

Give Ye Them To Eat



December 15: Give Ye them to eat" GYTTE

The purpose of the "Give Ye Them to Eat" program (GYTTE) is to strengthen the capabilities of marginalized people and communities to meet their basic needs, and to determine and sustain a just and integrated development process. Participatory methods and development tools are used to create conditions in which change can take place from within the communities. GYTTE uses people-centered approaches to development.

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Sunday, December 15,

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9:30 am

Livestream at 9:30am on
our Facebook page.

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

As we draw closer to the birth of Christ, we also draw closer to the arrival of the Light that brings great joy. Is joy just an emotion or happiness? Maybe the joy we speak of at this time of year is much more profound. Maybe it is an act of faith. How do we express our faith? This morning we do so in song



Greeting

Prelude

**Lighting of the Advent
Wreath**

One: In this season of gift buying, it's easy to confuse possessions with happiness.

Many: Sometimes we choose the material when we need the mystical.

One: Sometimes we hesitate to really feel it; we're bound up in other worries.

Many: We could all use some joy.

One: We have turned avoidance into a kind of exile.

Many: Now it's time to come together again, to bind up broken hearts together.

One: Get ready for good news of great joy.

Many: Let us celebrate God's goodness.

(Light the first, second & third candles.)

One: "I surely rejoice in the Lord; my heart is joyful because of my God." (Isaiah 61:10a, CEB)

Many: Our loving God promises everlasting joy.

Centering Words Luke 4:16-21

16 When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, 17 and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

**18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.**

**He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to set free those who are oppressed,**

19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

20 And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. 21 Then he began to say to them, **"Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."**

Opening Prayer

Spirit of the Lord God, You bring good news to the oppressed, bind up the brokenhearted, proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners. You comfort all who mourn, and shower your people with the oil of gladness instead of mourning; a mangle of praise instead of a faint spirit. We will greatly rejoice in the Lord, our whole being shall exult in God,

for the sake of the one who brought righteousness to life, Jesus Christ, our salvation Amen.

***Opening Praise**

How Great Our Joy Carol Medley

How Great Our Joy vs. 1,2,3

Joy To The World vs. 1,2&4

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You vs. 1&2

Scripture

Isaiah 61:1-11

Children's Message

Message In Song

Hark The Herald Angels Sing #240 vs. 1&3

O Little Town Of Bethlehem #230 vs. 1,2,&3

What Child Is This #219 vs. 1&2

Away In A Manger #217 vs. 1&2

Peace

***Offertory Response**

Come and See the Glory of the Lord

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

***Closing Praise**

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

***Sending**

Postlude

*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, Hurricane relief, The Yarnell Family, Mary Jane Johnson, Dennis Swimley Family

Announcements

Tithing Envelopes

Tithing envelopes, located on the credenza, are ready for you to pick up. The envelope numbers have been changed and envelopes are in order. Any envelopes not picked up by the end of December will be placed in Jodie's office. Anyone who doesn't pick up their envelopes will not receive a box next year.

Special Envelopes - UMCOR

Their 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 are on the credenza in the lobby.

Church Family Christmas Brunch

Join your church family for a Christmas brunch following the Christmas Cantata on Sunday, December 22. Bring your favorite dish to share with others like salads, main dishes, side dishes, desserts. Drink and place settings will be provided. Hope to see you there.

Calendar

December 15-21

Sunday

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| 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

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| Quilters | 9:30am | Spring Creek Rm. |
| Blood Drive | 12-5pm | FLC |

Tuesday

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| Pastor Hours | 9-11am | Pastor's Office |
| Boy Scouts | 5-8:30pm | FLC |

Wednesday

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| Senior Adult Luncheon | 12pm | FLC |
| Girl Scouts | 6:30-8:30pm | FLC |

Thursday

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| Karate | 5:30-6:30pm | FLC |
| Self Defense | 6:45-7:30pm | FLC |

Friday

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| Family Fun Night | 6-7:30pm | FLC |
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Saturday

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| Soccer | 9-11:30am | FLC |
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