

This Week's Mission Focus



Focus on Missions: Christian Education Sunday

What does the Bible say about lifelong learning? In Proverbs 4:5-6a, NRSV, we read, "Get wisdom; get insight; do not forget, and do not turn away from the words of my mouth. Do not forsake her, and she will keep you." Proverbs 9:9 states, "Give instruction to the wise, and they will become wiser still; teach the righteous and they will gain in learning." Writing to the church at Rome (Romans 15:4), Paul says, "For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope." And in his letter to Titus (3:14), Paul writes, "And let people learn to devote themselves to good works in order to meet urgent needs, so that they may not be unproductive." On Christian Education Sunday – and every day throughout the year – wise teachers motivate us to become better disciples. Shared on a date decided by our annual conference, the special offering enriches Christian education. Please prayerfully consider giving generously.

Prayer of the Week: Pray for peace in the world by being God's workers of peace in the world.

Leading Worship Today

Christopher Kostyn Passante, Pastor
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Patty DeCapria, Certified Lay Minister

James Beatty, Minister of Music

Liturgists: James Beatty, BJ Wurst



September 19, 2021
8:30 & 10 am

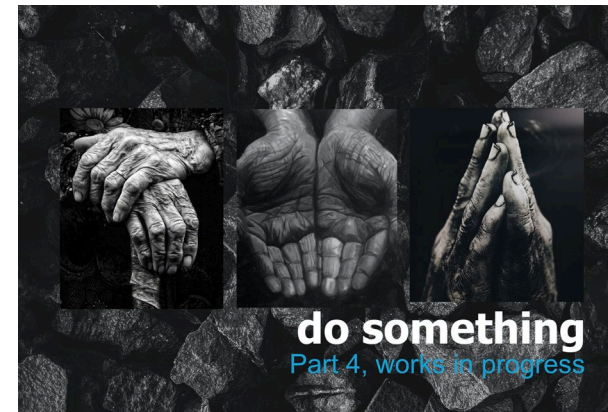
Livestream:
Mt Nittany Church
(8:30 am only)

Welcome to worship at
Mount Nittany Church!

Today, we continue our sermon series, "Do Something," in which we draw from James's epistle to better understand that peace isn't for our own inner selves; it's for God's world. How can we become outward workers of God's peace in this world?

Giving:
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GREETING

PRELUDE

CENTERING WORDS

OPENING PRAISE Jesus Draw Me Close #2159
Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine #369

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (8:30 am/Patty DeCapria)

SCRIPTURE: James 3.13-4.3, 7-8a

MESSAGE: Sermon Series: Do Something: Part 4:
Works in Progress (Pastor Chris)

GOSPEL PRAISE Be Still my Soul #534

THE PEACE

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE** Be Exalted, O God

***A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

PROCLAMATION PRAISE Jesus, United by Thy Grace

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SENDING

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Volunteers Needed for Football Dinners

We are seeking volunteers for our drive-through Football Dinners during home games this season. To volunteer, stop by the table in the lobby area after church and let Wendy know you will be able to help or email Wendy at wfranklin27@gmail.com

Kids Club, 5-11, 8:30 am Sundays

Children ages 5-11 are invited to participate in Kids Club each Sunday morning during the 8:30 am worship service. Kids will be dismissed after the Children's Message to the Family Life Center (just off the sanctuary) for interactive and fun Bible lessons. Children may be picked up in the FLC after worship. Masks are required!

Sunday Night Teens, 12+, 6 pm Sundays

Teens are invited to participate in Sunday Night Teen Group, each week from 6-7:30 pm in the teen room, where they will discuss relevant, age-appropriate topics while learning about the love of Jesus Christ. We hope this time will be a place where teens can understand their relationship with God and each other while dealing with the pressures of everyday life. Masks are required; meet in the Family Life Center.

Operation Christmas Child

We will be activating the Operation Christmas Child mission this year. Due to the pandemic, this was put on hold last year. A lot of items were donated beforehand so we do have a head start. Due to the time frame, we will provide a list of items that are suggested through the Samaritan Purse website in our October Newsletter. A box on a table will be on hand for you to put your donated items in. Please indicate the age group. Closer to the delivery time, there will be a box packing party. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Betty Wurst either by phone (814-238-7529) or email 1happygram@comcast.net.

Donuts & Coffee!

Join us for Coffee & Donut Fellowship between worship services (FLC at about 9:30), each Sunday! Please stay for a while after the 8:30 service, or come early for the 10 am service to have a time of fellowship -- and some wonderful coffee and donuts! Contributions are welcome!

Meet the Bishops Oct. 16 at Mount Nittany Church!

The Susquehanna Conference's new Bishops, Cynthia Moore-Koikoi and Sandra Steiner Ball, will meet with clergy and laity at Mount Nittany Church on Saturday, October 16 from 2-4 p.m. Registration is required at <https://susumc.org/bishops-district-gatherings/>. The bishops will hold worship, share their call stories, leadership styles and hopes for the UMC, and will be on hand for a Q-and-A session. All participants must wear masks and social distance.

Interested in Membership?

If you are interested in becoming a member at Mount Nittany Church or just want to learn more, please contact Pastor Chris at 814-232-1717 or email cpassante@susumc.org. An informational meeting will be held this fall.

Meet with Pastor Chris

Join Pastor Chris each Tuesday from 9-10 am in his office or every Wednesday from 9-10 am at Café Lemont for coffee and conversation. No appointment needed. (Coffee hour is cancelled during inclement weather.)

Prayer List

The family of Beulah Houser, Ron Straple, Hannah Bryan, the Biddle family, the Gotwalt family, the McCool family, The Struble Family and The Terry Rush Family.

Birthdays

Jenny Hillard, Linda Kopp, Pearl Jean Smith

Calendar

Sunday, September 19

- Adult Sunday School Boardroom 8:30-9:30 am
- Nursery services, Nursery 8:30 - 10 am
- Kids Club (5-11) service Family Life Center 8:30 am
- Sunday Night Teens (12-17) Youth Room/Education Building 6 pm

Tuesday, September 21

Pastor's Office Hour (Pastor's Office) 9 - 10 am

Wednesday, September 22

- Coffee with the Pastor Café Lemont 9 - 10 am
- Knitting Group Crafts Room (FLC) 9 am

Saturday, September 25

Drive-Thru Football Dinner FLC 4 - 6 pm

Saturday, October 16

Susquehanna Conference Retirement Ceremony at Mount Nittany Church. Registration required. 11 - 12:15 pm
Sanctuary

Saturday, October 16

State College District Day with Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball and Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi. Registration required. 2 - 4 pm
Sanctuary

Sunday, October 24

Hope Made Real/Urukundo Foundation presentation and discussion with Director Mama Arlene. 2 - 4 pm
Sanctuary