

#### FEBRUARY 16: PARK FOREST PRESCHOOL

A tuition-free preschool for qualifying families that prepares two, three and four-year-old children for kindergarten success. The program promotes cognitive, social emotional, and physical growth in a diverse and nurturing environment. Nutritious breakfasts and lunches are provided daily. September – May: 8:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

#### Leading Worship:

Michael Swimley, Pastor 570-447-5331 mswimley@susumc.org Patty DeCapria, CLM, Children and Youth Minister 814-777-3376 pattydecapria@gmail.com James Beatty, Minister of Music Liturgist: James Beatty



Sunday, February 16, 2025 9:30 am Livestream at 9:30am on our Facebook page. Welcome to worship at <u>Mt Nittany Church</u>

For those who view their faith as giving them superiority in morals and faith, there is a danger in missing the whole reason for John and Jesus' message to the world.

#### Giving:

Mt. Nittany UMC.org Mount Nittany UMC 1500 E. Branch Rd State College, PA 16801 mnumcoffice@gmail.com 814 237-3549



## Greeting Prelude

#### Centering Words Psalm 146; 5-10

5 Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,

#### whose hope is in the Lord their God,

6 who made heaven and earth,

the sea, and all that is in them;

who keeps faith forever;

7 who executes justice for the oppressed;

## who gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets the prisoners free;

# 8 the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

#### the Lord loves the righteous.

9 The Lord watches over the strangers;

## he upholds the orphan and the widow,

## but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

10 The Lord will reign forever,

your God, O Zion, for all generations.

#### Praise the Lord!

## **Opening Prayer**

God of mystery, Just as the crowds wondered about Jesus, we too, wonder about you. Who are you to us? Are you the one? Show us that you are God, mysterious, wonderful, and mighty. Amen.

## \*Opening Praise

O Worship the King #73

Scripture

Luke 7:18-35

#### Children's Message

#### Message

John, Jesus, and Sinners Rejected by Those Religiously Indoctrinated

## Gospel Praise

He Will Hold Me Fast

## Peace

## \*Offertory Response

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow #95

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

#### \*Closing Praise

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed (at the Cross) #359 \*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, Regina Reichard, Mary Heltman, Mary Jane Johnson, Joann Voigt, Cathy Rideout, the Keller family, the Hill family, the Robert Brown family, the Williams family

## Announcements

## Mountain Valley District Lent Worship Service

Clergy and Laity invited Tuesday, March 18, 2025 6:30 pm Greater Buffalo Run Valley UMC 112 Trinity Court, Bellefonte, Pa. Special offering will be received for the Sierra Leone Initiative **Concert of Praise and Worship** Greater Buffalo Run Valley UMC has a Concert of Praise and Worship Scheduled with Chi Rho Singers on Thursday, February 27, 2025 at 7PM Everyone is welcome! 102 Trinity Court Bellefonte PA

#### A volunteer is Needed

A volunteer is needed to mow the grass around the church. The job would take about 3 hours using the church's equipment, fuel, and maintenance. If needed, some sort of monetary compensation will be considered. Interested or curious, please contact Lee Copper at 814-238-2066.

#### Iron Man 2025

Pastor Mike is looking for help to organize a special worship and community event for the Sunday of Ironman 2025. He is seeking help in planning games, food, etc. for our community who will be watching and for those who live around us that will not be able to "get out" during the Ironman event. If interested in helping, contact Pastor Mike.

#### Goodbye to our beloved Nancy

If you would like to pay your respects to Nancy and offer comfort to the family there will be a viewing today from 4-7; there will also be a viewing from 9-11am and the funeral service will be from 11am-12pm on Monday17. If you would like to reminisce with the family, a lunch will be provided after the service.

#### Hosts needed

Hosts are needed for coffee/donut fellowship time. Directions for brewing coffee and supplies are in the bottom cabinets under the coffeepot. Please consider how you may help in this ministry.

Calendar	February 16-22	
Sunday		
Friendship Class	8:30am	Boardroom
Worship	9:30am	Sanctuary
Children's Sunday Schoo	ol 9:30am	S/C Ed. Rm
Donuts + fellowship	10:30am	FLC
Nancy Williams Viewing	4-7pm	FLC
Monday		
Nancy Williams Funeral	9-11am viewing 1	1am-12pm Funeral
Quilters	9:30am	Spring Creek Rm
Soccer	5:30-7pm	FLC
Tuesday		
Pastor Hours	9-11am	Pastor's Office
Scouts	5-8:30pm	FLC
Wednesday		
Knitters	9am	Spring Creek Rm
Girl Scouts	6-7:30pm	FLC
Bell Choir	6:30-7:15pm	Sanctuary
Choir	7:15-8pm	Sanctuary
Thursday		
Karate	5:30-6:30pm	FLC
WEG	6:45-8:45pm	FLC
Saturday		
Soccer	9-11:30am	FLC
Community Dinner	4-6pm	FLC

