

This Weeks's Mission Focus



Focus on Missions: Volunteers in Mission Sunday

United Methodist Volunteers in Mission (UMVIM) has been in existence since 1976. The 1980 General Conference affirmed United Methodist Volunteers in Mission "as an authentic form of personal missionary involvement" (The Book of Discipline, 2004, Paragraph 1302.14). In 2016, General Conference approved the annual celebration of United Methodist Volunteers in Mission Awareness Sunday to recognize all volunteers.

United Methodist Volunteers in Mission seeks to equip volunteers with experiences that allow them to put Christian love into action in places around the world.

The projects that volunteers can serve with are as diverse as the number of places they serve. Some of the work involves assisting communities with maintaining clean water sources. According to the World Health Organization, 1.8 million people use water from contaminated sources every day.

Other work involves the building of churches in impoverished areas and helping people who are in desperate need of not only food and clean water, but also the hope of Jesus. Additional projects include working at medical clinics, teaching English, and improving substandard housing in the United States and globally.

UMVIM recognizes the important work of putting Christian love into action across the globe. The success and engagement in God's mission, is training, accountability and celebrating our mission journey. You can get an overview of UMVIM from this video: https://youtu.be/ekhapEU_3eQ.

Prayer of the Week: Pray for the laity of the church, as today is Laity Sunday.

Leading Worship Today

Christopher Kostyn Passante, Pastor

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Patty DeCapria, Certified Lay Minister

James Beatty, Minister of Music

Liturgists: Bob Kidder, Rik Harris



October 17, 2021
8:30 & 10 am

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

Welcome to worship
at Mount Nittany
Church!

Today is Laity
Sunday, and we
continue our sermon
series,
"Homecoming," in
which we look 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
Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated

ANTHEM: Let the Church Arise

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

SCRIPTURE: 1 Corinthians 12.4-14 CEB

MESSAGE: Sermon Series: Homecoming:
The Consumer Church, Part 3 (Pastor Chris)

GOSPEL PRAISE Many Gifts, One Spirit #114

THE PEACE

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE Glorify Thy Name

*A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PROCLAMATION PRAISE He Will Hold Me Fast

SENDING

POSTLUDE

Prayer List

Ron Straple, The Rush Family, Fye and Eizweiler Families,
Rick Edmiston, Barbara Crawford, Sarah Simcisko

Birthdays

Patricia Bailey, Sarah McWhirter, Roger Wurst, Mia Capri
Monsell

Calendar

Sunday, October 17

Adult Sunday School 8:30-9:30 am Boardroom
Kids Club AM (5-11) 8:30 am service Family Life Center
Kids Club PM 6 pm Family Life Center

Monday, October 18

Quilting Group 9:30 am, Crafts Room (FLC)

Tuesday, October 19

Pastor's Office Hour 9-10 am

Wednesday, October 20

Coffee with the Pastor 9-10 am, Café Lemont
Knitting Group 9 am, Crafts Room (FLC)
Choir Practice 6:30 pm Sanctuary

Sunday, October 24

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

We Celebrate Laity Today

Laity Sunday is a day observed usually on the third Sunday of October to remember that every person is called to participate in the ministries of the church in the early days of American Methodism, the laity served and maintained congregations between the visits of the circuit riders. These laity visited and provided care for the congregations. They were involved in the daily lives of the people and used their gifts to serve God and each other. We are called, like those early laity, to use our gifts, our talents, our time and our service to connect with one another here in this community we call the church and in the larger community of the world.
If you are interested in learning more about becoming a certified layperson, please see Patty Decapria, Certified Lay Minister.

Operation Christmas Child

Mount Nittany Church's Operation Christmas Child mission is in full swing! A list of items is available in the newsletter and the display in the lobby, where the donations box is located. Details on the packing party to come. Questions: Betty Wurst 814-238-7529 or thappygram@comcast.net.

Children's Education at Mount Nittany

Join Pastor Stephanie and Certified Lay Leader Patty Decapria for children and youth education each Sunday morning and evening.

- Sunday Morning Kids Club is a time for age-appropriate lessons and activities. Beginning at 8:30 am after the Children's Message in worship.
- Sunday evening gathering is a time when children will be able to learn about the importance of building relationships within the community, and understanding what it means to be a Christian. Beginning at 6 in the Family Life Center.
- Children ages 5-11 are welcome at both classes. Teen classes will begin in 2022.
- Interested in volunteering or more information? Contact Pastor Stephanie at 814-598-9948 sball@susumc.org.

Volunteers Needed for Football Dinners

Volunteers are needed 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

Prayer List

If you or someone you are praying for would like to be added to the prayer list, please contact Emily Lewis in the church office at 814-237-3549 or

email mnuncoffice@gmail.com or Pastor Chris at 814-232-1717 or cpassante@susumc.org. You may also fill out a prayer card located in the sanctuary pews and place them in the offering plates on Sunday.

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.