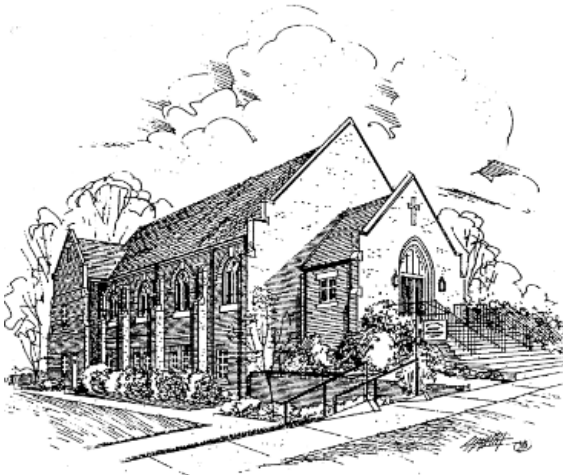


Commonwealth Newsletter



2024



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Friends, we are entering March and the season of Lent, a season of preparation to go with Jesus to Jerusalem and discover anew his love for us that overcomes death and gives hope for renewed life. As

the winds slowed down last year's palms burned and grinded into ashes that were used to mark the sign of the cross and remember that God breathed life into dust to create us, and when our bodies return to dust, our spirits remain with God. We consecrate our Lenten journey on Wednesday February 14. The three pillars of Lent—prayer, fasting and almsgiving—serve as guideposts on this 40-day journey. Prayer, in particular, holds a special place in this season of repentance and renewal. Whether you are new to praying or seeking a deeper prayer life, Lent offers a perfect invitation to begin wherever you are.

Often Lent is a time when we sacrifice something to help us focus on our faith journey. It can also be a time to take up a practice that enriches our soul and draws us closer to Jesus. Choose something creative or artistic to focus your Lenten journey this year, releasing the doubts and distractions, and experience God anew!

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



15th Newsletter Deadline

Please send anything you would like in the newsletter to the church office at commonwealthumc@bellsouth.net before March 15.



New Member Lunch

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!



| March | April |
|------------------|-----------------|
| 15 Marie Rich | 3 Sagan Rich |
| 20 Jean Stoneman | 7 Gene Hartsell |
| 23 Martha Lee | 9 Neal Harper |
| 27 Gabriel Baker | |



Stewardship & Attendance

February 4, 2024 25 attendance

Offering - \$1,728.00

February 11, 2024 24 attendance

Offering - \$1,531.00

February 18, 2024 24 attendance

Offering - \$1,604.00

February 25, 2024 20 attendance

Offering - \$781.00

Ushers

March - Susan and Curtis Blount

CUMC Clothing Closet



10am-1pm

Saturday March 9, 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!



March Work Day

We will have a work day on **March 23** to clean up the church grounds. Our main focus will be:

- Painting the little library
- Planting monkey grass in the cross meditation area
- Paint lines in the parking lot
- Clearing materials from upstairs in the fellowship hall.

All are welcome and encouraged to come help!



March 28 - Maundy Thursday 5-6pm

Drop In Communion

March 24 - Palm Sunday

March 29 - Good Friday Service 7-8pm

at Hickory Grove UMC

March 31 - Easter

Easter Bulletin 2024

This year, we will purchase altar flowers and print an Easter Bulletin. Our Easter Bulletin will include "in memory of" and "in honor of" loved ones. Please complete the form below and place it in an envelope marked "Easter Flowers" along with a donation. Please donate as you are able. This can be placed in the offering plate, dropped at the church office or mailed to the church at **2434 Commonwealth Ave, Charlotte, NC 28205.**

Make checks payable to **Commonwealth UMC.**

In Memory Of: _____

by _____

In Honor Of: _____

by _____

Amount enclosed _____

Name(s) along with money must be received by **Sunday, March 24, 2024.**

Thank you!