



CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND MINISTRY

Mt Nittany UMC provides a number of ministries (Giving Garden, Prayer Garden, Playground and large open spaces) located throughout our outside campus. These ministries are available to our members, rental clients and the public to use. Annual funding is needed towards the maintenance of our playground to ensure the children have a safe and pleasurable experience during outside play.

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Sunday, July 20, 2025

9:30am

Livestream at 9:30am on
our Facebook page.

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

When life overwhelms,
remember whose we
are and the quality of
the One to whom we
belong. We are the
sheep, the children, of
God. God loved us so
much that God gave of
God's very self on the
cross. God is good.

Giving:

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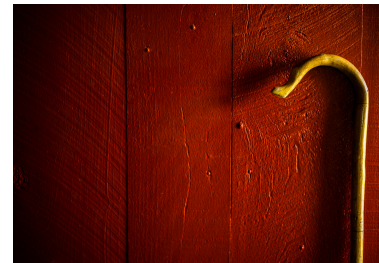
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Greeting

Prelude

Centering Words

Psalm 23

When life gets chaotic, when the
item I am looking for in the
grocery store is not there, when
furlough turns to
unemployment, when a loved
one is ill, then this I remember:
**The LORD is my shepherd; I
shall not want.**

When I think I have to do it all,
when I don't notice the beauty
around me, when I focus on the
wrong thing, then this I
remember:

**He makes me to lie down
in green pastures; he leads
me beside the still waters.**

When the news of the day
overwhelms me, when the pain
hits close to home, when I feel
weary, then this I remember:

He restores my soul; he leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

When people receive diagnoses of serious disease, when governmental leaders at any or all levels cause my stomach to knot, then this I remember:

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over.

This I hold on to, this I know is true, this I remember:

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever.

Opening Prayer

A wilderness beckons us: a desert, a barren place, yet a place of blessing and discovery. Jesus, steady companion, accompany us, as we enter the hurtful places, the frightening places, the dangerous places deep within us. Jesus, our wise and well traveled guide, lead us into this emptiness, where all will fall away, and we will have nothing but you. Walk with us through the valley of the shadow of death, where we shall be raised, and drink of deep springs. Amen (Steve Garnaas-Holmes)

***Opening Praise**

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us #381 vs. 1,3 & 4
He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought #128

Scripture

John 10: 1-18

Children's Message

Message

“Remember – we have a Good Shepherd”

Gospel Praise

Gentle Shepherd
He Will Hold Me Fast

The Peace

***Offertory Response**

We, Thy People, Praise The #67 vs. 2

Prayers of Thanksgiving

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

***Closing Praise**

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy #340

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, Joan Appleman, Stephanie, Sabrina, John, Sherry, The Rideout & the Edward Jackson Family. The Hap Bonham Family, Brett Tyson, Linda Kopp, Janet Hoover, Bob Kidder

Announcements

Confirmation/Membership Classes

Pastor Mike will be leading confirmation/membership classes starting in September. If you are a youth or adult interested in becoming a member, or if you are interested in learning more about what it means to be a member of a local congregation in the United Methodist Church, please let Pastor Mike know by August 15th so that appropriate materials may be ordered.

Mission Central/UMCOR

As many of you know there have been devastating floods in many parts of our country: New York, Pennsylvania, New Mexico and most devastatingly reported in Texas. Some of you have been asking if there has been anything yet about how to support UMCOR to meet needs from these floods. Located at the back of our sanctuary is our "Flood Bucket" and financial resources may be placed in that and will be sent to our HUB of UMCOR, Mission Central. We will also send out on Constant Contact and on our Facebook page other ways to support Mission Central in their coordinated work with UMCOR.

Altar Flower

The rose on the altar honors Jacob David Monsell, born Saturday, July 12, to David and Katie Monsell.

Calendar

July 20-26

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	5:30-7:30pm	Park
Forest		

Tuesday

Trustees	6pm	
Boardroom		
Admin. Council	7pm	
Boardroom		

Wednesday

Girl Scouts	6-7:30pm	FLC
Giving Garden	6-7:15pm	Garden

Thursday

Karate	5:30-6:30pm	FLC
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Saturday

Giving Garden	9-10am	Garden
Baby Shower	12-5pm	FLC