



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>

Leading Worship

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Sunday, July 30, 2023

9:30 am

Livestream at 9:30 am on
facebook

Welcome to worship at
Mount Nittany Church!

Many of us are challenged by allowing someone to care for us; we have been taught to be self-reliant and self-sufficient. This mindset can make it difficult for us to be humble enough to accept Jesus' care.

Giving:

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

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Greeting Prelude

Centering words:

L: Everything as it moves, now and then, here and there, makes pauses.

P: The bird, as it flies, stops on one place to make its nest, and in another to rest in its flight.

L: In the same way, God has paused as well.

P: The sun, which is so bright and beautiful, is one place where God has paused.

L: The moon, the stars, the winds; God has been with them, too.

P: The trees, the animals, are all places where God has stopped, leaving the touch of the Holy in all these things.

L: We, too, have had God pause in us. We, too, have the Holy touch in our beings.

P: Let us now pause ourselves, and listen for the voice of God on our hearts.

~Lakota teachings. U.S.A.

***Opening Prayer**

God, may we greet you this morning with all the excitement our pets show us when we come home from work, school, or just having been out. May we be alert for your coming, just as our pets watch expectantly from the window to see if we are coming back to them. When we go out, may we do so with the joy of knowing that you are watching all that we do and taking joy in being with us. Amen.

***Opening Praise**

All Things Bright and Beautiful # 147

Jesus Loves Me #191

***Scripture**

I Peter 5: 6-7

VBS Celebration

Message

Jesus Cares "Fur" Us!

Gospel Praise

He Is Our Peace chorus

God Will Take Care of You #130

***The Peace**

The Offertory Response

Praise the Lord With the Sound of Trumpets #2020

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Extemporaneous

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

***Closing Praise**

He Will Hold Me Fast

Sending

Dear God, thank you for sending your Son, Jesus, and for giving him a heart like yours that cares for us in a way no one else can. We're thankful for the examples of loving care you surround us with in our family, our friends, and even our beloved pets. We ask that you use our projects to bless others. Through the gifts these awesome kids made, people will see that it's you who cares most for them. In Jesus' name, Amen

Postlude

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

Prayer List

Ken Hower, Kari Corbett, BJ Wurst, Robert Snyder, Topenga, Jeffery Harman, Ann Whitman, Flora Green, Jim & Jenny Lehman

Birthdays

Julia Barton, Cindy Boliek, Edwin Ishler, Hilary Kleckner, Patricia Weaver

Announcements

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.

Confirmation Class

Anyone in 6th grade or above who may be interested in joining Mt. Nittany UMC as a member, please let Pastor Mike know by August 20; this gives time to establish mentors, get supplies, and set a start date in mid September.

Family Fun Night

We will **NOT** have a Parents Night Out in August. Family Fun Night on Friday August 11 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm. Games, snacks, and good fellowship. Come join us!

Kitchen Cleaning August 12

Get out your pails...it is time to get the kitchen cleaned before our fall season of our football dinners and banquets. Meet in the kitchen on August 12 at 9 am. Light lunch will be served for those volunteers. Many hands, make light work. Questions, please contact Wendy (814) 441-1644

Calendar

July 30 - August 5

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

Monday

Pastor Hours	9-11am	Pastor's Office
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Tuesday

Scout Adult Meeting	7-9pm	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	10-11am	Garden Area
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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.