

September 2025 News

Welcome to you who are visiting our website. We invite you to worship with us at 2952 Bethany Ch. Rd., Claremont, NC, on Sunday mornings at 10:30 am.

Calendar of Events

| | |
|-----------------------|---|
| Sunday, September 7 | Faith Formation, 9:30 am; Morning Worship and Communion, 10:30 am |
| Tuesday, September 9 | Volunteering at Ashure Ministry, 10 am – 12 noon |
| Sunday, September 14 | Faith Formation, 9:30 am; Morning Worship, 10:30 am |
| Sunday, September 21 | Faith Formation, 9:30 am; Morning Worship, 10:30 am |
| Monday, September 22 | Church Council meeting, 10 am |
| Tuesday, September 23 | Volunteering at Ashure Ministry, 1 pm – 3 pm |
| Sunday, September 28 | Faith Formation, 9:30 am; Morning Worship, 10:30 am |

Ashure Ministry Item for September -- Peanut butter or jelly. Egg cartons and plastic grocery and shopping bags are ALWAYS needed, too.

September Birthdays-- 12th Donna Ervin 16th Rick Wilkinson 29th Al Gentle

SUPPLY PASTORS FOR SEPTEMBER During September, these supply pastors will lead our worship services: Sept. 7 - The Rev. Dr. Thad Austin, Sept. 14 - Deacon Deb Johnson, Sept. 21 - The Rev. Dr. John Danner, Sept. 28 – The Rev. Phil Norwood. We are grateful for all the ministers who lead worship for us during the search for our next pastor.

BE INFORMED! The hall bulletin board contains minutes and reports from the Church Council and church committees. You are encouraged to stay informed by reading the posted information. If you have any questions, ask a Council or committee member.

FAITH FORMATION CLASS Formerly known as Adult Discussion, these Sunday morning classes resume on Sept., 7 at 9:30 am under the very capable leadership of The Rev. Maria Spada. We will be using *The Wired Word*, and all are welcome to come and join the class! (The class meets in the church parlor.)

THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING PRESENT Every time we gather for worship, something special happens – God meets us here, and we meet each other in faith, love and encouragement. Your presence strengthens our church family, lifts our worship, and reminds us that we are not alone in our walk with Christ. When you are here, the Body of Christ is more complete. Let's continue to show up for one another and for God, trusting that He uses each moment together to grow His Kingdom.

SHARING JOY WITH OTHERS Gennie Lou Byerly takes the altar flowers at the end of the month and uses them to make flower vases to share with others at Abernethy Laurels. Thank you, Gennie Lou, for being such a sweet flower lady!

CAROL'S CONCERT Rev. Nevin Feather, our Pastor Emeritus, invited our congregation to Abernethy Laurels for a piano concert given by his daughter, Carol Feather Martin. Her program consisted of tunes from the 20th century and included *Sonatine* by Maurice Ravel, three pieces by George Gershwin including *I Got Rhythm*, *Etude in C# Minor* by Leslie Adams, and ended with *Big Band Sounds, Op. 46* by Nikolai Kapustin. The afternoon concert was well attended by residents, Bethany members and other guests. Carol is a Paino Teaching Artist at the Mason Community Arts Academy, part of George Mason University's College of Visual & Performing Arts in Fairfax, Virginia, where she offers private lessons in piano and organ to students of all ages and skill levels. She also serves as the Organist and Director of Music & Arts at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Arlington, Virginia. There, she leads music programs involving singers, handbell choirs and instrumental ensembles. Carol, the first of three daughters of Nevin and the late Cecil Mae, was born during the time Rev. Feather was serving as pastor of Bethany. The Feathers lived here in the parsonage until Carol was 10 years old. Thank you to Rev. Feather and Carol for inviting us to an enjoyable afternoon of both beautiful and lively music!

CES TREAT BAGS DELIVERED Thanks to all who donated items for these bags, to those who helped stuff them, and to Vivian Cline for making the cute card with our church's info that we attached to the bags. We delivered 72 bags filled with sticky notes, a Bethany pen, pencils, markers, snacks and candy to the staff at Catawba Elementary School on their first mandatory workday. (See the picture on the bulletin board!) They know our prayers are with them as they begin this new school year.

THANK YOU TO TESHHERA KIMBROUGH Teshera has agreed to become our Assistant Recording Secretary and will be helping our faithful Vivian Cline with this important job.

VOLUNTEER ASSIGNMENTS Ushers, Acolytes, Liturgists, Techs, Communion Preparers and Servers, and Offering Counters can find their assigned Sundays on lists posted on the bulletin board between the offices.