



MAY 4: NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY

Native American Ministries Sunday serves to remind United Methodists of the gifts and contributions made by Native Americans to our society. With more than 20,000 Native Americans within the denomination, this special Sunday helps to ensure that Native American United Methodist leaders are recognized. It was officially recognized in 1988 and has been celebrated on the 3rd Sunday of Easter since 1989. An offering is taken on this Special Sunday to develop and strengthen Native American ministries in the Annual Conferences, Native American rural, urban, reservation ministries and communities relating to the General Board of Global Ministries. It also provides scholarships for Native Americans attending United Methodist schools of theology distributed by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

Leading Worship:

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Sunday, May 4, 2025

9:30 am

Livestream at 9:30am on
our Facebook page.

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

Stephen was stoned to death because others within the house of worship were jealous and did not like that he had wisdom and power bestowed on him by the Spirit that moved them from how things were to how Jesus wanted them to be.

Giving:

Mt. Nittany UMC.org

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Greeting Prelude

Centering Words

Luke 23: 33-34, 46

33 When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus **there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left.** [[34 Then Jesus said, “**Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.**”]]

46 Then Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, said, “**Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.**” Having said this, he breathed his last.

Opening Prayer
Holy Giver and Receiver of life, Your martyr, Stephen, shines with the light of your Holy Spirit. When his opponents took his life, he offered up his spirit to you, and prayed mercy for theirs. Make Stephen an example of faith and courage for all your followers, for the sake of the one who brought light and life to this world, Jesus Christ. Amen.

***Opening Praise**
Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know #163
Thine Is The Glory

Scripture
Acts 6: 1-7:2, 44-60

Anthem
Bell Choir

Children’s Message

Message
Cast Stones vs. Rejected Cornerstone

Gospel Praise
He Is Lord #177
O Praise the Name

Peace

***Offertory Response**
Majesty, Worship His Majesty #176

Prayers of the People
Projected

Invitation, Confession & Pardon
Projected

The Lord’s Prayer

Communion

***Closing Praise**
Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain #315

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, Ron & Evelyn Edmiston, Art Leach, Bob Snyder

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.

Youth Meeting Cancelled

The Youth meeting scheduled for tonight at Park Forest Village is cancelled.

Calendar

May 5-10

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
Quilters	9:30am	Spring Creek Rm

Tuesday

Pastor Office Hours	9-11am	Pastor's Office
Scout Leaders	7-10pm	Boardroom
Scouts	5-8:30pm	FLC

Wednesday

Girl Scouts	6-7:30pm	FLC
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Thursday

Karate	5:30-6:30pm	FLC
Mt. Ridges Luncheon	10am-1pm	FLC

Friday

Family Fun Night	3:30-8:30pm	FLC
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