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MOUNT NITTANY NEWS

The Newsletter of Mount Nittany Church

Pastor's Ramblin's

BY PASTOR MIKE



In everyone's life there will be times of trial, times of rest, and times of growth. Occasionally these seasons will coincide making a whirlwind of life. September, in the church calendar, can feel like that. We have seen a number of changes in the church landscape. Starting January 1 we

will officially begin using a new name for our district. As a denomination we begin living under a new Book of Discipline. Finally, individually we make resolutions to do new things in a new year. September feels like preparation for the turning of a new year. It is a season that feels frantic and frenzied. Additionally, we have school, sports, events, elections, and winterizing to be done.

In the midst of this season of change, preparation, and ending I encourage you to take time to sit with a good drink, a project or book, and relax. Take some time to talk with God, alone. Don't be afraid to say "yes". Don't be afraid to say "no". I look forward to this time of year, but I also dread it. This duality is often because I do not do a good job of taking time to just be myself with God. I am pulled back to the times when Jesus would go apart from the disciples and crowds to be by himself with God. If Jesus needed those times, certainly I/we do also. It takes those times for me to realize my request for God to "renew a right spirit within me" to happen. Without such times, I begin to reflect the anger, frustration, and division in the world around me. I then carry that division into my relationships, work, and daily interactions. I spread the spirit of divisiveness instead of a spirit of rightness with God.

I invite each of you to carve out an hour a day, to silently be with God, to boisterously speak to God, and to rest your soul in God's healing hands. May we find that a renewed spirit within us is born and our community experiences that spirit reflected upon them in love and support.

In Christ's service,
Rev. Michael S. Swimley

AT MT. NITTANY UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH, WE BELIEVE
IT IS OUR MISSION TO...

NURTURE ALL IN THE JOURNEY
TO BE DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST

TO FULFILL OUR MISSION, IT IS
OUR VISION...

TO BE A WELCOMING AND
INCLUSIVE FAMILY MEETING
SPIRITUAL AND PHYSICAL NEEDS
FOR ALL THROUGH TEACHING,
WITNESSING, SERVICE AND
MISSIONS.

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Children & Youth Ministry

by Patty Decapria
Children's Ministry

Parents Night Out

We talked about service at our September's Parents Night Out. Jesus shared how to lead; we must be servants. The children painted clothespins for Washaroos and used chalk in the parking lot to help direct folks for the football drive-thru dinner on September 7. Our service not only helps those we have contact with, but radiates like circles in a pond; we can inspire others to do the same so more and more people are know about Jesus' love. Children 4-12 are welcome to join us the first Friday every month from 6:00-7:30 pm.



Sunday School

The children have been learning about friendship. We learned how Jesus' closest friends were his disciples. Jesus is our friend also. Even though we can't see or touch him, he is always with us. Just as he welcomed his disciples and all people, Jesus welcomes us to come to him anytime and anywhere because he is our forever friend.

The children presented Washaroos made during VBS this summer to the Park Forest Preschool on September 22 during worship. Connie Schulz and Susan Yearick from the Preschool thanked the children for the Washaroos and the congregation for their continued support of the preschool and its mission to provide early education to God's children.

The children also shared with those that receive monthly home communion, lanterns that were made during VBS. They shared not only their kindness but also Jesus light to all his children.



Laity News

by Patty Decapria

Laity News

Workshops ranging from websites to cooperative parishes will be offered on Saturday, October 12 at Westside UMC in Clearfield from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Please see Patty DeCapria or register using the site on the flyer on the bulletin board.

October is Pastor Appreciate Month. Please take time this month to thank and pray for Pastor Mike and Heather to thank them for their service to Mount Nittany and God.

October 15 from 6:30-8:00 pm at Faith Church in Bellefonte, Laity will meet with our new Bishop Hector A. Burgos Nunez. The Bishop will share his vision and thoughts regarding the Susquehanna Conference and the faithful people of the State College District.



Coffee/Donut Fellowship

Please consider giving your time on Sundays to help with making coffee and setting out the items for fellowship time after worship services. A sign-up sheet is set out each Sunday and directions and supplies are marked and available for hosts each Sunday. If you enjoy this time, please consider signing up to help a Sunday this fall.





October



Steve Fellows 10/2	Joseph Molhoek 10/19
Hilary Kleckner 10/2	Christian Beebe 10/20
Sarah Simcisko 10/5	Sarah Davis 10/20
Ruth Pressler 10/6	Grayson Knepp 10/20
Pat Sankey 10/6	Jackson Knepp 10/20
Tara Mondock 10/7	Ellen Molhoek 10/20
Christian Prewitt 10/7	Bryan Lewis 10/22
Laura Sommers 10/12	Roger Wurst 10/22
Dave DeCapria 10/13	Patricia Bailey 10/23
MaryJane Johnson 10/13	Hannah Bryan 10/25
Jackie Raiser 10/13	Meri Clark 10/25
Mia Monsell 10/15	Gerry Dunn 10/27
Wes Olsen 10/16	Joan Hoch 10/29
Sarah McWhirter 10/19	

October AV schedule

October 6
 Sound Attendant - Jim Beebe
 Slide Attendant - Karen Bryan
 Livestream Operator - David Monsell
 Slide Creator -

October 13
 Sound Attendant -
 Slide Attendant - Bonnie Spotts
 Livestream Operator - Dave Spotts
 Slide Creator -

October 20
 Sound Attendant - Katie Monsell
 Slide Attendant - Karen Bryan
 Livestream Operator - James Roden
 Slide Creator -

October 27
 Sound Attendant - Buffy Bookamere
 Slide Attendant - Kevin Bookamere
 Livestream Operator - James Roden
 Slide Creator -

Money Counters

October 6: Lee/Ellen Copper
 October 13: Cathy/John Rideout
 October 20: John/Louisa Shawver
 October 27: Pat Weaver

Tom/Ginny Kline
 Chris McCann
 Lem/Marty Warner
 Patty DeCapria

Liturgists

October 6: Bob Kidder
 October 13: John Williams
 October 20: Judy Smith
 October 27: Brenda Peters





Focus on Missions | October

OCTOBER 6: WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY - SPECIAL ENVELOPE

Gifts for World Communion Sunday support the division of chaplains and ministries, Crusade Scholarships and the scholarship fund for minority groups. Mary Grace's work, and the impact of hundreds more like her, are possible because you give. You can read more stories of other recipients of educational support at <http://www.umcgiving.org/impact-articles/ethnic-scholar-appreciates-world-communion-Sunday>.



OCTOBER 13: CENTRE COUNTY YOUTH SERVICE

BUREAU

Once upon a time, when a Centre County youth got in trouble and ended up in court, a judge's only option was to send the child far from home for help. Judge R. Paul Campbell and other dedicated volunteers founded the Youth Service Bureau in 1968 so young people could get help in our own community.

Although YSB's basic mission—helping children and youth—has remained the same for five decades, our services have evolved and grown. Our staff members and volunteers continually assess needs among local youth and look for creative, evidence-based ways of meeting those needs. Over the years, thanks to community support, YSB has helped hundreds of thousands of local children and families turn the page to new chapters of safety, understanding, responsibility, and much more. Each year, dedicated staff members and volunteers touch the lives of more than 15,000 youth and family members through an array of prevention programs, family services, and residential homes.



OCTOBER 20: VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION SUNDAY

UMVIM recognizes the important work of putting Christian love into action across the globe. The success and engagement in God's mission, is training, accountability and celebrating our mission journey. You can get an overview of UMVIM from this video: https://youtu.be/ekhapEU_3eQ.



OCTOBER 27: CARING FOR PEOPLE IN NEED - ANGEL TREE

Each year, Mt. Nittany displays a tree in the church lobby decorated with lights and paper angels. Written on each angel are the Christmas gift wishes passed along to us from by various community groups, such as CentreSafe, Interfaith Human Services, local schools, or church members who know someone in need. Parishioners take the angels, buy the gifts written on them, and place them under the tree. The season-long event is capped off when church members gather to wrap all of the presents for delivery to agencies and families. Stay alert for more announcements about dates! While the congregation's generosity takes care of the requests that we get well in advance, it's not unusual to get last-minute requests. Your donations on these special Sundays let us say "Yes" to as many families as possible. Thank you for your kind contributions.





Happenings October

Funeral Dinner Coordinator Needed

Looking for a person who is willing to coordinate the funeral meals that are provided here at the church. Training provided as well as assistance from many. Talk to Wendy if interested or looking for more details.

Episcopal Tour

Greet, meet, and worship with Bishop Hector Burgos Nunez, the new resident Bishop for Susquehanna Conference on Tuesday, October 15, 2024, at Faith United Methodist, 512 Hughes Street, Bellefonte, PA. More information will be coming soon with the meeting times for Clergy and laity. 1:00-3:00pm - Clergy and 6:30-8:00pm - Laity (Clergy Invited) Registration is not required.

Senior Adult Luncheon

The Senior Adult Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, October 9th at 12:00. Once again, it will be Potluck: bring a dish to share. Meat, beverage and table service will be provided. Donald Kerr has offered to share with us, a talk on the early space program. A sign-up sheet will be on the narthex bulletin board. If you know someone who might be interested in coming, invite them.

Fourth Football Dinner

Our 4th football dinner is set for October 5 with Roast Beef on the menu. Please sign up with Wendy Sunday mornings where you can help. Many hands, light work. Thank you for participating in these great events for our church. Questions, talk to Wendy.

Banquet Help Needed

Banquet help needed for the following dates in October. October 10 (lunch); October 16 (lunch), October 19 (lunch) and October 21 (dinner). Please see Wendy if you are available to help. Thank you. Questions, talk with Wendy.

Thank You From Troup 367

Dear Members of the Mt. Nittany United Methodist Church,
On behalf of the Scout BSA Troop 367, we thank you for your donation toward our Trailer Fund. We hope to reach our financial goal soon.
With appreciation Natasha Voigt,
Troop Treasurer and Troop 367





Financial Reports

CHURCH BUDGET | AUGUST

General Fund Income 2024	\$231,673.38
General Fund Expenses 2024	\$233,844.23
Mission Fund Income 2024	\$32,170.00
Mission Fund Expenses 2024	\$32,170.00
Children's Playground Ministry Project Ending Balance 2023	\$4,018.40
Children's Playground Ministry Income 2024	\$12,525.00
Children's Playground Ministry Expenses 2024	\$16,433.54

MISSION GIVING

Mission Fund Income	Monthly Total	Yearly Total
January 2024	\$3,199.00	\$3,199.00
February 2024	\$6,431.00	\$9,630.00
March 2024	3,811.00	13,441.00
April 2024	\$2,953.00	\$16,394.00
May 2024	\$3,138.00	\$19,532.00
June 2024	\$2,211.00	\$21,743.00
July 2024	\$8,796.00	\$30,539.00

August 2024

Caring for People in Need	\$837.00	
Centre Helps	\$495.00	
Conference Benevolent Shares	\$415.00	
Rural Life Sunday	\$721.00	
	\$1,631.00	\$32,170.00





October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 Pastor Hours 9-11am Scouts 5-8:30pm Scout Leader Brdrm 5-8:30pm	2 Knitters 9am Girl Scouts 6-7:30pm	3 Karate 5:30-6:30pm	4 Parents Night Out 6-7:30pm
6	7 Pastor Hours 9-11am Quilters 9:30am	8 Pastor Hours 9-11am Scouts 5-8:30pm Finance 7pm	9 Sr. Adult Luncheon 12pm Girl Scouts 6-7:30pm Oak Grove HMO 7-9:30pmBrdrm	10 Mt Ridges Retired Assoc. Luncheon 10-12pm Karate 5:30-6:30pm	11 Family Fun Night 6:30-8:30pm
13	14 Pastor Hours 9-11am Quilters 9:30am Blood Drive 12-5pm	15 Pastor Hours 9-11am District Meeting Boy Scout Pumpkin Carving 5-8:30pm	16 Knitters 9am District Retreat 9am-3pm Girl Scouts 6-7:30pm	17 Karate 5:30-6:30pm	18
20 Girl Scouts 2-4pm_26grps	21 Pastor Hours 9-11am Quilters 9:30am DKG Chapter Beta 4:30-7:30pm Supper	22 Pastor Hours 9-11am Scouts 5-8:30pm Trustees 6pm Admin. Council 7pm	23 Girl Scouts 6-7:30pm Church Conference Fairbrook 7pm	24 DCOM 9am-12pm Brdrm Karate 5:30-6:30pm	25
27	28 Pastor Hours 9-11am Quilters 9:30am	29 Pastor Hours 9-11am Scouts 5-8:30pm	30 Knitters 9am Girl Scouts 6-7:30pm	31 Karate 5:30-6:30pm	
Every Sunday Friendship Class 8:30am Worship 9:30am	Children's SS 9:30am Donuts 10:30pm		Every Wed. Bells 6:30-7:15pm Choir 7:15-8pm		



AUTUMN LEAVES

“ AUTUMN LEAVES ARE LIKE
LITTLE GIFTS FALLING FROM THE
SKY, MAKING EVERYTHING LOOK
MAGICAL”

UNKNOWN