

United Methodist Student Day Sunday

A United Methodist Special Sunday that Supports Students and Future Leaders



MAY 31: UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY

United Methodist Student Day 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 invest in the future of our church by supporting students' education and their journey of faith.

Education opens doors and creates opportunities for leadership, service, and faith development. By supporting United Methodist Student Day, we celebrate the power of learning and the important role education plays in developing faithful, thoughtful Christian leaders. This special Sunday reminds us that education is not only a personal achievement—it's a ministry we share together.

Leading Worship:

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Sunday

May 31, 2026

9:30am

Livestream at 9:30am on our Facebook page.

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

Too often we consider the words and understandings of children as cute; we fail to realize that such simplicity and innocent insights may bring us closer to God than we as “adults” recognize.

Giving:

Mt. Nittany UMC.org

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Greeting

Prelude

Centering Words

II Corinthians 13: 11-13

11 Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. **Be restored; listen to my appeal; agree with one another; live in peace;** and the God of love and peace will be with you. **12 Greet one another with a holy kiss.** All the saints greet you.

13 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Opening Prayer

Creator God, how great is your name! All creation sings of your glory, and so do we. You have exalted us and crowned us with honor - even the infants join stars and moon in singing your praise. How great, O God, is your name in all the earth! Amen.

***Opening Praise**

We Believe in One True God #85

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty #64

Scripture

Psalm 8

Choir Anthem

A Medley of Faith

Graduation Recognition

Children's Message

Message

Out of the Mouth of Babes

***Gospel Praise**

Hymn Sing (pick 3)

The Peace

***Offertory Response**

Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpets

***Prayers of Thanksgiving**

O great and holy God, we sing hymns; we offer prayers; we stand in awe of your creation; we are humbled by your love. When we come to you, we are often asking something from you. You have given to us even when we did not ask. Now, in these moments, we are not asking for anything but offering our appreciation for all your mercies. We offer our money. We offer ourselves. We pray that both these gifts and our lives will honor you in the name of Christ, our Lord. Amen (Herb Mather)

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

***Closing Praise**

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name #79

***Sending**

Postlude

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

Tithing

The offering plate is on the table at the back of the Sanctuary.

Prayer List

Pat Sankey, Barbara Gotwalt, Darla Franks, Deb Poulin, Carol Bair, Arica Monsell, Pam Swimley, Joan Lassman, Kathy Tambourine, Art Leach, Rev. Jim Williams

Announcements

Galaxy Vacation Bible School

Our Vacation Bible School will take place on Thursday, June 25, and Friday, June 26, from 6-8 pm. Please check out our "Galaxy" in the lobby area, complete with planets and stars. Please pull a few stars that contain items for our Birthday Bags for the Food Bank. You can purchase the items on the star and return the items to the church in the next few weeks. We will continue to collect items through Sunday, June 21. We also have a container for donations. Please help us make this Vacation Bible School out of this world!!!

Giving Garden

Beginning June 10 and continuing through September, work sessions will be held in The Giving Garden every Wednesday evening (6:15-7pm) and Saturday mornings (9-10am) as weather permits. The spring weather has made planting difficult, and we anticipate having a great need for help during June especially -- please give an hour or two and join in! We do occasionally skip a session if we are all caught up. If you are interested in this ministry, you can join the Facebook group ("The Giving Garden at Mt Nittany UMC") or give Joanna your email address to receive updates and schedule changes. We do not garden in the rain :)

Senior Adult Luncheon - June 10

Join us on Tuesday, June 10 at 12:00pm for our Senior Luncheon! This month's theme is "Celebrating America" Meat & Baked Beans will be provided, and we're asking everyone to bring a side dish or dessert to share potluck-style. Please sign up on the sheet located on the bulletin board outside the FLC. We look forward to a wonderful afternoon of food, fellowship, and fun!



Iron Man

The Iron Man activities are cancelled as well as the morning worship. There will be an evening Hymn Sing and Ice Cream Social after. The time will be announced during worship today and in all publication leading up to June 14.

Annual Conference

Please lift up all clergy and laity who are attending Annual Conference this week. Pray for discernment, openness to the Holy Spirit, and expanding witness to the love of Jesus in the world.

Parents Night Out

No more pencils, no more books, no more teacher's!!! We are celebrating the end of the school year with summer games and ice cream. Parents Night Out is Friday, June 5, from 6-7:30 pm and is open to children 4-12.

Calendar	May 31 - June 6	
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

Monday		
Pastor Hours	9-11am	Pastor's Office
Church Office Summer Hours Begin		8am - 6pm

Tuesday		
Scout Leaders	7-9pm	Boardroom

Wednesday		
Giving Garden	6:15-7pm	
Girl Scouts	6-7:30pm	FLC

Thursday		
Church Office Summer Hours		8am - 6pm
Karate	5:30-6:30pm	FLC

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