



Focus on Mission

Centre Safe

Founded in 1975 as the Centre County Women's Resource Center, the mission of Centre Safe is to empower survivors of sexual or domestic violence, and to work toward the elimination of such violence. Among the services the center provides are a 24-hour crisis hotline and emergency shelter to victims. In the 2020-2021 year, CentreSafe assisted over 1,200 people with domestic violence services, sexual assault services, and child access services.

Leading Worship

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Sunday, July 23, 2023

9:30 am

Livestream at 9:30 am on
facebook

Welcome to worship at
Mount Nittany Church!

Often we want to
remove the "weeds"
from the "field" we are
working in, forgetting
that in doing so we
may destroy/disturb
the roots of the
"wheat" we are
working to harvest

Giving:

[Mt. Nittany UMC.org](http://Mt.NittanyUMC.org)

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Greeting

Prelude

Centering words:

This is the day that the Lord
has made; let us rejoice and be
glad in it.

**This is none other than the
house of God, and this is the
gate of heaven.**

The hour is coming, and now is,
when true worshipers will
worship the Father in spirit and
truth, for such the Father seeks
to worship him.

**Enter his gates with
thanksgiving, and his courts
with praise! Give thanks to
him, bless his name!**

***Opening Prayer**

God, open to use an understanding of your Word this day. Jesus often used parables to teach, but we have moved much from an agrarian culture. These stories don't always make sense to us. Help us be good soil, good seed, fruitful wheat, a desired harvest. Mold our bodies to be diligent workers, speakers of good news, listeners for your voice, and hands of healing. God, open to us an understanding of your Word this day. Amen.

***Opening Praise**

Come, We That Love the Lord #732
O Day of God, Draw Nigh #730

***Scripture**

Matthew 12:24-30, 36-43

Children's Message

Message

Pulling Weeds?!

Gospel Praise

Come Ye Thankful People Come #694

***The Peace**

The Offertory Response

Praise the Lord With the Sound of Trumpets #2020

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

Prayer List

Ken Hower, Kari Corbett, Lance Wilkinson, Wendy Franklin, Gene Krout, BJ Wurst, Robert Snyder Topenga, Jeffery Harman, Wurst/Proctor family, Ann Whitman, Flora Green

Birthdays

Brenda Peters, Bruce Johnston, Phoebe Quaynor

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.

Welcome 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 Mount Nittany Church family.

Senior Adult Picnic Luncheon

There will be an adult luncheon on August 8 at noon. The Luncheon will be a "Foil Baby" picnic. A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board located outside the FLC. Please join us for this fun event.

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 23 - 29

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
Baby Shower	1 pm	FLC

Monday

Pastor Hours	9-11 am	Pastor's Office
VBS Setup	6:30-8:30pm	

Tuesday

VBS Setup	6:30-8:30pm	
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Wednesday

Men's Fellowship	10am	Lemont House
Pastor Hours	9-11am	Pastor's office
Girl Scouts	6-7:30pm	FLC
Giving Garden	6:15-7:15 pm	Garden Area
VBS Setup	6:30-8:30 pm	

Thursday

Vacation Bible School	6-8:30pm	FLC
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Friday

Vacation Bible School	6-8:30pm	FLC
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Saturday

Giving Garden	10-11am	Garden Area
Bridal Shower	10am-4:30pm	FLC