

2021 CALENDARS—There is an abundance of calendars for the new year available for the taking located in the plastic box sitting on the porch outside the sanctuary entrance. Please help yourself...

UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONALS ...for January-February can be found in the plastic box on the porch at the sanctuary entrance. Large print as well as regular print is available.

IN-PERSON WORSHIP POSTPONED: The Bishop has ordered that ALL In-person Worship services be postponed through the end of the year, including Christmas Eve services.

For Sunday services: We will hold one worship service at 8:30am and we will have one service at 7pm for Christmas Eve. **Services will be live-stream only.**

While we mourn the loss to at least be able to gather in limited numbers, we are compelled to ensure that no one is put at risk while attending worship at or in the employ of Mt Nittany UMC Church. God has indeed blessed us that we've maintained zero infections among staff and parishioners thus far. However, with the increasing numbers and subsequent risk, we will fully comply with the Bishop's request.



Sunday December 13, 2020
8:30 a.m.

LIVE STREAM: Facebook
Mt Nittany Church or
Telephone call-in (audio):
1 929 205 6099
ID 940 2851 5137

Welcome to the
Mount Nittany UMC Church
we are overjoyed to worship
with you! Today, we continue
the Holy Season of Advent
looking at Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
and John 1:6-8, 19-28, to see
that extraordinary things
can come from the most
ordinary of people.

Give: www.MtNittanyUMC.org
or US Mail: 1500 E. Branch Rd,
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- Greeting**
- Prelude**
- Advent Liturgy** Isaiah 61:1-4; 8-11 (CEB)
- Opening Hymn** To A Maid Engaged To Joseph
- Scripture** John 1:6-8; 19-28 (CEB)
- Hymn** In The Bleak Mid-Winter, vs. 1-2
Mary's Little Boy Child
- Message** Child of Promise: Family
Pastor Chris
- Prayers of the People/The Lord's Prayer**
- Closing Hymn** He Shall Reign Forevermore
- Sending**
- Postlude**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMNS OF WORSHIP . . .

TO A MAID ENGAGED TO JOSEPH

- 1/ To a maid engaged to Joseph, the angel Gabriel came.
Fear not, the angel told her, "I come to bring good news,
Good news I come to tell you, Good news, I say, good news.
- 2/ For you are highly favored by the God the Lord of all,
Who even now is with you. You are on earth most blest,
You are most blest, most blessed, God chose you, you are blest!
- 3/ But Mary was most troubled to hear the angel's word.
What was the angel saying? it troubled her to hear,
To hear the angel's message, It troubled her to hear.
- 4/ Fear not, for God is with you, and you shall bear a child.
His name shall be called Jesus, God's offspring from on high.
And he shall reign forever, Forever reign on high.
- 5/ How shall this be? said Mary, I am not yet a wife.
The angel answered quickly, the power of the Most High
Will come upon you shortly, your child will be God's child.
- 6/ As Mary heard the angel, she wondered at his words.
Behold, I am your handmaid, she said unto her God.
So be it; I am ready according to your word.

IN THE BLEAK MID-WINTER

- 1/ In the bleak mid-winter frosty wind made moan;
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, Snow on snow,
In the bleak mid-winter long ago.
- 2/ Our God, heaven cannot hold Him nor earth sustain,
Heaven and earth shall flee away when He comes to reign:
In the bleak mid-winter a stable-place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty — Jesus Christ.

MISSIONS FOCUS TODAY: FIRST MILE OF GIVING

Conference Benevolent Shares

Our benevolent shares help support the entire mission of the Susquehanna Conference UMC. Shares are used for administrative needs and the numerous ministries that the Conference oversees.



OFFERING ENVELOPES for 2021—have NOT yet been delivered to the church. I'll post a notice in the weekly bulletin when they arrive, but the company told me they are overly busy processing orders and to expect delay. Since we no longer use bulk mailing you will need to stop by or call the church office to make arrangements for curbside pick-up of your boxed set. /Karin

GET YOUR CANDLES / PHOTOS READY ! As Christmas Eve service will be online-only (7 p.m. on Facebook: *Mt Nittany Church*), we still want to make our worship extra special. We are asking that each person/family have a candle ready for the singing of "Silent Night" AND that you submit a photo by Dec. 20 of you and/or your family holding your candles. On Christmas Eve, as we're singing "Silent Night," we will have a collage (of all the photos we've received) up on our video screen so that everyone worshipping can see all of their church family with their candles! Mt Nittany UMC is providing battery-powered candles (while supplies last), which are available in the bin at the front door of the church. Batteries are included, but please take only those candles you need so others may enjoy them as well. If you already have candles at home, please feel free to use them. If you cannot get to the church and there is no one who can pick up a candle for you, call the office at 237-3549, and we will arrange to have your candle delivered and even a quick photo taken.

Please choose one of the following . . .

- A) E-mail your digital photos to Pastor at cpassante@susumc.org; OR
- B) Mail your photo prints to the church address:
1500 E. Branch Rd, State College, PA 16801, OR
- C) Drop them off at the church in the same box for the candles

DEADLINE TO RECEIVE PHOTOS: SUNDAY, DEC. 20

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day 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 thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.



PRAYER REQUESTS: Please join us as we pray for these friends and family. If you want to send a card, please call the church office, or E-mail mnumcoffice@gmail.com I encourage you to send a card to our shut-ins or those in a Personal Care home during this Christmas season or a birthday card to someone listed below:

*Jon Hickey; Ed Hoch; **Ralph McChensney**; Rick Edmiston; Phil Ferinde; Will Jackson; Lance Lionetti; Joshua Lawrence; Katharina Rosenberg **Chris Boliek & Family**; Linda Wang family*

(**Bold Print** names are new to the list. Names remain on the prayer list for 4 weeks, and then are removed unless the office is notified to keep their names on the list for an additional 4 weeks.

Prayer of the Week: Pray that this Advent season brings peace, healing and light to the world.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK : Birthday Blessings :)
DEC. 13 – 20

Lois Swanger; Amy Williams; Jim Williams;
Holly Hosterman; James Weaver; Joan Long



MARY'S LITTLE BOY-CHILD

1/ Long time ago in Bethlehem so the Holy Bible say
Mary's boy child, Jesus Christ was born on Christmas day

Hark, now hear the angels sing a new king born today
And man will live forevermore because of Christmas day

2/ While shepherds watched their flocks by night they saw a bright new shining star
And heard a choir from Heaven sing the music came from afar

Hark, now hear the angels sing a new king born today
And man will live forevermore because of Christmas day

3/ Now Joseph and his wife Mary came to Bethlehem that night
They found no place to bear her child not a single room was in sight.

4/ By and by they found a little nook in a stable all forlorn,
And in a manger cold and dark, Mary little boy-child was born.

Trumpets sound and angels sing, listen to what they say.
That we will live forevermore because of Christmas day.

HE SHALL REIGN FOREVERMORE

1/ In the bleak mid-winter All creation groans,
For a world in darkness Frozen like a stone
Light is breaking, in a stable for a throne

And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore
And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore
Unto us a Child is born The King of kings and Lord of lords
And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore.

2/ If I were a wise man I would travel far If I were a shepherd, I would do my part,
but poor as I am I will give to Him my heart

And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore
And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore
Unto us a Child is born The King of kings and Lord of lords
And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore

3/ Here within a manger lies the One who made the starry skies
This baby born for sacrifice Christ, the Messiah!
Into our hopes, into our fears The Savior of the world appears
The promise of eternal years Christ, the Messiah!

And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore (sing 4x's)
Unto us a Child is born The King of kings and Lord of lords
And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore