

April 2025 News

Welcome to you who are visiting our website. We invite you to worship with us at 2952 Bethany Church Road, Claremont, NC, on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m.

- Sunday, April 6** Adult Discussion, 9:30 a.m.
Holy Communion during Worship, 10:30 a.m.
- Monday, April 7** Worship Committee, 10:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, April 8** Morning Volunteering at Ashure Ministry, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- Sunday, April 13** Adult Discussion, 9:30 a. m.
- Sunday, April 20** Easter Sunrise Service, 7:30 a.m.
Breakfast after Sunrise Service
Morning Worship, 9:30 a.m.
- Monday, April 21** Church Council, 11:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, April 22** Afternoon volunteering at Ashure Ministry, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
- Sunday, April 27** Adult Discussion 9:30 a.m.

Ashure's March Madness: The time clock stops on April 9, 2025. All donations of food and funds will be tallied and reported by Ashure. The team with the highest number of points will be the 2025 winner. You have until Sunday, April 6, to make final donations for Team Duke! Thanks to everyone for participating.

One Great Hour of Sharing: OGHS is one of four special mission offerings of the UCC. This Lenten offering supports disaster, refugees and development efforts around the globe. OGHS ensures immediate response and ongoing recovery. BE THE LIGHT!

Donating to Exodus Works: The Property Committee had the extra floor tile left over from the basement work picked up by Exodus Works, part of Exodus Homes, a private non-profit United Way agency that provides faith-based supportive housing for recovering individuals returning to the community from prisons and treatment centers. We also donated the basement refrigerator that had been used by our former after-school program.

Basement Open House: The church basement is now clean from all the work that was done and is ready for your visit. If you have not seen the finished Moisture Loc project that is keeping the basement dry, please visit. That project required tile to be torn out along the walls in two classrooms, one bathroom and the entire connecting hallway that leads to the original basement. The tile now has been replaced and all work is complete. Be sure to see the completed and improved basement.

Palm Sunday: Worship on Palm Sunday, April 13, will be led by Rev. Frank Spada.

No Maundy Service: The Worship Committee decided we would not have a Maundy Thursday Service on April 17 this year.

Sunrise Service and Breakfast: Rev. Frank Spada will lead our Sunrise Service on Easter morning, April 20, at 7:30 a.m. Breakfast will follow in the Fellowship Hall. A sign-up sheet to list what you will bring will be placed outside the Fellowship Hall. **Please stay after breakfast for the morning worship service.**

Easter Sunday, April 20: Worship will be moved to 9:00 a.m. on Easter Sunday. Rev. Maria Spada will lead worship.

Earth Day: Rev. Dr. José DeJesús will lead worship on Sunday, April 27. Earth Day, on April 22, will be observed during worship.

Golf Tournament: Ashure Ministry's golf tournament fundraiser is May 8. They are in need of sponsors of various levels and also donations of gift cards to be given as prizes. For more info, see the flyer on the bulletin board outside the church office or talk to Judy Kirby. This is a big fundraiser for Ashure, and it requires lots of support.

Ashure Ministry: The April food item being April Birthdays collected is canned or dried beans. Also remember grocery bags, large gift bags and styrofoam or plastic egg cartons. Monetary donations are always accepted, too.

April Birthdays
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