

Give Ye Them To Eat



DECEMBER 14: "GIVE YE THEM TO EAT" (GYTTE)

The purpose of the "Give Ye Them to Eat" program (GYTTE) is to strengthen the capabilities of marginalized people and communities to meet their basic needs, and to determine and sustain a just and integrated development process. Participatory methods and development tools are used to create conditions in which change can take place from within the communities. GYTTE uses people-centered approaches to development.

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Sunday December 14,  
2025

9:30am

Livestream at 9:30am on  
our Facebook page.

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

These words of hope are for those who have or feel they have lost everything and the future is not looked forward to, but rather faced with dread that all that awaits is starvation, suffering, and death; here God offers words of life!

### Giving:

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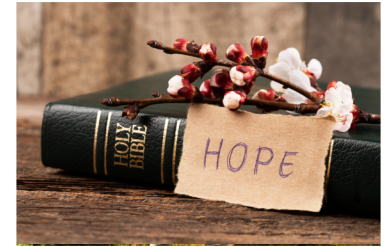
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### Greeting Prelude

### Advent Celebration

The anticipation for the greatest announcement is about to be made. The annunciation or God's love that has no strings, no expectations, no hidden agendas and no secrets. A love that is about to come to us in the form of a baby. How great Mary's joy must have been when the angel appeared to her.

The Road to Bethlehem **led us to a small town called Nazareth and a maiden named Mary.**

The Road to Bethlehem **gave us the greatest joy the world has ever known in the form of a baby that is about to become Emmanuel.**

The Road to Bethlehem **draws us to the heart of his love alone.**

The Road to Bethlehem **carried the light in a dark world for all to see.**

The Road to Bethlehem **proclaimed the greatest joy through the voice of an angel, to Mary and Joseph that the long awaited Messiah is about to come.**

#### **Isaiah 7:14; 11:1-2**

14 Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son and shall name him Immanuel.

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

2 The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

#### **Luke 1:30-33**

**30 The angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. 31 And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus.**

32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. 33 He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

#### **Lighting Advent Candle & Hymn**

In the Bleak Midwinter #221 vs. 2

#### **Centering Words**

John 4: 13-14

13 Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, **14 but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.”**

#### **Opening Prayer**

God of restoration, save us when we find ourselves spiritually thirsty. Help us walk your road with your purpose, strengthened by your living water. As we walk your road, God, our Father, how great may our joy be, shared through the voice of an angel and a maiden named Mary. May our lives reflect the joy that others may be drawn to their own personal Bethlehem and where they make room for the coming Messiah. Amen.

#### **\*Opening Praise**

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming #216 vs. 1 & 2  
To a Maid Engaged to Joseph #215

#### **Scripture**

Isaiah 55: 1-13

#### **Children's Message**

## Message

The Good News to Those Who Have Nothing

### \*Gospel Praise

### The Peace

He Shall Reign Forevermore

### \*Offertory Response

Come and See the Glory of the Lord

### \*Prayers of Thanksgiving

### Prayer of the People

### The Lord's Prayer

### \*Closing Praise

Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim #181

### Sending

### Choral Benediction

Emmanuel #1204

### Postlude

\*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 Dixson Family, The VanTres Family, Steve Ripka, Wm. Hill Jr., Kim Sharp, prayers for moving, prayers for high risk pregnancy, Ralph John Harris (son), Deb Poulin

## Announcements

### Tithing Envelopes

Please pick up your tithing envelopes in the Mt. Nittany Room. Any envelopes left at the end of December can be picked up in the church office Mon. - Thurs. between the hours of 8am-1pm. Any envelopes left after January 31 will forfeit receiving envelopes the following year.

### 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.

### Family Fun Night

Join us for games and tasty snacks on Friday, December 19 for Family Fun Night from 6:30 - 8:30. Maybe a few new holiday games to play.....

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<b>Sunday</b>			
Friendship Class	8:30am	Boardroom	
Worship	9:30am	Sanctuary	
Children's Sunday School	9:30am	S/C Ed. Rm	
Brunch	10:30am	FLC	
Confirmation Class	6-7:30pm	Pastor's Office	
<b>Monday</b>			
Pastor Office Hours	9am	Pastor's Office	
Quilters	9:30am	Spring Creek Rm	
Bible Study	10:00am	Boardroom	
Blood Drive	12-5pm	FLC	
Bible Study	7pm	Zoom	
<b>Tuesday</b>			
Pastor Office Hours	9 -11am	Pastor's Office	
Scouts	5:30-8:30pm	FLC	
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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.

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