



January 5: Interfaith Human Services Fuel Fund

IHS provides a wide range of services, including heating assistance, serving as representative payees for community members who are not able to manage their own money, redistributing furniture and appliances, and providing funds to meet basic financial needs after an unavoidable circumstance creates a financial crisis for a family. IHS works with hundreds of families each year, hoping to build a community where everyone has a safe place to live, food to eat, and clothes to wear.
facebook.com/InterfaithHumanServices/

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Sunday, January 5, 2025

9:30 am

Livestream at 9:30am on
our Facebook page.

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

More often than not, we look for Jesus where we EXPECT to find him rather than where God has directed him to go. In essence God's will trump ours when it comes to Jesus' presence and work.

Giving:

Mt. Nittany UMC.org

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Greeting

Prelude

Centering Words

Psalm 2: 7-8

7 I will tell of the decree of the Lord: He said to me, "You are my son;

today I have begotten you.

8 Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage and the ends of the earth your possession.

Opening Prayer

God of all learning, when the boy, Jesus, stayed in the temple to learn from the elders, it was the elders who in turn learned from him.

Teach us, Lord, as you have taught others, and grant us wisdom and willingness to learn. Amen.

***Opening Praise**

As With Gladness Men of Old vs. 1-3
The First Noel #245 vs. 2-5

Scripture

Luke 2: 41-52

Choir Anthem

I Have Seen the Light

Children’s Message

Message

The Search for Jesus

Gospel Praise

Peace Shall Reign Forever More

Peace

***Offertory Response**

Come and See the Glory of the Lord

***Prayer of Thanksgiving/Prayers of the People**

Holy God, heaven and earth are met this day
in the newborn Child, Savior of the world.

We celebrate his birth;

for in him you come to be close to us, that we might be
close to you.

Especially, we give thanks

for the birth, life, death, and resurrection of our Lord
Jesus Christ and all he means to us...

for prospects of peace in the world...

for confidence in your almighty love...

for those who generously give...

for those who graciously receive...

for the Church’s nurturing us in the faith...

God of all mercy,

as you have come in Jesus Christ to be our guest,
inspire our hearts to a hospitality
that welcomes all our children in his name.

Especially we pray

for those who have not heard your good news...

for the sick and suffering...

for those who know no laughter, only tears...

for those who govern and rule...

for those enslaved by tyranny...

for prisoners of addiction or abuse...

for the Church as a refuge for the needy...

All this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen
(Presbyterian Dailey Prayer, U.S.A., 20th cent.,ALT)

Lord’s Prayer

Communion

***Closing Praise**

O Sing a Song of Bethlehem #179 vs. 1-4

***Sending**

May the Christ who by his Incarnation gathered into One
things earthly and heavenly, fill you with the sweetness of
inward peace and goodwill; and the blessing of God
Almighty, the Father,
the Son and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with
you always. **Amen.**

Go for the in peace and joy.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

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

Announcements

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."

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.

Family Fun Night

Please join us for Family Fun Night on January 10 from 6:30-8:30pm. We will have snacks and games to celebrate the New Year.

Calendar

January 5-11

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
Girl Scout Cookie Rally	1-5pm	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 Scout Leader	7-10pm	Boardroom
Scouts	5-8:30pm	FLC

Wednesday

Knitters	9am	Spring Creek Rm
Girl Scouts	6-7:30pm	FLC
Oak Grove HOA	7-10pm	FLC

Thursday

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

Friday

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

Soccer	9-11:30pm	FLC
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