

This Week at Mt. Nittany UMC . . .

TODAY	9:00 am	Morning Worship & Christian Education
	10:30 am	Morning Worship
Monday	6:00 pm	KidZ Klub
	9:30 am	Quilters
	3:00 pm	Piano (BR)
Tuesday	5:00 pm	Soccer Shots (FLC)
	5:30 pm	Den Meeting (Pack #67)
	7:00 pm	Boy Scouts Troop #367
Wednesday	9:00 am	Knit Crochet (CR)
	3:00 pm	Piano
	5:00 pm	Soccer Shots (FLC)
	6:00 pm	Bell Choir Practice
Thursday	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
	7:00 pm	Webelos Pack #67 (CR)
Friday	3:00 pm	January Nwsltr. Deadline
Saturday	9:00 am	DCOM Meeting (BR)
	11:30 am	GL Christmas Luncheon (FLC)

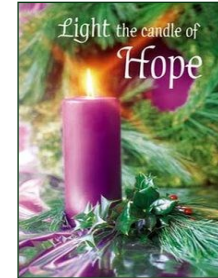


Assisting Today in Worship Ministries . . .

AV Team	9:00 AM	Leonard Tressler; Karen Bryan
	10:30 AM	Bill & Joann Voigt
Greeters	9:00 AM	Tom Eckenroth
	10:30 AM	Ed & Joan Hoch
Liturgists	9:00 AM	Andrea Grazzini
	10:30 AM	BJ Wurst
Minister of Music		Jim Beatty
Money Counters		Pat Weaver; Cathy Rideout;
Ushers	9:00 AM	Lance & Vija Willkinson; Joyce Fellows; MaryJane Johnson
	10:30 AM	Carl Cornell & Theresa Brock; Thelma Andrews; Barb Gotwalt
Worship Slides		Andrea Grazzini; Wendy Franklin



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WELCOME TO WORSHIP !
 First Sunday in Advent “ HOPE ” - December 3, 2017

Today we begin the journey of Advent. We light the first Advent candle, the candle of hope. Our scripture lessons teach us that hope is lived out as we, like Zechariah answer the call to prepare for the coming of Christ. We need to be standing on tiptoe, watching, prepared for Christ to invade our lives and drive us into lives of service. We need to be prepared for Christ to surprise us and challenge us. We need to be prepared to leave our comfort zones and trust God as we step out in service and witness. This is how we best prepare for the coming of Christ!

If you are new to Mt. Nittany, please fill out a visitor card from the pew rack and place it in the offering plate so that we may have a record of your visit. If you are a regular worshiper and would like to join Mt. Nittany Church, see Pastor Ed. We hope today's service is a blessing to your life and offers strength for your journey.

Children's activity bags are located by the greeter stand in the lobby.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/JOYS & CONCERNS

PRELUDE

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

Response	Ring the Bells	Insert
RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP		Projected
*HYMN	Lift Up Your Heads (vv. 1 & 3)	#213
OLD TESTAMENT LESSON	Malachi 3: 1-5	p.849
CHOIR ANTHEM	“Come and Behold Him”	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We Give to God		
The Offertory		
*Response	<i>Come and See</i>	Insert
*Prayer of Dedication		
*GOSPEL LESSON	Luke 1: 5, 8-17	P.901
MESSAGE	“Called to Prepare”	Pastor Ed
COMMUNION HYMN	<i>Hail To The Lord’s Anointed</i>	#203
A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE		
Invitation and Confession		#890
The Great Thanksgiving (Musical Setting A)		p.17
The Lord’s Prayer		
Sharing the Bread and Cup		
*CLOSING HYMN	<i>O Come, O Come Emmanuel (vv. 1,2,4,6,7)</i>	#211
*BENEDICTION		
*RESPONSE	<i>Emmanuel, Emmmanuel</i>	#204
*POSTLUDE		

*Three digit numbers refer to the blue UM Hymnal.
The four digit numbers refer to the black The Faith We Sing books.*



MISSIONS FOCUS: INTERFAITH HUMAN SERVICES IHS began in 1968 when four congregations in State College, PA joined resourced to more effectively assist people in the community who were in need. Little did those dedicated people know that they were creating a grassroots organization that would grow into a diverse human services agency, assisting hundreds of people in Centre County each year who face a multitude of basic needs. IHS provides a wide range of services, including a heating assistance, serving as representative payees for community members who are not able to manage their own money, redistributing furniture and appliances, and providing funds to meet basic financial needs after an unavoidable circumstance creates a financial crisis for a family. IHS works with hundreds of families each year, hoping to build a community where everyone has a safe place to live, food to eat, and clothes to wear.

<https://www.facebook.com/InterfaithHumanServices/>

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS will be celebrated in worship on Dec. 10. If you are interested in uniting with Mt Nittany Church, please contact Pastor Ed.

PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER - GIANT FOOD A+ School Rewards... now thru Mar. 15, 2018 Visit www.giantfoodstores.com and select **Savings & Rewards**. Follow the prompts to create your on-line account. Use your Bonus Card to the preschool ID# _26922_. Talk with Emily Gregory if you have any questions.

PROJECT ANGEL TREE is kicking off for another year. Your support is needed so that we can help local families have a better Christmas. If you would like to make a special gift ahead of the Dec. 10 Missions offering, it would help us anticipate our ability to respond to needs. Thanks! Talk with Cody Steele or Kelly Clemons if you have any questions.



JUNIOR CHURCH REBOOT! We would like to re-start our 10:30 service Junior Church offering. Donna has the lessons but needs another adult to be with her per Safe Sanctuaries requirements. Junior Church covers approximately the sermon time. A sign-up sheet is on the closet door in the lobby. Thanks for your help!



POINSETTIA ORDER FORMS—are included in your bulletin **TODAY IS THE DEADLINE**. Please complete the order form and drop it in the offering plate with your payment. Questions, talk with Joan Lassman.

SENIORS CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON—Next Wednesday, Dec. 13th at 12 noon. Please sign the sheet on the door in the narthex. There will be a time after our meal of special Christmas music with our own Minister of Music, James Beatty. You won’t want to miss it. Talk with BJ if you have any questions.



Please join us as we pray for these friends and family. In the back of the sanctuary (at the doors) you will find a list of names w/address to send a card of encouragement. Please call the office with any updates. **BOLD PRINT** names are new to the list.

CONNIE CAIN & Family; Bea Clouser; Naomi English; Ed Benner; Donald Kay; George Gilans; Rick Edmiston