

September News

- Sunday, September 1:** Celebration of Holy Communion
Extra offering for Ashure Ministry received during worship
Worship Committee Meeting immediately following worship
- Sunday, September 8:** Discipleship Hour resumes at 9:30 a.m. in the Church Parlor
Discussion of “The Wired Word” led by Rev. Maria Spada
- Tuesday, September 10:** Morning volunteering at Ashure Ministry in Newton,
10:00 a.m. until noon
- Sunday, September 15:** Lunch and fellowship after worship at Taj in Hickory
- Monday, September 16:** Church Council Meeting via Zoom; 10:00 a.m.
- Monday, September 23:** Missions Committee meeting, 10:00 a.m. in the Church Parlor
- Tuesday, September 24:** Afternoon volunteering at Ashure Ministry in Newton,
1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

September Food Item for Ashure

The items of the month for September are peanut butter and jelly in plastic jars. As always, all food donations are appreciated! If you have any extra produce, Ashure would love to have it. The pantry can always use gallon zipper bags and recycled grocery bags. Thank you for supporting our local food pantry.

September Birthdays

Sept. 12—Donna E.
Sept. 29—Al G.

Discipleship Hour Returns

Faith formation is an integral part of following Jesus and we are excited to share the return of our Sunday morning discipleship time. Here’s how it works. Every Thursday a reading from “The Wired Word” goes out to class members. The readings are stories from current headlines with biblical readings and discussion questions included. On Sunday mornings, Rev. Maria Spada leads the discussion on the reading. Everyone is invited for coffee and conversation. Let Maria know if you want your name on the email list.

Update from the Church Profile Committee

This committee has been hard at work for many months and the end is finally in sight! The Church Profile will be available to the congregation in September and will then go to the Search and Call website for prospective pastors to access. The members of this committee deserve your special thanks as this was a complicated task. Please share your gratitude with Caleb, Donna, Judy, José, and Teshera. Thank you Committee!

New Policy and Procedures for Building Use

The Church Council recently approved updates to our Policy for Use of the Sanctuary and Facilities. Copies of the new policy and the application form that goes with it are available at the information table outside the Fellowship Hall and in the narthex. Take a look and share the information with your family and friends.

Property Updates

As we continue our updates and renovations to the building and grounds, there’s a host of information to share. We will soon have estimates from professional painters and tile companies for finishing that portion of the work in the basement. We also have plumbing estimates coming in soon since some of the basement work requires a professional plumber. In the cemetery, the new columbarium is still scheduled to be delivered and installed this fall. And, many thanks are due to several church members for their hard work trimming the shrubs and weeding the beds in front of the church. Donna and Hunter tackled the holly bushes and Angie and Judy handled the azaleas and beds. Good work, team!

New in the Sanctuary

We have a new computer! The new sanctuary computer will enhance worship by showing glitch-free words and images on the screens. We are especially grateful to José and Tim for the research and leg work it took to get this update and to our tech assistants who put the entire order of worship (each and every Sunday) on the screens for all of us to follow. We appreciate your ministry.

Season of Change

We’re continuing our “Season of Change” at Bethany, with all the loose change you place in the offering plates going to the purchase of diapers for infants and toddlers in foster care. From now through Christmas, you are invited to empty your change into the offering plates every Sunday. Keep the change coming as we collect even the smallest coins for our youngest neighbors.