

October News

- Sunday, October 6:** World Communion Sunday
Celebration of Holy Communion
Extra offering for Ashure Ministry received during worship
Begin Neighbors in Need Offering
- Monday, October 7:** Worship Committee Meeting, 10:00 a.m., church parlor
- Tuesday, October 8:** Morning volunteering at Ashure Ministry in Newton,
10:00 a.m. until noon
- Wednesday, October 9:** Choir Practice, 7:00 p.m.
- Monday, October 14:** 2025 Budget Planning Meeting
10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall
Church Council and Stewardship Committee
- Wednesday, October 16:** Choir Practice, 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, October 19:** Ashure Ministry *Share the Harvest Dinner*
- Sunday, October 20:** Laity Sunday! Guest Speaker, Josh Farmer,
Development Director at Ashure Ministry
- Monday, October 21:** Church Council Meeting, 10:00 a.m. via Zoom
Afternoon volunteering at Ashure Ministry in Newton,
1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

October Items for Ashure

The items of the month for October are hygiene supplies.
As always, all food donations are appreciated!
The pantry can always use gallon zipper bags and recycled
grocery bags. Thank you for supporting our local food pantry.

Neighbors in Need

Neighbors in Need is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion in the United States. We will receive this offering throughout the month of October.

October Birthdays

Oct. 1—Lisa G.
Oct. 7—Angie M.
Oct. 12—Eric E.

Laity Sunday

One of the highlights of the Church year is Laity Sunday. The celebration of Pentecost is at its fullest when the congregation leads in worship and the proclamation comes from the pews. While many in our congregation will be leading in worship on October 20, we will welcome Josh Farmer as our guest speaker. Josh is the Development Director at Ashure Ministry and is a fount of inspiration regarding the hands on ministry of the Church. And, did you know that Bethany UCC was a founding church of ECCCM, now Ashure, way back in 1969? For fifty five years, we have been partnered in our community to meet the needs of our neighbors and we look forward to celebrating in worship on October 20.

Save the Date

Revs. Frank and Maria Spada will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, November 30 at Spirit Place in Abernethy Laurels in a time of worship and thanksgiving as they renew their vows to the Lord and to each other. They have planned a time of fellowship and feasting afterward and you are invited to attend both worship and the reception. The RSVP info is coming soon!

A Season of Change Continues

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. Keep the change coming as we collect even the smallest coins for our youngest neighbors.

Looking Ahead: a Note from Our Interim Pastor

I hope by now that you have heard the news that November 24 will be my final Sunday at Bethany. Things have changed in my personal life and I need to step away a bit sooner than I had planned. However, Tim and I will be remaining in the area and we look forward to the day that we can be a part of the congregation, joining you in worship and ministry. The decision was difficult, but I believe in the strength of our church and I know that the Pastor Search process is far enough along that you will be meeting your new pastor soon. I am working with the Church Council to ensure that both the congregational care and the administrative needs of the church are covered and with the Worship Committee to help ensure that the transition in worship is smooth. And, as always, looking ahead to November fills me with joy as we celebrate All Saints Day, Holy Communion, Thanksgiving, and the Reign of Christ. It is a wonderful and meaningful time of worship in the Church as the Christian year comes to a close. I hope you will be a part of the full life of Bethany UCC!