



## APRIL 19: NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY

Native American Ministries Sunday is one of six churchwide Special Sundays designated to support ministries and causes important to the entire United Methodist Church. On this day, we come together to honor and support Indigenous peoples and communities. It's a day to recognize the rich gifts, cultures, and contributions of Native Americans to both society and the Church.

### Leading Worship:

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Sunday

April 19, 2026

9:30am

Livestream at 9:30am on  
our Facebook page.

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

The message of Jesus, service to the poor and marginalized plus the forgiveness of sins, is a threat to established power structures; yet God calls us to serve and proclaim the love of Jesus to ALL, even the destroyers.

### Giving:

Mt. Nittany UMC.org

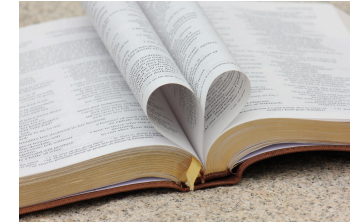
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### Greeting Prelude

### Centering Words

**Matthew 6:24**

24 “No one can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. **You cannot serve God and wealth.**

### Opening Prayer

**God who calls us into service, transform us as you transformed Paul. Shape us into children who rejoice in knowing and proclaiming you to the world. Amen.**

### \*Opening Praise

Seek Ye First #405

I Love To Tell The Story #156

## Scripture

Acts 9: 1-19a

## Children's Message

## Message

Service In the Face of Threats and Murder

## \*Gospel Praise

Amazing Grace ( My Chains are gone)

You Are My All In All

## The Peace

## \*Offertory Response

Majesty, Worship His Majesty #176

## \*Prayers of Thanksgiving

## Prayers of the People

## The Lord's Prayer

## Baptism

## \*Closing Praise

Here I Am Lord# 593

## \*Sending

## Postlude

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

## Prayer List

Pat Sankey, Barbara Gotwalt, Darla Franks, Deb Poulin,  
Carol Bair, Arica Monsell, Mike Moyer, John Struble, John  
Shawver, Pam Swimely

## Announcements

### **Banquet Help Needed...**

We have a busy April and help is needed for the following banquets, April 22 (lunch), April 23 (lunch) and April 30 (dinner). If you are able to help, please let Wendy know.

### **Youth**

Elevate, our cluster youth group, will gather the next three Sundays, April 19, and 26, from 3-5 pm for silly games and great fellowship.

### **Galaxy VBS**

A planning meeting for Galaxy VBS will be held on Tuesday, April 21, at 7:00 pm in the Boardroom. We need volunteers to shepherd children from station to station, station leaders, and decorating dates. Please consider joining this important children's ministry.

### **Lay Servant Ministries**

The Basic Lay Servant Ministries Course will be offered on Friday, May 1, from 6:30-9:00 pm and Saturday, May 2, from 9:00 am-5:00 pm at Sprucetown UMC in Spring Mills. The Basic Course offers topics on Methodist History, Servant and Spiritual Leadership, as well as discussing the faith journeys of those in our district, and enhancing your understanding of the church and your role in using your gifts for the church. See the flyer on the bulletin board in the lobby or see Patty DeCapria.

## Howard UMC Food Bank/Pantry

Howard UMC is in desperate need of **empty** egg cartons. If you would like to donate please place in box outside of the office and Jodie will deliver them. Thank You

## Thank You, Scouts

Please thank the Scouts for their kindness in providing refreshments after our worship service this morning.

## Giving Garden

The Giving Garden will begin cleaning up beds for planting this season. Please join us on Saturday, April 25, from 10-12. If the weather does not cooperate, we will meet on Sunday, April 26.

## Community Dinner

Our last community dinner is April 25 serving turkey on the menu from 4-6 for \$13/dinner. Volunteers are needed to keep this successful event going. If you are able to help, please talk with Wendy each Sunday morning.

## A Reunion Concert for All Bell Ringers

We invite all bell ringers for a Sunday morning concert on May 31. All those who have participated in bells are welcome to play several pieces during worship. Practice will be held on Wednesdays, from 6:30 - 7:30 pm. We hope you will join us for this special time in sharing our talents in worship.

## Calendar

April 19 - 25

### 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	Park Forest UMC

### Monday

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

### Tuesday

Pastor Hours	9-11am	Pastor's office
Scouts	5-8:30pm	FLC
VBS planning meeting	7pm	Boardroom

### Wednesday

Knitters	9-11am	Spring Creek Rm
PSEA Luncheon	10am-2:30pm	FLC
Girl Scouts	6-7:30pm	FLC

### Thursday

PSU Ag. Council Luncheon	8am-3pm	FLC
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### Saturday

Opening of Giving Garden	10am-12pm	Giving Garden
Community Dinner	4-6pm	Drive Thru