

BETHANY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST -- CLAREMONT, NC
NOVEMBER 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, November 2	Faith Formation, 9:30 am; Morning Worship, Holy Communion and All Saints Day, 10:30 am
Monday, November 3	Worship Committee, 10:00 am
Thursday, November 6	Volunteering at Ashure Ministry, 10:00 am - ?
Sunday, November 9	Faith Formation, 9:30 am; Morning Worship, 10:30 am
Monday, November 10	Church Council meeting, 10:00 am and Outreach Committee meeting, 11:30 am
Tuesday, November 11	Volunteering at Ashure Ministry, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 pm
Sunday, November 16	Faith Formation, 9:30 am; Morning Worship, 10:30 am
Sunday, November 23	Thanksgiving Sunday; Faith Formation, 9:30 am; Morning Worship, 10:30 am with Harvest Meal (covered dish) after worship
Monday, November 24	Decorating for Advent, 10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, November 25	Volunteering at Ashure Ministry, 1 pm – 3 pm
Sunday, November 30	Faith Formation, 9:30 am; Morning Worship, 10:30 am; Advent begins

Ashure Ministry Item for November-- Sugar, flour, corn meal. Egg cartons and plastic grocery and shopping bags are ALWAYS needed, too.

November Birthdays -- 8th Nancy Rockett, 10th Norma Boggs, 27th Kathy Naish

WELCOME PASTOR JOSH! The congregation of Bethany United Church of Christ is pleased to announce that Rev. Josh Fitterling has accepted the call to be pastor of Bethany.

Pastor Josh was born in rural Pennsylvania and raised on his family’s farm. He graduated from Lebanon Valley College in Pennsylvania, where he studied mathematics, and from Lancaster Theological Seminary in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, where he received his Master of Divinity degree. He was ordained in the United Church of Christ in 2015. He has served a number of churches in different capacities in Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and Maine. For the past year, he has served as a Chaplain Resident at the University of Tennessee Medical Center in Knoxville.

Pastor Josh finds great joy in creating meaningful worship experiences, building community connections, and finding ways of meeting people where they are. He is excited to serve here and to nurture the ministry of Bethany UCC as a progressive and welcoming light in Claremont and beyond. He looks forward to helping write the next chapter of life and ministry at Bethany Church. With thankfulness, we welcome Pastor Josh Fitterling!

OUR FELLOWSHIP HALL/OFFICE BUILDING will be getting new shingles soon. Work is predicted to start around November 2. Hipps Roofing will be doing the work at a cost of \$16,000, of which our church insurance will cover \$11,300.

OUR HARVEST MEAL is scheduled for Sunday, November 23, following worship. We will have a covered dish lunch in the fellowship hall. Invite friends and family to join us for good food, fellowship, and giving thanks!

BEING OF SERVICE We continue to celebrate the ministry of all God’s people. In the spirit of the UCC, we remember that each of us, lay and ordained, is called to serve with love, justice and compassion.. We all are still called, still needed, still chosen. Your presence, your participation, your leadership -- all are important gifts that you give Bethany. Thanks be to God for this wonderful congregation.