

## JULY 6: CARING FOR PEOPLE IN NEED - ANGEL TREE

In July, we'll take several weeks to dedicate our weekly charitable collection to causes that we often turn our minds to during the Christmas season. The first of these is the Angel Tree. A long tradition at Mt. Nittany UMC, we'll use giving this month to start planning the number of families we can help. In a year of financial unpredictability from world events and frightening inflation stories, it's a good time to begin thinking about what the season will be like for those who find it difficult to meet regular needs. While we might associate Christmas gifts with children's toys, and we do provide those, for families in need gifts often provide needed clothing and we regularly gift other household needs that families can struggle to provide for themselves. Please prayerfully consider what contribution you would like to make to this charitable cause.

### Prayer List

Jon Hickey, Pat Sankey, Kurt & Debra Behers, Barbara Gotwalt, Barrie Kintner, Dana Hess Family, Joan Appleman, Susan Bargo, Christy Orso, Esther Swimley Family, Carol Robertson, Erin Kelly, Heather Kelly, James Roden, Stephanie, Sabrina, John, Sherry

### Leading Worship:

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**Liturgist:** Robert Kidder



Sunday, July 6, 2025

9:30am

Livestream at 9:30am on  
our Facebook page.

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

Too often, Christians act as though they have superior morals to everyone else, as a result, we fall victim to the sin of pride instead of living in the truth of Jesus' love demonstrated through the gifts of the Spirit; we are saved by grace, not by adherence to the Law.

### Giving:

Mt. Nittany UMC.org

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### Greeting

### Prelude

### Centering Words

### Psalm 30

I will extol you, O Lord, for you  
have lifted me up, and did not  
let my foes rejoice over me.

**O Lord my God, I cried to you  
for help, and you healed me.**

O Lord, you brought up my soul  
from Sheol,

**restored me to life from  
among those gone down to  
the pit.**

Sing praises to the Lord, O his  
faithful ones, and give thanks  
to his holy name.

**Surely the Lord's anger is but  
for a moment; the Lord's  
favor is for a lifetime.**

Weeping may tarry for the  
night, but joy comes with the  
morning.

**As for me, I said in my prosperity,**

**“I shall never be moved.”**

By your favor, O Lord,

you had established me as a strong mountain;

**you hid your face,**

**I was dismayed.**

To you, O Lord, I cried,

and to the Lord I made supplication:

**“What profit is there in my death,**

**if I go down to the pit?**

Will the dust praise you?

Will it tell of your faithfulness?

**Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me!**

**O Lord, be my helper!”**

You have turned my mourning into dancing;

you have loosed my sackcloth

and girded me with gladness,

that my soul may praise you and not be silent.

**O Lord, my God, I will give thanks to you forever.**

### **Opening Prayer**

**Strong covenant God, save us from being self-centered in our prayers, and teach us to remember to pray for others. May we be so bound up in love with those for whom we pray that we may feel their needs as acutely as our own, and intercede for them with sensitiveness, with understanding and with imagination. This we ask in Christ’s name. Amen. (Based on words from John Calvin, Switzerland, 16<sup>th</sup> Cent.)**

### **\*Opening Praise**

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name # 79

### **Scripture**

Galatians 6: 1-16

### **Children’s Message**

### **Message**

The Deception of Moral Superiority”

### **Gospel Praise**

The Wonderful Cross

### **The Peace**

### **\*Offertory Response**

Be Exalted, O God

### **Prayers of Thanksgiving**

Projected

### **Prayers of the People**

### **The Lord’s Prayer**

### **Communion**

### **\*Closing Praise**

Where Charity and Love Prevail # 549

### **Sending**

### **Postlude**

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

### **Announcements**

### **Communion Team Meeting**

Communion Team will have a short meeting after worship in the FLC on July 13.

Parents Night Out

Parents Night Out this Friday, July 11, from 6-7:30pm. Children ages 4-12 are welcome for games, snacks, and fun. Bring a friend and wear play clothes...we sometimes get dirty!!

Family Fun Night

Family Fun Night will be Friday, July 18. Bring snacks and games to share for great fellowship.

Happy Birthday

Thelma Andrews will be celebrating her 102 birthday on July 11 and would welcome receiving Birthday cards. Her Address is 1198 Cottonwood Avenue State College, PA. 16801

From the Finance Committee

Mt. Nittany UMC has always been very gracious in helping those in need. We have helped our local community as well as people throughout the world. As we continue our mission of being the hands and feet of Jesus Christ, we too are facing some financial challenges in our General Fund. This is due in part to recent economic difficulties, declining donations, loss of older congregation members and rising utility costs. The General Fund is our primary fund for our everyday mission work. This fund covers the routine operations of the church, including utility bills, maintenance and payroll (i.e. ensuring our staff are paid for the work we hired them to do).

We understand that everyone faces their own financial challenges so any additional contribution to the General Fund would be greatly appreciated. We do ask that you please keep Mt. Nittany UMC in your prayers. We believe that together we can overcome these financial challenges so we can continue to be a beacon of hope in our community and in the world. Thank you for your generosity.

Calendar

July 6 - 12

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 Hours	9-11am	Pastor's Office
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Tuesday

Pastor Hours	9-11am	Pastor's Office
Scout Leadership	7-10pm	Spring Creek Rm
Finance	7pm	Boardroom

Wednesday

Girl Scouts	6-7:30pm	FLC
Giving Garden	6-7:15pm	Garden
Oak Grove HOA	7pm	Boardroom

Thursday

Karate	5:30-6:30pm	FLC
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Friday

Parents Night Out	6-7:30pm	FLC
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Saturday

Giving Garden	9-10am	Garden
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