



AUGUST 4: RURAL LIFE SUNDAY

Rural Life Sunday is a Sunday set aside to honor and affirm churches and leaders in rural settings, while also honoring the work of those who labor to provide us food and fiber, both in the United States and around the world. On this day, we also celebrate the gifts of creation itself. Rural churches are a part of our history and our present in The United Methodist Church. These churches have the unique opportunity of anchoring a community and providing outreach to a community that might otherwise be short on resources for individuals and families. Each annual conference sets the date to celebrate Rural Life Sunday each year. It is sometimes celebrated in conjunction with a Rogation Service, a service that is asking for God's blessings on the earth and crops, while others include a blessing of the animals on or near this date. As The United Methodist Church, we affirm the important role rural churches have in our history and in the communities they serve.

Leading Worship:

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Sunday, August 4, 2024

9:30 am

Livestream at 9:30am on
our Facebook page.

Welcome to worship at
[Mt Nittany Church](#)

While we often cite this in reference to how we should obey God, we often try to place caveats on the meaning and significance to uphold exterior values that give us a sense of entitlement or superiority. Jesus gave no caveats.

Giving:

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Greeting

Prelude

Centering words

May those who love your salvation say continually, "Great is the Lord!"

**Yea, our heart is glad in God,
because we trust in God's
holy name.**

Let us make a joyful noise to
God with songs of praise!

**We praise you, O God;
we acknowledge you to be
the Lord.**

Opening Prayer

O holy and merciful God,
we confess that we have not always taken upon
ourselves the yoke of obedience,
nor been willing to seek and to do your perfect will.

We have not loved you with all our heart and mind
and soul and strength,
neither have we loved our neighbors as ourselves.

You have called to us in the need of our sisters and
brothers, and we have passed unheeding on our way.
In the pride of our hearts, and our unwillingness to
repent, we have turned away from the cross of
Christ, and have grieved your Holy Spirit.

All offer prayers of confession in silence.

This is the message we have heard from God and
proclaim to you, that God is light and in God there is
no darkness at all.

If we walk in light, as God is in the light, we have
fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus
the Son cleanses us from all sin.

May almighty God, who caused light to shine out of
darkness, shine in our hearts, cleansing us from all our sins,
and restoring us to the light of the knowledge of God's
glory, in the face of Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen**

*Opening Praise

Lord Speak to Me #463 vs. 1,3,5
The Gift Of Love #408

Scripture

Mark 12: 28-34

Children's Message

Message

Love God, Love Neighbor, Love Self - There Are No Caveats

*Gospel Praise

Above All
Augus Dei

*The Peace

*The Offertory Response

Praise The lord With The Sound Of Trumpets

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Projected

Prayers of the People

Projected

Lord's Prayer

Communion

*Closing Praise

Where Charity and Love Prevail #549

*Sending

Projected

Postlude

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

Prayer List

Jon Hickey, Allen & Brenda Leigey, Pat Sankey, Carl Hill, Kurt Behers, Barbara Gotwalt, Regina Reichard, Mary Heltman, Dennis Swimley, Carrie Wyten, Evelyn Edmiston, Wayne Dreibelbis, the Simpson Family, Craig Strapel, The Boliek/Roberts family, The Hoover Family, Marty Dunn, Lorretta Dee Shattuck, Bishop Hector Burgos, Yoder Family, Nancy Williams

Announcements

Hoover Funeral

William Hoover will be laid to rest on August 13. The funeral will be at 1pm.

Youth Gathering

Calling all middle and high school youth! Come join other youth for an afternoon of fun, food, and fellowship on Sunday August 11 from 4-7pm here at Mount Nittany. Be sure to bring a towel and a friend.

Home Communion Servers

Please bring your white communion binder as we update pages and replenish supplies. Please drop off with Jodie or leave in the Counting Room. The binders will be ready for home communion on September 8.

Calendar

August 4-10

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

Pastor Hours	9-11am	Pastor's Office
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Thursday

Karate	5:30-6:30pm	FLC
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Friday

Family Fun Night	6:30-8:30pm	FLC
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Saturday

Hower Funeral	1pm Visitation	
	2pm Funeral	
	3pm Reception	