

## This Weeks's Mission Focus



**Focus on Missions:** Center for Alternatives in Community Justice

At the Center for Alternatives in Community Justice (CACJ) we serve society by working with the community and justice system to promote, develop, and implement effective alternatives that preserve human dignity, restore, heal, and empower individuals.

Community Citizens began CACJ in 1976 as a grassroots effort to address the problems faced by offenders re-entering the community. It was incorporated in 1978 and then the agency began collaborating with local judges, district justices, police, prison staff, attorneys, and human services to design and implement programs in Centre County.

The Community Service Program was officially established in 1979 in cooperation with Centre County Probation and Parole. This new program allowed judges to sentence offenders to community service under CACJ's volunteers' supervision. In 1984, after CACJ had supervised hundreds of offenders, it was agreed that the Probation Department would assume total responsibility for the program. CACJ received the Centre County Medical Society's Benjamin Rush Award for Outstanding Health Services for this program.

**Prayer of the Week:** Pray for the Hope Made Real mission.

### Leading Worship Today

**Christopher Kostyn Passante**, Pastor

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**Stephanie Ball**, Children and Youth Pastor

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**Patty DeCapria**, Certified Lay Minister

**James Beatty**, Minister of Music

**Liturgists:** Phoebe Quaynor, John Williams



October 24, 2021  
8:30 & 10 am

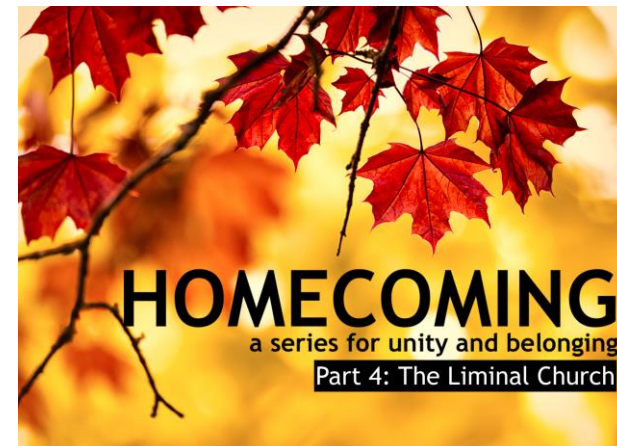
**Livestream:**  
Mt Nittany Church  
(8:30 am only)

Welcome to Worship  
at Mount Nittany  
Church!

Today we conclude  
our sermon series,  
"Homecoming,"  
looking at how the  
times we live in have  
certainly changed,  
but the mission of  
the church remains  
the same.

**Giving:**  
[www.MtNittanyUMC.org](http://www.MtNittanyUMC.org)

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GREETING  
PRELUDE  
CENTERING WORDS  
OPENING PRAYER

OPENING PRAISE The Church's One Foundation #545  
We've a Story to Tell To The Nations #569

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

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 16.21-28 CEB

MESSAGE: Sermon Series: Homecoming:  
The Liminal Church, Part 4 (Pastor Chris)

GOSPEL PRAISE O Church of God, United #547

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### 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 [1happygram@comcast.net](mailto:1happygram@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 8:30 am after the Children's Message in worship. Sunday Evening Kids 6 pm in the Family Life Center. Children ages 5-12 are welcome at both classes. Nursery: Sunday 8:30 and 10 am services (0-5) Contact Pastor Stephanie at 814-598-9948 or [sball@susumc.org](mailto: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](mailto:wfranklin27@gmail.com)

### Mama Arlene TODAY at Mount Nittany Church!

Mama Arlene Brown is visiting from Rwanda, Africa, and coming to Mount Nittany Church on Sunday from 2-3:30 pm in the sanctuary.

There will be a PowerPoint presentation, readings from her new book and Q&A. Her newly published book, "Hope Made Real: The Story of Mama Arlene and the Children of Urukundo," will be available for purchase for \$20.

### How Can We Pray for You?

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 [mnumcoffice@gmail.com](mailto:mnumcoffice@gmail.com) or Pastor Chris at 814-232-1717 or [cpassante@susumc.org](mailto: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.

### November Newsletter Deadline Oct. 26

Deadline submissions for the Mount Nittany Church November newsletter is Tuesday, October 26 at noon. Get all your submissions in by emailing Emily Lewis at [mnumoffice@gmail.com](mailto:mnumoffice@gmail.com) Thank you!

### 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](mailto: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 (outdoors) for coffee and conversation. No appointment needed. (Coffee hour is cancelled during inclement weather.)

<b>Sunday, November 7</b>	All Saints Day Celebration 8:30 & 10 am services
<b>Wednesday, October 27</b>	Coffee with the Pastor Knitting Group 9-10 am, Café Lemont 9 am, Crafts Room (FLC)
<b>Tuesday, October 26</b>	Pastor's Office Hour November Newsletter Information Deadline Board of Trustees Meeting Administrative Board Meeting 9-10 am Noon 6 pm (Boardroom) 7 pm (Boardroom)
<b>Monday, October 25</b>	Quilting Group (FLC) 9:30 am, Crafts Room (FLC)
<b>Sunday, October 24</b>	Adult Sunday School Kids Club AM (5-12) Hope Made Real presentation Kids Club PM (5-12) 8:30-9:30 am Boardroom 8:30 am service Family Life Center 2-4 pm, Sanctuary 6 pm Family Life Center

## Calendar

Richard Auhl, Meri Clark, M. Gerry Dunn, Joan Hoch

## Birthdays

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

## Prayer List