

SEPTEMBER 20: CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY

One Sunday each year we celebrate Christian Education Sunday and recognize those who use their gifts to teach and who encourage us to deepen our faith and courageously put that faith into action. Bruce Lee is credited with saying, "Knowing is not enough, we must apply. Willing is not enough, we must do." While he may not have been referring to Christian education, there is an important lesson in these words. In our approach to Christian education in the church, it might be tempting to think knowing the content of the Bible is enough. Yet, as disciples, we know that we must apply scripture to our daily lives. Once we understand how scripture and life intersect, we begin to see that it requires our action. Action on beliefs takes courage. We can find that courage through our participation in Christian education among our communities of faith. When we involve others in our spiritual growth we have the opportunity for support, accountability and the wisdom of sharing life experiences together.

Leading Worship:

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James Beatty, Minister of Music

Liturgist: Cathy Rideout



Sunday

September 20, 2026

9:30am

Livestream at 9:30am on
our Facebook page.

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

To follow God's leading may well mean leaving behind what we know and are comfortable with to enter into what is new, foreign, and unknown to be the blessing we are meant to be.

Giving:

Mt. Nittany UMC.org

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Greeting

Prelude

Centering Words

Matthew 29: 19-20

19 Go therefore and make
disciples of all nations,

**baptizing them in the name of
the Father and of the Son and
of the Holy Spirit 20** and

teaching them to obey
everything that I have
commanded you. And
remember, **I am with you
always, to the end of the age."**

Opening Prayer

**God of covenant, you
promised Abraham land,
descendants, and blessing so
that he might be a blessing for
all. Show us how to honor the
covenant, so that we might be
a blessing to others. We pray
these things in the name of
Jesus Christ, our Savior and
Lord. Amen.**

*Opening Praise

The God of Abraham Praise #116 vs. 1-3
Lord, Speak to Me #463

Scripture

Genesis12: 1-9

Children's Message

Message

Leaving the Familiar and Comfortable Behind

*Gospel Praise

The Summons #2130 (TFWS Book)

The Peace

*Offertory Response

Glorify Thy Name

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Projected

*Closing Praise

Here I Am, Lord #593

Sending

Projected

Choral Benediction (Sung by Congregation)

The Blessing

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, Pam Knepp, Erin
Kelly, Dan Grau, Flood Victims of Nepal, Cheryl
McCombas, Dan Grau, Tracy Weaver, Lee Copper

Announcements



NEPAL FLOOD RELIEF: URGENT NEED
Support UMCOR International Disaster Response

The Crisis: "Catastrophic flooding has devastated communities across Nepal, leaving families in urgent need of food, clean water, and shelter."

Our Response: UMCOR is on the ground working with local partners to provide immediate emergency aid to the most vulnerable."

How You Can Help:
DONATE ONLINE: [UMCMISSION.ORG/GIVING](https://umcmission.org/giving) and search for Advance #982450
GIVE BY MAIL: Send checks to UMCOR, PO Box 9068, New York, NY 10087
Advance #982450 - Nepal Emergency
TEXT TO GIVE: Text "UMCOR" to 41444 and follow the prompts to donate to International Disaster Response.

UMCOR
United Methodist Committee on Relief - Global Ministries
90% of our donations come to the rescue!

Greeters and Ushers

Greeters and Ushers serve important roles in Worship on Sunday mornings and take no extra training... just a willingness to serve. Monthly schedules are created based on availability. If you would like to serve as an usher or greeter, please see Patty DeCapria before or after service or email (pattydecapria@gmail.com) or call (814 777-3376) anytime.

Recognize and Resist Scams

Greater Buffalo Run Valley UMC will offer a free presentation on Wednesday, September 23, from 6:30-8:00 pm to help protect yourself and others from the common scams in today's technology-driven world. Mark Repka, Senior Security Consultant at MegaplanIT, will share ways to recognize warning signs of these schemes. This event is free and open to everyone.

Thank You from Bob and Patricia

We extend our deepest gratitude to our Church community for the overwhelming love and support shown to our family following the death of our beloved granddaughter, Sydney Kramer, and Patricia's brother, Joseph Johnstonbaugh. We are profoundly grateful for the cards, phone calls, and prayers. Walking through this season of grief is made easier knowing we are surrounded by such a caring church family. May God bless you all!

Calendar

September 20-26

Sunday

Friendship Class	8:30am	Boardroom
Worship	9:30am	Sanctuary
Children's Sunday School	9:30am	S/C Ed. Rm
Donuts and Fellowship	10:30am	FLC

Monday

Pastor Hours	9-11am	Pastor's Office
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Tuesday

Pastor Hours	9-11am	Pastor's Office
Quilting	9:30am	Spring Creek Rm.
Scouts	5-8pm	FLC
Finance	6pm	Mt. Nittany Rm.
Admin. Council	7pm	Boardroom

Wednesday

Girl Scouts	6-7:30pm	FLC
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Thursday

Karate	5:30-6:30pm	FLC
Trunk or Treat	7pm	Boardroom

Saturday

Giving Garden	10am	
Football Dinner	4-6pm	Drive Thru

Signup sheet

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Choir and Bells

Choir will begin October 7 at 6:30 and will be the first and second Wednesday of the month. Bells will begin October 21 at 6:30 and will be the third and fourth Wednesday of the month.

Trunk or Treat Planning Meeting

We will be meeting on Thursday, September 24 at 7:00 pm in the boardroom for our next Trunk or Treat meeting. If you are planning on helping inside the FLC or are decorating your trunk, please plan to attend or let Patty know as we continue to plan for this community event.

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