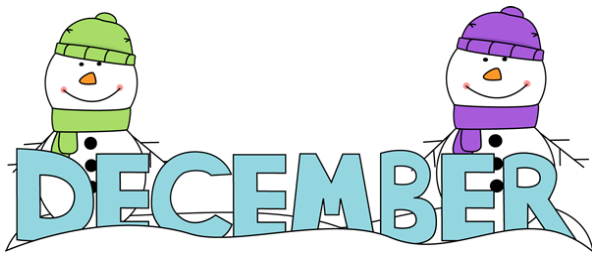
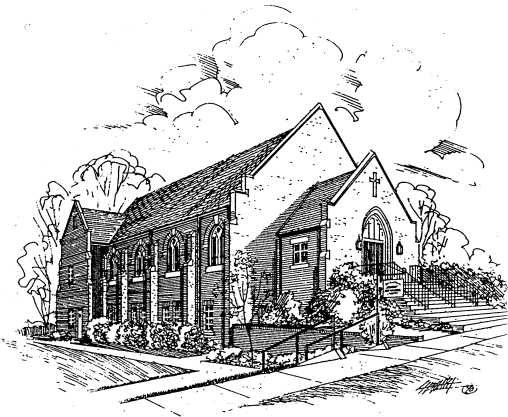


# Commonwealth Newsletter



2023



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We certainly take time within our congregation and within our families to celebrate God's coming to us on Christmas morning. However, at the same time we embrace the fact that our God who is beyond time and space comes down to us in time and space every Sunday morning

to deliver the fruit of his Son's crucifixion and resurrection over two thousand years ago through his Word and Sacraments. He comes to us through his instruments: the water and the Word of God, the bread and the wine, the mouth of the pastor who forgives our sins, and the Bible, which contains all of God's promises in Christ. In these ways, we receive, Immanuel, "God with us," now! As we live in a world where the evidence of the sin, suffering, and brokenness of creation is all too evident, we receive God's peace on earth as he comes to us "hidden" in the Word and Sacraments. We also embrace his promise of Christ to restore his broken creation and to completely "reveal" his victory over suffering and death in his coming again to us in glory, just as he said. As members of his church we should equip ourselves to share this good news with others who live among us and are confused in their questioning, suffering, and despair. And as you equip yourselves this Advent season and share the reason for the hope that you have in Christ, rest assured that he is coming again soon.

In Christ,

Rev. Pilar Perez



## Our Prayer List

Ruby Agnew, Perry Laine Coxe (Bob & Jackie's Great Granddaughter)  
Jack Harwell (Ruby Agnew's brother)  
Shirley Laye, Pia Roe, Nadine Starnes,  
Reina Salinas, Phyllis Batts, Alice Shepherd

*If you know someone that needs to be added or removed, please let the church office know*



## 15<sup>th</sup> Newsletter Deadline

Please send anything you would like in the newsletter to the church office at [commonwealthumc@bellsouth.net](mailto:commonwealthumc@bellsouth.net) before December 15.

## NEW ADDRESS FOR RUBY AGNEW

Brookdale Assisted Living  
872 Singleton Ridge Road  
Room 305  
Conway, SC 29526



**December**

- 3 Dawn Beaver
- 4 Sue Morrison
- 6 Rick Morrison
- 11 Tom Kehoe
- 29 Jennie Kehoe
- 30 Ruby Agnew

**January**

- 7 Leigh Beaver
- 8 Jack Parrish
- 18 Reina Salinas

*Staff Gift*

We are so thankful for our staff at Commonwealth. Our staff is the glue that keeps us worshipping with music, electricity, and the Word of the Lord. We are collecting an offering to honor each staff member.

Please give as you are able. Envelopes marked Staff Gifts are located in the Narthex and the Parlor, or you can mark an offering envelope with Staff Gift and place in the offering. Thank you! Due December 17,2023

**Ushers**

- December - Adriane Beaver
- January - Reina Salinas



In Loving Memory of Jane Beaver and Mabel Price by Emily Adkins



**Stewardship**

**November 5, 2023**

Offering - \$1593.00

**November 12, 2023**

Offering - \$1389.00

**November 19, 2023**

Offering - \$1602.00

**November 26, 2023**

Offering - \$1690.90

**CUMC Clothing Closet**



**10am-1pm**

**Saturday December 9, 2023**

The Clothing Closet is **FREE** and open to anyone and everyone!

*Spread the word to anyone who has a need!*

**ALL CLOTHING DONATIONS NEEDED!**



**Attendance**

- November 5 - 20
- November 12 - 24
- November 19 - 26
- November 26 - 21



**Annual Choir Christmas Dinner**

The congregation is invited to the Annual Choir Christmas Dinner on Tuesday December 19 at 6:00pm. This will be held at the home of Janice Rose. 3923 Medallion Drive, Charlotte, NC 28205. Please let a choir member or Janice know if you plan to attend.



- December 3 - Christmas Luncheon
- December 6 - 6:30 Bible Study- Lands Building
- December 9 - Clothing Closet
- December 13 - 6:30 Bible Study- Lands Building
- December 17 - Christmas Cantata
- December 24 - 11am Worship
- December 24 - 5pm Christmas Eve Service
- December 25 - Merry Christmas!