

Commonwealth Newsletter



September 2026



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From the Pastor's Desk

A New Season, A Renewed Spirit

Dear Commonwealth UMC,
As we enter the month of September, we begin to notice the signs of a changing season. Summer slowly gives way to fall, routines begin again, and we find ourselves returning to familiar rhythms. These changes remind us that life is filled with seasons—and through every season, **God remains faithful.**

Ecclesiastes 3:1 reminds us, *"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven."*

Some seasons bring joy and celebration, while others bring challenges, uncertainty, or change. Yet we can trust that God walks with us through them all.

September also gives us an opportunity to renew our commitment to Christ and to one another. As a church family, we are called not simply to attend church, but to **be the church**—to worship together, care for one another, welcome our neighbors, serve those in need, and share the love of Jesus in our community.

My prayer is that this new season will bring renewed energy to our congregation. May we continue building a church where everyone feels welcomed, valued, and loved. May we use the gifts God has given us, encourage one another, and remain open to the new things God may be doing among us.

Whatever this season holds, we do not enter it alone. God goes before us, Christ walks beside us, and the Holy Spirit continues to guide us.

May September be a month of renewed faith, deeper relationships, and joyful service as we continue our journey together.

Blessings,

Rev. Pilar Perez



Reina Salinas, Carol Lowder, Jackie Samuels, Nadine Starnes, Alberto & Hector Perez (Pilar's Brothers), Joshua Cummins, Savannah Bowden and Angela Kelly
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 **October 15**

Memorials

For Bob Samuels:

- Alice Shepherd
- Commonwealth UMC Chancel Choir c/o Janice Rose
- Marie Rich
- Connie & Gene Hartsell
- John Beaver
- Trena Williams – designated: Choir Fund
- Shirley Laye





September
2 Walter Rich, Jr.
18 Kay Little

October

1 Rev. Pilar Pérez
11 Joyce Yates
25 Connie Boza
28 Adriane Beaver

Stewardship and Attendance

August 2

Attendance - 17
 Offering - \$2800.00

August 9

Attendance - 21
 Offering - \$2851.00

August 16

Attendance - 8
 Offering - \$2025.00

August 23

Attendance - 18
 Offering - \$120.00

August 30

Attendance - 18
 Offering - \$3610.69

Called to Serve: 2027 Church Leadership Nominations

As we prepare for 2027, we are beginning the important work of identifying leaders who feel called to serve our church. Leadership in the church is more than filling a position—it is an opportunity to use the gifts God has given us to strengthen our congregation, support our ministries, and participate in the mission God has entrusted to us.

Our Nominations Committee, Rev. Pilar Perez, Dawn Beaver and Phyllis Batts will be seeking individuals to serve in several open positions on the **Commonwealth UMC Board for 2027:**

- **Finance Representative** – Helps provide leadership and oversight related to the financial ministry and stewardship of the church.
- **Recording Secretary** – Records the minutes and important actions of Board meetings and helps maintain accurate church leadership records.
- **Trustee Representative** – Represents the work of the Trustees and helps ensure that our church property, facilities, and resources are cared for faithfully.
- **Lay Leader** – Serves as an important connection between the congregation, pastor, and church leadership while encouraging the ministry and spiritual growth of the laity.
- **Lay Member to Annual Conference** – Represents Commonwealth UMC at the Western North Carolina Annual Conference and helps connect our congregation with the wider ministry of The United Methodist Church.
- **Women of Faith Representative** – Represents the Women of Faith ministry on the Board, helping strengthen communication, encourage participation, and ensure that the ministry and perspectives of the women of our congregation are represented in the life and leadership of the church.

I invite everyone in our congregation to prayerfully consider whether God may be calling **you** to serve in one of these roles. You may also know someone in our church whose gifts, experience, and commitment would make them a wonderful candidate for one of these positions.

Please pray for our Nominations Committee and for those who will be discerning a call to leadership.

Rev. Pilar Pérez

Pastor, Commonwealth United Methodist Church

Clothing Closet



10am-1pm

Saturday, September 12, 2026

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

Donations needed!

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Steward: Adriane Beaver
Usher: Dawn Beaver