# Commonwealth Newsletter



2023



### Commonwealth United Methodist Church

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Blessings my dearest brothers and sisters! We are welcoming this colorful season of autumn. The changing colors in our surroundings mark a cooler weather and a time to enjoy God's creation. As the colors

of the trees change, I encourage you to reflect in the changes that our community is experiencing. Changes that give us opportunities to serve families, children, refugees, immigrants and all. Let us reflect on how we can equip our leaders to be able to serve our changing community. Let us open our hearts, minds and spirits to let God guide us in creative and effective ways to serve. I am sharing this verse from the scripture as a reflection for this month of September: Matthew 25:35-36 "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."

In Christ,





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 <u>commonwealthumc@bellsouth.net</u> before September 15.



September 4 - Labor Day September 10 - Clothing Closet



#### September

- Walter Rich, Jr.
  Peggy Bridgers
  Kay Little
- October
- Rev. Pilar Pérez
  Joyce Yates
  Pia Roe
  Lisa McCarter
  Connie Boza
  Adriane Beaver
  Steve Kurt

# Ushers

September - Kay Little October - Phyllis Batts



## Worship Attendance

August 6 - 24 August 13 - 23 August 20 - 23 August 27 - 23



<u>Stewardship</u> August 6, 2023 Offering - \$1893.00

August 13, 2023 Offering - \$741.00

August 20, 2023 Offering - \$784.00

August 27, 2023 Offering - \$791.00

# **CUMC Clothing Closet**



10am-1pm Saturday September 10, 2023

The Clothing Closet is **FREE** and open to anyone and everyone! Spread the word to anyone who has a need!

MEN'S CLOTHING DONATIONS NEEDED! VOLUNTEERS APPRECIATED!



## **School Supplies Collection**

We will be collecting school supplies for Billingsville Elementary School during the month of August. Please bring them in and place them in the narthex for collection.

-new socks & underwear -uniforms sizes 4-12 -colored pencils -spiral notebooks -child scissors -dry erase markers -composition books -post it notes -index cards -two pocket folders

-pencils -glue sticks -facial tissue -crayons -baby wipes -hand sanitizer -zip-lock bags -copy paper -erasers



Father, I pray that each child knows their strength comes from You and that You give them the courage to face any obstacle they may face at school. I pray they know to come to you with their fears and anxiety and to trust you to watch over them and guide them throughout the day. Amen.