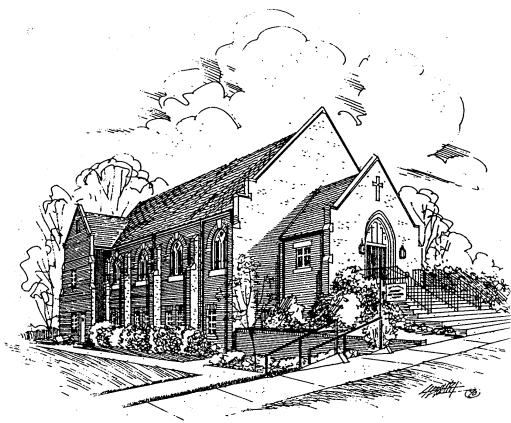


## Commonwealth Newsletter



2023



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During the past month of October, we received scriptural counsel through parables that Jesus shared with his disciples. I relate a lot to this type of teaching since I am a teacher. Teachers like to teach with real-life examples and

experiences, at least that is how I enjoyed doing it for 20 years while teaching in the classroom. The most interesting thing about this is that we must expose ourselves to the world in which God has put us to live in order to have enough experiences that we can use them as instruments to teach or set an example for others. Jesus, who knows all and knows everything, taught us through his ministry on earth in this way. Exposure to a real world gives us the power to have real experiences to share.

Today I recommend that you expose yourself to the real world, to your community, to your family, to your neighborhood, to your church, and to everything that will lead you to have real experiences to share with those who need them. I will leave you with this Bible verse:

Proverbs 24:32 - New International Version  
32 I applied my heart to what I observed and learned a lesson from what I saw...

In Christ,  
Rev. Pilar Pérez



### 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 November 15.





**November**

- 12 Phyllis Batts
- 24 Bob Samuels
- 25 Vera O’Pry

**December**

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



**Stewardship**

**October 1, 2023**

Offering - \$2332.02

**October 8, 2023**

Offering - \$2870.00

**October 15, 2023**

Offering - \$542.00

**October 22, 2023**

Offering - \$ 757.00

**October 29, 2023**

Offering - \$ 1452.23



**Laity Service Award Winner**

Adriane Beaver has been a loyal member of Commonwealth UMC all of her life. She was baptized in the church and remained in service through her childhood, teens and adulthood.

Through Commonwealth, she has participated in service projects for Hinton, helping to clear land, paint houses, and repair homes for people in need.

Adriane has been on the Commonwealth Administrative Board for many years and has served in various roles including the planning committee, kitchen committee, and more as needed. She is held in high regard for her logic and attention to detail.

Now, as our Worship Chairperson, she organizes monthly Communion, monthly ushers, worship banners, and the changing of the paraments as dictated by the Methodist Calendar. Her ability to recruit volunteers for this role has helped encourage new members to serve.

She manages the Commonwealth website and Facebook page, keeping the community apprised of events and happenings in our church.

Adriane is an active member of the community, with interests in hiking, live music, and being crafty. She always has time

for her friends at church and is willing to pitch in on church workdays, typing and copying the bulletin, and counting the offering. Her smile is infectious and welcoming and her acts of service bring joy to our church.



**Annual Thanksgiving Breakfast**

Our Thanksgiving Breakfast will be held on Thursday, November 23 at 9am.



**Ushers**

- November - Connie Hartsell
- December - Adriane Beaver

## CUMC Clothing Closet



10am-1pm

Saturday November 11, 2023

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

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

**ADULT CLOTHING DONATIONS  
NEEDED!**



November 11 and 18 at 9:00am



### Attendance

October 1 - 22  
October 8 - 20  
October 15 - 19  
October 22 - 29  
October 29 - 21



*A thankful heart is  
a happy HEART*



Our Angel tree will be in the Narthex with Angels beginning Sunday November 5. We will be helping 7 families and 15 children this year. There are angels with gift cards for groceries or toys and clothing. All toy and clothing gifts should be wrapped and brought to the office by November 30. Please do not wrap gift cards. They will be divided evenly amongst the families. Thank you for continuing to support our community with these gifts.

