

Bethany United Church of Christ

Embracing the Community

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Bethany Fall News 2023

Let Everything Fall into Place!

Mark your calendars with these important dates at Bethany United Church of Christ.

October:

- Sunday, October 1
 - World Communion Sunday
 - Neighbors in Need Offering Begins
- Saturday, October 7
 - Western North Carolina Association Annual Gathering
 - 9:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m. at Abernethy Laurels
- Sunday, October 15
 - A Bigger Table* discussion begins at 9:30 a.m.
 - Laity Sunday in Worship
 - ECCCM Hunger Walk, 3:00 p.m. in downtown Newton

November:

- Sunday, November 5
 - Celebration of Holy Communion
 - All Saints Remembrance
- Sunday, November 19
 - Thanksgiving Sunday
 - Harvest Luncheon following worship
- Sunday, November 26
 - Reign of Christ Sunday



December:

- Sunday, December 3
 - Advent Begins!
 - Breakfast and Bible Study, 9:00 a.m.
 - Communion Celebration in Worship
- Sunday, December 10
 - Annual Business Meeting follows Worship
- Sunday, December 24
 - Fourth Sunday of Advent
 - “Warm Welcome,” 10:00 a.m.
 - Special Celebration in Worship, 10:30 a.m.
 - We begin receiving The Christmas Fund Offering
 - Christmas Eve by Candle Light, 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday, December 31
 - “Warm Welcome”, 10:00 a.m.
 - First Sunday of Christmas

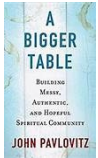


Volunteer with Bethany UCC



Our congregation volunteers regularly at Eastern Cooperative Catawba Christian Ministry. We have long been accustomed to working together on the second Tuesday of every month from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. However, because of the increased need in our community, we're increasing our hours. Beginning Tuesday, October 24, we will begin volunteering also on the 4th Tuesday of the month from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. If you can volunteer for either (or both!) of these time slots, know that you are needed and appreciated. You can talk with Karen Gentle or Judy Kirby if you want more information.

Living Discipleship



We are beginning a new book study and we're excited about both the reading and the conversation. The book is *A Bigger Table* by John Pavlovitz and we plan to have them available to give out on Sunday, October 8. The first discussion time will begin the following Sunday morning, October 15, at 9:30 a.m. Contact Rev. Maria Spada if you have questions or want more information. And, even if you can't attend the discussions, we want you to read the book with us. Get your copy and start a great read!

Unwrapping the Gospel of Mark



December 3, 2023 is the first day of Advent and the first day of a new liturgical year. Beginning this Advent (December 2023), Mark's Gospel will be prominent as we follow the story of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. The first Sunday of Advent, becomes at Christian New Year, of sorts, and we plan to celebrate.

First, join us for **breakfast in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00 a.m.** The church is providing biscuits, coffee, and juice and we want you to come for a warm welcome on what may be a cold morning!

Then, **at 9:15 a.m., Pastor Kathy will lead an overview of Mark's Gospel.** Keep eating while you open your Bibles and learn Mark's unique design and features. We'll finish at 10:15, just in time for worship.

Worship on December 3 will be significant for several reasons. We will begin lighting the first Advent Candle as we weave our way toward the manger. We will celebrate Communion on this, the first Sunday of a new Christian year. The sights and sounds of a new season begin on this day and we want you to be a part.

Every Sunday Morning

Faith Formation 9:30am
Worship in Person 10:30am

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*Bethany is a community of
justice and peace serving the needs of people on their
spiritual journey.*

*NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE OR WHERE
YOU ARE ON LIFE'S JOURNEY,
YOU ARE WELCOME HERE.*

Happy
Fall



HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

October

1	Lisa Goins
12	Eric Ervin
22	Trish Passman
30	Ruth Sanders

November

10	Norma Boggs
27	Kathy Naish

December

15	Hunter Ervin
23	Katie Cater
30	Louise Harris