



OCTOBER 18: VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION SUNDAY

United Methodist Volunteers in Mission (UMVIM) has been in existence since 1976. The 1980 General Conference affirmed United Methodist Volunteers in Mission “as an authentic form of personal missionary involvement” (The Book of Discipline, 2004, Paragraph 1302.14). In 2016, General Conference approved the annual celebration of United Methodist Volunteers in Mission Awareness Sunday to recognize all volunteers. United Methodist Volunteers in Mission seeks to equip volunteers with experiences that allow them to put Christian love into action in places around the world.

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Sunday

October 18, 2026

9:30am

Livestream at 9:30am on
our Facebook page.

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

Laity Sunday reminds us that the Methodist Church belongs to all of God's people. Through prayer, service, leadership, and compassion, lay people help make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Giving:

Mt. Nittany UMC.org

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Greeting

Prelude

Call to Worship

We are chosen children of God,
bound together by the Holy Spirit.

Grounded in love, we belong to God; we belong to one another.

The Spirit empowers us to live as imitators of Christ in love of God, neighbor, self, and all creation.

Founded in love, we belong to God, and through God, we learn to love one another.

The Spirit requires us to receive God's Word with joy in a world that rejects good news.

Grounded in love, we belong to God, and through God, we live in joy with one another.

Come, let us worship in the assurance of God's love that chooses us, empowers us, and inspires us to live as the family of Christ.

We come to worship God in the assurance that we belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another. Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, July 2026

Opening Prayer

Gracious and Almighty God,

We thank you for calling us together by your grace as your people. Open our hearts to the power of the Holy Spirit. Empower us to step up and step out, living as true disciples of Jesus Christ in a world that desperately needs your love, mercy, and healing. Guide our worship, bless our fellowship, and send us out as your chosen people to be the light of the world.

Discipleship Ministries, September 2026

*Opening Praise

Change My Heart, O God #2152

Take My Live, and Let it Be

Scripture

1Thessalonians 1: 1-10

Children's Message

Ministry Sharing

*Gospel Praise

Make Me A Servant #2176

The Servants Song #2222

The Peace

*Offertory Response

Give Thanks

Offertory Prayer

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

*Closing Praise

Here I Am, Lord #593

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, Lori Lassinger, Daria Dixon

Announcements

Study on the United Methodist Social Principles

Book study begins on Wed. 21 and will continue until Nov. 25 at 7pm

Buffet Help needed

Help is needed for October 21 at 10am for a Luncheon. If you can help please see Wendy after worship.

Harner Farm Corn Maze

Our youth will gather at Harner Farms today for games, food, and a journey into the corn maze this afternoon. Parents will drop youth off and pick them up. Bring a friend for fun today!

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

The Mountain Valley District will be having a day apart at Woodycrest UMC on December 5th from 9 am-2 pm. The focus for our time apart will be Congregational Care. If this is a topic of interest to you, please let Pastor Mike know so that he can get a group registered.

Calendar

October 18-24

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
Youth Group		Harner Farm

Monday

Pastor Hours	9-11am	Pastor's office
PSU Ushers	2pm	Workroom

Tuesday

Pastor Hours	9-11am	Pastor's office
Quilting	9:30am	Spring Creek Rm
Scout Leaders	7-10pm	Boardroom

Wednesday

Knitters	9am	Spring Creek Rm
Bells	6:30-7:30pm	Sanctuary
Girl Scouts	6-7:30pm	FLC
Book Study	7pm	Boardroom

Thursday

Blood Drive	12-5pm	FLC
Karate	5:30-6:30pm	FLC

Saturday

District Conference	4pm	
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