



AUGUST 23: MOSHANNON VALLEY BACKPACK PROGRAM

The Backpack Program distributes backpacks full of food each Friday to ensure students have enough food to eat over the weekend. Each child participating will receive breakfast, lunch, dinner, and a snack for both Saturday and Sunday.

Leading Worship:

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Sunday

August 23, 2026

9:30am

Livestream at 9:30am on
our Facebook page.

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

In difficult times, people may often cry out to God; when difficult times pass, it becomes too easy to exclaim that we survived by our own power, failing to remember it was God who walked those times with us.

Giving:

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Greeting

Prelude

Centering Words

Matthew 16: 13-16

13 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” 14 And they said, “Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” 15 He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” 16 Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

Opening Prayer

O God of all times and places, we pray for your Church, which is set today amid the perplexities of a changing order, and face to face with new tasks.

Baptize her afresh in the life-giving spirit of Jesus. Bestow upon her a great responsiveness to duty, a swifter compassion with suffering, and an utter loyalty to your will. Help her to proclaim boldly the coming of your kingdom. Put upon her lips the ancient gospel of her Lord. Fill her with the prophets' scorn of tyranny, and with a Christlike tenderness for the heavyladen and downtrodden. Bid her cease from seeking her own life, lest she lose it. Make her valiant to give up her life to humanity, that, like her crucified Lord, she may mount by the path of the cross to a higher glory; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen (Walter Rauschenbusch, U.S.A., 20th CENT.,ALT)

***Opening Praise**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing #400 vs. 1&3
Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken #731

Scripture

Psalm 124

Children's Message

Message

Who is By Our Side?

***Gospel Praise**

Jesus, name Above All Names

The Peace

Jesus, Messiah

***Offertory Response**

Glorify Thy Name vs. 1&2

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Projected

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

***Closing Praise**

Christ Is Made the Sure foundation #559

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

Announcements

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.

Nursery Help Wanted

SPRC will be hiring a nursery leader to begin working in the nursery at the end of Sept. If you are interested please see Emily Gregory or Patty DeCapria for details.

Calendar

August 23-29

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	

Tuesday

Pastor Hours	9-11am	Pastor's Office
Penn State Women's Club	11am-2pm	FLC
Finance	6pm	Workroom
Admin. Council	7pm	Boardroom

Wednesday

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

Thursday

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

Saturday

Fall Conference Training	9-11am	FLC
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