



You're Invited!!!

You're invited to attend a party in honor of Reverend Mark Ward celebrating his seventeen years as our Lead Minister. He officially retires on June 30. We will gather with gratitude to recognize his dedication and contributions to our success over these years.

DATE: Saturday, July 10

TIME: 2-4pm, program at 2:30pm

LOCATION: E. W. Grove Park (the section of the park behind the Asheville Preservation Society, 324 Charlotte Street, accessible from Celia Place)

PARKING: On the street or the UUCA parking lots

It's a family gathering including fun for the kids, music by our own Sandburgers, Dr. Leslie Downs, and a guest musician. Cake, finger food, and punch will be served. No alcohol will be served or permitted.

You can help make this celebration a success.

Here are some ways you can contribute.

STORIES/ RECOLLECTIONS/REFLECTIONS/EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION

So many of us have fond memories of Mark's contributions to our congregation and to our personal lives. You have an opportunity to share your experiences with Mark, reflections on how he has added to our congregational life or to your life personally, funny stories to share about him, etc. We will compile these into a special volume to present to Mark at our July 10 celebration. Our hope is that in years to come he will return often to reread expressions of love, reflections of joy,

and accomplishment on his legacy at UUCA. Your reflections may be as short or long as you wish. **Please email them to beverlycutter123@gmail.com by July 1.**

If you want to bring a card to the party, we will have a collection box for them. Please contact Beverly at 296-1047 with any questions.

If you would like to send cards instead of bringing them to the party, mail them to:
Rev. Mark Ward
c/o Beverly Cutter
38 Stonebridge Drive
Asheville, NC 28805

SHARE YOUR PHOTOS OF MARK BY JUNE 25

We have created a Google Drive folder that you can use to upload your photos of Mark, family, or of the church which we will use in a slide show as part of the program. [Click on this link to access the Drive folder](#) and then drag your photo onto the Drive web page where it will upload into the folder. **Note: Please send the largest photo file you have.**

[Here is a one-minute "how to" video](#) in case that's also helpful for you to see how to upload your photos.

We want the largest photo file you have because small images will reproduce poorly in video, so the larger the image size and the larger the file size, the better. No photo is too big! :) Please contact Dan Phairas (dan7phairas@gmail.com, 828-337-5498) with any questions or if you want to submit an actual photo print. **Please submit by June 25, 2021.**

FOOD PREPARATION

Would you like to help prepare party food for the reception? We can make suggestions about what we need and will purchase the ingredients, but help is needed to do the food prep. Some can be done on Friday, July 9 and some will require assembling serving platters on Saturday, July 10 to be ready for the event at 2:00. Please contact Ann McLellan (anmclellan1@gmail.com, 828-545-5438)

RETIREMENT GIFTS

We plan to purchase retirement gifts for Rev. Mark and Debbie to be presented at the party. If you would like to contribute, please send your monetary contributions to the church office with the notation "retirement gift." All contributions will be gratefully accepted. (These are not tax-deductible.)