

## Caring for People in Need - ANGEL TREE

In a year of financial unpredictability from world events, natural disasters, and frightening inflation stories, it's a good time to begin thinking about what the Christmas season will be like for those who find it difficult to meet regular needs. For many years through the generosity of our congregation, we have provided toys, books, clothing, and household items to families within our community by pulling angels from a tree in our lobby.

In the last few years, we have partnered with 2 Elementary Schools to provide grocery gift cards. These gift cards are purchased with money we receive for this mission. The cards are then shared with those identified within the schools who may struggle to provide a holiday meal or food during the break in school at Christmas time. We will again be partnering with these schools to provide these grocery gift cards and will be collecting money through December. Special envelopes have been placed in the bulletins and on the credenza for giving at any time. If you write a check, please list Angel Tree in the memo section. Please prayerfully consider how you may contribute to this ministry and share our love with those in need in our community.

### Leading Worship:

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**Liturgist:** Brenda Peters



Sunday, October 27, 2024

9:30 am

Livestream at 9:30am on  
our Facebook page.

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

The Christian liturgical calendar is loosely linked with the seasons of our world and is specifically intended to walk the faithful (both Laity and Clergy) through the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. This morning as we walk through the Christian Year, we pause to reflect upon the meanings of each season and how it is reflected in word and song.

### Giving:

Mt. Nittany UMC.org

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### Greeting

### Prelude

### Centering words

Daniel 2: 20-21

God's name be praised  
from age to eternal age!

Wisdom and might are his!

**God is the one who changes  
times and eras, who  
dethrones one king, only to  
establish another, who  
grants wisdom to the wise  
and knowledge to those with  
insight.**

### Opening Prayer

**God of sowing and  
harvesting, we lift our thanks  
and praise for the cycles and  
seasons that remind us of  
your faithfulness, your  
generosity, and the  
abundance of your love.**

**Thank you for walking with  
us through all the seasons of**

life.

Help us to remember and be faithful in prayer, praise, and thanksgiving as we journey through the year with you. Amen.

**\*Opening Praise**

To God Be The Glory #98 vs.1

**Scripture**

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8

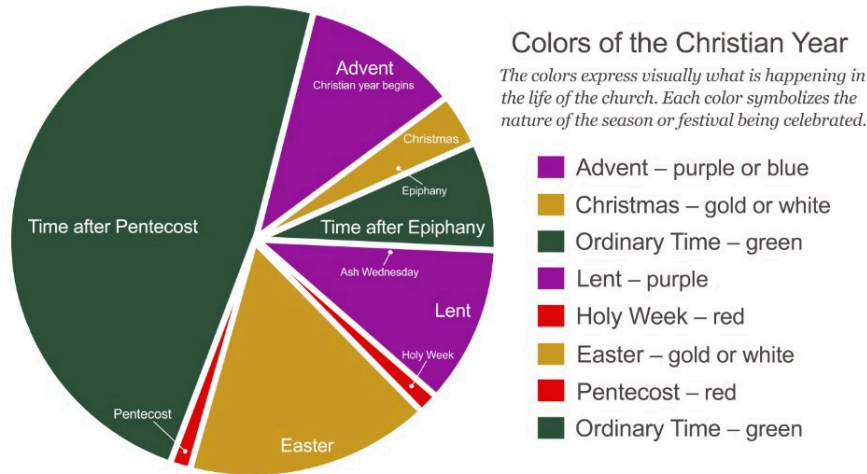
**Children’s Message**

**Message**

Seasons of the Church Year

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## The Christian Year



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## The Christmas Cycle

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus #196

Away In A Manger #217 vs. 1&3

We Three Kings #254 vs. 1&5

**\*Passing the Peace**

**\*Offertory Response**

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow #94

**\*Offertory Prayer**

**Prayers of the People**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Easter Cycle**

Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed #359 vs. 1&5

Because He Lives #364 vs. 1&3

Spirit of the Living God #393

**\*Sending**

He Will Hold Me Fast

**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, Susan Levine, Judy Smith, Ed Benner, Hurricane victims and their families, All Responders to the Hurricane, New Bishop Héctor A. Bergois-Núñez, Jeff Simpson Dale Brownawell, The Hipp Family

## **Announcements**

### **Banquet Help Needed**

Help needed for the November 2 Football Dinner. Please see Wendy if you are available to help. Thank you.

### **Christmas Poinsettia's**

If you would like to order a poinsettia(s) in honor/memory of a loved one, the order and money is needed by November 17. The cost of each poinsettia is \$10

### **Special Envelopes - UMCOR**

There are special envelopes to give donations to UMCOR that will go to help victims of the recent hurricanes. The envelopes are located in the pews and at the back of the Sanctuary beside the donation bucket. If giving by Check please write on the memo line "UMCOR."

### **Special Envelopes - Angel Tree**

There are special envelopes to give donations to the Angel Tree in the bulletins as well as on the credenza in the lobby.

### **FLC Entrance Door**

The FLC entrance door was replaced with a keyless entry. For those of you who have been granted a church entrance key, please turn in your key to Jodie at our church office and she will set you up with a numeric code number. Please note that during this transition your current key will still be able to access the church via the main church entranceway door.

### **Missionary Presentation - Mexico**

In the past Mt. Nittany UMC has sent individuals to Mexico with Pastor Marian Hartman. She has reached out to let us know that missionaries, Nan McCurdy and her husband Miguel, from the Mexican mission she has been a part of for 25 years will be in our area on October 31st. They have been invited to share about their mission, "Give Ye Them to Eat" at 6:30 pm that evening. We encourage all of you to come out and learn about this mission we have supported and participate in.

## Town Hall Meeting

In preparation for our upcoming Town Hall discussion, the church leadership would like you to know the questions the SPRC are asked to answer on behalf of the congregation and submit to the Bishop and Cabinet of the conference.

For the upcoming year, the leadership has answered discerning/undecided to allow us time to have respectful dialogue as a congregation, so that we may more accurately answer these questions in the next year. Your feedback on these questions is NOT an official vote, but an opportunity to help the church leadership know the general consensus of the congregation at this time. It is anticipated that that we will be review these questions as a congregation again in the future as these questions will need to be answered annually. Members of Mt. Nittany UMC will be invited to place their recommendations in the box at the back of the sanctuary after our Town Hall. Members who are homebound and would like to be a part of this discussion are welcome to call or email the church office with their reflections.

### **Do you believe our congregation should permit same-gendered weddings?\***

Yes                      No                      Discerning/Undecided

### **Would you be willing to receive a pastor who would officiate a same-gendered wedding?\***

Yes                      No                      Discerning/Undecided

### **Are you willing to receive a pastoral leader who identifies as LGBTQ+?\***

Yes                      No                      Discerning/Undecided

## Calendar

**October 27 - November 2**

### **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
Monsell B-day Party	2-4pm	FLC

### **Monday**

Pastor Hours	Office Hours Cancelled	
Quilters	9:30am	Spring Creek Rm

### **Tuesday**

Pastor Hours	Office Hours Cancelled	
Boy Scouts	5-8:30pm	FLC

### **Wednesday**

Men's Fellowship coffee hour	10am	Good Day Cafe`
Knitters	9am	Spring Creek Rm
Girl Scouts	6-7:30pm	FLC
Bell choir	6:30-7:15pm	Music Room
Choir	7:15-8pm	Sanctuary

### **Thursday**

Karate	5:30-6:30pm	FLC
Missionary Presentation	6:30pm	Sanctuary

### **Friday**

Parents Night Out	6-7:30pm	FLC
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### **Saturday**

Football Dinner	4-6pm	Kitchen/drive thru
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