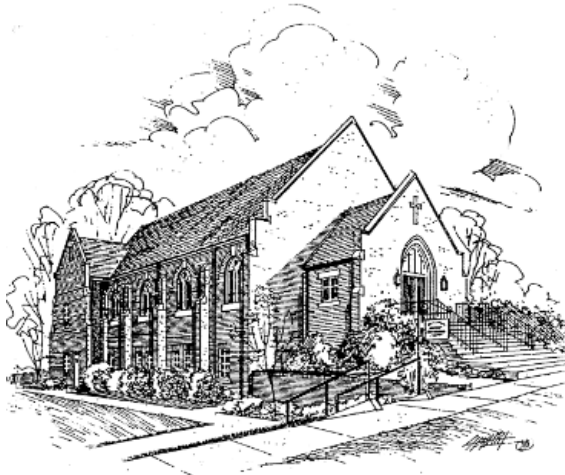


Commonwealth Newsletter



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My Dear Friends in Christ,
As August dawns upon us, I'm shocked by the simple reality that summer is just about over! Yes, some of us are trying to squeeze in that one last vacation or get outside for just

a few more minutes. But at least in part, we've started to transition back into the swing of our fall routines. How has this happened? Wasn't it just yesterday we fished the opener, planted our garden, or celebrated someone's graduation? And I was just getting used to the longer days when the sun was showing its bright face.

I once heard from a psychologist that time seems to pass more quickly as we get older because we're experiencing fewer "firsts." Yet, we should not allow our time to be something that simply evades our grasp, trickling through our fingers. After all, time itself — every moment on this earth — is a gift from God. At the end of this summer, we have an opportunity to reflect on how we used our time these last few months. Did we set aside time to pray? Have we taken time to serve others? What time have we given back to God?

When we assess the use of our time, we must make a spiritual examination — "Have I been a good steward of the time given to me?" Maybe now is a good time to make some changes in our lives and get more involved.

As the lazy days of summer give way to the routine and activity of fall, remember to keep God in your hearts, in your minds, and on your lips as we continue our stewardship journey as Commonwealth UMC. Please pray for me as I pray for you.
Rev. Pilar Perez

"For the joy of the Lord is your strength."
Nehemiah 8:10



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, Pilar Pérez

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 July 15.



August

- 1 Ana Pearre
- 2 Alice Shepherd
- 3 Jackie Samuels
- 3 Shirley Laye
- 6 Sandra Pearre

September

- 2 Walter Rich, Jr.
- 16 Peggy Bridgers
- 18 Kay Little



Ushers

August - Connie Hartsell
September - Dawn Beaver



Stewardship & Attendance

- July 7, 2024** attendance - 22
Offering - \$1,887.00
- July 14, 2024** attendance - 17
Offering - \$1,716.00
- July 22, 2024** attendance - 16
Offering - \$393.00
- July 28, 2024** attendance - 17
Offering - \$3,505.00

CUMC Clothing Closet



10am-1pm

Saturday August 10, 2024

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!***



In Memory of Mabel Davis
By: Daniel S. Priest

In Memory of Mildred Windsor
By: Daniel S. Priest



Loving God,
Thank you for the rest and relaxation we enjoyed over the summer.
Today, we pray for our children as they begin their new school year.
Bless them with joy at seeing friends, excitement at new experiences, and a love of learning.
Watch over all who learn, replacing fear with joy, anxiety with peace, and tiredness with energy.
Grant teachers wisdom, patience, and joy in serving their students.
In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.