

## Focus on Missions



**The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR):** The United Methodist Church's humanitarian relief and recovery organization, is in the midst of a busy year and has responded to hurricanes, tornadoes, typhoons, catastrophic flooding, earthquakes, political unrest, wildfires and volcanoes. UMCOR projects have seen people working with projects as diverse as fire relief in the western United States, earthquake relief in Haiti, and helping resettle refugees from Afghanistan. Your gift this Sunday supports the ongoing mission work of UMCOR in the United States and around the world so that the church is ready to respond, no matter what 2022 brings.

**This Week's Prayer:** Pray that the world knows the true love that comes through the One True God this Christmas season.

### Leading Worship Today

**Christopher Kostyn Passante**, Pastor:

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**Stephanie Ball**, Children and Youth Pastor:

[sball@susumc.org](mailto:sball@susumc.org)

**Patty DeCapria**, Certified Lay Minister

**James Beatty**, Minister of Music

**Liturgists:** James Beatty (8:30), B.J. Wurst (10am)

**Advent Liturgists:** Barb Derzak(8:30), Judy Smith (10am)

**Acolyte:** Vinny Hodges



December 19, 2021

8:30, 10 am

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

Welcome to worship  
at Mount Nittany  
Church!

Elizabeth lovingly receives Mary's visit with wondrous expectation, while Mary receives the angel's visit with loving expectation for the child she carries for the world. Christmas is the time to be pregnant with expectation for when love came down to live among us. We receive anew the miraculous blessings that come when our loving expectations are filled.

### Giving:

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

Mount Nittany Church  
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State College, PA 16801  
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GREETING

PRELUDE

ADVENT LITURGY (Based on 2 Sam 7.6, 16;  
Luke 1.31,33b, 47-53)

ADVENT ANTHEM (Choir)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (8:30)

OPENING PRAISE

Hark the Herald Angel Sing # 240  
Angels We Have Heard on High # 238  
Angels From The Realms of Glory #220

READING Luke 1:30-55 (responsive)

MESSAGE "The Light of Love"

GOSPEL PRAISE: Love Has Come

THE PEACE

OFFERTORY/THANKSGIVING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING PRAISE: He Shall Reign Forevermore

SENDING

POSTLUDE

## Announcements:

### 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. 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.

### 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.

### PSU CO-OP Christmas Trees

The PSU CO-OP has Christmas Trees that they donate to  
those who cannot afford one of their own. If you have a  
need please contact the Office at 814-237-3549 M-TH 8am  
to 1pm to get on the list and a member of the CO-OP will  
even deliver it to your home.

### The Longest Night Worship Service

Join Mount Nittany Church at 7 pm on Tuesday, December  
21 for The Longest Night worship service. Every year on  
what is literally the longest night of the year — the Winter  
Solstice — we gather to remember that some of us have a  
hard time with the holidays, especially those who are far  
away from home, battling physical or emotional illness,  
grieving from the loss of a loved one, or suffering sadness for  
a number of reasons. The service is meant to provide hope  
and healing in what should be a season of joy.  
If you or someone you know need a meditative service and a  
safe and loving space to be in, we are here. And if you're  
someone who would like to offer support, please also  
consider joining us on this special evening.

### Prayer List:

Ron Straple, Jon Hickey, Pat Messner, Rudy Burress, Hap  
Bonham, Patty Haugh, Bettylou Bargo, the Rideout family/Will  
Jackson, Reid Monsell, Kimmy Beebe, Pat Sankey, Kim Knepp,  
Barb Hartle, Bill Struble, Dawn Musser, Rick Edmiston, Ruth  
Houtz, Thomas Miller. The Lassman Famly & The Black Family

### Birthdays:

Kelly Clemons, Marty Mondock, Robert VanDruff, Patricia Weaver,  
Lorna Yoder.

### Calendar:

#### Sunday, December 19

Worship	8:30 & 10 am (Sanctuary)
Coffee & Donuts	9:30 am (FLC)
Adult Sunday School	8:30-9:30 am (Boardroom)
Kids Club AM (5-12)	8:30 am service (FLC)
Kids Club PM (5-12)	6 pm (FLC)

#### Monday, December 20

Quilting Group	9:30 am, Crafts Room (FLC)
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#### Tuesday, December 21

Longest Night Worship Service	7 pm (Sanctuary)
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#### Wednesday, December 22

Knitting Group	9 am, Crafts Room (FLC)
Choir Practice	6:30 pm (Sanctuary)

#### Friday, December 24

Christmas Eve Worship	5:30 Family (masks required)
	7 pm (choir/candles/Communion)
	8:30 pm (special music/candles/ Communion)