



## NOVEMBER 23: MISSION CENTRAL MOUNTAIN VALLEY HUB

Through partnerships with more than 200 organizations, we supply essential resources to those providing humanitarian aid and critical care. From flood recovery efforts to school supply distributions, or medical equipment, we stand ready to respond – wherever and whenever we're needed.

### Leading Worship:

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Sunday, November 23,

2025

9:30am

Livestream at 9:30am on  
our Facebook page.

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

Just because evil seems  
to be winning and faith  
in God seems waning  
does not give us the  
right to submit, but  
rather we receive  
permission to  
persevere and even  
thrive!

### Giving:

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### Greeting Prelude

### Centering Words

**John 14:27**

27 Peace I leave with you; my  
peace I give to you. I do not give  
to you as the world gives. **Do  
not let your hearts be  
troubled, and do not let them  
be afraid.**

### Opening Prayer

**God of Hope, how often have  
we found ourselves in exile,  
separated from our  
awareness of your presence!  
Restore us, and let us find  
you when we seek you.  
Amen.**

## \*Opening Praise

Jesus Shall Reign #157 vs. 1,2 & 5  
Crown Him With Many Crowns #327

## Scripture

Jeremiah 19: 1, 4-14

## Children's Message

## Message

Perseverance in the Midst of Oppression

## \*Gospel Praise

Majesty (here I Am)  
Majesty, Worship His Majesty #176

## The Peace

## \*Offertory Response

All Hail King Jesus

## \*Prayers of Thanksgiving

## Prayers of the People

## The Lord's Prayer

## \*Closing Praise

Our God Reigns with How Great Thou Art

## \*Sending

## Postlude

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

## Prayer List

Pat Sankey, Kurt & Debra Behers, Barbara Gotwalt,  
Darla Franks, Carol Bair, Emily Gregory, Emma Dixon  
Family, David VanTres, Steve Ripka

## Announcements

### “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 sign up on the sign up sheet on the Bulletin Board outside of the FLC; there is a sign up sheet for Morning and one for Evening.

### 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 23-29

#### 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
Confirmation Class	6-7:30pm	Pastor's Office

#### Monday

Pastor Office Hours	Cancelled	
Quilters	9:30am	Spring Creek Rm

#### Tuesday

Pastor Office Hours	9-11am	Pastor's Office
Scouts	5-8:30pm	FLC
Trustees	6pm	Boardroom
Admin Council	7pm	Mt. Nittany Room

#### Wednesday

Girl Scouts	6-7:30pm	FLC
Thanksgiving Eve Service	7pm	Prerecorded

#### Thursday

Thanksgiving Office is closed.

## **Tithing Envelopes**

January will soon be here. For some of you, that means picking up your offering envelopes for 2026. You may notice a change ... due to changes in membership from death, moves, and use of online giving, significant gaps have formed in the numbers assigned to individuals who receive envelopes. Because of the way offering envelopes must be ordered (i.e. numbers must be consecutive), we have been ordering many more boxes than we actually use. As a means of ensuring responsible use of funds, the Finance Committee has decided to reassign numbers on the envelopes. This will mean we will be able to cut our envelope order in half (thus saving us half the current cost). So, if you notice your envelopes have a new number, this is the reason. We are attempting to ensure responsible use of the resources God has blessed us with, so that we ensure vital ministry of disciple-making is possible.

## **Emergency Shelter Team**

Mt. Nittany UMC is one of 5 shelters here in the Centre County Region. We have been asked to ensure we have a team of people ready to activate our building for emergency shelter if needed. The Red Cross would like to do some training with our Emergency Team (along with teams from the other shelters) to ensure we are prepared in case of an emergency. If you would be interested in this ministry please add your name to the Emergency Team signup sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway or send an email to Pastor Mike, [mswimley@susumc.org](mailto:mswimley@susumc.org).

## **Advent/Christmas Mission**

This year, we are extending an opportunity to be a blessing to several ministries in our local community. In the main entryway of the church, we have a space set aside to bring in gifts to benefit persons who receive help from three (3) local ministries: St. Paul UMC shoe bank, Mommy Shoppe, and Schlow Library.

You will find the outline of a tree above the credenza in the hallway. As you bring in gifts, we invite you to put the associated picture of your gift on the "tree" as a decoration. Here are the items we are inviting persons to purchase or make: Sneakers, Diapers, Hats, Mittens, Gloves, Scarves. These items will then be taken to each of these outreaches on Monday, December 22nd. Any items that come in after this date will be taken to these ministries and outreaches the first week of January.

