NOVEMBER 22: HOPE MADE REAL

Hope Made Real is dedicated to improving the lives of orphaned and abandoned children, and the poor and vulnerable people of Rwanda. Due to AIDS, disease, and poverty many younger children have become orphans or throw away children. The number of vulnerable children in Rwanda is not decreasing. They are without help. Most of them live in loneliness, neither loved nor cared for. Many children have been traumatized and the psychological consequences of invisibility and powerlessness is devastating. These circumstances overwhelm them. Most, feeling hopeless about their future, end up wandering and begging in the streets where they are routinely exploited, girls in particular. Hope Made Real believes that all children are precious and are a sign of hope for Rwanda's future. They need the love they deserve before they become blind and deaf by abuse and hardships. Your donation today supports Hope Made Real's mission to care for and educate these vulnerable children of God.

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Mount Nittany
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday
November 22, 2026
9:30am
Livestream at 9:30am on our Facebook page.
Welcome to worship at Mt Nittany Church

When in times of extreme uncertainty, it can be difficult to know who to believe; faith in Jesus calls us to continue in living out the way of Jesus no matter how dire and uncertain circumstances become.

Giving:

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Greeting
Prelude

Centering Words

Matthew 5: 14

14 "You are the light of the world. **A city built on a hill cannot be hid.**

Opening Prayer

God of deliverance, you promised prosperity and peace to the exiles of Jerusalem. Grant us to prosper, not for riches, but for faith, so that our lives may be a blessing to all. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

***Opening Praise**

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come #694

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven #66 vs. 1,2 & 4

Scripture

Isaiah 36:1-3, 13-20; 37:1-7; 2:1-4

Children's Message

Message

Faith in Dire Circumstances

***Gospel Praise**

We Will Glorify #93 vs. 1,3 & 4 Anthem Song Book

Shine Jesus Shine

The Peace

***Offertory Response**

All Hail King Jesus

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

***Closing Praise**

Crown Him with Many Crowns #327

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, Daria Dixon, Bob Snyder, Alberta Kiss & Family, James Roden, Carol Benner, Knepps, David Hetrick, Heather Keller, Larry Partenheimer (Deb Poulin's brother)

Announcements

The Redemption of Scrooge

Go from "Bah! Humbug!" to a blessed Advent and Merry Christmas. The Redemption of Scrooge, based on Charles Dickens's a Christmas Carol, will explore the world of Ebenezer Scrooge, Tiny Tim, and the Cratchits, with an eye to Christian faith. Along the way we will meet the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Yet to Come and learn about living with and for others in a world blessed by Jesus.

We will start this study on Sunday, November 29th at 7 p.m. Pastor Mike will offer it as a hybrid class (in-person and via ZOOM). Signup sheet is on the bulletin board in the Hallway.

Christmas Dinner/Dance

The Christmas Dinner/Dance will be held on Sunday, December 13th in the Mt. Nittany fellowship hall. Zupe will be providing the music and dances are always fun with Zupe. For more details text Rod at 717 543 8348. I'll need your RSVP by 11/30/26.

Elevate Youth

Today we will be meeting at Park Forest Village to create craft items for our youth group. All middle and high school youth are welcome from 3-5 pm. Bring a friend!!!

Bakers Needed

Christmas is just around the corner and we are getting ready for the Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday, December 5. Bakers get your recipe ready to contribute to our baked goods table. Drop off your baked goods either Friday, December 4 from 6:00 - 8:00 or Saturday, December 5 by 8:30. Volunteers are also needed the day of the event. Please see Wendy if you are able to help or have any questions.

Holiday Craft Fair

Stop by the Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday, December 5 from 9:00 - 3:00 to start your Christmas shopping or finish your list to find that special gift from local vendors. Great food will be for sale. Come out and support local businesses with that unique gift you wouldn't find anywhere else.

Advent

The first Sunday of Advent is November 29. We will do worship a little differently this Sunday, as we will hang the Greens and Chrismons in the FLC with our children. We would like to have the congregation bring pastries to share that morning as we sip our hot cider and hot chocolate. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for these pastries and baked goods. Please join us this Sunday as we begin our Advent journey in preparation for the birth of Jesus celebration.

Calendar November 22-28

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	3-5pm	Park Forest
Girl Scouts Troopsgiving	3-7pm	FLC

Monday

Pastor Hours	9-11am	Pastor's office
Mitts & Hits	5-7pm	FLC

Tuesday

Pastor Hours	9-11am	Pastor's office
Quilting	9:30am	Spring Creek Rm
Scouts	5-8pm	FLC

Wednesday

Prerecorded Thanksgiving Eve Service

Thursday

Office Closed for Thanksgiving