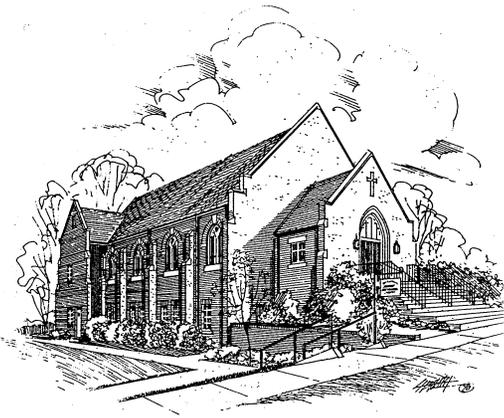


# Commonwealth Newsletter



2024



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Blessings from your Pastor. The secular world has separated the month of February to celebrate love. My perception of this secular celebration is that it is a materialized one like many of the celebrations of the secular world. People have turned everything around hearts, cupids and other

symbols unrelated to true love. GOD is love and he has poured out his love on us so that is true love. This month I would like us to reflect on the "Agape Love" which is the one that gives everything without expecting anything in return. This is God's love. God gave us His only son to save us. He gave his everything and doesn't expect anything from us. Let's practice giving without expecting anything in return during the so-called "Love Month". Let's share love, peace and justice with those who you know that are in the need of them. Let's share something different with someone different. I leave you with this Biblical verse, Corinthians 13:4-8 (NIV)

**4** Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. **5** It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. **6** Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. **7** It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. **8** Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away.

Rev. Pilar Pérez



## Our Prayer List

Ruby Agnew, Perry Laine Coxe (Bob & Jackie's Great Granddaughter), Connie Hartsell, 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 February 15.





Save the Date!



We will have a covered dish on Sunday, March 3 to celebrate our newest members joining the church. Bring a dish or dishes to share!



**February**

- 10 Jack Wright
- 12 Rachel Brinkhoff
- 21 Grace Beaver
- 21 Julie Lambeth

**March**

- 15 Marie Rich
- 20 Jean Stoneman
- 23 Martha Lee
- 27 Gabriel Baker



**Stewardship**

**January 7, 2024**

Offering - \$2,147.00

**January 14, 2024**

Offering - \$1,571.00

**January 21, 2024**

Offering - \$936.00

**January 28, 2024**

Offering - \$693.79

**CUMC Clothing Closet**



**10am-1pm**

**Saturday February 10, 2024**

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

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

**WINTER CLOTHING DONATIONS NEEDED!**



**Attendance**

- January 7, 2024 - 23
- January 14, 2024 - 20
- January 21, 2024 - 21
- January 28, 2024 - 23



**Ushers**

- February - Trena Williams
- March - Dawn Beaver



**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!**

Thank you for the generous monetary gift for Christmas. It is amazing what the Commonwealth Church Family continues to do! I am honored to be serving as Music Director/Organist. You all have blessed me with your friendship, love and support over the years which I appreciate so much. I especially want to express my appreciation to Alice, Marie, Sandra and John for their faithfulness in giving their time and sharing their talent in preparing for our Worship each week. We are very fortunate also to have the gift of music from David and Luke Shepherd throughout the year. They add so much to our Worship Service on special occasions. We have had a great 2023 meeting new friends and I am excited to see what God has for us in 2024! Working together...praying together...Commonwealth will be blessed in the New Year of 2024!

Blessings filled with JOY!  
Janice