

MISSIONS FOCUS TODAY: **INTERFAITH HUMAN SERVICES** reaches out to support residents in Centre County in 4 principal ways: the Center County Fuel Bank which helps people avoid hearing emergencies, the Free Furniture and Appliance Recycling Program which provides furniture and appliances at no cost to the recipients, Basic Needs Financial Assistance which provides emergency funds for things like rent and medical expenses, and the Financial Care Program that helps families manage their bills and budgets. The winter months are an important time to support Interfaith Human Services because of the traditional demands on the fuel bank program, which generally supports income-qualified families who have heating emergencies even after receiving support from the state through the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK - January 3 -10
 Noah Boliek; Kelly Capers; Barb Gotwalt; Sheri Tressler;
 Michelle Hill; BJ Wurst; Felix Shuey; Jesse Simpson

ANNOUNCEMENTS . . .



OFFERING ENVELOPES for 2021—have arrived at the church. Since we no longer use bulk mailing you will need to stop by or call the church office (237-3549) or send an E-mail to **mnumcoffice@gmail.com** to make arrangements with me to get them at your earliest convenience. /Karin



OUT-OF-THE-OFFICE With the onset of inclement weather there may be days when I'll not make it in to the office until later in the morning, or not at all. Since the church is locked in my absence, please call first to insure that I'm working. Thanks and please stay safe during the winter cold and icy conditions. ...Karin

GOING DEEPER—Join Pastor Chris each weekday morning at 9 am for “Going Deeper,” as we delve deeper into the Bible, hear words of wisdom from our devotionals and pray. [On Facebook: Mt Nittany Church](#)



Epiphany Sunday
January 3, 2021
8:30 a.m.

LIVE STREAM: Facebook
Mt Nittany Church or
Telephone call-in (audio):
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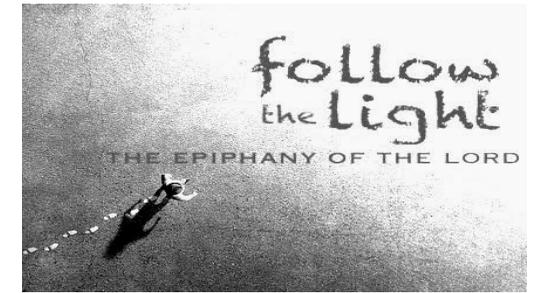
Happy New Year, and welcome to worship at Mount Nittany United Methodist Church!

Today, we will retrace the footsteps of the magi as recorded in Matthew 2.1-12 to understand the gift of Light that came into the world.

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GREETING

PRELUDE

PRAYER

HYMN As With Gladness Men of Old, vs 1,3
 We Three Kings, vs 1,2,3,4

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Patty DeCapria

SCRIPTURE Matthew 2:1-12 (CEB)

HYMN The First Noel, vs. 2,3,4,5

MESSAGE Pastor Chris
 Follow the Light: The Epiphany of the Lord

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN Go Tell It On The Mountain

SENDING

POSTLUDE

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PRAISE HYMNS - - -

1/ **AS WITH GLADNESS MEN OF OLD**, did the guiding star behold;
as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright;
so, most gracious God, may we evermore be led to thee.

3/ As they offered gifts most rare at that cradle rude and bare;
so may we with holy joy, pure, and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'nly King

1/ **WE THREE KINGS of Orient Are**; bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

Refrain:

*O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.*

2/ Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign. **Refrain**

3/ Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a Deity nigh;
prayer and praising, voices raising, worshiping God on high. **Refrain:**

4/ Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb. **Refrain:**

THE FIRST NOEL

2/ They looked up and saw a star shining in the east, beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night
Refrain: Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

3/ And by the light of that same star three Wise Men came from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went. **Refrain**

4/ This star drew nigh to the northwest, o'er Bethlehem it took its rest;
and there it did both stop and stay, right over the place where Jesus lay. **Refrain**

5/ Then entered in those Wise Men three, full reverently upon the knee,
and offered there, in his presence, their gold and myrrh and frankincense. **Refrain**

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

REFRAIN:

*Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.*

1/ While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. **Refrain**

2/ The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! above the earth
rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. **Refrain**

3/ Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. **Refrain**

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 ...those in a Personal Care home or a birthday card to someone listed below:

Kay Partenheimer; BJ & Jim Rhodes; Joel Burd; Jon Hickey;
Felix & Connie Shuey; Bruce & Mary Johnston; Ralph McChesney;
Matt Burns family; Joshua Lawrence

(**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 for a peaceful and healthy new year.