

# WORSHIP SERVICE HELPERS

September



## Greeters

Sept 5 Barb Gotwalt & Myra Lines  
 Sept 12 Barb & Ed Sommers  
 Sept 19 Les & Nancy Kline  
 Sept 26 Bob & Judy Wilson

## Money Counters

Jay & Brenda Holcomb and  
 Glenn & Kathy Mulberger

## Sound System Team

Sept 5 Vinnie Scalamogna\* Wayne Zweig\*\*  
 Sept 12 Ryan Spotts\* Roger Wurst\*\*  
 Sept 19 Ron Taverno\* Jim Young\*\*  
 Sept 26 Allen Bonsell\* Evan Rowland\*\*

## Tape Ministry Visitor

Sept 5 Ric Rowland  
 Sept 12 Bob Kidder  
 Sept 19 BJ Wurst  
 Sept 26 BJ Holderman

## Ushers

To be Announced \*  
 Jerry Park\*\*

(\* 9:00 am service, \*\* 10:30 service)

## Baptisms *And New Members*

**Lisa Reed-Authier** & her four year old daughter **Sarah Elizabeth Authier** were both baptized on Sunday, Aug. 15. Following the baptism, **Lisa & her husband Marc Authier** were received as members by profession of faith.

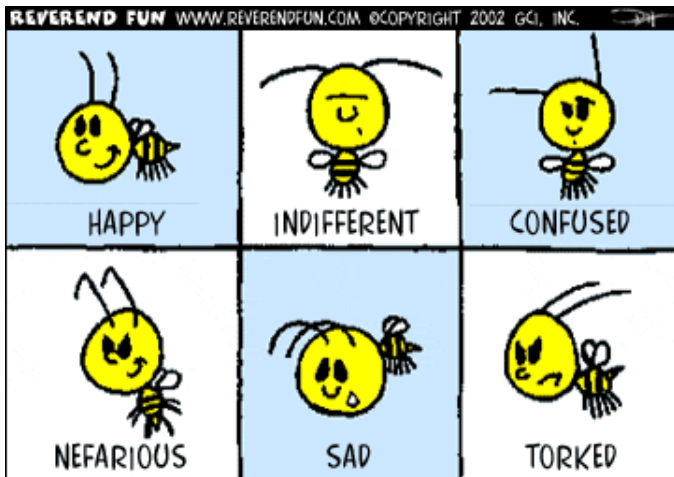
**Annette & Gerald (Jey) Yorks** were also received as members by Letter of Transfer from First United Methodist Church in Williamsport.

## Office Hours:

Monday Through Friday **9:00 am – 3:00 pm**  
 Rev's e-mail: revmeh@pennswoods.net  
 Parsonage phone: 238-1630  
 Church e-mail: mtnittany2@juno.com  
 Church phone: 237-3549

## Church Staff

<b>Pastor</b>	<b>Rev. Marian E. Hartman</b>
<b>Education Assistant</b>	<b>Joanna Jones</b>
<b>Organist &amp; Choir Director</b>	<b>Brian Peters</b>
<b>Music Coordinator</b>	<b>Phyllis Field</b>
<b>Bell Choir Director</b>	<b>Susan Park</b>



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THE BEE-ATTITUDES

# Mt. Nittany News

## God is way ahead of us

Back in the 18th century, Samuel Wesley, a priest in the Church of England, was trying to pray. But he was being bothered by his two rambunctious boys who were running up and down the stairs.

To get some peace he said to his boys, "Go play somewhere else. I'm trying to pray for a revival in the church and your noise is disturbing me."

He didn't know at the time that his two energetic sons would become leaders of the reform and renewal of Christianity in England. They were John Wesley, the gifted charismatic preacher, and Charles Wesley, the brilliant hymn writer. They are credited with helping to bring new life to Christianity in England. The renewal, some historians claim, may have helped to avert a revolution such as the one in France in the 19th century.

Imagine! As Samuel Wesley prayed, the answers to his prayers were within earshot. God is always ahead of us.



*We know  
that all  
things work  
together  
for good for  
those who  
love God....*

*Romans 8:28*

## More than reading, 'riting and 'rithmetic

You may recall that many followers of Jesus called him "Rabbi." In essence, the word means teacher. Clearly the word describes the brilliant Nazarene who was constantly teaching his listeners about God and God's expectations of humans.

In a secular society, it is of paramount importance that the teachings of Christ be proclaimed and affirmed wherever possible. In the early days of our country, it was customary for public schools to teach reading, writing and arithmetic as well as Christian principles. Subjects being taught were presented in a setting of morality, religion and character development.

The reading book compiled by William H. McGuffey in 1836 focused on such themes as self-denial, temperance, obedience, and warned against laziness, profanity, stealing and vanity.

In our time, however, when it is difficult to focus on God and spiritual matters in public schools, our churches and families have a great responsibility. Sunday school attendance, not only for children but for adults as well, must be of primary importance. Prayer, as well as discussion of social issues from a Christian point of view, must be practiced in the home and church. We must learn and teach about Christ.

"Learn from me," Jesus said. "Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls" (Matthew 11:29 NRSV). Where shall we learn of him or from him if not in our churches and homes?

**People are funny — they want the front of the bus, the middle of the road and the back of the church.**

**—Unknown**

## DISCIPLE I & II



"Welcome To Our Home"

Everyone is invited to attend a worship celebration  
for

Bishop Jane Allen Middleton  
Sunday, September 19, 2004  
4:30 P.M.

The Penn Stater



### Corn Boil with a TWIST...

The Nurture and Care Committee has scheduled a Pig Roast/Corn Boil for Sunday, September 12 at 5:00 pm. Please bring a covered dish to share and your own place setting. Meat, corn and drinks will be provided. Please sign up on the bulletin board or call the church office as early as possible so we will provide the right size pig for the crowd that will be there...The entertainment will be provided by Ron Strapel's band. We are also inviting the Healing Springs congregation to join us. Come for good food, fun and fellowship. Hope to see you there.

The DISCIPLE Bible studies series is designed for those who want to learn more about the scriptures and how to put our faith into practice. DISCIPLE I (Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study) is a 34 week study, 2 ½ hours per week. Each week has assigned scripture reading along with some study material in the manual. The DISCIPLE I class provides an overview of scripture and covers 70% of the Bible.

DISCIPLE II follows the same format as DISCIPLE I and is a 32 week course. The theme of DISCIPLE II is "Into the Word, Into the World" and studies Genesis-Exodus and Luke-Acts.

DISCIPLE I will choose a meeting time that suits those interested in attending. If you would like to join a DISCIPLE I class, please sign up on the bulletin Board in the Narthex.

DISCIPLE II will meet on Thursday evenings, 6:30 – 9:00 OR 7:00 – 9:30 (as the group decides). Please sign up if you are a DISCIPLE I graduate and interested in DISCIPLE II.



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## FROM THE BANQUET COMMITTEE

The Banquet Committee met and set up the following schedule for cooks for the football suppers. The schedule is as follows:

### Sept 4<sup>th</sup>

Turkey dinner  
Denise & Stacy Mullins

### Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>

Beef dinner  
Wendy Franklin

### Oct 9<sup>th</sup>

Turkey dinner  
Chris McCann and  
Kate Mulberger

### Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>

Beef dinner  
Bill Nuss

### Nov 6<sup>th</sup>

Turkey dinner  
Bill Nuss

### Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>

Beef dinner  
BJ Wurst and  
Kari Corbett

If you would be interested in helping any of these cooks in the kitchen, get in touch with them. It's not difficult work in the kitchen since that job falls on the cooks, but help is always welcome! The dining room staff schedule will be posted at a later date as will the sign up for cupcakes. If you find that you can't help during the suppers, you can set the tables, which is done ahead of time. Please contact BJ at 238-7529 if you're interested in this job. Thank you!

Last month the schedule for football suppers and cooks was listed in the newsletter. We are doing the scheduling for the dining room wait staff and clean up crew. The scheduling will be done by sign up sheet each supper. If the kitchen crew hasn't been filled at that time, these positions will be posted on the sign up sheet. **Thank you to everyone who signed up for the first supper on September 4th; the positions have been filled.**

The kitchen and pantry are being cleaned and reorganized with shelves, cupboards and drawers being equipped with identification labels. We are asking that if you are using the kitchen and do not have a storage area of your own, please take your extra food with you. Guidelines for use of the kitchen and FLC from the banquet committee will be written up and sent out with applications for use of these areas. Storage is limited and the counter space is used for food and serving preparation so we need to be frugal. Thank you for your help in this manner.

## Interfaith Mission Update If you don't volunteer, who will?

Interfaith Mission helped 196 adults and 150 children in June and July 2004.....

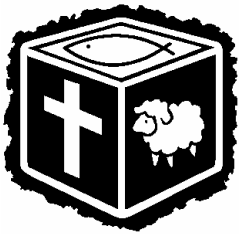
- \$11,243.72 was paid out for client services for housing, fuel, utility and medical assistance to help local families.
- 13 families were saved from being evicted from their homes.
- 16 families were saved from having their utilities terminated.
- 12 families were provided permanent housing to end their homelessness.
- 5 people were provided emergency medical, prescription, or dental help.
- 162 pieces of furniture were given out to clients.

Interfaith Mission wishing wells were placed at St. Paul's United Methodist Church and Faith United Church of Christ during the Arts Fest in July to increase community awareness. Some money was also raised.

Interfaith Mission partnered with other emergency assistance organizations, such as the local chapter of the American Red Cross, Faith Centre, Housing Transitions, and the Community Help Centre to provide support to those who lost their homes in the July Bellefonte Academy fire. As a result of that, and the experience with the sale of the North Atherton trailer park in 2003, Interfaith Mission is one of 10 local organizations included in a newly formed Disaster Relief Case Management Task Force recently established through the Centre County Board of Commissioners to respond to future emergency situations.

## Charge Conference Date

**October 28** will be our Charge Conference here at Mount Nittany. We will be hosting a group charge Conference for several churches in the State College area. We will begin at 7:00 pm with worship & Bible Study with our District Superintendent, Rev. Pat Woolever, and then break into our respective church groups for the business session. Administrative Council members should plan to attend.



## PRESCHOOL NOTES

September has come, and we are excited to begin a new school year. We'll be busy making new friends and learning new routines. It's

wonderful seeing their excitement and helping their transition towards more independence.

We have some new equipment in the preschool thanks to the Keystone Stars and Cyber Start programs. They have helped us add equipment to the nursery, which benefits the preschool and Church programs. We also have new lockers to help the children organize their possessions, and computers will soon arrive. The importance of preschool education is coming to the forefront. The state is in the process of forming standards for preschool curriculums. These agencies are helping us keep abreast of these changes. We thank you for your continued support in meeting these needs of young children.

Our scholarship program is thriving. We have the opportunity to help five families join the program through scholarships.

We still have a few spaces if you or someone you know may be interested. Please contact Bonnie Spotts for more information.

## CRUISE and MISSION



The Central PA Conference of the United Methodist Church is planning a mission and cruise for April 7-17, 2005, and has invited Mt. Nittany's congregation to participate in this event. There will be a three-day mission opportunity in San Juan, Puerto Rico, followed by a seven-day cruise through the southern Caribbean. This promises to be a unique opportunity to join our fellow Christians from Central PA. Information is posted on the bulletin board, and brochures explaining the cruise, itinerary, and costs are available on the narthex table.

## Mt. Nittany Library

The church library is waiting for you. It is located in the education building next to the adult Sunday school room. It has been reorganized (somewhat). Adult books are on the right side of the room and children/young adult materials are on the left side of the room. The shelves have been numbered to help with the location of books. There is also a general theme listed on the shelves.

There are a variety of new additions to the library, something for everyone! They are located on shelf #4. Some of the new titles are *God Sightings* - discover God in everyday life; *Guilt-Free Parenting*; *Stories Between the Testaments* - meeting people of the Apocrypha; *Encounters with the Living God* - Old Testament characters tell their own stories; *The Counsel of Many* - selecting your personal advisers; *Finding Meaning at the Movies* - a guide for exploring major themes and issues presented in various movies.

If you enjoy fictional reading, look through the selection on the young adult shelf. There are many Cynthia Voigt and L.M. Montgomery titles. (Young is a relative term!)

If you would like to check out a book the process is very simple. Find the card in the back of the book. Write down your name and the date you are borrowing the book. If the shelf number is not on the book, please write it in the margin with the title. Place the card in the file box on shelf #3 for adult books and shelf #6 for children/youth books. If you come across a book that is missing a card, please take a blank card (next to the file boxes), write the name of the book, author, and shelf number in the margin of the card. Write your name and the date you are borrowing the book and place it in the file box. These directions are in the library next to the file boxes.

When you return a book, simply take the card from the file box, place it in the back of the book, and return the book to its original shelf. After you have read a book, you could complete a short review sheet about the book. These will help others if they want to know something about the book. The review sheets are on the same shelves as the file boxes.

If you would like to leave a message or suggestion for the library, you can use the message board in the library. If you would like a particular book added to the library you can leave that message on the board or talk to Emily Gregory.

Happy reading!!

## Adopt-A-Night

This is a new outreach program we are beginning at Mt. Nittany UMC. The program is with Centre House – a transitional living facility in State College. Our job is simple: 2 volunteers plan a simple dinner and take the ingredients to the Centre House. The volunteers, along with 2 residents of the facility, prepare the meal and then share an enjoyable evening of fellowship and fun. Two other residents then clean up the dinner while you relax and visit. This four-hour time commitment (4:30 pm– 8:30 pm) makes a lasting difference in the residents of Centre House. Call Karen Kelly @ 237-9399.

## Prayer Breakfast

**The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual City-Wide Prayer Breakfast will be held at Mt. Nittany UMC on Saturday, September 11, from 9-11 A.M. More information is available on the bulletin board.**

## United Methodist Men

United Methodist Men will meet Tuesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> with dinner at 6:00 P.M. followed by a community town meeting presentation by Justice Brad Lunsford.

## Labor Day Weekend



Help Us celebrate the ministry of all Christians in all areas of employment by coming to worship on Sunday, September 5 in your work clothes!

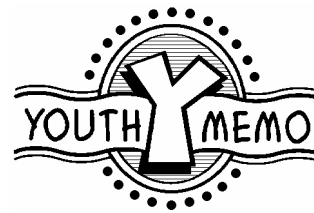
## EYEGLASSES and HEARING AIDS

These are being collected by the Lion's Organization. These items are matched with prescriptions from needy people in Third World Countries. Please help this cause by dropping your old glasses and/or hearing aids in the collection box by the Sanctuary doors. Thank you!

## Secretary Needed

Audrey has resigned due to health concerns. If you are interested in applying for this 30-hour-per-week position, please submit a letter of interest and resume to:

Mt. Nittany UMC  
Attn: John Williams  
1500 E. Branch Rd.  
State College PA 16801



## All Youth Invited

The Mt Nittany UMC Youth Groups will begin their weekly meetings on Sunday, September 26th from 6:30 - 7:30. Special Interest Groups will continue to meet Sunday evenings from 5:30 - 6:30. Youth in grades 6 thru 8 are invited to join the confirmation class. All youth are encouraged to attend the new Bishop's Installation Celebration on September 19th at the Penn Stater.

## YOUTH FUNDRAISER

The MNUMC Youth will be selling 2005 Calendars. The beautiful calendars will be available by the end of September for just \$6.00 each. The calendars are very nice quality, have beautiful pictures and scriptures. See Kari Corbett for a sample until then.

## CONFIRMATION CLASS

Any youth in grade 6 or above may join the **Confirmation Class** this fall. If you are planning to participate, please sign the sheet on the bulletin board. The class will meet on Sunday evenings, from 6:30-7:30 P.M. However, our **first meeting will be a covered dish meal for the class, their families, and mentors on Saturday September 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 P.M.** Persons interested in being a mentor, please sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board.

## Education notes for September

Welcome back to Sunday mornings! We look forward to hearing about everyone's summers. If you are new to Sunday morning programs, here's a brief rundown of your family's choices:

- **Child care** is available for infants through age 2 in our nursery. Our staff, Pam and Jennifer have generously expanded their job descriptions and have been using "Toddlers and Twos" to provide an enriched child care environment.
- **Preschoolers** (ages 3-5) meet in the preschool rooms on the Education Unit first floor. Bible Zone Live! is an activity-driven curriculum that covers the basic stories of the Bible. Nicole Fornicola returns as head teacher BUT our Safe Sanctuaries policy (and common sense!) requires that she have another adult in the room to help with all those bathroom breaks, untied shoes, and glue accidents. The sign up sheet is on the Education bulletin board.
- **Elementary students** (K-5) will participate in Power Express in the Family Life Center, beginning with a unit about Moses titled "Into the Promised Land". Rotational ministry works by having the students in small groups, each of which go to a single station for the morning. We begin each week with a gathering time, and end with singing. Any adult can sign up to teach! You can choose one week, or many – the same station, or different ones. The sign up sheets are always posted on the Educ. board. Put your name in and we'll get you the lesson plans. Youth in 10<sup>th</sup> grade or higher are welcome to serve as a shepherd for our K/1 group.
- **Middle School Youth** (6-8<sup>th</sup>) will study Bible Lessons for Youth in the Youth room. This is a small group but a great curriculum that introduces parts of the Bible you probably haven't read before, and does it in a fun way. We still are looking for a fall teacher!
- **High School Youth** (9-12<sup>th</sup>) can volunteer in the nursery, preschool room, or Power Express, and can participate in LinC discussions with their class upstairs. LinC is a current-event driven discussion and experience class. We are still looking for a teacher!

- **Adults and older youth** can join one of two classes. Our Friendship Class meets in the first floor classroom by the library, and follows a traditional Bible Study format ably led by Rik Harris. The Parables Class meets in the Mt. Nittany Room and covers short-term topical studies. This fall they will begin with "What Do Other Faiths Believe?" a study of world religions.

### Safe Sanctuary Reminders

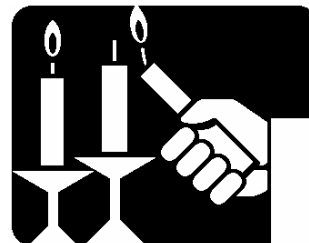
We are in our second year of becoming compliant with our Safe Sanctuaries policy. Parents are reminded that children can't be dismissed from the Family Life Center until an adult arrives to get them. Please come pick up your children and *then* enjoy a conversation in the narthex. Also, if your child is ill, please keep them home until they are symptom free for 24 hours (that includes a fever) or on antibiotics. Make sure to fill out a registration form so we have your current address and any medical information (allergies, etc.) needed for your child. Parents of youth are reminded to do the same. Adult volunteers are all asked to complete a brief informational form, and those who teach many Sundays will be asked to complete a background check (at the church's expense). This is for the protection of our children, our church, and our volunteers and should make us all feel good about meeting our responsibility to provide a caring and secure environment.

### Christian Education Sunday

Christian Education Sunday will be observed at the 9:00 service on September 26. Third graders will receive their Bibles and we'll recognize the hard work of our VBS, youth program, campers and



children's volunteers



### Acolytes

Sixth grade students (or older) who want to become acolytes should talk to Ben or Carrie Feldmeyer, our new acolyte coordinators. Current acolytes who wish to retire still need to tell the acolyte coordinators in person.

# SEPTEMBER 2004

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 7:00 H. Springs Bible Study - Brd. Rm.	2	3	4 4-7 P.M. Football dinner - Akron
5 In celebration of Labor Day, wear your work clothes to Church today!	6 LABOR DAY - Office Closed	7 6:30 H. Springs Youth - FLC 7 P.M. Administrative Council - Board Rm.	8 6:30 Nittany Night volunteer meeting - Counting Rm. 7:00 H. Springs Bible Study - Board Rm. 7:30 SANCTUARY CHOIR REHEARSAL BEGINS!	9 Dr. Alloway-Mt. Nittany Rm. 7-8 Boy Scouts - FLC	10 Dr. Alloway-Mt. Nittany Rm.	11 <b>8 A.M. - Noon</b> City Wide Prayer Breakfast - <b>1 PM</b> Memorial Service for Elizabeth Williams <b>5 P.M. - FLC</b> Confirmation Class/ families covered dish
12 5:00 Corn Boil with a twist	13 6:30 Pastor Parish Relations	14 8:30 District Ministerium 6:30 H. Springs Youth-FLC 6:30 Pastor Parish Relations	15 Noon Int'. Hospitality - FLC 7:00 H. Springs-Board Room	16	17	18 4-7 P.M. Football dinner Boston College
19 4:30 Confirmation class to attend Bishop Service-Penn Stater Handbell Choir Begins	20	21 6:00 United Methodist Men -FLC 7:30 Pastor Parish Relations	22 7:00 H. Springs Bible Study - Brd. Rm. 5:15 Nittany Night	23 Dr. Alloway-Mt. Nittany Rm.	24 Dr. Alloway-Mt. Nittany Rm.	25 9-4 Hope for Kids Foster Parent Training-FLC
26 5:30 Special Interest Groups 6:30 Youth Groups 6:30 Confirmation Class	27 7:00 Trustees Mtg.	28 6:30 H.Springs Youth-FLC	29 9:00 District Comm on Ord. Ministry 5:15 Nittany Night 7:00 H. Springs- Boardroom	30		
♥Healing Springs Youth Fellowship <u>Tuesdays</u> at 6:30 P.M. (except 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday) in FLC ♥Healing Springs Bible Study <u>Wednesdays</u> at 7 P.M. in Board Rm.						