

Prayer List

Ken Hower, Kari Corbett, Lance Wilkinson, Wendy Franklin, Gene Krout, Berg Family, BJ Wurst, Robert Snyder Topenga, Jeffery Harman, Wurst/Proctor family

Birthdays

Lisa Glantz, Nan Yarnell, Alexis Crawford, Christina Hodges, Cynthia VanDruff

Focus on Mission

Children's Playground

Mt Nittany UMC provides a number of ministries throughout our outside campus. These ministries include the Giving Garden, Prayer Garden, Playground and large open spaces. The availability of these areas makes our Church facility more welcoming and provides a safe space for church and community activities. The large, fenced in playground area is especially valuable for the younger members of our community and is in need of some updates. This mission focus will help make those improvements so we can continue to provide this ministry.

Leading Worship

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James Beatty, Minister of Music

Liturgist: James Beatty



Sunday, July 16, 2023

9:30 am

Livestream at 9:30 am on
facebook

Welcome to worship at
Mount Nittany Church!

There is always a level of uncertainty when it comes to planting seeds. The results of sowing will not be evident immediately. Sharing the Good News is like that, we share in anticipation, not certainty

Giving:

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Greeting

Prelude

Centering words:

As a tree in the forest becomes tall reaching for the light may we grow above the shadows of sin, fear, and doubt. **As it gives shelter and shade to its friends of fur and feather, so may we help those brothers and sisters who are smaller and weaker than ourselves.**

The tree sends down roots deep into the soil that it may be nourished by mother earth.

May we be as firmly grounded by the love of Christ and sustained by his grace.

If a tree falls and decays, it provides nourishment for new

plants and gives its place in the sun for others.

Our Lord and Savior died to make a new life and a new place for us.

When a tree in the forest is cut down, its wood is used for shelter and fuel.

Jesus taught that only when life is surrendered, when love is poured out, can we build his kingdom and reflect the warmth of his Spirit. Amen

***Opening Prayer**

Almighty God, in a world of change you placed eternity in our hearts and gave us power to discern good from evil.

Grant us sincerity, that we may persistently seek the things that endure, refusing those which perish, and that, amid things vanishing and deceptive, we may see the truth steadily, follow the light faithfully, and grow ever richer in that love which is the life of all people; through Jesus Christ our Savior Amen

Opening Praise

Thy Word Is A Lamp #601
Wonderful Words Of Life #600

***Scripture**

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Children's Message

Message

Planting Seeds

Gospel Praise

Hymn of Promises #707

***The Peace**

The Offertory Response

Praise the Lord With the Sound of Trumpets #2020

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Thank you, Creator of the universe, for the people gathered around us today.

We give thanks for the things of the earth that give us the means of life.

Thank you for the plants, animals, and birds that we use as food and medicine.

Thank you for the natural world, in which we find the means to be clothed and housed.

Thank you, Lord for the ability to use these gifts of the natural world.

Help us to see our place among these gifts, not to squander them or think of them as means for selfish gain.

May we respect the life of all you have made. May our spirits be strengthened by using only what we need, and may we use our strength to help those who need us. Amen

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Closing Praise

He Will Hold Me Fast

Sending

Postlude

*You are invited to stand as you are able or willing.

Announcements

Vacation Bible School

Get ready for Pets Unleashed - where Jesus cares "fur" us will take place Thursday, July 27 and Friday, July 28 from 6-8:30pm. Nursery/preschool (ages 2-4) and elementary (k- 5th grade) are welcome. Look for our display for our list of needs. Registrations are also available in the lobby. Please see Patty DeCapria if you have any questions or would like to help.

Luncheon

There will be a special luncheon to welcome Pastor Mike and his family on August 6 following the worship service that day. Please sign up for a food item to share at this gathering. The signup sheet is located in the lobby area. Please plan on attending as we welcome Pastor Mike and his family to our Nittany Mountain Church family.

Pastor's Office Hours

Pastor Mike will have office hours every Monday and Wednesday from 9 - 11am (unless otherwise posted). If you are in need of ministry or just want to chat please feel free to stop in.

Calendar

July 16-22

Sunday

Friendship Class	8:30am	Boardroom
Worship	9:30am	Sanctuary
Children's Sunday School	9:30am	S/C Ed. Rm
Donuts & Fellowship	10:30am	FLC
Jana Marie Foundation	3-7 pm	FLC

Tuesday

Trustee	6pm	Boardroom
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Wednesday

Men's Fellowship	10am	Lemont House
Pastor Hours	9-11am	Pastor's office
Giving Garden	6:15-7:15 pm	Garden Area

Thursday

Kwanmu Martial Arts	5:30-6:30 pm	FLC
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Saturday

Giving Garden	10-11 am	Garden Area
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