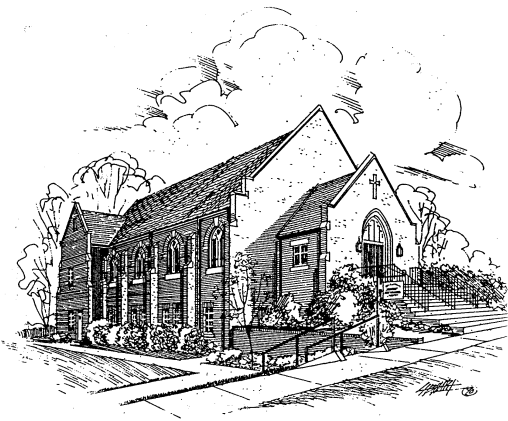


# Commonwealth Newsletter



2024



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Happy and blessed year 2024! I want to celebrate 2023 through this newsletter. God gave us the opportunity to serve in multiple ways, just as His grace manifests itself in us in many ways. We were able to provide clothing and other necessities to over 50 families through the monthly Clothing Closet ministry, assisting 15 children from 7 different families with their Christmas gifts, clothing, and food assistance. We have opened our facilities to two Christian churches so that they worship and praise God as they have a safe and stable place to develop their programming. These diverse churches as our brothers and sisters from the Hmong United Methodist Church and the Vietnamese Christian Church. The Almighty God's presence grows in us as we open our hearts to serve our neighbors in radical hospitality way. God is very close to Commonwealth.

I feel blessed for each of you and know that the best is yet to come. I pray to our Heavenly Father that this New Year we will be able to serve our neighbors more and as we do that we will be able to feel His presence closer to our hearts every day.

In Christ,  
Rev. Pilar Perez



### Our Prayer List

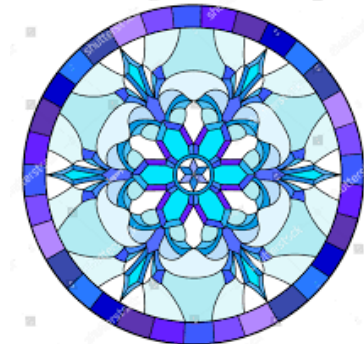
Ruby Agnew, Perry Laine Coxe (Bob & Jackie's Great Granddaughter), Connie Hartsell, Jack Harwell (Ruby Agnew's brother), Shirley Laye, Pia Roe, Nadine Starnes, Reina Salinas, Phyllis Batts, Alice Shepherd

*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 January 15.





**January**

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

**February**

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

**Ushers**

- January - Reina Salinas
- February - Trena Williams



In Memory of: Gene Helms and Ec Little  
By: Kay Helms Little



**Stewardship**

**December 3, 2023**  
Offering - \$571.00

**December 10, 2023**  
Offering - \$1996.00

**December 17, 2023**  
Offering - \$1325.00

**December 24, 2023**  
Offering - \$1519.42

**December 31, 2023**  
Offering - \$2116.00

**CUMC Clothing Closet**



**10am-1pm**

**Saturday January 13, 2024**

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**

- December 3 - 50
- December 10 - 26
- December 17 - 28
- December 24 - 27
- December 24 5pm - 48
- December 31 - 23



**A Prayer for Hope**

Dear Lord,  
As the new year begins, I look to You for our hope, joy, and peace. Give me the courage to do all that You ask of me. Please also make me brave to not do what isn't from You. Show me how to walk in grace and embrace Your love for me even more.  
In Jesus' Name, Amen.

—Holly Gerth