



MAY 3: GOLDEN CROSS

A loving God, said the psalmist, promises "goodness and mercy" throughout life. When your congregation gives generously on Golden Cross Sunday, you offer hope and happiness to children, families and older adults through health and welfare ministries of your annual conference.

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Sunday

May 3, 2026

9:30am

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

Prevenient Grace is the grace God extends to all people and is received by us without our knowing that God is preparing us to receive the Good News of Jesus.

Giving:

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Greeting

Prelude

Centering Words

John 1: 16-18

16 From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

17 The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

18 No one has ever seen God. **It is the only Son, himself God, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.**

Opening Prayer

God of the unknown, your mysteries are astounding. Give us knowledge where you see fit, and let us sit comfortably with that which we can never understand. Amen.

Announcements

Youth

Our youth group, Elevate, will gather on Sundays, today, May 3, 10, and 17 for games, snacks, and great fellowship at Park Forest Village UMC from 3-5pm

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.

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!

*Opening Praise

This Is My Father's World #144
For the Beauty of the Earth #92 vs. 1,2,4,&5

Scripture

Acts 17: 16-31

Children's Message

Message

Prevenient Grace is Universally Given

*Gospel Praise

Hymn of Heaven

The Peace

*Offertory Response

Majesty, Worship His Majesty #176

*Prayers of Thanksgiving

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Communion

*Closing Praise

Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim #181

*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 Shawver,
Pam Swimley, Joan Lassman, Steffenson Family

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Honor or Remember a Loved One with Geraniums

Help us beautify the outside of our church this season by purchasing a geranium in honor or in memory of someone special. These vibrant flowers will adorn our church grounds, serving as a meaningful tribute while enhancing our shared space.

If you would like to participate, please indicate the name of the person you wish to honor or remember when placing your order. The price this year will be **\$7.00** and we will need to have your **order by Friday May 15th**. Please write the name neatly and write Geraniums on the memo line of your check. Place your order in the offering plate. Thank you for helping make our church grounds a more welcoming and beautiful place for all. A list of dedications will be included in an upcoming bulletin.

Graduate Recognition

It will soon be time for some students to graduate from high school and college.

If you would like to honor a special graduate, please fill out the form located in the lobby and place it in the offering plate or share it with Patty DeCapria. We will celebrate our graduates at our worship service on May 31.

Please return this form by May 25.

Giving Garden

The Giving Garden will be sowing seeds and putting in plants May 22 (6-7pm) May 23 (9-10am) and May 24 (3-4pm). Everyone of every age is encouraged to join in one of the sessions. Bring gloves, but we have everything else!

Calendar

April May 3-9

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
Pack 367 Eagle Scout ceremony 12-4pm		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
Scout Leaders	7-9pm	Boardroom

Wednesday

Girl Scouts	6-7:30pm	FLC
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Thursday

Mt. Ridges Luncheon	10am-2pm	FLC
Karate	5:30-6:30pm	FLC

Friday

Family Fun Night	6:30-8:30pm	FLC
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Saturday

Annual Conference Prep.	9-11am	Sanctuary
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