

Focus on Missions



National Safe Place

Sunday, March 20th marks the beginning of National Safe Place Week. To mark this week, our congregation donates to the Burrowes Street Youth Haven. The Haven serves youth 12-17 who are homeless, runaway, or at risk of running away or becoming homeless due to difficulties within their homes.

Youth are welcome to access the shelter whenever they need a safe place to stay, day or night. Caring, professional counselors are at the shelter 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to provide assistance for both residential or drop-in care. Young adults can drop by for a snack, a meal, a shower, or to talk to staff. When family issues prevent youth from living at home they can stay at the shelter. Youth can receive these free services any time by dropping by 334 S. Burrowes Street, State College, or calling 814-234-2100, or going to a Safe Place business.

This Week's Prayer: Pray for peace in Ukraine.

Leading Worship Today

Christopher Kostyn Passante, Lead 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: James Beatty, Judith Smith



March 20, 2022

8:30, 10 am

f Livestream:
Mt Nittany Church
(10 am)

Welcome to worship at
Mount Nittany Church!

In the third week of our
Worship Series, "Gathered
Up in Jesus," we better
understand that the life of
a Christian isn't to focus
on death, but on life
through Christ's salvation.
How will we move forward
in our lives, and how can
we see our transformation
in the fruit that we bear?

Giving:

www.MtNittanyUMC.org

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GREETING

PRELUDE

CENTERING WORDS

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING PRAISE

Oh How He Loves You and Me

The Old Rugged Cross #504

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10 am)

SCRIPTURE Luke 13:1-9

MESSAGE If It Bears Fruit

***GOSPEL PRAISE** Jesus Draw Me Close

My Hope is Built #368

THE PEACE

OFFERTORY RESPONSE We Will Glorify

A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING PRAISE At the Cross (Love Ran Red)

SENDING

POSTLUDE

Announcements:

Parents' Night Out Begins April 1!

Parents: Drop off your children, ages 5-12 every first Friday of the month from 6-7:30 for Parent's Night Out. Each month, we will have different activities for the kids, while you are able to get some parent time! Children will partake in free activities such as holiday activities, cooking, music, outdoor games and more in our Family Life Center! On April 1, we will have Easter egg dyeing, an indoor egg hunt and more! For more information, contact Pastor Steph at 814-598-9948 or sball@susumc.org.

Volunteers Needed

If you would like to volunteer to help with the First Friday Parents' Night Out on April 1 (6-7:30 pm), contact Pastor Steph at 814-598-9948 or sball@susumc.org. If you would like to donate plastic Easter eggs and candy to stuff in them, there is a collection bin in the church lobby.

Interested in Membership

If you are interested in becoming a member at Mount Nittany Church, please contact Pastor Chris or Emily Lewis to fill out a New Member form. If you have questions about Mount Nittany Church, the UMC or the process, please contact Pastor Chris at 814-232-1717 or cpassante@susumc.org.

Interested in the Giving Garden?

If you are interested in helping with the Giving Garden ministry this year, there will be a meeting on Saturday, March 26 at 1 pm in the Family Life Center and in the Garden. The first work session is slated for April 10, time to be determined.

Children's Sunday School Moves to 10 am Worship

The children's Sunday school and children's message will move to the 10 am service. Also, the Sunday Evening Kids Club will be on hold til further notice.

Seeking PRC Chair

Mount Nittany Church is seeking a chairperson for the Staff Parish Parson Relations Committee to fill out a remaining two-year term. The SPPRC Committee cares for the pastor and staff and their families. Please see or contact Pastor Chris at cpassante@susumc.org or call 814-232-1717.

Prayer List:

Ron Strapel, Jon Hickey, Paul Kurtz, Aphrodite Kakouros, The Warner family, Ellen Copper, Pat Sankey, Pat Messner, JP Tambourine

Birthdays:

Rick Edminston, David Spotts

Calendar:

Sunday, March 20

Worship	8:30 & 10 am (Sanctuary)
Adult Sunday school	8:30 am (Boardroom)
Kids Club AM (5-12)	10 am (Child Ed Bldg)

Monday, March 21

Quilting Group	9:30 am (Spring Creek Room)
Lenten Book Study	7-8:30 pm (Room TBA)

Tuesday, March 22

Office Closed	
Pastor Chris's Office Hour	9-10 am (Pastor's Office)
Administrative Board Meeting	7 pm (Boardroom)
Boy Scouts	7:30 pm (FLC)

Wednesday, March 23

Knitting Group	9 am (Spring Creek Room)
Choir Practice	6:30 pm (Sanctuary)
Cantata Practice	7 pm (Sanctuary)

Thursday, March 24

Girl Scouts	6 pm (FLC)
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Friday, March 25

Office Hours	9 am to 1 pm
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Saturday, March 26

Lenten Book Study	9-10:30 am (Room TBA)
Giving Garden Meeting	1 pm (Garden)
Community Dinner	4-6 pm (FLC/Drive-Thru)