

# SEPTEMBER 22: CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY

One Sunday each year we celebrate Christian Education Sunday and recognize those who use their gifts to teach and who encourage us to deepen our faith and courageously put that faith into action. Bruce Lee is credited with saying, "Knowing is not enough, we must apply. Willing is not enough, we must do." While he may not have been referring to Christian education, there is an important lesson in these words. In our approach to Christian education in the church, it might be tempting to think knowing the content of the Bible is enough. Yet, as disciples, we know that we must apply scripture to our daily lives. Once we understand how scripture and life intersect, we begin to see that it requires our action. Action on beliefs takes courage. We can find that courage through our participation in Christian education among our communities of faith. When we involve others in our spiritual growth we have the opportunity for support, accountability and the wisdom of sharing life experiences together.

## **Leading Worship:**

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**Liturgist:** Brenda Peters



Sunday, September 15,  
2024

9:30 am

Livestream at 9:30am on  
our Facebook page.

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

A certain amount of conflict in all relationships is unavoidable, but when we allow our conflict to become hatred it may take God's intervention to lead us to forgiveness and restoration of wholeness that allows life for all parties involved.

## **Giving:**

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## **Greeting**

## **Prelude**

**Centering words** Luke 6:35  
35 Instead, love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. [a] **Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.**

## **Opening Prayer**

**O God, that we may receive your blessing, touch our brows, touch our heads, and do not look upon us in anger. In a hard year, offer us mercy; in a year of affliction, offer us kindness; dark spirits banish from us, bright spirits draw near to us.**

**When we are afraid, offer us courage; when we are ashamed, be our true face; be over us like a blanket, be under us like a bed of furs. Amen (Traditional Prayer, Mongolia, ALT.)**

**\*Opening Praise**

Sing Praise To God, Who Reigns Above #126

**Scripture**

Genesis 37:3-8, 17b-22, 26-34; 50:15-21

**Special Music**

James Beatty

**Children's Message**

**Message**

From Destroyed Relationship to Restored Life

**\*Gospel Praise**

Open My Eyes Lord  
Be Thou My Vision #455

**\*The Peace**

**\*The Offertory Response**

Worthy, You Are Worthy vs. 1&2

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Prayer of Confession**

**God of all nations, we praise you that in Christ the barriers that have separated humanity are torn down. Yet we confess our slowness to open our hearts and minds to those of other lands, tongues, races, gender, economics, and authentic expression. Deliver us from the sins of fear and prejudice, that we may move toward the day when all are truly one in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**Lord's Prayer**

**\*Closing Praise**

Where Cross the Crowded Way of Life #427

**\*Sending**

**Postlude**

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

**Prayer List**

Jon Hickey, Allen & Brenda Leigey, Pat Sankey, Kurt Behers, Barbara Gotwalt, Regina Reichard, Mary Heltman, Dennis Swimley, Carrie Wyten, Bob Snyder, Robert Bird family, The Fetterolf Family, Kent and Mary Addis, Dean Hannigan, The Eckenroth Family, The Doss & Rideout Family, Bill Struble, Barb Wilson, 2 unspoken, Barrie Kitner, Tammy Beatty, Mike Sharp, Dorothy Greene

**Announcements**

**Football Dinner Volunteers needed**

Volunteers are needed for the Football dinner on September 28. See Wendy Franklin if interested.

**District Conference**

You are invited to join the District Conference being held here at Mt. Nittany UMC today at 3:00. The purpose of the District Conference: We will share in worship, celebrate Holy Conferencing and the ministries in our district; vote and affirm our District Committees. All Clergy and Laity who are members of the UMC (Paragraph 658 - members as determined and specified by the Annual Conference) are invited.

## **Announcement's Con't.**

### **Cancellation**

The trustee meeting is cancelled for this month.

### **Office Hours**

Office hours next week will be for a personal need. The office will be closed on Wednesday and open Friday of next week only.

### **Quilting Cancelled**

Quilting is cancelled for Monday September 23.

### **Men's Fellowship**

Men's fellowship Coffee hour will resume next Wednesday at 10am at the Good Day Cafe`.

## **Calendar**

## **September 22-28**

### **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
District Transition	3pm	Sanctuary

### **Monday**

Pastor Hours	9-11am	Pastor's Office
Quilters	Cancelled	
Boom	10am-4pm	Mt. Nittany Rm.

### **Tuesday**

Pastor Hours	9-11am	Pastor's Office
Boom	10am-4pm	Mt. Nittany Rm.
Boy Scouts	5-8pm	FLC
Trustees	Cancelled	
Admin. Council	7pm	Boardroom

### **Wednesday**

Men's Fellowship coffee hour	10am	Good Day Cafe`
Girl Scouts	6-7:30pm	FLC
Bell Choir	6:30-7:15pm	Sanctuary
Choir	7:15-8pm	Sanctuary

### **Thursday**

DCOM	9am-12pm	Boardroom
Karate	5:30-6:30pm	FLC

### **Saturday**

Football Dinner	4-6pm	FLC
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