

July 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 am.

Calendar of Events

- Sunday, July 6 Deacon Deborah Johnson leading worship; Rev. Maria Spada serving Communion.
- Tuesday, July 8 Volunteering at Ashure Ministry, 10 am – 12 noon
- Sunday, July 13 Rev. Dr. Thad Austin leading worship
- Monday, July 14 Worship Committee, 10 am
- Sunday, July 20 Patrick Gorman (M.Div.) leading worship
- Tuesday, July 22 Volunteering at Ashure Ministry, 1 pm – 3 pm
- Sunday, July 27 Rev. Frank Spada leading worship

Ashure Ministry Item for July – Snacks for kids

July Birthdays

8th. -- Tim Naish. 17th -- Caleb Johnson

Playground Update: Thanks to Angie Mecimore and Teshera Kimbrough for pressure washing the playground equipment to get it ready to open to our community. After some spraying to remove weeds and cleaning out some remaining leaves, the playground directional sign will be installed.

Cards to Members and Friends: Please let Karen Gentle if there is someone you would like to receive a card from our church. Please provide the name and mailing address so prayers and encouragement can be sent.

Be The Church: Watch for a new UCC banner “Be The Church” to be displayed on our outdoor frame. This banner replaces our original banner that was destroyed in a storm. Our hope is that it speaks to all who read it.

Catawba Elementary School: A sign-up sheet from the Outreach Committee has been placed on the table outside the Fellowship Hall for us to donate snacks/items for a back-to-school treat bag for the teachers and staff of Catawba Elementary School. These treat bags will be delivered to the school when the new school year resumes in August. Please donate as you are able.

Bethany Brochure: A trifold brochure is being developed by Karen Gentle and the Outreach Committee. The brochure will have information about Bethany and the United Church of Christ that can be shared with visitors and the community.

Our Search Committee: The members of the Search Committee – Donna Ervin, Judy Kirby, Angie Mecimore, Nancy Rockett and Larry Sink – continue to read profiles and meet with prospective candidates for our next minister. Our new Associate Conference Minister, Rev. Dr. Tom Warren met with the Committee on June 24 to offer guidance in our search.

Books! Books! Books! Remember that the books on the book cart in the Fellowship Hall are for you to read and enjoy. There’s a great selection of books for adults. Norma Boggs keeps the Little Free Library stocked with books from the cart and bookcases in the Fellowship Hall for children, teens and adults. There are plenty of books available inside for you to take what you’re interested in reading. Need a book? Take a look!