

Enriching communities,  
one family at a time.

EVERSTAND FORMALLY KNOWN AS UNITED  
METHODIST HOME FOR CHILDREN

We stand as a beacon for youth and families, equipping them with vital tools that build resiliency for life's greatest challenges. Our partnerships with state and local entities, community connections, and our unique Mid-Atlantic residential program footprint, mean that Everstand can often keep a child more local to their family and other support systems. Through our many programs we offer Residential, Mental & Behavioral Health, Education, Trauma Recovery & Case Management to allow youth and their families to make an informed decision about the tools and resources they need. We help navigate complex care systems and provide guidance on how to access vital resources for success

**Leading Worship:**

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Sunday, March 9, 2025

9:30 am

Livestream at 9:30am on  
our Facebook page.

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

Much like the scholar asking Jesus about the greatest commandment, we too want Jesus to validate our exclusionary practices that we believe make us morally and religiously "superior" only to discover Jesus rejects this mindset.

**Giving:**

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**Greeting**

**Prelude**

**Centering Words**

**Psalm 15**

1 O Lord, who may abide in your tent?

Who may dwell on your holy hill?

**2 Those who walk blamelessly and do what is right**

**and speak the truth from their heart;**

3 who do not slander with their tongue

and do no evil to their friends nor heap shame upon their neighbors;

**4 in whose eyes the wicked are despised**

**but who honor those who fear the Lord; who stand by their oath even to their hurt;**

5 who do not lend money at interest  
and do not take a bribe against the innocent.

**Those who do these things shall never be moved.**

### **Opening Prayer**

**Compassionate God, How easily you love those who look unlovable to us! How readily you welcome undesirables into your home! How slow we are to follow your example. Turn our hearts toward all who are considered outcast, shunned, and unclean so that we may love our neighbor without pity or apathy, for the sake of the one who became flesh to cleanse the world of sin and death forever, Jesus Christ our redeemer. Amen. ~Kace Leetch**

### **\*Opening Praise**

Jesus Draw Me Close

Lord, Whose Throughout These Forty Days # 269

### **Scripture**

Luke 10: 25-42

### **Children's Message**

### **Message**

Attempting to Vindicate Ourselves

### **Gospel Praise**

More Precious than Silver  
O Jesus, I Have Promised #396

### **Peace**

### **\*Offertory Response**

Above All (Chorus)

### **\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Projected

## **Act of Congregational Centering**

Projected

### **Lord's Prayer**

### **\*Closing Praise**

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life #427

### **Postlude**

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\*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, Mary Jane Johnson, Joann Voigt, The Williams family, The Claypoole Family, Linda Kopp

### **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

#### **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, there will be a meeting March 11 at 7p.m. in the Mt. Nittany Room.

## 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.

## Upcoming Banquets

Banquet help needed for March 20 (lunch) Please see Wendy if you are able to help.

## Transplant success

The Behers transplant surgery has gone well and they are recuperating.

## Easter Egg Hunt

We will begin 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.

## Calendar

**March 9-15**

### 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
District Lay Ministry	1:30-5pm	FLC

### Monday

Pastor hours	9-11am	Pastor's office
Quilters	9:30am	Spring Creek Rm

### Tuesday

Pastor Hours	9-11am	Pastor's Office
Scout Leadership	5-8:30pm	FLC
Iron Man Meeting	7pm	Mt. Nittany Rm.
Finance Meeting	7pm	Boardroom

### Wednesday

Girl Scouts	6-7:30pm	FLC
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### 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	9-11:30am	FLC
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