hands make light work.

**The Quilting Group** will meet in the Counting Room of the church from 6:00 to 8:00 pm on the first and third Monday of each month. You're welcome to join us...No Experience Necessary! If you have a desire to show someone you care, you can contribute to this ministry. Our quilts are made with love and given to those who just need a little pick-me-up or that extra TLC. Talk with Cathy Rideout 237-9372 if you have any questions.

**2008 GRADUATES** - High School, College, Prep School or other .... If you're graduating this year we'd like to recognize you in our June newsletter. Please be sure you fill out the questionnaire you received this past week by email, and get it in to Karin by NEXT SUNDAY! If you need a questionnaire,



please see Lisa Luse today or call Karin in the office.

**COURTESY MEALS / TRANSPORTATION REQUESTS** - 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 help them.

We also want to know of those who need help with travel or those who can provide transportation for others if needed.. (To church services, doctor appts., grocery store, etc.) Please notify *Stacey LeVan* (861-7097) when you or someone you know would benefit from this ministry.

**Mt Nittany Pre-School's "Mc-Teacher Night" Fundraiser** - We're working on paying off the new playground equipment, and you can help us when you eat at McDonalds (Hills Plaza only) this **Tuesday, May 13th**, family fun night from 4:30 to 7:00 pm. We will get 15% of the proceeds earned during that time frame. So take your family out for a burger and fries, and help support our efforts. If you have any questions, talk with Bonnie Spotts.

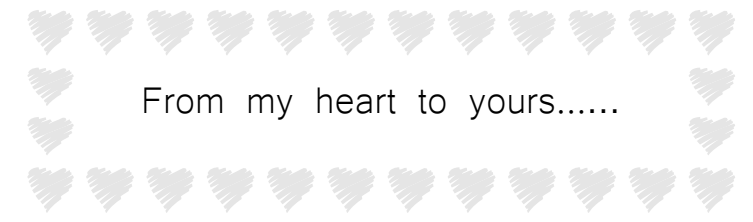
**UM MEN'S GROUP** - We will have a short meeting at the church next Tuesday (May 20) @ 5:20 p.m. and then leave the church parking lot to tour "Presslers' Antique Machinery Museum" in Stormstown. This is open to everyone, Please fill in the Count-Me-In form. Talk with Frank Baker (861-4142) if you have any questions.



**VBS - POWER LAB** ... Power Lab is looking for 10 fun loving adults/older teens to be Crew Chiefs! Joanna says if you aren't signed up to be a Crew Chief, you are **1)** missing a good time and **2)** offering to stand at the door and tell children they can't come to VBS because we just couldn't find enough help! ACK!!

Seriously, though, it's time to sign up! We are also looking for someone to run the kitchen — a pretty fun job in itself. All the other station leaders positions are filled, so is the dinner crew, so is the child care! Hurry before the good jobs are GONE! (Sign up sheet is on the nametag board in the narthex, or see Joanna)

**IT'S A BOY!!!** - "LUKE Feldmeyer" made his arrival on Tuesday, May 6th around 5 p.m. in Knoxville, TN weighing in at 8lbs 1 oz. Well wishes and cards can be sent to the Feldmeyer family at ...



From my heart to yours.....

Just the other day I took the time to talk with someone who stopped by the office, and we shared together about our life styles, and the rush of today's busy world. Too often we find the special moments with those closest to our hearts, stolen by the demands of daily living and hectic schedules. My prayer today for you would be, to be strengthened by the love of family and friends, to cherish the little things, the wonderful ordinary moments that happen every day and let them become embedded deep within your heart. Get up early and see the sun rise, sit on the porch and listen to the birds sing... lay out under the twinkling stars...but make a memory...and do it all with someone you love. Be encouraged to take the time... to make the time... to be creating memories with your loved ones while you can !

Because she understood me better far than I myself could understand;  
Because her faith in me, like a guiding star  
Steadied my feet and strengthened heart and hand.  
Because her cheer and tender sympathy were strewn  
Along the stony path she trod;  
Because of her underlying love for me,  
I better comprehend the love of God.

... Author Unknown

Love suffers long and is kind; .....bears all things,  
believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

**LOVE NEVER FAILS!**

(1 Corinthians 13:4a, 7 & 8)

Have a great week and remember...  
You are greatly loved and appreciated!  
~Hugs, Karin



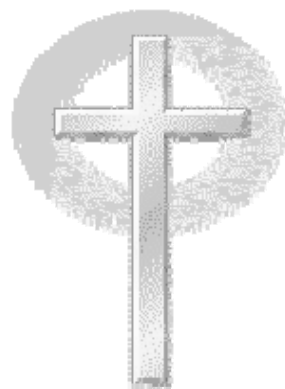
# OUR MISSIONS FOCUS

## Golden Cross Sunday

The Golden Cross Sunday offering assists older adults served by our United Methodist Retirement and Health Care Centers. We serve and comfort our eldest sisters and brothers in Christ, not just out of respect and with gratitude for their faithful service through all these years, but because we are all called to be witnesses of the 'unfolding of life'.

On Golden Cross Sunday, please take the opportunity to participate in this witness by giving generously to ensure that the residents in our United Methodist Homes experience steadfast, constant and loving care as their lives continue to unfold. Your gift allows us to respond to residents' changing needs and to do those special things that make their lives richer.

Mount Nittany UMC receives Mission Share credit for all Golden Cross gifts and our older adults in need will be very grateful. All Golden Cross gifts will be used within our Conference to ensure that our elderly residents receive the compassionate spiritual support they need. Thank you, in advance, for supporting these faith-inspired ministries.



1609 Dunraven Dr Knoxville, TN 37922-5234

\*THE PRELUDE "Spirit of God Descend Upon my Heart" Kellner (1997)

### Entrance

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: And in the last days it shall come to pass, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh,

**People: And your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your old shall dream dreams, and your young shall see visions.**

Leader: When the Day of Pentecost had come, they were all gathered together in one place.

**People: And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.**

Leader: And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each of them.

**People: And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit.**

\*OPENING HYMN "O Spirit of the Living God" # 539

#### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*Throughout the Easter season, we take time to reenact the great resurrection by turning to one another and sharing those first words utter to the Disciples by the resurrected Christ, "Peace be with you" (John 20:19). Your response is to be, "And also with you."*

#### \*OPENING PRAYER (prayed in unison)

**O God, you sent the Holy Spirit to enkindle the zeal of Christ's followers waiting in Jerusalem for his promised gift. Pour the same inspiration on your people here assembled, and on the Church of Christ throughout the world.**

**Revive the power of the gospel in our hearts, that it may be to us a sacred trust for the blessing of all creation. Enable your Church to spread the good news of salvation, so that all nations may hear it in their own tongues, and welcome it into their own lives.**

**Protect, encourage, and bless all ministers of the cross, and prosper their words and works, so that Jesus, being lifted up, may draw all people unto him, and the kingdoms of the world may become the kingdom of our Lord and of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

#### SPECIAL MUSIC

8:30 A.M. "Trading My Sorrows" (Evans 1998) Sanctuary Choir  
11:00 A.M. No Sweeter Name" Adult Praise Band

ASSEMBLY TIME            “Why is everything so different?”  
*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.*

## **Proclamation of and Response to the Word**

### OUR PREPARATION TO HEAR THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

**Hymn of Illumination**                            “*Move Me*”                            # 471

### THE READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

Our Focus Scripture                            Acts 2:1-16a; 43-47                            pg.

**\*Gloria Patri**

**\*OUR HYMN OF PREPARATION**            “*Spirit of God*” vs 1, 2 & 5                            #2117

OUR MORNING MESSAGE                    “*Together for the journey*”

### OUR 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)*

Pat Biss; Judy and Bob Wilson; Todd Miller; Richard Bloom;

Kathy Mulberger; Peggy Shipley; Bill Verity

*If you would like to send a card to any of these people please pick up a Prayer List with Addresses on the table at the rear of the Sanctuary. **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.”***

### 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                            “*Gigue*”                            Handel (1685-1759)

The Presentation

**\*Doxology**

**\*Offertory Prayer**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION                            # 15

## **Sending Forth**

**\*OUR CLOSING HYMN**                    “*We Are the Church*” vs 1, 4 & 5                            # 558

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

**\*OUR BIDDING HYMN**                    “*The Spirit Sends Us Forth*” vs 1                            # 2241

**POSTLUDE**                            “*All Glory be to God on High*”                            Decius (1541)