



January 19: Conference 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, January 12, 2025

9:30 am

Livestream at 9:30am on our Facebook page.

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

Too many, claiming to be followers of Jesus, look for ways that make them feel important and irreplaceable; this leads to a loss of focus on the one from whom salvation truly comes ... Jesus!

Giving:

Mt. Nittany UMC.org

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Greeting

Prelude

Centering Words

Psalm 51:6-17

6 You desire truth in the inward being; [a] therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

8 Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.

9 Hide your face from my sins,

and blot out all my iniquities.

10 Create in me a clean heart, O God,

and put a new and right [b] spirit within me.

**11 Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.**

12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing [c] spirit.

**13 Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners will return to you.**

14 Deliver me from bloodshed, O God,
O God of my salvation,
and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.

**15 O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise.**

16 For you have no delight in sacrifice;
if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be
pleased.

**17 The sacrifice acceptable to God [d] is a broken
spirit;**

**a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not
despise.**

Opening Prayer

**Heavenly Father, with joy and awe we praise you for
claiming us as your sons and daughters, and for
pouring your Holy Spirit upon us. Help us to prepare
this earth for your glory, and shine your light on all
your faithful children, for the sake of the one whose
birth and baptism brought renewal and
transformation to this world, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

***Opening Praise**

Heralds of Christ # 567

Take My Life and Let it Be Consecrated #597 vs. 1,3,5,&6

Scripture

Luke 3: 1-22

Children's Message

Message

Jesus Centered vs. Self-Centered

Gospel Praise

Down by the Jordan
You Are My All in All

Peace

***Offertory Response**

Glorify Thy Name #9 vs 1&2

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Prayers for the Spirit of Truth

Projected

Lord's Prayer

***Closing Praise**

Make Me A Captive Lord #421

***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 Family, Regina Reichard,
Mary Heltman, Hurricane relief, The Yarnell Family,
Mary Jane Johnson, Dennis Swimley Family, Joann Voigt,
Arica & Bret Monsell, victims of the Bourbon St tragedy

Announcements

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."

Community Dinners

Happy New Year and the start of our 2025 Community Dinners. Drive Thru turkey dinner from 4-6 on January 25. Sign up with Wendy Sunday mornings if you are able to help.

Community 12th Annual Lenten Musical Meditation

We invite all who love to sing to participate in the 12th annual Community Lenten Ecumenical Choir. We rehearse Sundays from 2-4pm beginning February 23 and the dress rehearsal is Sunday, April 6 1:30-4:30pm to prepare for the concert on April 9, at 7pm. Please call Laurel Sanders at 814-238-2478 or email lsanders@glcpa.org for details.

Youth Gathering

Youth will gather at Park Forest Village UMC on Sunday January 19 from 5:30-7pm for a time of games & fellowship.

Calendar

January 12-18

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
Scouts	5-8:30pm	FLC
Finance	7pm	Boardroom

Wednesday

Girl Scouts	6-7:30pm	FLC
Oak Grove HOA	7-9:30pm	Boardroom

Thursday

Karate	5:30-6:30pm	FLC
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Friday

Family Fun Night	6:30-8:30pm	FLC
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Saturday

Soccer	9-11:30pm	FLC
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