



AUGUST 16: CENTRE HELPS

Centre Helps navigates the local safety net for our friends and neighbors in need. Whether in crisis or struggling to make ends meet, our community can always find help through the dedicated staff and volunteers at Centre Helps. We connect with our community through our 24/7 hotline, text, chat, and community collaborations. We all have friends who are suffering in silence. Our well-trained, compassionate team helps stabilize the crisis, providing help and hope. The work of Centre Helps serves us all, whether directly or indirectly, by improving the quality of life in our community.

Leading Worship:

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Sunday

August 16, 2026

9:30am

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

God's blessings are not limited to a select group of people, Jesus acknowledged this truth in his healing ministry.

Giving:

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Greeting

Prelude

Centering Words

Matthew 15: 21-28

21 Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. 22 Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, **“Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.”** 23 But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, **“Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.”** 24 He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” 25 **But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.”** 26 He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.”

27 She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.”28 Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” **And her daughter was healed from that moment.**

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we confess that we are often swept up in the tide of our generation. We have failed in our calling to be your holy people, a people set apart for your divine purpose. We live more in apathy born of fatalism than in passion born of hope. We are moved more by private ambition than by social justice.

We dream more of privilege and benefits than of service and sacrifice. We try to speak in your name without relinquishing our glories, without nourishing our souls, without relying wholly on your grace. Help us to make room in our hearts and lives for you.

Forgive us, revive us, and reshape us in your image.

Amen. (Lydia S. Martinez, Hispanic, U.S.A., 20th CENT., ALT)

***Opening Praise**

All People That on Earth Do Dwell #75

Tell Me the Stories of Jesus #277

Scripture

Psalm 133

Children’s Message

Message

All People Are Included in God’s Blessings

***Gospel Praise**

Amazing grace, “My Chains are Gone”

The Peace

***Offertory Response**

Glorify Thy Name vs. 1&2

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Prayers of the People

Projected

The Lord’s Prayer

***Closing Praise**

Blest Be the Tie That Binds #557

Sending

Projected

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](#), [Brenda Peters](#), Bruce Johnson,
Ron Strapel, Rhone Family, Voigt Family, Solei
McReynolds, Pam Knepp, Flo Green, Shirley Reichard,
Kramer & Kidder Families

Alter Rose

The rose on the alter is given from Bob and Joanne Jones to the glory of God for the birth of their grandson.

Announcements

Trunk or Treat Planning Meeting

Halloween is almost 2 months away, but we will begin to plan for Trunk or Treat on Tuesday, August 18, at 7:15 in the boardroom. This was a very successful community event last year and is planned for Sunday, October 25. We hope to continue to make it one where we welcome families in fun and great fellowship. We need folks to help set up, decorate, man stations, welcome folks, serve in the kitchen, clean up, and offer their trunks and treats. Please come and share your ideas as we plan for this annual community event.

Pot Luck

Following the August 30th service, join your church family for an end of summer picnic. Bring your favorite picnic food to share. Place settings and drinks will be provided. If you have an outside or inside game you want to bring along for some additional fellowship and fun. Any questions, please see Wendy.

Football Dinners

When the summer is over, it is time for the fall season which includes football and Mt. Nittany's famous football dinners. The first game is September 5 with Turkey on the menu followed by September 19 and September 26. Volunteers are needed so check your calendars and sign up with Wendy on Sunday mornings. This is a great fundraiser for Mt. Nittany but we need your help. Any questions, please see Wendy.

Calendar

August 16 - 22

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	
Blood Drive	12-5pm	FLC
PSEU Usher Meeting	12pm	Workroom

Tuesday

Pastor Hours	9-11am	Pastor's Office
Trunk or Treat Meeting	7:15pm	Boardroom
Scout Leader	7pm	Mt. Nittany Rm

Wednesday

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

Thursday

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