

This Week at Mt. Nittany UMC . . .

TODAY	9:00 am	Morning Worship & Christian Education
	10:30 am	Morning Worship
	12:30 pm	Eagle Scout Ceremony
	5:30 pm	Confirmation
	Monday 9:00 am	Quilters
Tuesday	6:00 pm	S P R C Meeting
	7:00 pm	Finance Meeting
	7:00 pm	Boy Scouts
Wednesday	10:00 am	Knit Crochet Group
	10:00 am	Preschool Event
	6:30 pm	Praise Service
	7:00 pm	Choir
Thursday	1:00 pm	Preschool Director's Meeting
	6:00 pm	VBS Planning Meeting
Saturday	5:00 pm	Every Daughter Banquet

Assisting Today in Worship Ministries . . .

AV Team	9:00 AM.....	Dave & Bonnie Spotts; Leonard Tressler
	10:30 AM.....	Jim Beebe & Nick
Greeters	9:00 AM.....	Bob & Joanna Jones
	10:30 AM.....	Ed & Joan Hoch
Liturgists	9:00 AM.....	Bob Kidder
	10:30 AM.....	Lynn DuBois
Music Minister/Organist	Mark Kretsinger-Harries
Ushers	9:00 AM.....	Bob Jones; Shirley Reichard; Bob & Cindy VanDruff
	10:30 AM.....	Roger & BJ Wurst; Thelma Andrews; Cody Steele
Worship Slides	Dawn Edmiston; Wendy Franklin



PRAYER REQUESTS 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. Please call the office with updates. **BOLD PRINT** names are new to the list.

Amy Williams; Jennie Frontz; Ron Strapel; Robert Neff;

Those affected by the storm this past week;

Ed & Donna Jane Benner; Marilyn Guerrieri; Judi Yohn & family; Julie James; Jim Eberly; Gladys Shuey; Beulah Brunner; Dave DeCapria



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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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Jesus uses many "I Am" statements in the scriptures. This morning we hear about Jesus as "the gate." What does it mean for Jesus to be a 'gate'? Does that make us gate-keepers? Is it a gate that only goes inward, or does it swing out also? These are questions we need to consider, because the answers will inform the way we live as Christ-followers. Those answers will also speak to those who aren't hear yet, those who look at the church and wonder if they are welcome inside the gate.

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

***OPENING HYMNS**

Congregational Favorites

***THE PSALM (Unison)**

Psalm 23

#137

CLUB K.I.D

WE GIVE TO GOD

The Offertory

***Response**

Gloria Patri

#71

***Prayer of Dedication**

***GOSPEL LESSON**

John 10: 1-10

p. 943

***HYMN**

The King Of Love, vv.1-3

#138

MESSAGE

Jesus, The Gate

Pastor Ed

*HYMN *The King Of Love, vv.4-6* #138

A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE

Invitation and Confession
The Great Thanksgiving "On the Night" Projected
The Lord's Prayer
Sharing the Bread and Cup

*CLOSING HYMN *Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us* #381

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE *Threefold Amen*

*POSTLUDE

Three digit numbers refer to the blue UM Hymnal. The four digit numbers refer to the black The Faith We Sing books. Children's activity bags are located in the rear of the sanctuary.



DONATIONS and Financial Gifts ... Just a friendly reminder - When you make donations, or offerings in envelopes other than from your boxed set, be it a Preschool envelope, or other such envelope from the pew rack... please be sure your **name** or **offering number** is on that envelope before you place it in the offering plate. Recently a CASH donation was made with no name or number on the envelope, so unfortunately I have no way of knowing

to whom that donation should be credited to on your year-end statement. Boxed sets are available from me in the office, just let me know you want your own numbered set. If you have any questions, please call or send me an E-mail at the church office. ~ Karin

Pregnancy Resource Clinic  **MISSIONS FOCUS: A Woman's Concern: Pregnancy Resource Clinic**

This clinic provides a wide variety of pregnancy support and counseling services. They offer free laboratory pregnancy tests, limited medical services such as ultrasounds. Education on pregnancy, fetal development, abortion risks and alternative options. Help is given to mothers in finding housing and referrals for medical, legal, social services and adoption assistance. Your donations to this mission is given to help support these services.

ANNOUNCEMENTS . . .

PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER—Delivery of hoagies from the Mt. Nittany Preschool Fundraiser is this Wednesday, May 10th. Please call the preschool @ 234-3938 with any questions or talk with Emily Gregory.

Season 4 of **THE GIVING GARDEN** has begun! If you have any questions, or want to volunteer to help in the garden, please talk with Joanna Jones, for details. We even have a facebook group: "The Giving Garden at MNUMC".

JUNE NEWSLETTER deadline is this Friday, May 12th. Please get your schedules, and articles to me so the newsletter can be done and in the mail before Memorial day weekend.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRAISE SERVICES CONTINUE!! Please come join us on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary as "THRIVE" leads us in worship! Everyone is welcome! Pastor Ed and Pastor Renee Ford will offer messages as we lift our praise to God each week !

MOTHER'S DAY CHORAL SERVICE -The Sanctuary Choir will present a special service of choral music during 10:30 AM worship, Sunday, May 14th ... featuring seven anthems outlining Christ's life and work on earth, as well as choral responses throughout the service. This will also be the last time the Sanctuary Choir sings under Mark's direction, so if you enjoy the music of the choir and appreciate their hard work throughout the year, please join us.

EVERY DAUGHTER BANQUET this coming Sat. May 13 ... The dinner cooked and served by the men will start at 5pm; a program will follow. See Wendy for tickets and more details. **MEN ARE NEEDED TO COOK AND SERVE** for the Every Daughter Banquet. If you are available to help, please talk with Wendy, Scott Williams or Roger Wurst.



BANQUET HELP VOLUNTEERS are needed Tuesday evening, May 23rd. If you can help Wendy, please talk with her following service.

VBS PLANNING MEETING is scheduled for this week - Thursday, May 11th 6PM in the Board room. This meeting is for everyone interested in helping to plan and organize this years VBS. We have several opportunities for people to help even if you cannot attend VBS. Talk with Donna Preston or more details. **VBS Registration forms** are on the table in the narthex (beside the church office).