

**This Week at Mt. Nittany UMC . . .**

<b>TODAY</b>	9:00 am	Morning Worship
	9:00 am	Christian Education and Small Groups
	9:30 am	KidZ Klub Souper Bowl Activities
	10:30 am	Morning Worship
	6:00 pm	KidZ Klub
<b>Monday</b>	9:00 am	Quilters
	3:30 pm	Piano
	5:00 pm	Soccer Shots
	7:00 pm	Praise Band Practice
	3:30 pm	SCF Basketball
<b>Tuesday</b>	7:00 pm	Scouts Trp. #367
	3:30 pm	Piano
<b>Wednesday</b>	5:00 pm	Soccer Shots
	6:00 pm	Bell Choir
	7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir
<b>Thursday</b>	4:00 pm	Ehrlich Pest Control
	6:00 pm	VBS Planning Meeting
<b>Friday</b>	9:00 am	Preschool Activities
	3:30 pm	Piano
	6:00 pm	Family Fun Night
<b>Saturday</b>	10:00 am	Fry Family Event



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**WELCOME TO WORSHIP !**

February 4, 2018



*The words of the prophet Isaiah which we hear today express hope and renewal to a nation in exile. They soar with almost musical quality. They tell us of comfort for the people and the sustaining power of God. These are words that Israel deeply needed.*

*We too need these words. Our lives are complicated, filled with challenges and unanswered questions. Sometimes we feel as though we are in exile from the life we had, or the one we long for. Isaiah reassures exiled Israel and us that God's power is up to the task, and God's love is more powerful than any of life's circumstances.*

*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.*

**Assisting Today in Worship Ministries . . .**

<b>AV Team</b>	9:00 AM.....	David Narehood & Lisa; Thomas
	10:30 AM.....	Bill & Joann Voigt
<b>Greeters</b>	9:00 AM .....	Shirley Reichard
	10:30 AM.....	Deb Poulin/Kay Partenheimer
<b>Liturgists</b>	9:00 AM.....	Rick Grazzini
	10:30 AM.....	John Williams
<b>Money Counters</b> .....	John & Louisa Shawver; Tom Kliine; Ginny Johnston	
<b>Music Minister/Organist</b> .....	James Beatty	
<b>Ushers</b>	9:00 AM .....	Bob Jones; Shirley Reichard; Vernon & Barb Crawford
	10:30 AM .....	Cody Steele, David Panko; Roger Wurst; Scott Williams
<b>Worship Slides</b> .....	Emily Gregory/Wendy Franklin	

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/JOYS & CONCERNS**

**PRELUDE**

**\*HYMN** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* **#139**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Apostles Creed* **#881**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON** *Isaiah 40: 21-31* **p.637**

**ANTHEM** *"We Will Meet You There"* **Sanctuary Choir**

**WE GIVE TO GOD**

**The Offertory**

**\*Response** *A Perfect Heart* **Projected**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

<b>*HYMN</b>	<b><i>Take Time To Be Holy</i></b>	<b>#395</b>
	<i>As we sing, the children are invited to come to the chancel rail. We will pause for prayer between verses 2-3</i>	
<b>MESSAGE</b>	<b>Good News!</b>	<b>Pastor Ed</b>
<b>COMMUNION HYMN</b>	<b><i>Let Us Break Bread Together</i></b>	<b>#618</b>
<b>A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE</b>		
	<b>Invitation and Confession</b>	<b>#890</b>
	<b>A Celtic Great Thanksgiving</b>	
	<b>Sharing the Bread and Cup</b>	
<b>*CLOSING HYMN</b>	<b><i>We've A Story To Tell To the Nations</i></b>	<b>#569</b>
<b>*BENEDICTION</b>		
<b>RESPONSE</b>	<b><i>Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus</i></b>	<b>#349</b>
<b>*POSTLUDE</b>		

*Three digit numbers refer to the [blue UM Hymnal](#).  
The four digit numbers refer to the **black The Faith We Sing** books.*

**V.B.S. 2018** - There's a planning meeting scheduled for this coming Thursday, Feb. 8th at 6:00 pm in the Mt. Nittany Room. If you're interested in helping us to plan this exciting summer outreach in our community, please join us. Talk with Donna Preston for details.

## MISSIONS FOCUS TODAY ***Interfaith Human Services*** ... **General Fund**



Everyone needs some help sometimes and Interfaith Human Services (IHS) has remained true to its original goal of helping neighbors in need. Our programs and services are not about handing out money and material goods although our work relies heavily on being able to do both. Instead of just focusing on the quick fix, IHS offers a hand up (not a hand out) to guide families toward a secure and stable tomorrow. The services at IHS include not only the well-known fuel bank program, but also a furniture recycling program, assistance with money management, and emergency food, shelter, and financial assistance.



**PROJECTED HYMNS** - Beginning this month, the songs "projected" will be available in printed music format at the greeters stand for those of you who want it. Since responses will be carried throughout the entire month, please return the copies of printed music to the Greeters stand so they can be used again the following week.

**EASTER CANTATA** Practices are on Wednesday evenings. You don't have to be a part of the sanctuary choir to participate, and we'd love to have you come and share in this celebration of Easter. Talk with Jim Beatty



Starting Tuesday, Febr 6th the **MORNING BIBLE STUDY**, women and men, will begin a six week study entitled *The Easter Experience*. The study brings the passion and resurrection of Jesus to life through dramatic storytelling challenging what if what happened then changes everything now? Join us at 10AM in the Boardroom. No homework but bring your Bible! Questions—call **Marcie @ 237-0138**.



Mark your calendar, Febr 14th - **SENIOR ADULT LUNCHEON**. Since it falls on Valentines Day and Ash Wednesday, the meal will be featured for the Valentines and a mediation following the meal for Ash Wednesday with Pastor Ed. There's a sign-up on the door in the narthex. Please add your name and indicate how many. Invite a friend to join you. If you have any questions, contact BJ Wurst @ 238-7529 or E-mail [1happygram@comcast.net](mailto:1happygram@comcast.net).

**MARCH NEWSLETTER** deadline has been extended to Tuesday, Mar 13th. February is a short month, so please be sure I have your articles, schedules, events, so the newsletter can be completed and mailed before the end of the month. Thank you ! Extra copies of the February issue are on the tables in the narthex.



**FAMILY FUN NIGHT—Friday, Febr 9th, 6-10 PM**. Lasagna & Valentine's Day Celebration. Please bring a side dish to share, dessert, or snacks. **RSVP to Kim Beebe 360-5903 by Tuesday**, with what you're bringing, and how many people are coming with you so there's enough food prepared for everyone. All are welcome—come join us for an evening of fellowship & fun.



**PRAYER REQUESTS** Please join us as we pray for these friends and family. You will find a list of names w/address in the back of the sanctuary at the doors if you want to send a card. **BOLD PRINT** names are new to the list.

**Donald Kay, Eileen Rhoades; Mary Corl; Peggy Ekdahl;  
Bill Bispo and family; George Gilans**