

## This Week's Mission Focus



### Focus on Missions: Caring for People in Need – Angle Tree

Each year, Mount Nittany Church displays a tree in the church lobby decorated with lights and paper angels. Written on each angel are the Christmas gift wishes passed along to us from by various community groups, such as CentreSafe, Interfaith Human Services, local schools, or church members who know someone in need.

Parishioners take the angels, buy the gifts written on them, and place them under the tree. The season-long event is capped off when church members gather to wrap all of the presents for delivery to agencies and families. Stay alert for more announcements about dates! While the congregation's generosity takes care of the requests that we get well in advance, it's not unusual to get last-minute requests. Your donations on these special Sundays let us say "Yes" to as many families as possible. Thank you for your kind contributions.

**Prayer of the Week:** Pray for our community government leaders.

### Leading Worship Today

**Christopher Kostyn Passante**, Pastor

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**Patty DeCapria**, Certified Lay Minister

**James Beatty**, Minister of Music

**Liturgists:** Bob Kidder, Brenda Peters



October 31, 2021  
8:30 & 10 am

**Livestream:**  
Mt Nittany Church  
(8:30 am only)

Welcome to worship  
at Mount Nittany  
Church!

Today we look at  
Matthew 12:28-34 to  
understand that  
when we love God  
and one another,  
God's kingdom  
moves closer.

**Giving:**  
[www.MtNittanyUMC.org](http://www.MtNittanyUMC.org)

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GREETING  
PRELUDE  
CENTERING WORDS  
OPENING PRAYER

OPENING PRAISE Seek Ye First #405

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (8:30 am/Patty DeCapria)

SCRIPTURE: Mark 12.28-34 CEB

MESSAGE: Not Far from the Kingdom (Pastor Chris)

GOSPEL PRAISE I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord #540

THE PEACE

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE Doxology

\*A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PROCLAMATION PRAISE He Will Hold Me Fast

SENDING

POSTLUDE

## Prayer List

Ron Straple, The Rush Family, Fye and Eitzweiler Families, Rick Edmiston, Barbara Crawford, Sarah Simcisko, John Hickey, Tamara Hutnik.

## Birthdays

Bob Jones, Donald Kerr

## Thank You

Church Family,  
I would like to express my thanks to you for your prayers, cards and phone calls during my illness and continuing recovery. I have been truly blessed by your caring thoughts and prayers.

Thank you again,  
Barb Crawford

## Calendar

### Sunday, October 31

Adult Sunday School  
Kids Club AM (5-12)  
8:30-9:30 am Boardroom  
8:30 am service Family Life Center

### Monday, November 1

Quilting Group  
9:30 am, Crafts Room (FLC)

### Tuesday, November 2

Pastor's Office Hour  
9-10 am  
Municipal Election  
7 am-8 pm (FLC)

### Wednesday, November 3

Coffee with the Pastor  
9-10 am, Café Lemont  
Knitting Group  
9 am, Crafts Room (FLC)  
Choir Practice  
6:30 pm Sanctuary

### Sunday, November 7

All Saints Day Celebration  
8:30 & 10 am services

### Sunday, November 14

Charge Conference  
1 pm (Sanctuary)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### Celebrate All Saints Sunday Nov. 7

Mount Nittany Church will be celebrating All Saints Sunday on Nov. 7 at the 8:30 and 10 am worship services. We will be reading the names of those members who have entered the Kingdom Triumphant in the last calendar year. We also will be remembering all the faithful who have gone on before us. With Holy Communion.

### Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child mission is in full swing, and list of items is in the newsletter and the display in the lobby, where the donations box is located. Packing party in November. Betty Wurst 814-238-7529 or 1happygram@comcast.net.

### Children's Education at Mount Nittany

Morning Kids Club 8:30 am after the Children's Message; Evening Kids 6 pm in the Family Life Center (no pm class on Halloween). Children ages 5-12 are welcome at both classes. Nursery: Sunday 8:30 and 10 am services (0-5) Contact Pastor Stephanie at 814-598-9948 or sball@susumc.org.

### Volunteers Needed for Football Dinners

To volunteer for our drive-through Football Dinners, stop by the table in the lobby area after church and let Wendy know you will be able to help or email Wendy at wfranklin27@gmail.com

### How Can We Pray for You?

If you or someone you are praying for would like to be added to the prayer list, please contact Emily Lewis in the church office at 814-237-3549 or email mnumcoffice@gmail.com or Pastor Chris at 814-232-1717 or cpassante@susumc.org. You may also fill out a prayer card located in the sanctuary pews and place them in the offering plates on Sunday.

### Mailing Lists

If you would like to receive the Newsletter via mail, please call Emily Lewis in the church office at 814-237-3549 or email at [mnumcoffice@gmail.com](mailto:mnumcoffice@gmail.com) to be added to the mailing list each month.

### Interested in Membership?

If you are interested in becoming a member at Mount Nittany Church or just want to learn more, please contact Pastor Chris at 814-232-1717 or email cpassante@susumc.org. An informational meeting will be held soon.

### Meet with Pastor Chris

Join Pastor Chris each Tuesday from 9-10 am in his office or every Wednesday from 9-10 am at Café Lemont for coffee and conversation.