

July News

- Sunday, July 7:** Celebration of Holy Communion
Church Profile Committee meets in the church parlor immediately after worship.
- Tuesday, July 9:** Morning volunteering at Ashure Ministry, 10:00 until noon
- Monday, July 15:** Worship Committee meeting at 10:00 a.m. in the church parlor
- Monday, July 22:** Church Council meets at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom
- Tuesday, July 23:** Afternoon volunteering at Ashure Ministry, 1:00 until 3:00
- Wednesday, July 24:** Choir Rehearsal, 6:00 p.m., in the sanctuary
- Wednesday, July 31:** Choir Rehearsal, 6:00 p.m., in the sanctuary

July Food Item for Ashure

The item of the month for July is snacks for kids. As always, all food donations are appreciated! With gardens growing, Ashure would love to have any extra produce for distribution. Also, the food pantry can always use gallon zipper bags and recycled grocery bags. As always, you are invited to place your food pantry donations in the baskets outside the sanctuary doors.

Thrifty Threads & Treasures is the thrift store at Ashure Ministry. It is an extension of Ashure's ministry and provides quality items at affordable prices to everyone in the community. One hundred percent of the proceeds from the store are directed to crisis ministries in Catawba County. This summer, Thrifty Threads & Treasures is celebrating "**Christmas in July.**" New items will be stocked daily and you can participate by shopping, volunteering, or donating.

July Birthdays

July 8: Tim N.
July 18: Caleb J.

Property Updates

Both the Cemetery Committee and the Property Committee have been busy overseeing big jobs. If you haven't taken a stroll on the new sidewalks behind the church, you're invited to take a look today. The columbarium has been ordered and we expect delivery and installation sometime this fall.

The moisture problem has been corrected in the church basement and it's time for cleanup and repair to begin. This process will continue for a few more months and we'll keep you updated on the progress. Many thanks are due both of these committees as we continue to address long needed updates to our building and grounds.

New from the Mission and Outreach Committee

July begins our "Season of Change" at Bethany! The number of babies and toddlers in foster care creates an ongoing need for diapers and baby wipes. Inspired by that need, we bring you the opportunity to help change babies' lives by designating your spare change for our ministry partner, Fostering Hope. Why empty the change from your pocket or purse into a jar on the counter, when you can make it count for babies and toddlers living in foster care? From now through Christmas, you are invited to empty your change into the offering plates every Sunday. Rather than count it weekly, we'll save it in one large Change that Counts jar that we can place on the altar on Christmas Eve, as we celebrate that Jesus came into this world as a baby, too. We'll use the total amount offered to buy diapers for Fostering Hope. Let's get ready for a great Season of Change!

Don't Forget

On **August 18** we are going to worship at Mount Bethel Reformed Church in Blowing Rock, the historic "little white church" near the Blowing Rock Conference Center. Worship will begin at 11:00 and you're invited to stay for lunch at the Conference Center immediately afterward. Bring friends and family for a special time of worship, and then spend the afternoon in Blowing Rock.

