

AUGUST 3: RURAL LIFE SUNDAY

Rural Life Sunday is a Sunday set aside to honor and affirm churches and leaders in rural settings, while also honoring the work of those who labor to provide us food and fiber, both in the United States and around the world. On this day, we also celebrate the gifts of creation itself. Rural churches are a part of our history and our present in The United Methodist Church. These churches have the unique opportunity of anchoring a community and providing outreach to a community that might otherwise be short on resources for individuals and families. Each annual conference sets the date to celebrate Rural Life Sunday each year. It is sometimes celebrated in conjunction with a Rogation Service, a service that is asking for God's blessings on the earth and crops, while others include a blessing of the animals on or near this date. As The United Methodist Church, we affirm the important role rural churches have in our history and in the communities they serve.

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Sunday, August 3, 2025

9:30am

Livestream at 9:30am on
our Facebook page.

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

We who follow Jesus
must still live in the
world and it is how we
live in this world that
marks us as different
from how the rest of the
world lives.

Giving:

Mt. Nittany UMC.org

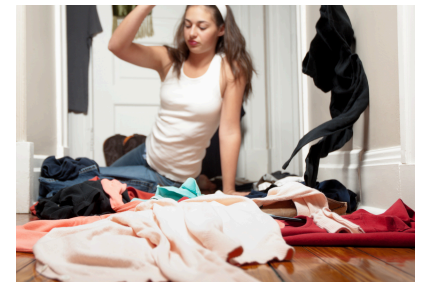
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Greeting Prelude

Centering Words

Psalm 107: 1-9, 43

¹O give thanks to the Lord, who
is good,

whose steadfast love endures
for ever!

²**Let the redeemed of the
Lord say so,**

**whom the Lord has
redeemed from trouble**

³**and gathered in from the
lands,**

**from the east and from the
west,**

**from the north and from
the south.**

⁴Some wandered in desert
wastes,

finding no way to a city in
which to dwell;

5 **hungry and thirsty,**
their soul fainted within them.
6 Then in their trouble, they cried to the Lord,
who delivered them from their distress;
7 **and led them by a straight way,**
til they reached a city in which to dwell.
8 Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,
for his wonderful works to humankind.
9 **For the Lord satisfies those who are thirsty,**
and fills the hungry with good things.
43 **Whoever is wise, give heed to these things;**
consider the steadfast love of the Lord.

Opening Prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being, you created us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they find rest in you. Grant to us such piety of heart and strength of purpose that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will, and no weakness from doing it. In you light may we see life clearly and in your service find perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen (The Book of Worship 1965)

*Opening Praise

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah # 127
O Worship the King # 73 vs. 1, 2 & 4

Scripture

Colossians 3: 1-11

Children's Message

Message

Purge the Closet

Gospel Praise

Do It Again

The Peace

*Offertory Response

My Tribute # 99

Prayers of Thanksgiving

Projected

Prayers of the People

Projected

The Lord's Prayer

Communion

*Closing Praise

Bless Be the Tie That Binds # 557

Sending

Shalom To You # 666

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, those affected by the earthquakes and tsunami

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.

Family Fun Night

Because of VBS there will not be a Family Fun Night for the month of August. We will See you in September.

Heroes of the Bible

Heroes of the Bible VBS takes place this Thursday August 7 and Friday, August 8 from 6-8pm. All children ages 4-12 welcome. Registration online and in person. We ask for prayers for our children and volunteers for a wonderful time sharing God’s love where anyone can be a Hero!



Kitchen Cleanup

Time to get the kitchen ready for fall football dinners and banquets. Join me on Saturday, August 9 at 9:00 with a bucket to help get the kitchen ready. Many hands make light work. Questions, please contact Wendy

Calendar

August 3 - 9

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
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Wednesday

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

Thursday

VBS	6-8pm	FLC
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Friday

VBS	6-8pm	FLC
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Saturday

Giving Garden	9-10am	Garden
Kitchen Cleanup	9-?	FLC