

March 2025 News

- Tuesday, Feb. 25** Afternoon volunteering at Ashure Ministry, 1:00–3:00 p.m.
Called Pastor Search Committee meeting after Worship
- Sunday, March 2** Adult Discussion, 9:30 a.m.
Holy Communion during Worship, 10:30 a.m.
Lunch at Outback Steakhouse in Hickory
- Sunday, March 9** Adult Discussion, 9:30 a.m. (Daylight Savings Time begins)
- Tuesday, March 11** Morning volunteering at Ashure Ministry, 10:00a.m.–12:00 p.m.
- Sunday, March 16** Adult Discussion, 9:30 a.m.
- Sunday, March 23** Adult Discussion, 9:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, March 25** Afternoon volunteering at Ashure Ministry, 1:00–3:00 p.m.
- Sunday, March 30** Adult Discussion, 9:30 a.m.

Fostering Hope We received a thank you from Fostering Hope letting us know that they were able to purchase 12 big boxes of diapers totaling 1248 diapers and 5 more boxes of wipes totaling 1440 wipes with our recent donation. Their note read, “What a blessing, and we appreciate your church’s heart for the children in our community.”

Let’s Keep Being 5 for 5 Bethany continues to fully support UCC Special Mission Offerings. These offerings sponsor vital ministries that bring hope to people in the U.S. and around the world. We believe these offerings collectively serve to lift people closer to the abundance and wholeness to which Jesus Christ has called us to work together to bring about. Our **One Great Hour of Sharing** offering will be given during the month of March.

Spring Forward Daylight Savings Time begins March 9. Remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour.

New Floor Stand Microphone If you volunteer as a liturgist and prefer to use the new floor stand microphone on the floor level instead of reading from the lectern, please let Donna know. A podium will be placed near the microphone for you to use.

Better Lighting A special thank you to Angie Mecimore for the new reading light placed at the lectern. It greatly improves lighting for our pastors and liturgists. Thank you, Angie!

Easier Entry A new coded lock has been installed at the covered side entrance. The code is available to anyone who needs regular access to the building. Ask any member of the Property Committee about the code. Thank you, Joel Barringer, for installing this new lock.

Let's Eat! The Fellowship Committee has planned for us to go out for lunch on Sunday, March 2, following worship. We will be treating our member supply pastors Maria, Frank and Jose to lunch at Outback Steakhouse in Hickory. There is a sign-up sheet on the table outside the Fellowship Hall. We hope everyone will attend this lunch in their honor as we show them our appreciation.

No Ash Wednesday Service At the last meeting of the Worship Committee, it was decided we would not have a service on Ash Wednesday, March 5, this year.

AED Volunteers Do we have 3 or 4 people interested in being trained on the use of our Automated External Defibrillator (AED)? For more information, talk to Larry Sink.

Ashure's March Madness The Outreach Committee will explain more about March Madness and lead our participation in this yearly event to collect donations of food and money while earning points for our team. This will be our project for Lent. Go Duke!

Roof on Educational Wing The Property Committee is getting bids to repair or replace the roof over the educational building. The last roof was put on in 2002, and we have had some leaking and shingle deterioration. Information will be shared when a decision is made.

The Search Committee The Search Committee has learned of a computer glitch that has caused the Association Conference Minister to be unable to access the necessary system and get pastor profiles to us. Hopefully, this computer problem will be corrected soon, and we will start receiving profiles of interested pastors.

Congrats! Bethany UCC was named one of the Top Volunteer Churches at Ashure Ministry!

AshureMinistry See the fliers on the bulletin board about March Madness food collections and 40 hr. of volunteering during Lent.

March Birthdays

20 Gina Beard
23 Aris DeJesus