



MAY 11: GOLDEN CROSS

A loving God, said the psalmist, promises "goodness and mercy" throughout life. When your congregation gives generously on Golden Cross Sunday, you offer hope and happiness to children, families and older adults through health and welfare ministries of your annual conference.

Giving:

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Sunday, May 11, 2025

9:30 am

Livestream at 9:30am on
our Facebook page.

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

The Ethiopian eunuch was baptized as a member of the body of Christ even though greater Jewish thought would have stated he was less than human and unable to be redeemed and be fully permitted into the life of the “church”, this open invitation to the body of Christ exists still today for those often told they are not wanted, welcome, or permitted.



Greeting

Prelude

Centering Words

**Matthew 19:11-12 & Luke 24::
44-47**

11 But [Jesus] said to them, “Not everyone can accept this teaching, but only those to whom it is given. **12 For there are eunuchs who have been so from birth, and there are eunuchs who have been made eunuchs by others, and there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven.** Let anyone accept this who can.”

44 Then he said to them, “**These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses,**

the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” 45 Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, 46 and he said to them, **“Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day 47 and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.**

Opening Prayer

Fulfillment of the prophecies, with Scripture and water you claim people as your own. Claim us with water and the word, so that we may rejoice in the life given to us through the gift of the Holy Spirit, for the sake of the one whose spirit lives in us, Jesus Christ. Amen.

***Opening Praise**

God of Love and God of Power #578: vs. 1,3,&4
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling #384

Scripture

Acts 8: 26-39

Children’s Message

Message

Who or What Prevents Them From Being Baptized?

Gospel Praise

Worthy is the Lamb
Our God Reigns with How Great Thou Art
Peace

***Offertory Response**

Majesty, Worship His Majesty #176

Prayers of Thanksgiving

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

Reaffirmation of Baptism

Projected

***Closing Praise**

Go, Make of All Disciples #571

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, Bob Snyder, Lem Warner

Announcements

Collecting Items For Mission Central Activity Kits

This year, during Annual Conference we are collecting items for Activity Kits for Mission Central. Mount Nittany and all of the Mountain Valley District are to collect blue and black pens and erasers. We will continue to collect up through Sunday, May 25, and will be delivered to Annual Conference later that week. The goal is to bring enough supplies to make 1000 kits. To store all the different items collected, cloth bags need to be sewn. If you are able to sew some of these bags, please check out the pattern located in the display for dimensions and directions. These will also be taken to Annual Conference. Help us be a blessing to children in our communities!!!!

Retirement Celebration for District Superintendent

Retirement Celebration for District Superintendent Brenda Leigey will be held Sunday, June 8, here at Mount Nittany with worship 3-4 and fellowship time from 4-6. Come and thank Brenda for her leadership these 6 years and wish her well in her retirement.

Please see Patty DeCapria for more information.

Graduation Recognition

If you would like to honor a Graduate, please fill out a Graduate Recognition form located on the credenza in the lobby and place it in the offering plate or give it to Patty DeCapria or Jodie. We will honor our graduates on Sunday, June 8, during our worship service. We will accept forms through June 1. If you have questions, please contact Patty.

Calendar		May 12-17
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
Monday		
Pastor Office Hours	9-11am	Pastor's Office
Tuesday		
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Scouts	5-8:30pm	FLC
Finance	7pm	Boardroom
Wednesday		
Knitters	9am	Spring Creek Rm
Girl Scouts	6-7:30pm	FLC
Thursday		
Karate	5:30-6:30pm	FLC
Saturday		
Baby Shower	10am-4pm	FLC