



SEPTEMBER 27: SIERRA LEONE INITIATIVE

A partnership begun 12 years ago between the Susquehanna and the Sierra Leone annual conferences — continues to build relationships and open new mission opportunities. The initiative builds and develops direct relationships between the congregations through prayers, letters, phone calls and text messages.

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Sunday
September 27, 2026

9:30am

Livestream at 9:30am on
our Facebook page.

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

Power corrupts and gives unjust advantages to those who wield it immorally; God is still present and able to work for good in spite of the evil and injustice the powerful intend.

Giving:

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Greeting

Prelude

Centering Words

Matthew 5: 11-12

11 “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Opening Prayer

God of presence, you remained fully with Joseph when he sat long years in a prison for a crime he did not commit. Help us to see that you are always with us, so that we might live faithfully in your world. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

***Opening Praise**

Shout to the Lord
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty #139

Scripture

Children's Message

Genesis 39: 1-23

Message

Power, Lies, Deceit, and Injustice

***Gospel Praise**

Seek Ye First #405
As the Deer

The Peace

***Offertory Response**

Glorify Thy Name

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

***Closing Praise**

Let There Be Peace on Earth #431

Sending

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

Parents Night Out

All children ages 4-12 are welcome for Parents Night Out on
this Friday, October 2, from 6-7:30 pm. We'll have games,
snacks, and fun!! Bring your friends.

ELEVATE Youth Group

Welcome back to school, to fall, and to ELEVATE youth
group meetings on Sundays from 3:00-5:00 pm! We are
excited to gather once again, growing together in faith and
friendship! We will be meeting this Sunday, September 27, at
3:00 pm at Park Forest Village UMC, where we look to plan
out a fall slate of activities and service opportunities - along
with the laughter and games that come every week.
Looking forward to getting together and sharing stories of
summer!

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.

Signup sheet

The church is planning to phase out using Constant Contact and completely use gmail. Please complete the signup sheet indicating if you want to receive the bulletin, the newsletter or both. Jodie will create email groupings so that you receive what you would like to have. The signup sheet will be located in the Mount Nittany Room until the end of October.

Service Opportunities

As most of you may know, we began implementing security practices on Sunday mornings to help keep everyone safe during our Sunday worship activities. The start of these practices included locking our exterior doors to the Family Life Center (FLC) at 9:30 and the Main Entrance doors at 9:45. Then for the duration of worship there is someone located at the Main Entrance to assist anyone who comes to the doors after 9:45.

The Trustees are inviting individuals to sign up to lock and keep watch during worship on Sundays. Information on how to lock the doors and interact with individuals who come after the 9:45 time can be gotten from Gerry Dunn. The signup sheet for volunteer to help with the safety ministry of our church may be found in the main hallway on the bulletin board.

Calendar

September 27-October 3

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
Elevate Youth Group	3-5pm	Park Forest

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.

Wednesday

Knitting	9am	Spring Creek Rm
Girl Scouts	6-7:30pm	FLC

Thursday

Karate	5:30-6:30pm	FLC
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Friday

Parent's Night Out	6-7:30pm	FLC
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Saturday

Event	9am-5pm	FLC
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