



APRIL 26: CONFERENCE CAMPS

The Susquehanna Conference Camp & Retreat Ministry Board has been working diligently for the past two years studying, assessing, prayerfully discerning, and developing strategic direction. The goal of this in-depth process is to provide the best way forward for the future of the overall ministry, its growth, and its missional impact among a widening circle of people in our congregations and communities. Central to it all has been a deep cherishing and valuing of the importance of camp and retreat experiences and the unique benefits and life transforming opportunities they provide.

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Sunday

April 26, 2026

9:30am

Livestream at 9:30am on
our Facebook page.
Welcome to worship at
[Mt Nittany Church](#)

The message of Jesus is not always accepted by the powers that be as it assaults their established order, regardless of their response, we give praise to God because God's word never returns empty.

Giving:

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Greeting

Prelude

Centering Words

Luke 6: 18-19, 22-23

18 They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases, **and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured.** 19 And everyone in the crowd was trying to touch him, **for power came out from him and healed all of them.**

22 "Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. **23 Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.**

Amen

Opening Prayer

God of freedom, Paul and Silas worshiped you, even when they were flogged and imprisoned.

Transform our hearts so that we may also rejoice in you at all times and in all situations.

Amen.

*Opening Praise

When Morning Gilds the Skies #185 vs. 1-3
Worship Christ the Risen King vs. 1, 2 & 5

Scripture

Children's Message

Acts 16: 16-34

Message

You Never Know Who May Hear and Receive

*Gospel Praise

The Peace

Hymn of Heaven

*Offertory Response

Majesty, Worship His Majesty #176

*Prayers of Thanksgiving

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

*Closing Praise

Our God Reigns with How Great Thou Art

*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, Joan Lassman

Announcements

Banquet Help Needed...

Banquet Help is needed for April 30 (dinner) please let Wendy know if you are available.

Youth

Our youth group, Elevate, will gather on Sundays, today, April 26, and May 3, 10, and 17 for games, snacks, and great fellowship at Park Forest Village UMC.

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.

Announcements

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.

Giving Garden

The Giving Garden has started the process of preparing the soil for another great growing season. Work days in the garden will begin mid-May on Wednesdays and Saturday mornings. All skill levels are welcome. Stay tuned for more details.

Rise Up!

Each year, the districts in our Annual Conference collect items for the various kits Mission Central provides to those in need after a disaster or to people lacking funds to purchase basic items.

This year, our district, Mountain Valley, will be collecting two items for two different kits (school and personal care). We will be collecting **erasers** for school kits and **hand towels** for personal care kits.

Please see our collection location in the lobby area. We will continue to collect through Sunday, May 24. We will then transport to Williamsport for our Annual Conference gathering. Thank you always for your generosity!

Calendar

April 26 - May 2

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

Wednesday

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

Thursday

Bowling Banquet	6pm	FLC
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Friday

Parent's Night Out	6-7:30pm	FLC
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