



OCTOBER11: VETERAN'S ASSISTANCE FUND OF CENTRE COUNTY PA

Our veterans fought to protect our freedom and guarantee the freedom of our children and grandchildren. This is an opportunity to personally honor and thank our Centre County Veterans who unselfishly served in the military to protect this great nation and assist those veterans who urgently need our help. You can learn more about the Veteran's Assistance Fund from their website:

<https://sites.google.com/site/vetassistancefund/home>

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Sunday

October 11, 2026

9:30am

Livestream at 9:30am on
our Facebook page.

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

Whether we are looking at the 10 Commandments or the Great Commandment, God is clear. We are to love God and respect others. The Commandments are not to be used for keeping score, rather they give us a pathway, an SOP, for our lives.

Giving:

Mt. Nittany UMC.org

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Greeting Prelude

Centering Words

Matthew 22: 33-40

33 When the crowds heard him, they were astounded at his teaching.

34 But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees with his reply, they met together to question him again. 35 One of them, an expert in religious law, tried to trap him with this question: 36 "Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?"

37 Jesus replied, "'You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.' 38 This is the first and greatest commandment.

39 A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' 40 The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments."

Opening Prayer

God of the commandments, you gave the Israelites laws so that they might live in harmony with one another. Show us how to live in peace, so that all may know of your love. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

***Opening Praise**

Sanctuary (sing twice)
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty #64

Scripture

Exodus 19: 3-7; 20: 1-17

Children's Message

Message

"Easier said than done"

***Gospel Praise**

Jesus, Lord to Me
Holy Forever

The Peace

***Offertory Response**

Give Thanks

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

***Closing Praise**

He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought #128

Sending

Choral Benediction (Sung by Congregation)

Threefold Amen

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, Don
Talbot

Announcements

Study on the United Methodist Social Principles

Pastor Mike will be offering a study on the Social Principles of the United Methodist Church on Wednesday Evenings at 7 pm. starting October 21st and will run through November 25th. He will be offering this study on ZOOM and in-person at the same time. A signup sheet for this study is located on the bulletin board in the main hallway. When you sign up please indicate if you intend to attend via ZOOM or in-person.

The Rose on the alter is given to the glory of God in honor of Barb Derzak's first great grandchild, Elijah Vargas Jr. who was born last Saturday morning.

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.

Adult Luncheon

Join us Wednesday 14 at 12 noon for a fall themed potluck. The signup sheet is on the bulletin board outside the FLC.

Calendar

October 11-17

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
Ballroom Dancing	2-5pm	Sanctuary

Monday

Tuesday

Quilting	9:30am	Spring Creek Rm
Scout Leaders	7-10pm	Boardroom

Wednesday

Knitters	9am	Spring Creek Rm
Adult Luncheon		
Choir	6:30-7:30pm	Sanctuary
Girl Scouts	6-7:30pm	FLC

Thursday

DCOM	9am-5pm	multiple rooms
Karate	5:30-6:30pm	FLC

Saturday

Private Event	8:30am-3:00pm	FLC
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Trunk or Treat

The date is set, and plans are being made for activities and food; all we need is you!!!! Trunk or Treat will take place on Sunday, October 25 from 4-6 pm. We need folks to decorate trunks and hand out treats (prizes awarded for the best 3 trunks), folks to help watch over families in the FLC, and folks to help Wendy in the kitchen. If you are not available but would like to help in some way, we would appreciate donations in our container at our lobby display. See Patty DeCapria if you have any questions.

District Day

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