



OCTOBER 4: WORLD COMMUNION

As a small child Mary Grace Galapon labored as a housemaid in exchange for food and clothing. Yet, allowed to attend church, she found hope. As a member of The United Methodist Church, your giving on World Communion Sunday has allowed this deaconess, of the Mindanao Philippines Annual Conference, to pursue an education that is now changing her community as she works to eliminate poverty.

Gifts for World Communion Sunday support the division of chaplains and ministries, Crusade Scholarships and the scholarship fund for minority groups. Mary Grace's work, and the impact of hundreds more like her, are possible because you give.

Leading Worship:

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Sunday

October 4, 2026

9:30am

Livestream at 9:30am on
our Facebook page.
Welcome to worship at
[Mt Nittany Church](#)

The consequences of slavery do not vanish just because emancipation occurs, those who were enslaved and those who were slavers, face consequences that last generations.

Giving:

Mt. Nittany UMC.org

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Greeting Prelude

Centering Words

Matthew 2: 13-15

13 Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, **“Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.”** 14 Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt 15 and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, **“Out of Egypt I have called my son.”**

Opening Prayer

God of salvation, you rescued the Israelites at the edge of the Red Sea. Rescue us from the things of this world that threaten our lives and livelihoods, so that we might forever place our trust in you. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*Opening Praise

Lean On O Cloud of Presence #2234
Christ for the World We Sing #568

Scripture

Exodus 14: 5-7, 10-14, 21-29

Children's Message

Message

Slavery, Emancipation, and Consequences

*Gospel Praise

Shout to the North

The Peace

*Offertory Response

Give Thanks

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Prayers of the People

Projected

The Lord's Prayer

Communion

*Closing Praise

We've a Story to Tell to the Nations #569

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

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.

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.

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

October 4 - 10

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	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
Scout Leaders	7-10pm	Boardroom

Wednesday

Choir	6:30-7:30pm	Sanctuary
Girl Scouts	6-7:30pm	FLC

Thursday

MRRA Luncheon	10am - 1pm	FLC
Karate	5:30-6:30pm	FLC

Friday

Family Fun Night	6:30-8:30pm	FLC
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Saturday

Football Dinner	4-6pm	Drive thru
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Laity Sunday - October 18

Each year we celebrate and give thanks for the work of God's people on Laity Sunday. We will do that on October 18. This year we would like to celebrate the ministries here at Mount Nittany. If you would like to share the work of a ministry, please see Patty DeCapria or email Patty by Oct. 10

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.

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