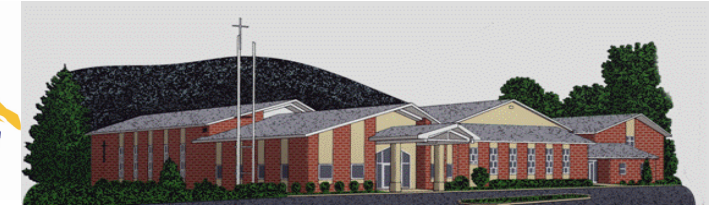


**This Week at Mt. Nittany UMC . . .**

<b>TODAY</b>	9:00 am	Morning Worship
	9:00 am	Christian Education & Small Groups
	10:30 am	Morning Worship
<b>Monday</b>	6:00 pm	KidZ Klub Epiphany Party
	9:00 am	Quilters
	3:30 pm	Piano Lessons (BR)
<b>Tuesday</b>	5:00 pm	Soccer Shots (FLC)
	3:30 pm	SCF Basketball (FLC)
	5:30 pm	Cub Scouts Pack #67
	6:00 pm	S P R C (BR)
	7:00 pm	Finance Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:00 pm	Boy Scouts Troop #367
	3:00 pm	Piano Lessons (BR)
	5:00 pm	Soccer Shots (FLC)
	6:00 pm	Bell Choir
	6:30 pm	Praise Service
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
	7:00 pm	Oak Grove HOA Meeting (BR)
<b>Thursday</b>	5:00 pm	Soccer Shots
	7:00 pm	Cub Scouts #67
<b>Friday</b>	3:00 pm	Piano Lessons (BR)
<b>Saturday</b>	6:00 pm	Nittany Knights Banquet (FLC)

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

<b>AV Team</b>	9:00 AM	Shawn Kopp; Bonnie Spotts
	10:30 AM	Jim Beebe & Nick
<b>Greeters</b>	9:00 AM	Sonny & Lois Swanger
	10:30 AM	Scott Metzger & Lia
<b>Liturgists</b>	9:00 AM	Andrea Grazzini
	10:30 AM	Brenda Peters
<b>Money Counters</b>		Chris McCann; Ginny Johnston; Tom Kline
<b>Music Minister/Organist</b>		James Beatty
<b>Ushers</b>	9:00 AM	Lance & Vija Wilkinson; Carl Hill; Frank Vongehr
	10:30 AM	Lori Williams; Christine McCann; Thelma Andrews; Roger Wurst
<b>Worship Slides</b>		Dawn Edmiston /Wendy Franklin



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**WELCOME TO WORSHIP !**

**The Baptism of Jesus — January 7, 2018**



*This day we recall the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan. Though he did not need to, Jesus took his place in line with sinful humanity. At that moment the Holy Spirit descended on him and God's voice thundered "You are my Son!"*

*In our baptism, God also claimed us as children as we celebrated the "inward and prevenient grace" of God. We are initiated into Christ's holy church. Today we recall that baptism as we come to the table, reminded of Christ's claim on our lives and our commitment to serve 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.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/JOYS & CONCERNS**

**PRELUDE**

**\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*HYMN** *O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing* #57

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** Acts 19: 1-7 p.975

**CHOIR ANTHEM** "For You Alone" Sanctuary Choir

**WE GIVE TO GOD**

**The Offertory**

**\*Response** *Glorify Thy Name (2nd vs. only)* #2016

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

*GOSPEL LESSON	Mark 1:4-11	p. 882
*HYMN	<i>When Jesus Came to Jordan</i> <i>(Sung to tune of "Hail To the Lord's Anointed")</i>	#252
MESSAGE	Water and Bread	
SONG OF PREPARATION	Sanctuary (2x)	#2164
A SERVICE OF REAFFIRMATION AND COMMUNION		
Reaffirmation of Faith and Great Thanksgiving		Projected
The Lord's Prayer		
Reaffirming Our Baptism/Sharing the Bread and Cup		
*CLOSING HYMN	<i>Shall We Gather At The River</i>	#723
*BENEDICTION		
RESPONSE	<i>More Precious Than Silver</i>	#2065
*POSTLUDE		

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



**POINSETTIAS** *There are extra poinsettias if you have a loved one in a care home that would appreciate one in their room. Please check with Joan Lassman if you'd like to take one with you.*

## MISSIONS FOCUS TODAY Interfaith Human Services FUEL FUND

**THE CENTRE COUNTY FUEL BANK** is a cooperative effort of county agencies, managed through Interfaith Human Services, to provide emergency heating assistance to eligible low-income households in Centre County. The mission is to ensure all Centre County residents facing an emergency heating crisis are provided with one emergency supply. Offerings today designated for Missions will be distributed to Interfaith Missions to help support their efforts in Centre County specifically for the Fuel Fund.



[Ihs-centrecounty.org](http://Ihs-centrecounty.org)



**FAMILY FUN NIGHT**—Friday, Jan 19th; 6-10 pm in the FLC. —Come join us for a great evening of fun, board games, snacks, fellowship. Everyone is welcome!

**PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER - GIANT FOOD A+ School Rewards...** from Oct 6, '17 thru March 15, 2018. Visit [www.giantfoodstores.com](http://www.giantfoodstores.com) and select **Savings & Rewards**. Follow the prompts to create your on-line account. Use your Bonus Card to the pre-school ID# \_26922\_. Talk with Emily Gregory if you have any questions.

**2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES** can be found on the table outside the sanctuary. They are in alphabetical order. Please verify your name with the number on the box before taking it with you. If you have envelopes, you are urged to use them regularly, as they make things much easier for money counters, and in recordkeeping. Extra sets are available for the asking. You also have the option of **E-giving** should you choose not to use envelopes. Just go to [www.mtnittanyumc.org](http://www.mtnittanyumc.org) and click on the "Online Giving" button, or if you have questions, talk with Pat Weaver.



**NEW CLASS STUDY** *When Christians Get It Wrong* begins this morning in the Mt.Nittany room during the 9:00 hour. Details or more information, please talk with Cody Steele.

**EPIPHANY PARTY TONIGHT 6pm!** Tonight Kidz Klub will celebrate Epiphany with a variety of fun activities! All children age 4 through 5th grade are welcome!

**EASTER CANTATA PRACTICES** will begin shortly! You do not have to be part of the choir to participate in the Easter musical. See James if you are interested in singing! All are welcome.



**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.

*Nathan Hartwig; Gladys Shuey; George Gilans; Ron Strapel; Nan Yarnell & family*  
Names are kept on the list for 4 weeks unless the office is notified otherwise