

## Focus on Mission

### Conference Benevolent Shares

Our benevolent shares help support the entire mission of the Susquehanna Conference UMC. Shares are used for administrative needs and the numerous ministries that the Conference oversees. Camp Penn, Green Hills, Mount Ashbury and Wesley Forest are the camp retreats that the Conference maintains. The Conference is also directly involved with numerous other ministries such as Mission Central, The Neighborhood Center, Walk to Emmaus, Mission U and The Center. You can learn more about the Susquehanna Conference UMC at <https://susumc.org>

### Prayer of the Week

Pray that Christians live into the rebirth that Christ gives us, and we, in turn, help others to experience Christ's love.

### Leading Worship

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**Liturgist:** Barb Derzak



Sunday, April 23

9:30 am

Livestream at 9:30 am

 Mt Nittany Church

Welcome to worship at Mount Nittany Church!

Today, we continue our worship series, "A Living Hope," and look at a passage in 1 Peter that reminds us that we were liberated from old, dead ways in order to live a new life – even while we're surrounded by the empty and perishable things of the world. Indeed, what surrounds us is a strange land, yet we're called to transcend its influence.

**Giving:**

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**Greeting**

**Prelude**

**Call to Worship** (Responsive)

**Opening Prayer**

**Opening Praise**

Lord I Lift Your Name on High

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine #369

**Children's Message**

**Scripture**

1 Peter 1:17-23

**Message**

Loosening the Bonds

**Gospel Praise**

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

**The Peace**

**Offertory Response**

Majesty, Worship His Majesty #176

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Closing Praise**

Living Hope

**Sending**

**Postlude**

## Announcements

### Office Closed

The office will be closed Tuesday.

### Community Dinner

Our last Community Dinner for 2023 is Saturday, April 29 with turkey on the menu. Drive thru for a \$13/dinner from 4 pm-6 pm. Volunteers are needed for a successful dinner. Talk with Wendy Sunday morning to sign up.

### Help Us Celebrate Your Birthday!

Every Sunday, we pray for those celebrating birthdays here at Mount Nittany Church, but occasionally, we miss one. To ensure we don't miss your special day, please send your name, address, phone, email (if applicable) and your birthday date to Jodie. You can reach her at 814-237-3549, mnumcoffice@gmail.com or simply stop by Mon – Thu 8-1.

### Parents Night Out

Parents Night Out will be Friday, May 5 from 6 – 7:30 pm. We will be learning sign language, eating a snack, and completing a craft. Lots of fun with our friends. Parents Night Out is open to all children 4-13 years of age.

### Ushers and Greeters Wanted

We are looking for ushers and greeters for May and beyond. Ushers and greeters are the first to welcome people to worship. If you would like to volunteer as an usher or greeter, please see Patty DeCapria or contact her via email or phone (pattydecapria@gmail.com and 814-777-3376).

## Prayer List

Bill Moore Jr., Kenneth Hower, Pat Sankey, Greg Martin, Jeffery Harman, Tim and Guyla Alwine, Patty Haugh, Greta Klinefelter, Sally Johnstonbaugh, Jackie Maurey-Warholak and family, Kari Corbett, Gary Korman and Family, The Mondock Family, Patricia Kidder, The Moore Family, Flo Green, The Roden Family

## Birthdays

Joanna Voigt

## Calendar

### Sunday

Friendship Class	8:30 am	Boardroom
Worship	9:30 am	Sanctuary
Children's Sunday School	9:30 am	Sanctuary/Children's Ed Rm
Donuts and Fellowship	10:30 am	FLC

### Monday

Quilters	9:30 am	Spring Creek Room
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### Tuesday

Trustees	6 – 7 pm	Boardroom
Cub Scouts	6 – 7 pm	FLC
Boy Scouts	7 – 8:30 pm	FLC

### Wednesday

Bell Choir	6:15 – 7:15 pm	Music room
Chancel Choir	7:15 – 8:15 pm	Sanctuary

### Thursday

Chamber Rehearsal	6:30 – 10:30 pm	FLC
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### Saturday

Community Dinner	4 pm – 6 pm	FLC
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