

Youth/Children Offering

The Youth Service Fund was established by the United Methodist Church to support youth and youth ministries in their endeavors to live and grow as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, where funds stay in the Susquehanna Conference and to national and global projects. An interesting feature of the national and global administration of projects is that youth decide what projects receive the money and the projects that apply for grants are youth-designed, youth-led, and youth benefited. The variety of projects is huge, from a therapeutic fine arts program in Houston to supporting the discipleship of young Christians in Pakistan. Within the conference, the funds are distributed by the Young People's Ministry Council. Learn more about the Youth Service Fund at <https://www.umc.org/en/content/youth-service-fund-ministryarticle>.

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Sunday, February 2,
2025

9:30 am

Livestream at 9:30am on
our Facebook page.

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

Some who claim to follow Jesus are so caught up in rules, they fail to live out the faithful obedience of Jesus' teaching to love. Thus, they reject the very people Jesus came to accept, love, and bring into relationship with God.

Giving:

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Greeting

Prelude

Centering Words

Psalm 92

1 It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

to sing praises to your name,
O Most High,

2 to declare your steadfast love in the morning

and your faithfulness by night,

3 to the music of the lute and the harp,

to the melody of the lyre.

4 For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work;

at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

5 How great are your works, O Lord!

Your thoughts are very deep!

6 The dullard cannot know;

the stupid cannot understand this:

7 though the wicked sprout like grass
and all evildoers flourish,
they are doomed to destruction forever,
8 but you, O Lord, are on high forever.

**9 For your enemies, O Lord,
for your enemies shall perish;
all evildoers shall be scattered.**

10 But you have exalted my horn like that of the wild ox;
you have anointed me with fresh oil.

**11 My eyes have seen the downfall of my enemies;
my ears have heard the doom of my evil assailants.**

12 The righteous flourish like the palm tree
and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

**13 They are planted in the house of the Lord;
they flourish in the courts of our God.**

14 In old age they still produce fruit;
they are always green and full of sap,
15 showing that the Lord is upright;
**he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in
him.**

Opening Prayer

**Lord of the Sabbath, your followers were told not to
work on the Sabbath, and yet they boldly plucked
grain to show that you are Lord of all. The world tells
us not to rest on the Sabbath. Show us how to rest
boldly, rejecting conventions that go against your
will, and instead praying and resting as you did up on
the mountain, for the glory of your world and
work, Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

***Opening Praise**

How Great Thou Art/with Our God Reigns

Scripture

Luke 6: 1-16

**Special music with congregation joining with the
chorus of What A Faithful God I Have**

Children’s Message

Message

Religious Elitism vs. Faithful Following God

Gospel Praise

Worthy is the Lamb

Peace

***Offertory Response**

Glorify Thy Name vs 1&2

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Prayers of the People

Lord’s Prayer

Communion

***Closing Praise**

Lord of the Dance #261

***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, BJ Rhodes, Rick Edmiston,
Carl Hill, Cathy Rideout, the Keller family, the first
responders, victims, and families of the plane/helicopter
crash

Announcements

Souper Bowl of Caring

Souper Bowl of Caring continues through February 9. Bring food donations to our display outside the Sanctuary. When donating food goods please make sure the expiration date is nothing earlier than 2025. Money donations can be placed in the soup pot in the cart. Checks made out to Mount Nittany with Souper Bowl in the memo section are also welcome. Use an envelope with your tithing envelope number if you would like credit.

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

Parents Night Out

Children ages 4-12 are invited to our February's Parent night Out Friday, February 7, 6-7:30pm. Come for snacks, crafts and lots of fun.

Youth Gathering Today

The youth will gather today at Mount Nittany February 2 from 5:30-7pm. Come for a time of fellowship, conversation, and reflection. All middle school through high school are welcome. Bring your friends!. See James Roden for more information

Calendar

February 2 - 8

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
Youth Gathering	5:30-7pm	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
Scout Leader Meeting	7-10pm	Boardroom

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
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Friday

Parents Night Out	6-7:30pm	FLC
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Saturday

Soccer	9-11:30am	FLC
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