UMCOR responds when war, conflict or natural disaster disrupts life.

#UMCORSunday

# MARCH 30: UMCOR SUNDAY (ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING)

As the humanitarian relief and development arm of The United Methodist Church, the United Methodist Committee on Relief assists United Methodists and churches to become involved globally in direct ministry to persons in need. UMCOR comes alongside those who suffer from natural or human-caused disasters – famine, hurricane, war, flood, fire or other events—to alleviate suffering and serve as a source of help and hope for the vulnerable. This year, the list of projects is long, including support for those affected by the war in Ukraine, recovery from wildfires in New Mexico, and hurricane relief in Florida. Follow UMCOR on Facebook to be aware of communities in need of prayer and support around the world: facebook.com/UMCOR

# Leading Worship:

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Sunday, March 30, 2025 9:30 am Livestream at 9:30am on our Facebook page. Welcome to worship at Mt Nittany Church

Modern Christianity often focuses exclusively on the return of Jesus and entering into Heaven; as a result we often fail to realize how vital what we do right now matters.

## Giving:

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## Greeting Prelude Centering Words Psalm 41: 1-3

1 Happy are those who consider the poor;

the Lord delivers them in the day of trouble.

2 The Lord protects them and keeps them alive;

they are called happy in the land.

You do not give them up to the will of their enemies.

3 The Lord sustains them on their sickbed;

in their illness you heal all their infirmities.

#### **Opening Prayer**

Divine Word, you sent Moses to speak law to the people and bring order to chaos. You sent prophets to speak repentance and bring hope to the hopeless. You sent your son, Jesus, to become your living Word. Open our ears to hear your word, and our hearts to reflect the light of your truth to others, for the sake of the Incarnate Word, Jesus Christ. Amen.

~Kace Leetch

#### \*Opening Praise

God of Grace and God of Glory #577

Scripture

Children's Message

Message

Today's Actions Matter!

Luke 16: 19-31

**Gospel** Praise

What a Friend We Have in Jesus #526 I Will Sing of My Redeemer

Peace

\*Offertory Response

Above All (Chorus only)

# \*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Holy God, we give you ourselves, captive and free, shaped by forces beyond our control, yet open to the power of your Spirit. Through us, and our gifts, may others know that when anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation, and that the old way ends, and new life begins for everyone. Amen. ~Brian Wren

## Prayers of the People

Renewing God, trusting in your infinite grace, we confess that we need your healing and your forgiveness. For all that is broken in our minds and bodies, we ask your healing. For all that is amiss in our choices and our relationships, we ask your forgiveness. For all that works against life and blessing in our hearts, and in the world, we open ourselves to your transforming grace. Heal us, forgive us, and make us new. Amen. ~Steve Garnaas-Holmes

Lord's Prayer

## \*Closing Praise

For the Healing of the Nations #428

## Sending

## Postlude\_

\*You are invited to stand as you are able or willing.

# Prayer List

Jon Hickey, Pat Sankey, Kurt & Debra Behers, Barbara Gotwalt, Barrie Kintner, Regina Reichard, Linda Kopp, a friend, The Edmiston family, the Johnstonbaugh family, Richard Martin

#### Announcements Parents Night Out & Family Fun Night

There will not be a Parents Night Out or Family Fun Night for the month of April. We will resume those events in May.

#### **Easter Flowers**

If you wish to honor a friend or family member with Easter flowers please complete an Easter Flower Order Form and place the money and order form in the collection plate. The price is \$11 and the order form must be received by **March 30**. This year, Hydrangeas may also be ordered and the price for this option is \$18. If writing a check please write Easter Flowers on the memo line. Please print your loved one/family neatly so that Jodie can be sure of the spelling.

# Easter Egg Hunt

We will continue to collect candy for our Family Breakfast & Easter Egg Hunt to be held Saturday April 12 from 9am-12pm. Candy must be small enough to fit into plastic eggs for the hunt. We have also placed container for donations on the cart.

## **Bulletin Announcements**

Please send your bulletin announcements to Jodie by Wednesday 8am.

## Funeral

Help is needed the day of Pastor Carl Hill's funeral on Saturday, April 5. Also food donations are needed. If you have already signed up to donate food, please drop off Friday, April 4 between 2-4 or Saturday, April 5 by 10:00 (if these times don't work, please get in touch with Wendy, if you have already discussed time with Wendy, disregard this information). See Wendy if you are able to help April 5 or donate food. Thanks for all your help.

Calendar	March 30-April 5	
Sunday		
Friendship Class	8:30ar	n Boardroom
Worship	9:30an	n Sanctuary
Children's Sunday S	School 9:30an	n S/C Ed. Rm
Donuts + fellowship	10:30ai	m FLC
Monday		
Pastor hours	9-11am	Pastor's office
Quilters	9:30am	Spring Creek Rm
Tuesday		
Pastor Hours	9-11am	Pastor's Office
Scouts	5-8:30pm	FLC
Scout Leaders	7-10pm	Boardroom
Wednesday		
Knitters	9am	Spring Creek Rm
Girl Scouts	6-7:30pm	FLC
Thursday		
Karate	5:30-6:30pm	FLC
Saturday		
Carl Hill Funeral	10am-12pm visita	tion 12-1pm Service