

NOVEMBER 16: HARVEST HOME OFFERING FOR WORLD HUNGER

By participating in the Harvest Home for World Hunger Offering you can take one action to help address the urgent need of the hungry in our midst. From the donations taken on November 15th, 50% of funds go to fight hunger in the Susquehanna Conference. UMCOR distributes 25% of the funds to fight hunger in America and 25% to fight hunger internationally. In 2019, 49 different hunger projects in the Susquehanna Conference received grants from the Harvest Home for World Hunger Offering. The number of projects represents an increase of over 30% from 2018 and includes Mt. Nittany United Methodist Church. (See the full list here:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PtHsbbGmS9RhuWLve_nohzqIrmvNq8Y74/view?usp=sharing)

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Sunday, November 16,

2025

9:30am

Livestream at 9:30am on our Facebook page.

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

During times of great injustice and oppression, people will cry out to God, God will hear, and the hope of salvation from destruction inflicted by those who oppress others will burn bright in the darkness of injustice.

Giving:

Mt. Nittany UMC.org

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Greeting

Prelude

Centering Words

John 8: 12

12 Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, **“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.”**

Opening Prayer

God of Light, there can be overwhelming darkness in this world. But you shine your light and increase joy, and for your brilliance we are grateful. Amen.

*Opening Praise

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies #173
Heralds of Christ #567

Scripture

Isaiah 9: 1-7

Children's Message

Message

The Hope of Oppression's Demise

*Gospel Praise

Shine On Us
Shine Jesus Shine

The Peace

*Offertory Response

Give Thanks With A Grateful Heart

*Prayers of Thanksgiving

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

*Closing Praise

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light #206

*Sending

Postlude

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

Prayer List

Pat Sankey, Kurt & Debra Behers, Barbara Gotwalt,
The Jon Hickey Family, The Don Boller Family, The Jones
Family, Brenda Peters, Darla Franks, The Henninger
family, Thelma Andrews, Carol, Emily Gregory

Announcements

Football Dinners

Our last football dinner is November 22 (roast beef). Let's continue our success to finish up our 2025 season, but we need your help. Sign up Sunday mornings with Wendy

"Too Busy NOT to Pray"

Pastor Mike is offering a study based on "Too Busy NOT to Pray". This study will begin December 1 at 10 am in the Board Room. This study will be offered both in-person and on ZOOM on Monday mornings through Advent. Pastor Mike will also offer this same study on Monday Evenings at 7 pm and this will be on ZOOM only. If you wish to participate in this study at either time, please let him know.

Craft Fair

This year's Holiday Craft Fair is Saturday, December 6 from 9-3. Volunteers are needed throughout the day to help in the kitchen. If you are able to help, please see Wendy. Also, could use some help on **Thursday night December 4 to set up vendor spaces.** If you aren't able to volunteer, please stop by and shop to support the local vendors attending this year's fair. Enjoy some baked goods and great food from the kitchen and you can finish your Christmas shopping all in one day. **Bakers are needed to add to our Bake Sale table.** Find those fantastic recipes and get your baker's hat on. **Drop off baked goods on Friday, December 5 from 6-8 or by 8:30 on Saturday, December 6.** Direct any questions to Wendy. Thank you for all your support. It is a fun filled day

ANGEL TREE

Grocery Gift Cards for Elementary Families

In a year of financial unpredictability from world events, natural disasters, and frightening inflation stories, it's a good time to begin thinking about what the Christmas season will be like for those who find it difficult to meet regular needs. For many years, through the generosity of our congregation, we have provided toys, books, clothing, and household items to families within our community by pulling angels from a tree in our lobby.

However, in the last few years, we have recognized a need to provide food for families when the schools are on break during the Christmas holiday. Seeing this need, we have partnered with 2 Elementary Schools to provide grocery gift cards. These gift cards are purchased with money we receive for this mission. The cards are then shared with those identified within the schools who may struggle to provide a holiday meal or food during this time when school is not in session. Last year, we were able to provide 52 Grocery Gift Cards to families within these two elementary schools. We will again be partnering with these schools to provide grocery gift cards and will be collecting money through December. Please visit our display in the lobby area for our donation box. If you write a check, please make check out to Mount Nittany and list Angel Tree in the memo section. If you would like an envelope to place a check or cash, there are some located in this display. Please prayerfully consider how you may contribute to this ministry and share our love with those in need in our community.

Calendar

November 16-22

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	3-5pm	Greys United
Confirmation Class	6-7:30pm	Pastor's Office

Monday

Pastor Office Hours	9-11am	Pastor's Office
Quilters	9:30am	Spring Creek Rm

Tuesday

Pastor Office Hours	9-11am	Pastor's Office
Scouts	5-8:30pm	FLC

Wednesday

Girl Scouts	6-7:30pm	FLC
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Thursday

Karate	5:30-6:30pm	FLC
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Saturday

Football Dinner	4-6pm	Drive Thru
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Youth Gathering

Youth will gather at Grays UMC today from 3-5 for some crafting of cards. Come and join us to share some holiday cheer with others.