



# Tranquil Tidings

Sharing the Peace and Love of Christ in our Community since 1820.



You will be  
blessed when you  
come in  
And blessed when  
you go out.  
Deuteronomy 28:6



Rev. John P. Bolin

## Raining on my parade

Often times we have a special event planned for the outdoors. We look forward to the event with great anticipation and then you check the forecast and it's calling for rain. All your plans, expenses, and time spent planning have gone down the drain. You can cancel and reschedule of course. Is that not a lot like how God must feel when he has poured out his spirit on his people, went to the expense of blessing his people with the cost of His son on the cross? Was it all in vain? You decide! Rescheduling is not really an option in this case. His invitation is an *open invitation*. It's not just occasionally, it's available all of the time. Rain or shine you are invited.

Just as the rain can wash away the pollen, God's son can wash away our sin. He can cause our lives to be fulfilled with a cleansing of the Holy Spirit that can live in our hearts and our minds forever. All we have to do is accept the invitation to receive Christ into our lives.

"For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants. They will spring up like grass in a meadow, like poplar trees by flowing streams." Isaiah 44:3-4

God wants to rain down his blessings on us. Just as rain brings needed nutrients, God's blessings give us what we need to thrive. Not only that, but He wants us to feel absolutely drenched with His goodness.

**He showers us with his grace, mercy, compassion, and forgiveness every day.**



Put your faith in Jesus. Allow Him to rain down the promises of forgiveness and eternal life. He will never, ever leave our side. He will shower us with His spirit to guide, comfort and teach us His ways.

*"Let my teaching fall like rain, and my words descend like dew, like showers on new grass, like abundant rain on tender plants."*  
Deuteronomy 32:2

## Receive the showers of blessings



## 2024 Officers & Committees

# ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

Chairperson	JoAnn Purkerson
Lay Leader	Sandy Shaffer
Annual Conference Delegate	Elaine Turner
Alternate AC Delegate	Martha Vincent
Finance Chairperson	Steve Durham
Finance Secretary	Leslie McKaba
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Worship Chairperson	Cindy Davis/Gail Murph
Church Treasurer	Lee Murph
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Salkehatchie Coordinator	Sandy Shaffer
Epworth Local Church Rep	Jane Price
Outreach Committee	Ann Coker
United Methodist Women President	Martha Vincent
Older Adult/Nurture Coordinator	Rev. & Mrs. Jim Davis
Church Council Chairperson	JoAnn Purkerson



At Large Member	Nancy Buchanan
At Large Member	Joe Langley
At Large Member	Jean Corley
At Large Member	Patsy Anderson
At Large Member	Claudette McKinney
At Large Member	Linda Goldman

### Nominations (Lay Leadership) Committee

<b>Class of 2024</b>	<b>Helen Watson</b>	<b>Bubba Davis</b>
Class of 2025	Cindy Davis	Jerrel Goldman
Class of 2026	Leslie McKaba	Janice Sumner
	Sandy Shaffer, Lay Leader, Vice-Chair	*Rev. John P. Bolin, Pastor, Chairperson

### Staff/Pastor Parish Relations Committee (S/P.P.R.C.)

<b>Class of 2024</b>	<b>Kevin Fallaw</b>	<b>Ernie Sumner</b>
Class of 2025	Judy Davis	Bubba Davis
Class of 2026	David Frady	
	Sandy Shaffer, Lay Leader, ex-officio	Elaine Turner, AC Delegate/Alt. Martha Vincent
		*Rev. John P. Bolin, Pastor (ex-officio)

### Board of Trustees

<b>Class of 2024</b>	<b>Bubba Davis</b>	<b>Kevin Fallaw, Chair</b>	<b>Jane Price</b>
Class of 2025	Austin DePree	Sandy Shaffer	Elaine Turner
Class of 2026	Ronnie Beverly	Jerrel Goldman	Lisa Stevens

### Worship Committee

Cindy Davis, Chairperson	Gail Murph	Kathryn Butler	Patsy Anderson
Carolyn Ferry	Linda Goldman	Jane Price	JoAnn Purkerson
*Sherry Bayne (Sound)	*Jack Cauley (Music Director)		*Judy Cannon (Pianist)
Ann Coker	*Rev. John P. Bolin, Pastor		Sandy Shaffer, Lay Leader

### Finance

Steve Durham, Chair	Kevin Fallaw, Trustee Chair
*John P. Bolin, Pastor	Lee Murph, Treasurer
Elaine Turner, AC Delegate	Ann Coker, Outreach Committee
JoAnn Purkerson, Admin Bd Chair	Sandy Shaffer, Lay leader
Judy Davis, SPPRC Chair	Joe Langley, At Large Member

### Nurture Witness and Family Ministries

Ann Coker, Chairperson	Jennifer Byrd	Cindy Davis
Kathryn Butler	Linda Goldman	Jane Price
	Sandy Shaffer, Lay Leader	

### Cemetery Committee

Patsy Anderson	Charles Buist	Norma Hammond
Joe Langley, Chair	Ernie Sumner	Lynn Lyons

## STEWARDSHIP

### March Offerings

Yearly Budget: \$ 214,746.00  
Needed weekly for budget: \$ 4,129.73  
Yearly Budget needed to date (3-24-24) \$49,556.76  
Yearly Budget received to date: \$48,241.31  
(-1315.45)

*Giving is Worship*

*Giving back to the One who gave*

## SERVING

### April Trustee of the Month

Ronnie Beverly  
(H)864-229-3042 (C)864-344-6485

### April Counters:

8 Martha Vincent  
15 Janet Robinson  
22 Elaine Turner  
30 Sandy Shaffer

### Altar Guild Volunteer for April:

Ann Coker

### Ushers for April:

Austin Dupree and  
Jerrel Goldman

## ALTAR FLOWERS

### April Altar Flowers

7 To the Glory of God

14 In honor of Anna and Jolly and  
Adrian's Birthdays  
By Bubba and Cindy Davis

21 In honor of Tyler and Rebecca's  
Birthdays  
By Richard and Ann Coker

28 To the Glory of God

## LECTIONARY READINGS

April 7	Acts 4:32-35 Ps 133 (UMH 850) 1 John 1 1-2:2 John 20:19-31
April 14	Native American Ministries Sunday Acts 3:12-19 Ps 4 (UMH 741) 1 John 3:1-7 Luke 24:36b-48
April 21	Festival of God's Creation Acts 4:5-12 Ps 23 (UMH 754 or 137) 1 John 3:16-24 John 10:11-18
April 28	Acts 8:26-40 Ps 22:25-31 (UMH 752) 1 John 4:7-21 John 15:1-8

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### ORDER

1st Sunday Sandy Shaffer  
2nd Sunday Cindy Davis  
3rd Sunday Bill Turner  
4th Sunday Pastor John

On 5th Sundays—Cindy Davis

### Lay Speakers

April 7 Sandy Shaffer

14 Rev. Jim Davis

21 Martha Vincent

28 Jane Price

# CELEBRATIONS

April



## Birthdays

- 1 Michael Aaron Pack, Frank Weeks
- 2 Jane Price
- 3 Jean Corley
- 5 Shay Jeffreys, Taunya McCombs
- 6 Adrian Davis, Matt Goldman
- 7 Chandler Burke, Margaret Simpson,  
Rena Smith
- 8 Chad Bundrick
- 9 Rut Hammond, Jasmine Witt
- 10 Tyler Coker
- 11 Jim Buist
- 12 Phillip Byrd, Susan McIntyre, Vincent  
Thomas Wu
- 14 Luke Coster, Debra Langley
- 15 Jennifer Byrd, Ann Daniel, Travis  
McCombs
- 16 Lois Durham Eustace, Rob Sumner
- 17 Judy Davis, Elizabeth Bolton, Kelsey  
Dunn Smith
- 18 Alexandra Nicole Pack, Michael Wiley
- 19 Addison Langley Lyons, Anna Dorn  
Doolittle
- 20 Benjy Moore
- 21 Jean Byrd
- 22 Jerry Reynolds
- 26 Mark Duvall
- 27 Anne McKinney Crowe, Don Dedo,  
Dru Strickland

## Anniversaries



- 5 Austin and Blair DePree  
Danny and Deanna Willis
- 7 Matt and Ginger Coster
- 17 Brad and Angela Davenport
- 24 Charles, Jr. and Mary Ruth Buist

*Advice from a  
GARDEN*

Cultivate lasting  
friendships

Sow seeds of kindness  
Listen to sage advice  
Don't let the little things bug you  
Be outstanding in your field  
Take thyme for yourself  
No vining!



# REACHING OUT.. In our community



March 16, 2024

Sisters Linda Kellam, left, and Jane Price, right, chat at Hospice & Palliative Care of the Piedmont's Hospice House family room.

Linda and Jane have a lot of experience with hospice services in the Lakelands. Their late mother and an uncle were both under hospice supervision, as was Price's mother-in-law. The sisters are also volunteers, so they fully embrace the organization's mission of enriching the lives of people facing advanced illnesses through a range of comprehensive services. *Story by Greg Deal*

## Prayer Requests



Benzie Witt  
Buddy Ridings  
GG  
Jean Corley  
JoAnn Purkerson  
Linda and Jim Hagan  
Larry and Francine  
Maggie and baby



Our Country and Leadership  
Rut and Norma Hammond  
Sonny Tharpe  
Stephanie  
Sylvia Goff family  
Those in addiction  
Unspoken

Prayer requests can be submitted by calling or emailing the church office at 864-223-5333, [tranquilumc@wctel.net](mailto:tranquilumc@wctel.net) or by accessing the church website at [www.thetranquillife.org](http://www.thetranquillife.org).



## The Blessings of Spring

By Deborah Ann Belka

There are many blessings,  
That each new Spring brings  
You can see it bloom about  
And hear the song it sings.

With winter's bleakness over,  
And brighter days ahead  
Comes promises of new life  
Springtime loves to spread.

As God unfolds the flowers,  
And their buds begin to show  
He sends to us the promise  
His care for us, we will know.

He sends us the robin song,  
With the promise to provide  
That under His mighty wing  
We have a place to hide.

He melts the snowy covers,  
And sends the refreshing rain  
Sprinkling us with His grace  
To heal winter's every pain.

God has given to all His Son,  
To shed upon us a new light  
And the real blessing of Spring  
Is to keep Jesus in your sight!

### Song of Solomon 2:11-12

**“for now the winter is past,  
the rain is over and gone. The  
flowers appear on the earth;  
the time of the singing has  
come, and the voice of the  
turtledove is heard in our  
land.” NRSV)**

Keep Jesus in your sight!



# Memorials and Honorariums

## *In Honor*

In honor of April Birthdays

By the following:

Fred and Jane Price

## *In Memory*

In memory of

Gary Roper

By the following:

Patsy Anderson

Derrell and Josephine Bartley

Ronnie and Jo Ann Goard

Jerrel and Linda Goldman

Rut and Norma Hammond

Joe and Carol Langley

Claudette McKinney

## *In Memory*

In memory of

June Trotman

(Bubba Davis and Ann Tharpe's sister)

By the following:

Jerrel and Linda Goldman

Rut and Norma Hammond

In memory of Jane McFate

(Jackie Hall's sister)

By the following:

Jerrel and Linda Goldman

Rut and Norma Hammond

*Tranquil greatly appreciates the gifts that have been made in honor and in memory.*

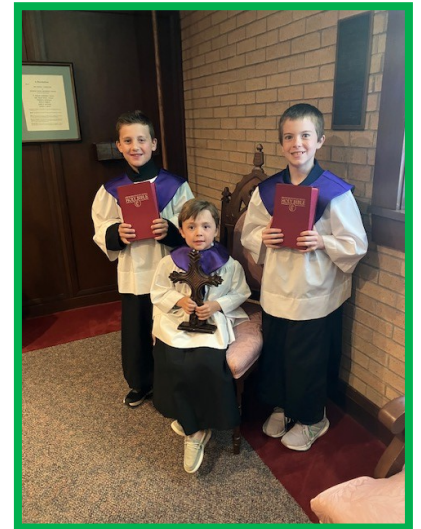
# Serving



L-r: Conner Powelson, Waylon and Ryder DePree serve as merchants in the temple during the lesson of Jesus cleansing the Temple.



Austin DePree lights the altar candles with Conner and Waylon as the Bible Carriers. Ryder is the Crucifer. With Waylon already serving, Conner and Ryder have joined in the opening and closing of the worship service each Sunday.



Waylon and Ryder DePree and Conner Powelson are dressed in their new robes, cottas and stoles.



# Meetings & Practices



**CHOIR PRACTICE**  
Each Sunday 2:00 p.m.,  
Brockwell Sunday School Classroom

**BE PRESENT**

**BOBBIE WILEY BIBLE STUDY**  
Mondays  
10:00 a.m. - Fellowship Hall



**Pauline Botts Circle**  
Monday, April 15, 2024  
Noon—Montague's  
Hostesses: tba



**Tranquility Circle**  
Monday, April 15, 2024  
6:00 p.m.—Fellowship Hall

**Trustee Committee Meeting**  
Sunday, April 21st, 2024  
3:00 p.m.—Fellowship Hall



## Tranquil's Web Page

Have you visited Tranquil's Web Page?  
You can access Worship Information, the Monthly Newsletter, Online Giving, Online Worship, the Thought for the Day, Current Church Ministries, Kid's Corner, Contact and Staff information and so much more! Prayer requests can also be submitted. HECK IT OUT!!!! [www.thetranquillife.org](http://www.thetranquillife.org)

# Lenten Services



## Lenten Service February 25, 2024

The first in a series of Lenten services was held on Sunday, February 25, 2024. The **Rev. Thessa Smith** was the guest speaker. Rev. Smith is the pastor of Trinity and Harris churches in Greenwood, S.C.

## Lenten Service March 10, 2024

Pastor John Bolin welcomed Rev. Robby Lybrand to the pulpit on Sunday, March 10, 2024. Rev. Lybrand is the Associate Pastor of St. Mark UMC, Greenwood, S.C.



## Lenten Service March 3, 2024

Pastor John Bolin welcomed the Rev. Joe Long to the pulpit on Sunday, March 3, 2024. Rev. Long is a retired Methodist Minister from Saluda, S.C.



## Lenten Service March 17, 2024

Pastor Bolin welcomed Rev. Luke Mims to the pulpit on Sunday, March 17, 2024. Rev. Mims is a retired Methodist Minister from Pickens, S.C.

# Reflections on Lent



Thank you to the Worship Committee for their dedication in providing the beautification of the altar, the Narthex and window displays that depict the Lenten season.

Their creativity is a huge reflection of their ability to provide special meaning during this time of year.

# Volunteering

“  
**The purpose of  
human life is to  
serve and to show  
compassion and the  
will to help others.**  
”

Albert Schweitzer



Have you ever heard the saying “you can work a good horse to death”? Not that any of our volunteers are horses by no means but the ones you see are always stepping up and showing up! They don’t wait to ask ‘is there anything I can do to help?’

We are incredibly grateful to God for our volunteers and their dedicated time and service to the church and to the community.

What can YOU do to HELP? Don’t wait to ask! Show up and receive a blessing. !

“Whatever your cross, whatever your pain, there will always be sunshine, after the rain. Whatever your cross, whatever your pain, God always sends rainbows after the rain.”

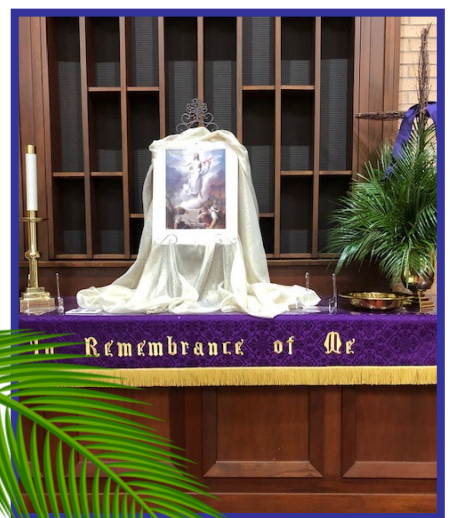
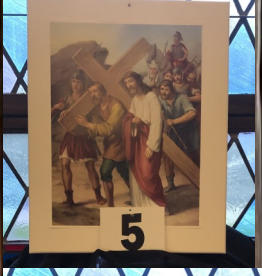
## Spring it on me!



- **SPRING** cleaning never killed anyone, but why take the chance?
- How do you know carrots are good for your eyes? You never see a rabbit wearing glasses.
- If it weren’t for spring forward and fall back, I’d never do any exercise at all!
- **HAPPY SPRING!** Or as I like to say “Sneezin’s Greetings!”




# Stations of the Cross



# Palm Sunday

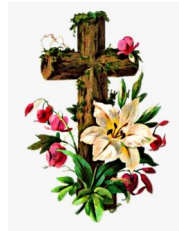




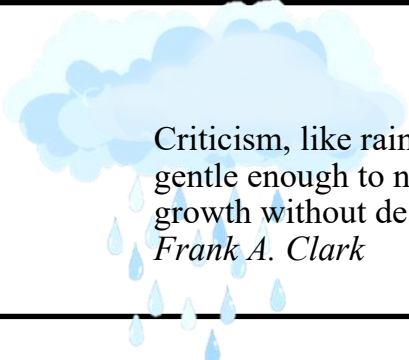
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HE LIVES! All glory to his name! HE LIVES!  
My Savior still the same. Oh, Sweet the joy  
this sentence gives.

“I KNOW THAT my Redeemer lives!”



	4	5	6
11		12	13
18		19	20
25	<b>Mountain Movers</b> 7 p.m.—Brockwell SS Class	26	
			27



Criticism, like rain, should be gentle enough to nourish a man’s growth without destroying his roots.  
*Frank A. Clark*

**ON MAKING ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
Those wishing to make an announcement(s) in the newsletter please do so two weeks in advance, if possible, to provide adequate time for publishing.  
DEADLINE to submit information is by the 23rd of each month unless otherwise noted.



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I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end  
He will stand on the earth. Job 19:25

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