

AUGUST 3: RURAL LIFE SUNDAY

Rural Life Sunday is a Sunday set aside to honor and affirm churches and leaders in rural settings, while also honoring the work of those who labor to provide us food and fiber, both in the United States and around the world. On this day, we also celebrate the gifts of creation itself. Rural churches are a part of our history and our present in The United Methodist Church. These churches have the unique opportunity of anchoring a community and providing outreach to a community that might otherwise be short on resources for individuals and families. Each annual conference sets the date to celebrate Rural Life Sunday each year. It is sometimes celebrated in conjunction with a Rogation Service, a service that is asking for God's blessings on the earth and crops, while others include a blessing of the animals on or near this date. As The United Methodist Church, we affirm the important role rural churches have in our history and in the communities they serve.

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Sunday

August 2, 2026

9:30am

Livestream at 9:30am on
our Facebook page.

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

This Psalm demonstrates
a cry to God for
release/freedom from
oppression, persecution,
and hatred caused by a
wider community of
privilege and entitlement.

Giving:

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Greeting

Prelude

Centering Words

Matthew 14: 14-20

14 When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, **he had compassion for them and cured their sick.** 15 When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, **“This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.”** 16 Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” 17 **They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.”** 18 And he said, “Bring them here to me.” 19 Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass.

Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, **and the disciples gave them to the crowds.**
20 And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full.

Opening Prayer

Our heavenly Father, we your humble children invoke your blessing on us. We adore you, whose name is love, whose nature is compassion, whose presence is joy, whose Word is truth, whose Spirit is goodness, whose holiness is beauty, whose will is peace, whose service is perfect freedom, and in knowledge of whom stands our eternal life. Unto you be all honor and all glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen
(The Book of Worship 1944, ALT.)

***Opening Praise**

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord #540
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling#384

Scripture

**Children’s Message
Message**

Psalm 17

***Gospel Praise**

Save Us From Oppression

What A Faithful God Have I

The Peace

***Offertory Response**

Praise God the Father, Spirit “Doxology”

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Loving Father, you powerfully fill the voids in our lives. You reveal your compassionate grace by the simple act of always being present. You unselfishly feed us when we are hungry and quietly walk with us when we feel alone. Combine this offering with others so that all your children can be filled with the power of your redeeming Spirit. In Jesus’ name, we pray. **Amen.** (David Bell)

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

Communion

***Closing Praise**

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind #358

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, Bruce Johnson, Ron Strapel, The Vongehr Family, Karen Swimley, Richard & Georgie Hillard, Emily Gregory, Larry Addleman, Rhone Family, Voigt Family, Solei McReynolds, Pam Knepp

Announcements

Kitchen Cleaning

It is time to get ready for our fall banquet and football dinner season. Volunteers are needed to help clean the kitchen on August 8 starting at 9am. Bring a bucket and all other supplies will be available to get started. Lunch will be provided after most of the work is done. If you want to help, but not available on August 8, please talk with Wendy and she can work out another day for you. If you have any questions, please contact Wendy.

Parents Night Out

We will gather Friday, August 7 from 6-7:30 pm for water games, snow cones, and end-of-summer fun. Parents Night Out is open to all children 4-12 years of age. Hope to see you!

Senior Adult Luncheon - August 12

Join us on Wed., August 12 at 12:00pm for our Senior Luncheon! This month's theme is Hawaiian Luau. If you would like to participate please write your name on the signup sheet located on the bulletin board outside the FLC.

Calendar

August 2 - 8

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 Hrs.	8am - 6pm	
Voigt Funeral		

Tuesday

Pastor Hours	9-11am	Pastor's Office
Scout Leadership	7-10pm	Boardroom

Wednesday

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

Thursday

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

Friday

Parents Night Out	6-7:30pm	FLC
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Saturday

Giving Garden	9-10am	
Kitchen Cleaning	9am	Kitchen