



August 17: Centre Helps

Centre Helps navigates the local safety net for our friends and neighbors in need. Whether in crisis or struggling to make ends meet, our community can always find help through the dedicated staff and volunteers at Centre Helps. We connect with our community through our 24/7 hotline, text, chat, and community collaborations. We all have friends who are suffering in silence. Our well-trained, compassionate team helps stabilize the crisis, providing help and hope. The work of Centre Helps serves us all, whether directly or indirectly, by improving the quality of life in our community.

Leading Worship:

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Sunday, August 17, 2025

9:30am

Livestream at 9:30am on
our Facebook page.

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

Wrestling with and intentionally developing our faith results in confidence that God will be before, beside, and behind us in all we face in this life.

Giving:

Mt. Nittany UMC.org

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Greeting Prelude

Centering Words

Psalm 80: 1-2, 8-19

¹ Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a
flock!

You who are enthroned upon
the cherubim, shine forth

² In the presence of Ephraim
and Benjamin and Manasseh.

stir up your might,
and come to save us!

⁸ You brought a vine out of
Egypt;

you drove out the nations and
planted it.

⁹ **You cleared the ground for
it;**

**it took deep root and filled
the land.**

10 The mountains were covered with its shade,
 the mighty cedars with its branches;
 11 **it sent out its branches to the sea
 and its shoots to the river.**
 12 Why then have you broken down its walls,
 so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?
 13 **The boar from the forest ravages it,
 and all that move in the field feed on it.**
 14 Turn again, O God of hosts!
 Look down from heaven and see:
**have regard for this vine,
 15 the stock that your right hand planted.**
 They have burned it with fire, they have cut it down;
 may they perish at the rebuke of your countenance!
 17 **But let your hand be upon those of your right hand,
 the one whom you made strong for yourself!**
 18 Then we will never turn back from you;
 give us life, and we will call on your name!
 19 **Restore us, O Lord God of hosts!
 let your face shine, that we may be saved!**

Prayer of Confession

**God of grace and glory, we thank you that you judge
 us not by the perfection of our actions, but by our
 readiness to live boldly by faith. Help us, as
 individuals and as a congregation, to trust you and
 follow where you lead, that in Christ your name may
 be glorified in all the earth. Amen.** (Ruth Duck, U.S.A.,
 20th cent.)

*Opening Praise

Holy God, We Praise thy Name #79 vs. 1-4 & 6

Scripture

Hebrews 11: 29-12:2

Children's Message

Message

Faith > Obstacles

Gospel Praise

You Not I, But Through Christ In Me

The Peace

*Offertory Response

My Tribute # 99

Prayers of Thanksgiving

Projected

Prayers of the People

Projected

The Lord's Prayer

*Closing Praise

O Day Of God, Draw Nigh #730

Sending

Projected

Postlude

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

Prayer List

Jon Hickey, Pat Sankey, Kurt & Debra Behers, Barbara
 Gotwalt, The Hap Bonham Family, Brett Tyson, Linda Kopp
 Family, Bob Kidder, Debbie Harris, Brenda Peters, Bob
 Snyder, Joan Appleman, Scarlett Poulin, Janet Hoover,
 Terry Knepp

Announcements

VBS Thank You

Thank you all for your prayers for our VBS this past week. We had a great time learning that when we do God's will, we are all heroes. Heroes take care of others. The children gathered money to support the Moshannon Valley Backpack Program that provides food to children during breaks in school. If you would like to donate to this mission, please place your donation in the container by our hero display in the lobby area.

Office Closed

Jodie will be going to Grange Fair and the office will be closed Monday 18 & Wednesday 20. But, since it is nearly impossible to eat Gross French fries and Gunzy Hot Sausage Sandwich one handed while holding an umbrella with the other, rain dates are Tuesday 19 & Thursday 21. The Pastor will be in his office with limited availability due to already scheduled appointments.

End of Summer Youth Gathering

The State College Cluster will hold a youth group gathering on Sunday, August 24, from 3-5 pm at Grays UMC, 5687 Buffalo Run Road, Port Matilda, 16870. Come enjoy fellowship and fun with your State College friends as we plan for the year ahead.

Calendar

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
Jodie Grange Fair	Office Closed	
Blood Drive	12-5:30pm	FLC

Tuesday

Pastor Hours	9-11am	Pastor's Office
Jodie Rain Date		

Wednesday

Jodie Grange Fair	Office Closed	
Girl Scouts	6-7:30pm	FLC
Giving Garden	6-7:15pm	Garden

Thursday

Jodie Rain Date		
Karate	5:30-6:30pm	FLC

Saturday

Giving Garden	9-10am	Garden
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