

## Caring for People in Need

It can be hard to know where to turn when unexpected needs arise. Events like unexpected illnesses, or even deaths, can place a heavy burden on families. One place that we hope that people feel like they can turn to is the church—our church. Requests range from prayer to support to time, but in many cases, a cost is associated with providing assistance when someone within the church lets us know about an urgent situation. Funds donated to the Caring for People in Need Fund are used throughout the year to address unexpected situations where the church can step in by providing money or purchasing materials. As a church, we value the faith that you place in us and in each other when you provide these funds in advance of anyone knowing what needs may arise. Having funds available means that the church can respond more quickly to the unexpected than if a separate appeal had to be made every time. We thank you for sharing what God has given.

### Leading Worship:

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Sunday, August 24, 2025

9:30am

Livestream at 9:30am on  
our Facebook page.

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

In this life, we get glimpses of God's kingdom and they remain intangible, "untouchable" until God completes God's new creation.

### Giving:

Mt. Nittany UMC.org

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### Greeting Prelude

### Centering Words

#### Psalm 71: 1-6

<sup>1</sup>In you, O Lord, I take refuge;  
let me never be put to shame!

<sup>2</sup>**In your righteousness  
deliver me and rescue me;  
incline your ear to me, and  
save me!**

<sup>3</sup>Be to me a rock of refuge,  
a strong fortress to save me,  
for you are my rock and my  
fortress.

<sup>4</sup>**Rescue me, O my God, from  
the hand of the wicked,  
from the grasp of the  
unjust and cruel.**

<sup>5</sup>For you, O Lord, are my hope,  
my trust, O Lord, from my  
youth.

6 Upon you I have leaned from my birth;  
it was you who took me from my mother's womb.  
My praise is continually of you.

### Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the way of peace. Come into the brokenness of our lives and our land with healing love. Help us to be willing to bow before you in true repentance, and to bow to one another in real forgiveness. By the fire of your Holy Spirit, melt our hard hearts and consume the pride and prejudice which separate us. Fill us, O Lord, with your perfect love, which casts out our fear, and bind us together in that unity which you share with the father and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

(Cecil Kerr, Northern Ireland, 20<sup>th</sup> cent.)

### \*Opening Praise

Come, Christians, Join to Sing #158  
Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed #359 vs. 1-3 & 5

### Scripture

Hebrews 12: 18-29

### Children's Message

### Message

Concrete Faith in an Intangible Kingdom of God

### Gospel Praise

Hymn of Heaven

### The Peace

### \*Offertory Response

My Tribute # 99

### Prayers of Thanksgiving

### Prayers of the People

### The Lord's Prayer

Projected

### \*Closing Praise

Marching to Zion #733

### Sending

### 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 earlier this month. 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.

## End of Summer Youth Gathering

The State College Cluster will hold a youth group gathering today 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.

## Football Dinners

Can you believe fall is just around the corner, which means it is football season and time for Mt. Nittany's football dinner for each of Penn State's home football game. Our first dinner is August 30 serving at 4:00 and will be serving Turkey. September 6 for roast beef, September 13 for turkey and September 27 for roast beef. Sign up with Wendy on Sunday mornings where you are able to volunteer. This is a great fundraiser but we need your help to make it a success. Questions, please contact Wendy.

## Calendar

## August 24-30

### 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 Group Gathering	3-5pm	Grays UMC

### Monday

Pastor Hours	9-11am	Pastor's Office
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### Tuesday

Pastor Hours	9-11am	Pastor's Office
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
Football Dinner	4-6 pm	Drive Thru