



December 8: Salt 'n Light Youth Ministry

Salt'n Light Youth Ministry vision is youth reaching youth with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Our mission is to provide Christ-centered events and resources that cultivate students' faith and aid youth leaders in making disciples.

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Sunday, December 8,
2024

9:30 am

Livestream at 9:30am on
our Facebook page.
Welcome to worship at
[Mt Nittany Church](#)

The Church has bemoaned the loss of people and participation in its ministries yet fails to see that in pursuing things other than God, it has turned away from God. To have a return of visions & prophecy the Church must return to God and God's way of love.

Giving:

Mt. Nittany UMC.org
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Greeting

Prelude

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

One: In a torn world, we wonder how to act with compassion.

Many: In our own lives, we wonder where to find harmony.

One: Even when we don't agree on the details, we want the same thing.

Many: We all want peace.

One: Like people in exile, we feel displaced.

Many: We try to find our way in a world where we cannot find our familiar landmarks, forgetting to look to God first.

One: Without God, there is no peace.

Many: Even now, we can return to God.

(Light the first and second candles.)

One: "Return to the Lord your God, for God is merciful and compassionate, very patient, full of faithful love, and ready to forgive." (Joel 2:13b, CEB)

Many: Our forgiving God brings peace.

Centering Words Luke 11:13

13 If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit [a] to those who ask him!"

Opening Prayer

Loving Lord, when we have strayed, you have called us to come home to you. "Return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing." With all our hearts we return to you, and gratefully accept your gentle love, for the sake of the one whose spirit lives in us, Jesus Christ, our loving savior. Amen.

***Opening Praise**

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear # 218 vs. 1&4
Let There Be Peace On Earth #431

Scripture

Joel 2: 12-13, 28-29

Chancel Choir Anthem

Come and Behold Him

Children's Message

Message

Return to God and Receive the Spirit

***Gospel Praise**

View the Present Through the Promise
You Are My All In All

Peace

***Offertory Response**

Come and See the Glory of the Lord

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Projected

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

***Closing Praise**

For the Healing of the Nation's #428

***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, Dennis Swimley, Hurricane relief, Nan Yarnell,

Announcements

Parents Night Out

Parents Night Out is this Friday 13 from 6-7:30pm. Children ages 4-12 are welcome to come and bring a friend.

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.

Senior Adult Christmas Luncheon

The Holiday Luncheon is a go; Wednesday 11 at 12. I will not be cancelling out at the last minute as I had to earlier this year. This one is not a potluck. I will be doing the food preparation. So come with a healthy appetite. There will be a sign-up sheet on the main bulletin board outside the FLC. Come and have a great holiday time interacting with everyone.

If you have any questions, my phone number is 814 548 7838; or email at 1happygram@comcast.net

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 are on the credenza in the lobby.

Calendar

December 8-14

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
Quilters	9:30am	Spring Creek Rm.
Soccer	5:30-7pm	FLC

Tuesday

Pastor Hours	9-11am	Pastor's Office
Boy Scouts	5-8:30pm	FLC
Trustees	6pm	Boardroom
Admin. Council	7pm	Boardroom

Wednesday

Knitters	9am	Spring Creek Rm.
Senior Adult Luncheon	12pm	FLC
Girl Scouts	6-7:30pm	FLC

Thursday

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

Friday

Parent's Night Out	6-7:30pm	FLC
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Saturday

Soccer	9-11:30am	FLC
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