

This Week's Mission Focus



Focus on Missions: World Communion Sunday

As a small child Mary Grace Galapon labored as a housemaid in exchange for food and clothing. Yet, allowed to attend church, she found hope. As a member of The United Methodist Church, your giving on World Communion Sunday has allowed this deaconess, of the Mindanao Philippines Annual Conference, to pursue an education that is now changing her community as she works to eliminate poverty.

Gifts for World Communion Sunday support the division of chaplains and ministries, Crusade Scholarships and the scholarship fund for minority groups. Mary Grace's work, and the impact of hundreds more like her, are possible because you give. You can read more stories of other recipients of educational support at <http://www.umcgiving.org/impact-articles/ethnic-scholar-appreciates-world-communion-sunday>.

Prayer of the Week: Pray for peace and unity in our community and in our world.

Leading Worship Today

Christopher Kostyn Passante, Pastor
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Stephanie Ball, Children and Youth Pastor
James Beatty, Minister of Music
Patty DeCapria, Certified Lay Minister
Liturgists: Chris McCann, James Beatty



October 3, 2021
8:30 & 10 am

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

Welcome to worship
at Mount Nittany
Church!

Today, we begin a
sermon series for
the fall, which looks
at ways to
understand the
Church as the
foundation on which
our faith is built.

Giving:
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GREETING
PRELUDE
CENTERING WORDS
OPENING PRAYER
OPENING PRAISE: The Church's One Foundation
(#545)
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (8:30 am/Patty DeCapria)
CHOIR ANTHEM: We Will Meet You There
by D.T. Clydendale
SCRIPTURE: 1 Peter 2:1-10 CEB
MESSAGE: Sermon Series: Homecoming:
The Church's One Foundation, Part 1 (Pastor Chris)
GOSPEL PRAISE: Christ Is Made, The Sure Foundation
THE PEACE
OFFERTORY RESPONSE: We Will Glorify
*A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
THE APOSTLES' CREED
COMMUNION HYMN: Agnus Dei
HOLY COMMUNION
PROCLAMATION PRAISE: He will Hold Me Fast
SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Celebrating Holy Communion

We welcome you to celebrate Holy Communion with us today, either in-person or online from home. Please gather your Communion elements from the basket at the rear of the sanctuary, and we will receive the elements together during the liturgy when directed by the Pastor; if from home, any bread, crackers and juice will be fine.

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.

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, 8:30 am Sundays

Children 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, 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. 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.

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

Jon Hickey, Ron Straple, The Rush Family, Fye and Eitzweiler Families, Rick Edmiston, Barbara Crawford, Bonnie Spotts

Birthdays

Marcie Auhl, William Corbet, Douglas Kleckner, Tara Mondock, Pat Sankey, Sarah Simisko.

Calendar

Sunday, October 3

Adult Sunday School
Boardroom
Kids Club AM ()
Life Center
Kids Club PM
Life Center

Tuesday, October 5

Pastor's Office Hour
Coffee with the Pastor
9-10 am, Café Lemont
Knitting Group
Choir Practice

Wednesday, October 6

Registration required.
Susquehanna Conference Retirement Ceremony at Mount Nittany Church.
1-12:15 pm Sanctuary
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