



### Conference of 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>

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Sunday, December 1,  
2024

9:30 am

Livestream at 9:30am on  
our Facebook page.

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

People in power loathe the idea of giving up their perceived importance for the benefit of others, thus they fight “tooth and nail” to ensure their positions keep them “lording” over others to the detriment of the greater community.

### Giving:

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### Greeting

### Prelude

### Lighting of the Advent

### Wreath

One: Sometime we pray, facing an unknown fate.

**Many: Sometimes we pray, facing an uncertain world.**

One: Although he would soon be thrown to the lions, Daniel trusted in God.

**Many: We hold that hope.**

One: When life takes us to the dangerous edge, we face our own lions.

**Many: We stay awake through the night, trying to tame depression, debt, job loss, addiction, broken relationships.**

One: We draw our hope from God.

**Many: And at dawn, the light comes again.**

(Light the first candle.)

One: "God is rescuer and savior; God performs signs and miracles in heaven and on earth."

(Daniel 6:27a, CEB)

**Many: Our living God gives hope. ~Martha Spang**

### **Centering Words Luke 23:1-5**

Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus [a] before Pilate. 2 They began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man inciting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to Caesar and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king." [b] 3 Then Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He answered, "You say so." 4 Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no basis for an accusation against this man." 5 But they were insistent and said, "He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place."

### **Opening Prayer**

**God of deliverance, You rescued Daniel from the mouths of the lions when he was punished for worshiping you. Liberate all who are endangered for the sake of their faith, and rescue us from anything that separates us from worshiping only you, for the sake of the one who made your name known to all people, across land and seas, Jesus Christ, our redeemer. Amen.**

### **\*Opening Praise**

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus #196  
Hail to the Lord's Anointed #203

### **Scripture**

Daniel 6: 6-27

### **Children's Message**

### **Message**

**Saved From the Ravenous Appetites of Power Mongers**

### **\*Gospel Praise**

Ye Servants of God #181

### **Peace**

### **\*Offertory Response**

Come and See the Glory of the Lord

### **\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

### **Prayers of the People**

### **Lord's Prayer**

### **\*Closing Praise**

He Shall Reign Forever More

### **\*Sending**

### **Postlude**

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

### **Prayer List**

Jon Hickey, Pat Sankey, Kurt Behers, Barbara Gotwalt, Barrie Kintner, Carrie Wyten, Regina Reichard, Mary Heltman, Dennis Swimley, Hurricane relief, Nan Yarnell, Duck Family

## Announcements

### Special Envelopes - Angel Tree

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

### 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."

### Craft Fair

This year's Holiday Craft Fair is just around the corner. Start your shopping for unique homemade gifts on Saturday, December 7 from 9:00 - 3:00. Get your favorite baked good recipes ready. Drop off baked goods Friday, December 6 from 6:00 - 8:00 or by 8:30 on Saturday morning, December 7. Questions, please talk to Wendy

### Administrative Council Meeting

Administrative Council will not meet in November. The next council meeting will be December 10 at 7pm.

## Calendar

December 1-7

### Sunday

<b>Friendship Class</b>	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>Boardroom</b>
<b>Worship</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
<b>Children's Sunday School</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>S/C Ed. Rm</b>
<b>Donuts + fellowship</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>FLC</b>
<b>Williams</b>	<b>1-4pm</b>	<b>FLC</b>
<b>Elks</b>	<b>2-3pm</b>	<b>Boardroom</b>

### Monday

<b>Pastor Hours</b>	<b>9-11am</b>	<b>Pastor's Office</b>
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### Tuesday

<b>Pastor Hours</b>	<b>9-11am</b>	<b>Pastor's Office</b>
<b>Boy Scouts</b>	<b>5-8:30pm</b>	<b>FLC</b>
<b>Scout Leader</b>	<b>7-10pm</b>	<b>Boardroom</b>

### Wednesday

<b>Men's Fellowship coffee hour</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Good Day Cafe</b>
<b>Girl Scouts</b>	<b>6-7:30pm</b>	<b>FLC</b>

### Thursday

**Craft show set up**

### Friday

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### Saturday

<b>Craft Show</b>	<b>9am - 3pm</b>	<b>FLC</b>
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