

This Week at Mt. Nittany UMC . . .

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| TODAY | 9:00 am | Morning Worship/Christian Education |
| | 10:30 am | Morning Worship |
| | 6:00 pm | KidZ Klub |
| MONDAY | 9:00 am | PB Eggs Crew 1 |
| | 9:30 am | Quilters |
| | 3:30 pm | Piano |
| | 6:00 pm | PB Eggs Crew 2 |
| TUESDAY | 6:30 pm | Cub Scouts #67 |
| | 7:00 pm | Boy Scouts Trp. #367 |
| WEDNESDAY | 3:30 pm | Piano |
| | 6:00 pm | KidZ Art Night |
| | 6:00 pm | Bell Choir |
| THURSDAY | 7:00 pm | Sanctuary Choir |
| | 9:00 am | PB Eggs Crew 1 |
| | 6:00 pm | PB Eggs Crew 2 |
| FRIDAY | 3:30 pm | Piano |
| SATURDAY | 6:00 pm | Egg Hunt Set-Up |
| | 9:00 am | KidZ Easter Activities/Breakfast |
| | 4:00 pm | Community Dinner |

Assisting Today in Worship Ministries . . .

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| AV Team | 9:00 AM | Lisa Narehood and David; Dave Spotts |
| | 10:30 AM | Bill & Joann Voigt |
| Greeters | 9:00 AM | John & Louisa Shawver |
| | 10:30 AM | Nancy Yarnell |
| Liturgists | 9:00 AM | Karen Kelly |
| | 10:30 AM | BJ Wurst |
| Money Counters | | John & Louisa Shawver |
| Music Minister/Organist | | James Beatty |
| Ushers | 9:00 AM | Jim & Pat Weaver; Dave Spotts; Cathy Rideout |
| | 10:30 AM | Theresa Brock & Carl Cornell; Lori Williams; Christine McCann |
| Worship Slides | | Emily Gregory; Wendy Franklin |



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**WELCOME TO WORSHIP !
March 18, 2018**

Too often, we live with a clenched fist, hanging onto our hurts, fears, guilt, habits...hoping that by hanging on tightly we can deal with them. But God says to live "not by our own understanding." If we are to move past those things we must surrender them to God, living with an open palm that offers our pain to God and receives God's blessings in return. God already knows what's there; we need is to surrender it to him so that we can live lives of serenity and trust. And when we do that, we can do all things through God who gives us strength!

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

***HYMN** *I Stand Amazed in the Presence* **#371**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON **Proverbs 3:1-6** **p.564**

ANTHEM *At the Cross, Love Ran Red*

WE GIVE TO GOD

The Offertory

***Response** *To God Be The Glory* **#99**

***Prayer of Dedication and the Lord's Prayer**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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| *GOSPEL LESSON | John 14:1-14 | p.948 |
| *GOSPEL PRAISE | <i>I Surrender All</i> | p. 354 |
| MESSAGE | Surrender—The Open Palm | Pastor Ed |
| *CLOSING PRAISE | <i>Just As I Am</i> | #357 |
| *BENEDICTION | The Serenity Prayer | Projected |
| RESPONSE | <i>Near The Cross (Chorus only)</i> | #301 |
| *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: Church Mission Trip 2018

This year, we will take a team from the church to serve with the Pittsburgh Project, a Christian nonprofit community development organization with a 32-year track record of upholding the dignity of vulnerable homeowners. **The Pittsburgh Project** welcomes over 1,500 volunteers each year to perform free home repairs for over 130 elderly homeowners. Projects usually include painting, dry-walling, carpentry, and yardwork. They often include minor plumbing or masonry tasks, building wheelchair ramps, fortifying retaining walls, or replacing doors, floors, and windows.

The final group size is not yet determined, but we'll do our best to accommodate everyone who wants to come, including community members that you invite. (Adults must pass background checks.)

Service trips are a wonderful opportunity to find a deeper relationship with God.

USHERS are needed for first service during the coming months of April and May. There's a clipboard laying on the table in the narthex, and if you're available for a Sunday service, please add your name to the list. Questions can be directed to Charlie Jones, or call Karin in the church office.



RECYCLED PRODUCTS — The container sitting with the greeters stand is for recycled bulletins only. Please do not use it as a trash can for coffee cups, chewing gum, etc. There are also recycle containers sitting in the narthex next to the FLC for bottles, cardboard, and plastics. If you'd like to help with taking items to be recycled, please talk with Bob or Joanna Jones. We appreciate your support in helping to be better stewards.

MAUNDY THURSDAY service is still in need of Disciples. Please use one of the Count-Me In forms found at the greeters stand to say you'll participate, and place it in the offering plate. Costumes will be provided for you. Questions - talk with James Beatty



EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES— There will be a sunrise service at 6:30 a.m. followed by Breakfast in the FLC. Regular services at 9 and 10:30 a.m. If you plan to attend the breakfast, please sign the sheet posted on the door in the narthex. **Breakfast pastries** are also needed at the breakfast. If you can contribute, please be sure to tell Wendy.

PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER—The hoagie/pizza orders will be here this Thursday— 3/22 and will be ready for pick up by 11:30 a.m. Questions can be directed to Emily Gregory.

THE JOURNEY—The Easter cantata will be presented on Sunday April 8th, at 10:30 a.m. service. We hope you'll make plans to make this musical experience part of your Easter celebration.



PRAYER REQUESTS Please join us as we pray for these friends and family. At the doors of the sanctuary you will find a list of names with address to send a card. **BOLD PRINT** names are new to the list.

*Pastor Carl Hill; JoAnn Parsons; Jerry Bergman; Richard Jones; Peggy Ekdahl; Nathan Hartwig; George Gilans; Donald Kay; Becky (Andy) Mudd; **Schmitt Family***