

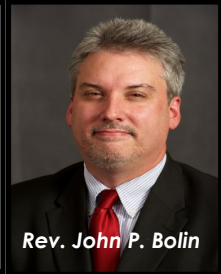
# Tranquil Tidings



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

## It's YOURS if you WANT it!

We all like gifts don't we? The bigger the better is more exciting! And the packaging has a lot to do with the excitement as well. In fact, when you see a beautifully wrapped package that is the biggest under the tree, you can't help but hope that the package will be YOURS!

But why wait until Christmas to receive a gift such as what you may find under the Christmas tree? There IS a gift that is available to you every day and it comes with hope and love and eternal life. You can't get any bigger or better than that. One part of the gift is HOPE. Hope is found in the promises God has given us—promises of freedom from sin. No matter what trials, temptations or pain we may suffer, we can always hold onto the hope God extends to us. Follow these scriptures to find that HOPE:

1 John 5:13-14, 1 Peter 1:3-6, Ephesians 2:8-10, 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 and John 4:13-14.

Secondly, the gift of JOY. Joy, oh, joy, when that package you open reveals just the right gift! Just what you wanted! But did you know that happiness is not only delightful, it is a fulfilling in our lives that is essential for long life. Joy is in fact a profound sense of happiness and contentment that comes with a deep, abiding relationship with God not necessarily in a package. This is not a fleeting happiness, but a fruit of the Holy Spirit. Galatians 5:22-23. Joy is choosing to respond to external circumstances with inner contentment and satisfaction, knowing that God will use these experiences for His purpose. When you open that package and have a feeling of joy, do you show your gratitude to the giver? Is that not a way of showing happiness and contentment? Is this feeling of joy not found in the love that not only God can give but that you can give to another by being thankful? Be reminded that 'when they saw the star, they were filled with joy!' Matthew 2:10. That joy came from a gift from God!

And most of all.....PEACE. Do you get a peaceful feeling when all the packages are opened and everyone is satisfied that they received the gift they wanted? It gives you a feeling of relief that you don't have to return the gift or exchange it. Whew! Now you can relax and be at ease or *at peace*. Peace is something everyone wants, yet few seem to find. How would you describe peace? Is it tranquility, harmony, security, prosperity or well-being? I think that when it comes to gift giving, peace takes over when the gifts are accepted and adored. You know that you did a good job in your selection.

That brings us to the three things that are mentioned....Hope, Joy, and Peace.

The gift from God by the birth of His son gives us all three.

We have hope in eternal life, joy in sharing the gift of His birth, and peace that only God can give, and He gave us the greatest gift of all!

He was very satisfied in His gift giving. He knew that His gift would last forever! Even when it was tattered and torn on the cross, it came back to life for you and me.



# STEWARDSHIP

## November Offerings

Yearly Budget: \$ 211,143.00  
 Needed weekly for budget: \$ 4129.73  
 Yearly Budget needed to date(11-24-24): \$194,097.31  
 Yearly Budget received to date(11-24-24): \$171,309.84  
(-22,787.47)

**What if God took out his 10% of your earnings just as the government takes out the taxes?**

**Your tithes support the ministry of the church; it is an act of worship; it demonstrates trust in God's provision.**

# SERVING

## December Trustee of the Month

Jerrel Goldman  
 864-223-6087 (H)  
 864-554-6118 (C)

## December Counters:

**2** Ann Coker  
**9** Sandy Shaffer  
**16** Martha Vincent  
**23** Janet Robinson  
**30** Elaine Turner

## Altar Guild Volunteers for December

Patsy Anderson and Janice Sumner

## December Ushers

Ann Coker and Cindy Davis

# ALTAR FLOWERS

## December Altar Flowers

**1** Advent  
**8** Advent  
**15** Advent  
**22** Poinsettias  
**29** Poinsettias



# LECTIONARY READINGS

December 1 Jer 33:14-16  
 Ps 25: 1-10 (UMH 756)  
 1 Thess 3:9-13  
 Luke 21: 25-36

December 8 Mal 3:1-4  
 Luke 1:68-79 (UMH 208)  
 Phil 1:3-11  
 Luke 3:1-6

December 15 Zeph 3:14-20  
 Isa 12:2-6  
 Phil 4:4-7  
 Luke 3:7-18

December 22 Mic 5:2-5a  
 Luke 1:46b-55 (UMH 199)  
 Heb 10:5-10  
 Luke 1:39-45

December 29 1 Sam 2:18-20, 26  
 Ps 148 (UMH 861)  
 Col 3:12-17  
 Luke 2:41-52



# 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

**December 1** Sandy Shaffer  
**8** Martha Vincent  
**15** Sandy Shaffer  
**22** Martha Vincent  
**29** Sandy Shaffer



# December Celebrations

## Birthdays

- 1 Bryce Dickert, Julie Sumner, Ryan Trotman
- 2 Carolyn Ferry, Susan Williamson
- 3 Patrick Flynn
- 4 William Poore
- 5 April Darragh
- 6 Shannon Butler
- 7 Lisa Talley
- 10 Eliza Norman, Haylee Weeks
- 11 Dot Poore, Yvonne Hill
- 13 Jill Minton
- 14 Billy McCombs
- 15 Jeffrey Daniel
- 16 Raef Logan Eubanks
- 17 Ryder DePree, Ernie Sumner
- 19 Cindy Davis
- 20 Mark Cook, Lawrence Daniel
- 21 Kaitlyn Flynn
- 22 Ralph Weeks, Jr.
- 23 Cherie Troublefield
- 24 Martha Vincent, Danny Willis
- 25 Matthew Yingling
- 27 Star Jeffreys, Derrelyn Weeks
- 30 Brent Beverly, Susan Flynn, David Ouzts



Birthstone: Turquoise

## Anniversaries

- 3 Lawrence and Ann Daniel
- 19 Clyde and Leslie McKaba
- 20 Charles and Elaine Buist
- 27 Ben and Cheryl Simmons



The Greatest  
Celebration of All!



The birth of our Savior.

Flower: Poinsettia

# Meetings, Practices & Events



Pauline Botts Circle  
Monday, December 16, 2024  
Noon—Montague's Restaurant

Tranquility Circle  
Thursday, December 19, 2024  
6 p.m.—R Place Grill

Choir Practice  
Each Sunday afternoon at 2:00 p.m.  
Brockwell Sunday School Classroom  
however, there will be NO PRACTICE on  
December 29th.

Bobbie Wiley Bible Study  
Will meet on Mondays, Dec. 2/9  
at 10 a.m.—Fellowship Hall  
and on Dec. 16 at 10:00 a.m. at the home  
of Anne Willingham.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing  
Monday, December 9th  
9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Please keep the church office notified  
of any notices or cancellations in  
advance if at all possible.  
Thank you!



*May God be with you through the NEW YEAR and fill your  
life with COMFORT, LOVE, and CHEER.*

*May this day and the days ahead, hold many BLESSINGS for  
you and yours.*

**2025**

# Operation Christmas Child....



resulted in  
32 filled  
shoeboxes!

The Blessing of the  
Shoeboxes was held  
on Sunday,  
November 10,  
2024 during  
worship service.



Thank  
You!!!

Thank you to everyone who filled a shoebox for Samaritan's Purse. The children who receive these shoeboxes are invited to participate in a follow-up discipleship program, The Greatest Journey. Through 12 exciting lessons taught by trained volunteer teachers, the children learn how to faithfully follow Jesus and tell others about Him.

*JoAnn Purkerson*



# Ho Ho Ho!



Is this your list? Really?

**What do Santa's little helpers like to eat on a cold day at the North Pole?**

*Elf*-abet soup!

**What's the weather report every Christmas Eve?**

There's a 100 percent chance of reindeer!

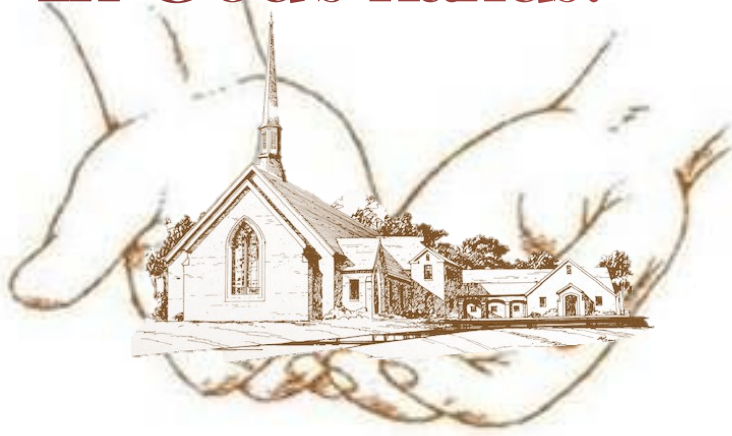
**Why is it so cold at Christmas?**

Because it's in Decembrrrrrrrr.

**Laughter is a gift from God.**

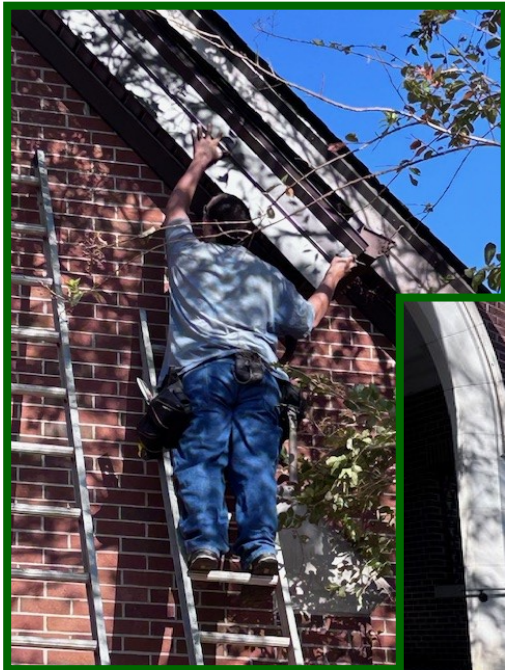
God wants us to be happy. Joy is one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit and what better way is there to express joy but through laughter?

# In God's hands!



Those who leave  
everything in  
God's hands  
will eventually see  
God's hands in  
everything!

## Putting it back together!



**Steve Huskey and Tyler Lewis** were on hand to replace the metal siding on the fascia boards that storm Helene ripped off on September 27, 2024!



Clean up of the church parking lot and property was done with great thanks from **Pastor John and Kristi, Kevin Fallaw, Lee Murph, Jerrel Goldman, and Andrew Byrd.**

**IT TAKES A TEAM!**



**HUSKEY's Inc.**  
SIDING-GUTTERS-  
WINDOWS



Chrismon Ornament  
Decorations, Sat., Nov. 9th, 2024  
9:30 a.m. - Fellowship Hall



A group of women in the church came out to help decorate Chrismon ornaments for the annual Chrismon Tree. The women met in the church Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, November 9th to work on this project.

49 ornaments were available to decorate. Glue and trimmings were provided; however, some brought materials from home as well.

A HUGE thank you to all the decorators.

Martha Vincent



Thank you!



# Be Thankful!

No matter how good or bad you think life is, wake up each day and be thankful for life. Someone somewhere is fighting to survive.

## Our prayer for you!

*God, we lift up those who are fighting disease, whether it be in mind or body. When they want to give up, give them fresh strength and courage. Comfort them in times of pain, give them peace in times of fear and bless them with your healing touch. In Jesus' name. Amen!*

Prayer requests can be submitted by calling or emailing the church office at 864-223-5333, [tranquilmc@wctel.net](mailto:tranquilmc@wctel.net) or by accessing the church website at [www.thetranquillife.org](http://www.thetranquillife.org).  
PLEASE notify the church office of any changes to the prayer request lists.

Riley Addis  
Anne  
Ashton  
Bob Cobb  
Brenda Frady  
Michael Byrd, Sr.  
Jean Corley  
Brandon Durham  
Debbie and Tim  
Dennis  
John Davis  
Judy Davis  
Rut and Norma Hammond  
M Jay Hanna—surgery  
Selesha Holloway  
Israel  
Rev. Jim Davis  
Ken  
Country and Leadership  
Mike B.



### Prayer Requests

Nick  
Phyllis L.  
Dot Pearson  
Sharon Quarles  
Ray  
Shannon Butler  
Wendell Rhodes  
Buddy and Helen Ridings  
Sharon  
Sonny Tharpe  
Chunky Tiller  
Stephanie  
Those in addiction  
Tranquil  
Twenty-four yr old w/Cancer  
Unspoken  
Wayne  
Blair and Anne Willingham  
Ashley Yarborough





November

FOOD BANK OF  
GREENWOOD COUNTY

**DONATE**  
to the  
**Greenwood Food  
Bank**



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lected items can be placed on the designated table in the hallway near the church office.

# Canned Goods



Tuna



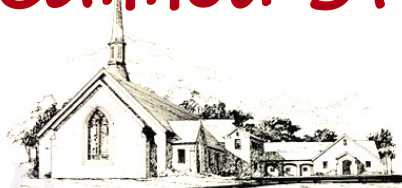
Chicken

**THANK YOU  
FOR YOUR DONATIONS!**

Chunky



# Canned Stews



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# OUTREACH PROJECT



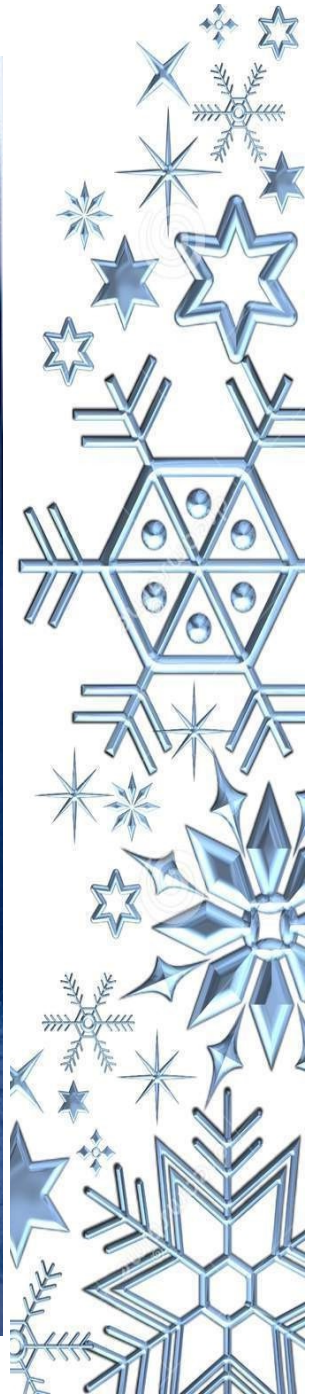
The Presbyterian College  
Department of Visual and Performing Arts  
PROUDLY PRESENTS

# Christmas at **PC** 2024

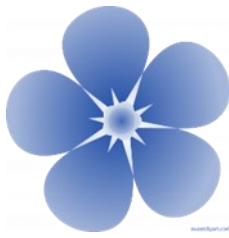
*Sunday, December 8*  
3:00pm in Belk Auditorium

*featuring*  
CHOIR | ORCHESTRA | WINDS | BRASS | PERCUSSION

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC | FREE ADMISSION



# Two great workshops!



*Save  
The  
Date*

## Dementia Care Workshop

presented by

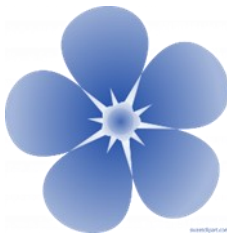


Join us for a morning of conversation and learning around a topic that affects all our congregations; dementia. Bishop Ken Carder and SC Department on Aging representative, Tori Anderson, will share with us essential information about how to be in ministry with those living with dementia.

When: January 15th  
9:30am-12:00pm

Where: Surfside Beach UMC  
800 13th Ave N  
Surfside Beach, SC 29575

Scan the QR Code to Register



*Save  
The  
Date*

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When: February 12th  
9:30am-12:00pm

Where: Silver Hill Memorial UMC  
778 John B. White Sr. Blvd  
Spartanburg, SC 29306

Scan the QR Code to Register

## Memorials and Honorariums

### *In Honor*

**In honor of Jean Corley**  
**By the following:**  
Blair and Anne Willingham

**In honor of Jerrel Goldman**  
**By the following:**  
Linda Goldman

**In honor of the Counters**  
**Ann, Cindy, Elaine, Linda, Martha,**  
**Patsy, Sandy and Janet**  
**By the following:**  
Clyde and Leslie McKaba

### *In Memory*

**In memory of Jackson Alan Cauley**  
(son of Jack and Evelyn Cauley)  
**By the following:**  
Nancy Buchanan  
Jennifer, Andrew, and Phillip Byrd  
Richard and Ann Coker  
Bubba and Cindy Davis  
Kevin and Laurie Fallaw  
Carolyn Ferry  
Jerrel and Linda Goldman  
Jackie Hall  
Dorothy McDonald  
Clyde and Leslie McKaba  
Lee and Gail Murph  
JoAnn Purkerson  
Jeanne Purvis  
Jane Roper

### *In Memory*

#### *Continued memorials for Alan Cauley*

Stillwell Class  
Helen Watson  
Danny and Deanna Willis  
Benzie Witt

**In memory of Joe Ferry**  
**By the following:**  
Carolyn Ferry

**In memory of Betty Jo “Joey” Hayes**  
(Judy Davis’s sister)  
**By the following:**  
Helen Watson

**In memory of Rhett Anderson Smith**  
(grandson of Shannon and Kathryn Butler,  
son of Elizabeth and Zach Smith)

**By the following:**  
Richard and Ann Coker  
Bubba and Cindy Davis  
Carolyn Ferry  
Jackie Hall  
Claudette McKinney  
JoAnn Purkerson  
Tranquility Circle  
John and Martha Vincent  
Blair and Anne Willingham



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## SYMPATHY

Our sympathy continues to go out to Jack and Evelyn Cauley in the recent passing of their son, Alan, on Sunday, November 3, 2024. A celebration of life for Alan was held on Saturday, November 23, 2024 at Tranquil United Methodist Church.

Our sympathy is extended to Judy Davis and her family in the recent passing of her sister, Betty Jo "Joey" Hayes, of Hatfield, Pennsylvania on Friday, November 15, 2024. Funeral services were held on Monday, November 18, 2024.



*"Wherever a beautiful soul has been there is a trail of beautiful memories."*

*Godupdates.com*

# Thanksgiving

Thank you to the Worship Committee for the beautiful window displays and to JoAnn Purkerson for the Harvest Table décor.

The Worship Committee works tirelessly to commemorate the many special occasions that depict our blessings throughout the year.

We appreciate their talents, devotion and commitment.



Door wreaths, Window displays and Harvest Table

# November 2024



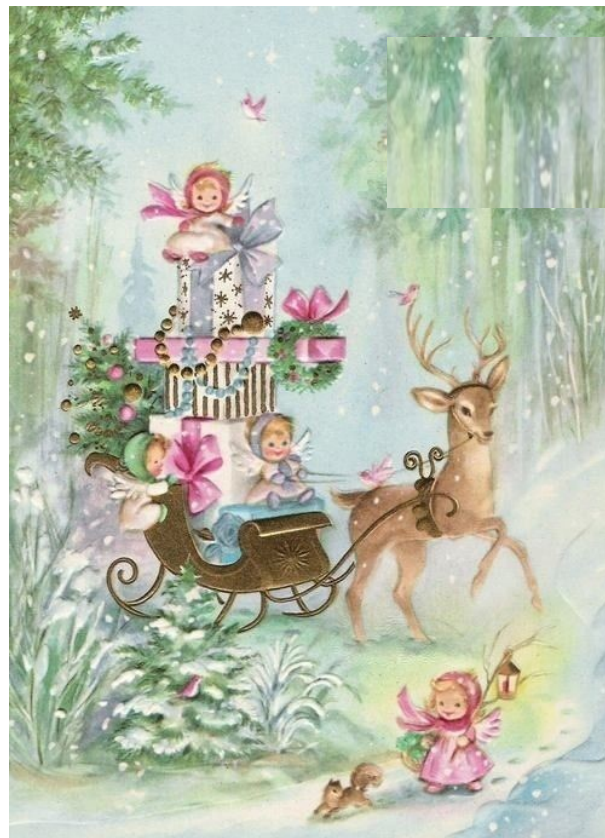


# *F* Thank you

Tranquil UMC,  
Thank you so much for allowing us to host our baby shower in the social hall. It was a beautiful day and we can't express our gratitude enough. We can't wait for you all to meet our baby girl.

Love,  
Hamp and Katherine Fallaw

*Wishing you joy,  
peace, and  
happiness.*



For the remaining Sundays in December, we will beautify our sanctuary with Christmas poinsettias. The cost of the poinsettias is \$22.00 each.

For the bulletin information, please fill out the form below by printing it and place it in the offering plate. **The deadline to submit forms is Sunday, December 8th.** Make your check payable to Tranquil UMC and mark Poinsettias in the memo line.

**Order your Poinsettia!**

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

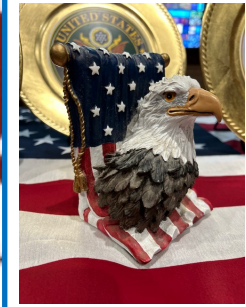
In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE PRINT YOUR INFORMATION ON THE FORM!**

# Veteran's Day Recognition 2024



As Linda Goldman was in charge of the Veteran's display this year, she would like to thank each of the following for their help in bringing the display together:  
 Thank you to Jerrel Goldman for removing the veterans' plaque from the wall in the fellowship hall for display in the Narthex; to Jack Cauley for the loan of the easel; to Jane Roper for the loan of the plate stands; to Pastor Bolin for the loan of the eagle; and to Jennifer and Andrew Byrd for their help in setting up the display.  
 Remember our veterans. *Linda Goldman*

Our veterans were recognized during the worship service on Sunday, November 10th.

Thank a veteran EVERYDAY!

Photos provided by Ann Coker and Jane Roper



# Preparing for Advent 2024

Photos by Jane Roper.



Chrismon Tree



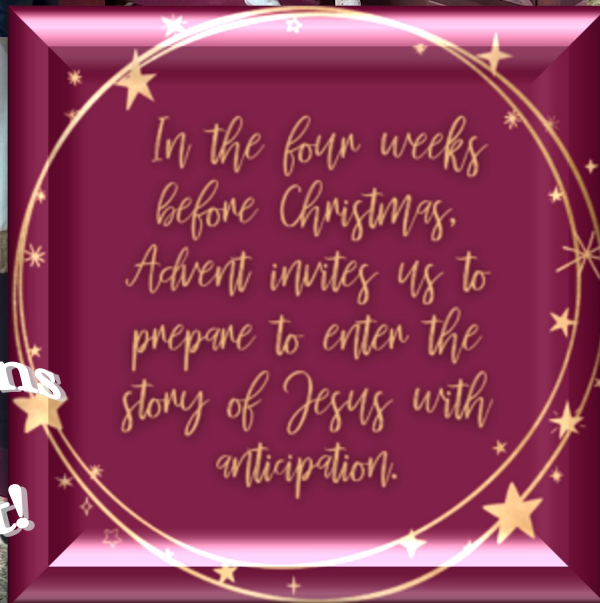
Altar



Narthex



Decorations for Advent!



Garland



Windows



Candles






Processional Torches

The Worship Committee members Cindy Davis, Gail Murph, Kathryn Butler, and Ann Coker prepare for Advent. Not pictured is Lisa Talley.



# December

<p>1  <b>Advent Begins</b>  <b>HANGING OF THE GREENS</b>  <b>Worship</b>—11: 00 a.m.  <b>Choir Practice</b>                  2-3 p.m.—Brockwell Classroom</p>	<p>2  <b>Bobbie Wiley Bible Study</b>                  10:00 a.m.—Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>8  <b>Stillwell Class Bkfst.</b>                  7:30-10:45 a.m.  <b>Worship</b>—11:00 a.m.  <b>Choir Practice</b>                  2-3 p.m. Brockwell Classroom</p>	<p>9  <b>Bobbie Wiley Bible Study</b>                  10 a.m.—Fellowship Hall  <b>Bell Ringing</b>                  for the                  Salvation Army                  10:00 a.m.— 4:00 p.m.</p> 	<p>10</p>
<p>15  <b>Worship</b>—11: 00 a.m.  <b>Choir Practice</b>                  2-3 p.m.—Brockwell Classroom</p>	<p>16  <b>Bobbie Wiley Bible Study</b>                  10 a.m.—will meet at Anne Willingham’s home  <b>Pauline Botts Circle</b>                  Noon—Montague’s Rest.</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>22  <b>FESTIVAL OF THE LESSONS AND CAROLS OF CHRISTMAS</b>  <b>Worship</b>—11:00 a.m.  <b>Choir Practice</b>                  2-3 p.m. -Brockwell Classroom</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24  <b>CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE</b></p> 
<p>29  <b>Worship</b>—11:00 a.m.                  NO CHOIR PRACTICE</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31  </p>

FH = Fellowship Hall  
 BSS Class = Brockwell SS Class  
 KIT=Kitchen

**When using the Kitchen/Fellowship Hall or any other part of the buildings, please leave the areas clean.**

**When having an event it is important that you post your event(s) on the church calendar located right outside the church office door.**

4	5	6	7
11	12	13	14
18	<p>19</p> <p><b>Tranquility Circle</b>                  Thursday, December 19                  6 p.m.                  R Place Grill</p>	20	21
<p>25</p>  <p>Celebrate the birth of our Lord!</p>	26	27	28

**May you shine the light of Christ in the New Year!**



**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. The 20th of each month is the deadline unless otherwise noted.

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May the *beautiful light* of every Christmas season remind us of ***HIM*** who is the source of all light. David A. Bednar

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Jack Cauley, Choir Director/Pianist

Sherry Bayne, Sound Technician

Jane Roper, Administrative Assistant

Ruth Warner, Custodian

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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. CHECK IT OUT!!!! [www.thetranquillife.org](http://www.thetranquillife.org)