

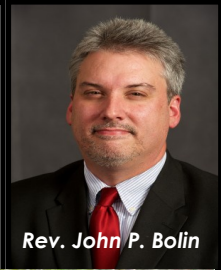
# Tranquil Tidings



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

## A New Years Letter To Jesus

Dear Jesus,  
This past year, has been a year;  
Of learning more of you.  
Learning of my weakness;  
That your love, helped me through.

I've learned to depend more;  
To trust more, to love more.  
To hold tighter to you;  
In you, I am secure.

This past year, has been a year;  
Of both blessing and tears.  
And tears ARE, a blessing;  
When placed within your care.

This past year has been a year;  
Of confusion for me.  
But I've learned to trust you:  
through strong uncertainty.

But these things I do know;  
You know our beginning.  
You foreknew our ending;  
And our team is winning.

Yes, our team is winning;  
And has already won.  
We are safe and secure;  
in the love of your Son.

A new year is soon here;  
Another direction.  
A time of renewal;  
A time of correction.

For many it will be;  
Another beginning.  
Leaving the past behind;  
A time of repenting.

To be faithful again.  
To be joyful again.  
To love others again.  
And a turning from sin.

Oh Lord, prepare my heart;  
For a new beginning.  
With a refreshing hope;  
that continues to sing.

Let this next year be;  
The best year we've had yet.  
An amazing New Year;  
that we just can't forget.

Have a happy New Year Jesus!  
Help me love you more.

December 20th, 2011  
By: Susan Y Nikitenko

Happy  
NEW YEAR

MAY HE GIVE YOU THE DESIRE OF YOUR HEART  
AND MAKE ALL YOUR PLANS SUCCEED.  
PSALM 20:4

# STEWARDSHIP

## December Offerings

Yearly Budget: \$211,143.00  
 Needed weekly for budget: \$4,129.73  
 Yearly Budget needed to date(12-29-24) \$214,745.96  
 Yearly Budget received to date: \$200,727.84  
**(-14,018.12)**

*Giving is Worship*

*Giving back to the One who gave*

## SERVING

### January Trustee of the Month

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

### January Ushers

Lee Murph and Bubba Davis

### January Counters:

6 Linda Goldman  
 13 Patsy Anderson  
 21 Ann Coker  
 27 Sandy Shaffer

### Altar Guild Volunteer for January

Cindy Davis

## ALTAR FLOWERS

### January Altar Flowers

**5** Epiphany

**12** In memory of  
 Robert William "Billy" Smith  
 (Jan. 23, 1922—Jan.13,2006)  
 by Connie Smith Griggs and  
 Gail Smith Moore.

**19** To God be the Glory

**26** To God be the Glory

## LECTIONARY READINGS

January 5 **Epiphany Sunday**  
 Isa 60: 1-6  
 Ps 72: 1-7, 10-14 (UMH 795)  
 Eph 3:1-12  
 Matt 2:1-12

January 12 **Baptism of the Lord**  
 Isa 43:1-7  
 Ps 29 (UMH 761)  
 Acts 8:14-17  
 Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

January 19 **2nd Sunday after Epiphany**  
 Isa 62:1-5  
 Ps 36:5-10 (UMH 771)  
 1 Cor 12:1-11  
 John 2:1-11

January 26 **3rd Sunday after the Epiphany**  
 Neh 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10, 30  
 Ps 19 (UMH 750)  
 1 Cor 12:12-31a  
 Luke 4:14-21



## 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

**January 5** Sandy Shaffer

**12** Martha Vincent

**19** Sandy Shaffer

**26** Martha Vincent



## Birthdays

- 1 Danny McDonald
- 4 Angela Davenport
- 6 Ross Langley, Jenna McCombs
- 8 Lauren Page Minter
- 9 J. T. Townsend
- 11 Evan Troublefield
- 12 Harriet Creswell, Ayden K. Harrison
- 13 Pam Shaffer Altman, Kevin Byrd
- 15 Jerry Wayne Alverson
- 17 James Wrayce Alverson
- 18 Allison Rae Allen, Ronnie Oliver
- 22 Lori Buist, Tyler Neel
- 24 Bubba Davis, Colleen Langley,  
Adrielle Shaffer, Luci Townsend
- 25 Frances Lanford, Thomas McCombs, III
- 26 Gwen Anderson, Chris Eubanks
- 27 Ryann Godfrey
- 28 Tripp Tharpe
- 29 Evelyn Kay Buist, Bonnie McCombs
- 30 Norma Hammond



Happy Birthday to You!

## Anniversaries

- 28 Shannon and Kathryn Butler
- Gary and Sandra Moore



*Happy Anniversary*



*We will open the book. Its pages are blank.*

*We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called opportunity and its first chapter is New Years Day.*

*-Edith Pierce*

*YourBirthdayQuotes.com*

# Meetings, Practices & Events



MAKE A

*Joyful*  
NOISE



## CHOIR PRACTICE

2:00 p.m.— Brockwell Classroom

## Pauline Botts Circle

Monday, January 20, 2025

Noon—Montague's

## Tranquility Circle

Monday, January 20, 2025

6:00 p.m.—Fellowship Hall

## Bobbie Wiley Bible Study Group

Monday, January 13, 20, and 27, 2025

10:00 a.m.—Fellowship Hall

*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: 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

## TRUSTEE MEETING

January 12th

3:00 p. m.

Fellowship  
Hall



Sympathy is extended to Claudette McKinney and her family in the recent passing of her brother, Woodrow “Buddy” David Ridings, Sr., who passed away on Tuesday, December 24, 2024, in Spartanburg, SC. Services were held on December 31, 2024, at Bobo Funeral Chapel.

Sympathy is extended to Kathy Mims, whose sister, Betty Randolph, passed away on Thursday, December 26, 2024. A memorial service is planned for January 25, 2025 in Brunswick, GA.

*Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your heart.*

*PRAY without ceasing. Prayer is a gift and a privilege for those who belong to God through Jesus Christ. Prayer is also a means of seeking strength, forgiveness, and blessings from God and for others. Pray!*

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

*Prayer*  *Requests*

Riley Addis

Anne

Ashton

Bob Cobb

Michael Byrd, Sr.

Jean Corley

Dennis

Jim and Judy Davis

Dolly

Rut and Norma Hammond

Israel

Jackie

Jeremiah Teams

Larry and Francine

Liz

Lucille

Macy

Melissa and Nel

Nick

Claudette McKinney & Family

Kathy Mims

Our Country and Leadership

Phyllis L.

Margaret Simpson

Susan Burton

Suzy

Terry

Sonny Tharpe

Jennifer Traynham

Stephen Turner

Those in addiction

Unspoken

Anne and Blair Willingham

# Memorials and Honorariums

## *In Honor*

**In honor of Pastor Bolin**

**By the following:**

Carolyn Ferry

**In honor of Pastor John and Kristi Bolin**

**By the following:**

John and Martha Vincent

**In honor of Jack Cauley**

**By the following:**

Carolyn Ferry

John and Martha Vincent

**In honor of the Choir**

**By the following:**

John and Martha Vincent

**In honor of Clyde and Leslie McKaba**

**By the following:**

John and Martha Vincent

**In honor of Gail and Lee Murph**

**By the following:**

John and Martha Vincent

**In honor of JoAnn Purkerson**

**By the following:**

John and Martha Vincent

**In honor of Wayne Riddlehoover**

**By the following:**

Carolyn Ferry

**In honor of Jane Roper**

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Carolyn Ferry

**In honor of Jane Roper**

**By the following:**

John and Martha Vincent

**In honor of Sandy Shaffer**

**By the following:**

John and Martha Vincent

**In honor of Tranquil Sunday School  
Teachers**

**By the following:**

John and Martha Vincent

**In honor of Bill and Elaine Turner**

**By the following:**

John and Martha Vincent

*Tranquil greatly appreciates the donations made in honor of those listed; recognizing the commitments and passion to their work in the church.*

# Memorials and Honorariums

## *In Memory*

**In memory of Woodrow "Buddy" Buddings  
(brother of Claudette McKinney)**

**By the following:**

Richard and Ann Coker

**In memory of Alan Cauley**

**By the following:**

Patsy Anderson

Derrell and Josephine Bartley

Chancel Choir

J.C. and Ruth Collins

Jean Corley

Al and Leigh Gambrell

Jim Hagan

Rut and Norma Hammond

David and Yvonne Hill

Joe and Carol Langley

Ernie and Janice Sumner

Tranquility Circle

John and Martha Vincent

Blair and Ann Willingham

**In memory of Otis and Lorraine Edwards  
Family**

**By the following:**

Robert Edwards

**In memory of Linda Hagan**

**By the following:**

Jean Corley

**In memory of Betty Jo (Joey) Hayes  
(Sister of Judy Davis)**

**By the following:**

Jean Corley

Carolyn Ferry

JoAnn Purkerson

John and Martha Vincent

**In memory of Claire Smith**

**By the following:**

Jean Corley

**In memory of Baby Rhett Anderson Smith  
(Son of Zach and Elizabeth Butler Smith  
Grandson of Shannon and Kathryn Butler)**

**By the following:**

Jean Corley

Rut and Norma Hammond

Joe and Carol Langley

Helen Watson

*Tranquil greatly appreciates the donations made in in memory of the loved ones listed.*



## *Poinsettias Given*



In honor of Jack and Evelyn Cauley  
By: Melvin and Sherry Bayne

In honor of Jim Hagan  
By: Lee and Gail Murph

In honor of Glenn Hall  
By: Melvin and Sherry Bayne

In honor of Jackie Hall  
By: Melvin and Sherry Bayne

In honor of Jackie Hall  
By: Lisa Stevens, Trevor Culbertson,  
and Lauren Greene

In honor of Peggy Haynes  
By: Jerrel and Linda Goldman

In honor of Lillie, Peyton, and  
Maggie Greene; Dawsyn and Ellison  
Culbertson; Ashleigh Ferqueron  
By: Lisa Stevens

In honor of Martha Moore  
By: Robert Moore and Family

In honor of My Family  
By: Patsy Anderson

In honor of Our 58<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
By: Lawrence and Ann Daniel

In honor of Jane Roper  
By: Hannah and Jim

In honor of Dolores Purdue  
By: Hannah and Jim



The poinsettia is often referred to as the “Flower of the Holy Night” or the “Star of Bethlehem” in Christian tradition. It also symbolizes JOY, CELEBRATION, and LOVE, and represents PURITY, AND THE SPIRIT OF GIVING.





## *Poinsettias Given*



In memory of George Bayne's birthday  
By: Melvin and Sherry Bayne

In memory of Irene Bolton  
By: John and Elizabeth Bolton

In memory of John Buchanan  
By: Nancy Buchanan

In memory of Lawrence and Sadie Darragh  
By: Kevin and Laurie Fallaw

In memory of Samuel Rupert Davis  
By: Jeanne Purvis

In memory of Frank and Emma Deal  
By: Benzie Witt

In memory of Jo Nell and Archie Fallaw  
By: Kevin and Laurie Fallaw

In memory of Joe N. Ferry  
By: Carolyn Ferry

In memory of Joe Ferry  
By: Danny and Deanna Willis

In memory of Rev. James Fisher, D.Min.  
By: John and Elizabeth Bolton

In memory of Barbara Hall  
By: Melvin and Sherry Bayne

In memory of Eugene Hall  
By: Melvin and Sherry Bayne

In memory of Eugene Hall  
By: Jackie Hall

In memory of Eugene Hall  
By: Lisa Stevens, Trevor Culbertson, and  
Lauren Greene

In memory of Glenda Hall  
By: Melvin and Sherry Bayne

In memory of C. W. and Olivia Hall  
By: Melvin and Sherry Bayne

In memory of Mattylou Kennedy  
By: John and Martha Vincent

In memory of Kathie Moore  
By: Robert Moore and Family

In memory of Leonard Murdock  
By: Cecil and Lisa Talley

In memory of Garrison Murph  
By: Lee and Gail Murph

In memory of Wayne Poore  
By: Dot Poore

In memory of Earle Purkerson  
By: JoAnn Purkerson

In memory of Shannon Ray  
By: John and Martha Vincent

In memory of William Gary Roper  
By: Hannah and Jim

In memory of Bill and Hazel Simmons  
By: Ben and Cheryl Simmons

In memory of Jack Simpson  
By: Margaret Simpson

In memory of Claire and Billy Smith  
By: Daughters Connie Griggs and Gail Moore

In memory of Trent Talley  
By: Cecil and Lisa Talley

In memory of William H. "Buck" Watson  
By: Helen Watson

In memory of Francis and Margaret Vincent  
By: John and Martha Vincent

*The Poinsettias that adorned our sanctuary were dedicated to the Glory of God  
in loving honor and in loving memory.*

Lenten Services  
Feb. 25-Mar. 17, 2024

SERVING Year in



Rev. Thessa Smith—Pastor of Trinity & Harris churches—Greenwood  
February 25, 2024



Rev. Joe Long—Retired Methodist Minister—March 3, 2024



Rev. Robby Ryland—Assoc. Pastor at St. Mark UMC, Greenwood  
March 10, 2024



Rev. Luke Mims, retired Methodist minister.  
March 17, 2024



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



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



Center L-r Austin DePree lights the altar candles with Conner Powelson and Waylon DePree serving as Bible bearers; Ryder DePree serves as the Crucifer during worship service.

September 11, 2024 Charge Conference

Stations of the Cross  
Palm Sunday



# Review 2024

## Judy Cannon, Organist/Pianist, retires...



Tranquil bid farewell to organist/pianist Judy Cannon on Sunday, July 28th. Judy retired effective August 1st after 23 years of dedicated service to Tranquil.

A luncheon was held in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, July 28, in her honor.

# FALLAW BABY SHOWER



# Blessing of the Backpacks



L-r Lillie Greene, Waylon DePree, Ryder DePree, Maggie Greene, Peyton Greene, Dawsyn Culbertson-Walker, Ellison Culbertson, Jennifer Byrd, Andrew Byrd and Pastor John Bolin.



## KP on duty!!

Tidying up the broom closet and the kitchen was a team effort by Ann Coker and Gail Murph pictured.

Not pictured was Elaine Turner and Cindy Davis.



# OUTREACH 2024

Every quarter, February, May, August, and November, Tranquil provides food items to the Greenwood Food Pantry.



## Emerald City Salkehatchie



**Salkehatchie Dinner**  
 Tuesday, July 16, 2024  
 Fellowship Hall Hosted by  
 Tranquil UMC



## Epworth's Annual Work Day Offering September 8, 2024



Presenting a Walmart gift card for the children is UWF President, Martha Vincent of Tranquil, pictured above, 2nd from left.

## Operation Christmas Child

32 shoeboxes were filled for children by Tranquil families.



## Connie Maxwell CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

An ongoing outreach ministry where snacks are provided monthly for the Hamilton Cottage boys of Connie Maxwell.

## Epworth's Mother's Day Offering Sunday, May 12, 2024



## Friends of HEALTHY LEARNERS Adult Spelling Bee

Tranquil was a supportive sponsor for \$500.



## CROSSROADS WOMEN'S CENTER

**Baby Bottle Campaign—January 14, 2024**



## Piedmont Agency on Aging MORE THAN A MEAL



Pictured L-r is Sandy Shaffer, Linda Goldman, and Schea Workman.

UWF raised funds at the Soup and Sandwich Luncheon on Feb. 11th, in support of Woodfields Elementary School's homeless children.

Thanks to Tranquil's always generous family, 144 items were delivered on December 4 to the Piedmont Agency on Aging. The items ranged from cozy throws to warm articles of clothing to personal care items to snacks. They, along with contributions from many other sources, will be assembled into Christmas gift bags for recipients of Meals on Wheels. Schea Workman, Chief Operating Officer, welcomed the donations and expressed her appreciation to the congregation.

2024

# Community Christmas Spirit



On Monday, December 9th, members of the Brockwell SS Class rang the bell for the benefit of the Salvation Army at the Hobby Lobby Location.

Pictured above L-r is Ann Coker, Cindy Davis, and Janet Robinson.

Pictured at left is L-r Bill Turner, Elaine Turner and Jeanne Purvis.

Below left is pictured L-r Martha Vincent and Claudette McKinney.

Bottom right is pictured L-r JoAnn Purkerson, Helen Watson, and Linda Hearst.



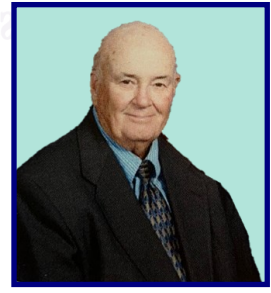
## Tranquil's Oldest Mother



Margaret Simpson, born April 7, 1922, is celebrated as Tranquil's oldest mother.

## Tranquil's Oldest Father

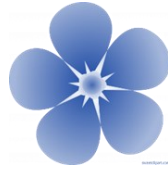
Rut Hammond, born April 9, 1935, is celebrated as Tranquil's oldest father.



## Welcome New Member



On Sunday, April 28, 2024, Tranquil was pleased to welcome new member Linda Hearst. Linda joined the church by profession of faith.



## Dementia

Learning about Dementia was made available to Tranquil and the community on August 6, 2024. Desiring to learn more, a presentation was also made on October 23, 2024.

## All Saints Sunday

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2024

Nina June Davis Trotman

January 10, 2024

William Gary Roper

February 20, 2024



Jerry Lee Reynolds

April 12, 2024

Linda Marie Duvall Hagan

April 24, 2024

## Congregational Meal



Sunday, October 27, 2024

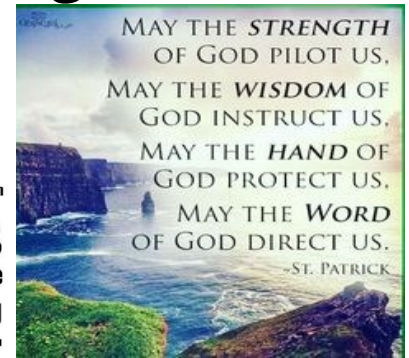
# Inspirational quotes and advice throughout 2024

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

Criticism, like rain, should be gentle enough to nourish a man's growth without destroying his roots.

I am never in control of what happens around me but I am always in control of what happens *within* me.


I choose to believe in **GOD's** magnificent **grace** HIS awesome **timing** and HIS tremendous **favor** and NOT in luck or fate.  
C.L. Murphy



Our hope is not in the new year ...but in the One who makes things new. *Unknown*

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

*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!



THE GREATEST FREEDOM WE HAVE ... IS THE FREEDOM TO COME TO GOD AT ANY TIME.

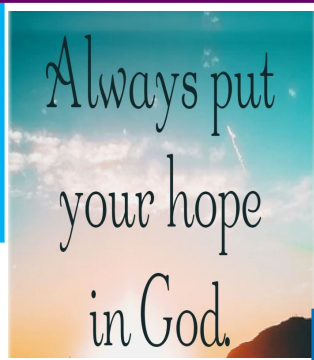
YOU CANNOT STEP TWICE INTO THE SAME RIVER, FOR OTHER WATERS ARE CONTINUALLY FLOWING ON. *Heraclitus*

We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called opportunity and its first chapter is New Years Day.  
 -Edith Pierce  
YourBirthDayQuotes.com

Two things define us. Our patience when we have nothing and our attitude when we have everything.

Happiness cannot be traveled to, owned, earned, worn or consumed. Happiness is the spiritual experience of living every minute with love, grace, and gratitude.

“The highest act of love is the giving of the best gift, and, if necessary, at the greatest cost, to the least deserving. That's what God did. At the loss of His Son's life to the totally undeserving. God gave the best gift—the display of the glory of Christ who is the image of God.” John Piper



*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.

When you *Believe* beyond what your eyes can see, signs from *Heaven* show up to remind you *love* NEVER DIES!

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



Help to make the world a beautiful place in which to live by leaving your mark having done good toward others.

*It is in the midst of change we often discover wings we never knew we had.*

*Never rest in serving GOD.  
 If problems come in your way, go on.  
 If people try to destroy your faith, hold on.  
 For as long as GOD is there, there will always be...  
 A light... a hope... a way...  
 Make every moment full of love & hope from GOD.  
 We are blessed beyond measure...*



# TEAM RUBICON<sup>®</sup>

BUILT TO SERVE

Thanks to storm Helene, Twiler Beverly, Jean Byrd, Ann Coker, Cindy Davis, Judy Davis, Linda Goldman, and Janet Robinson prepared and delivered a hot meal to Team Rubicon Disaster Relief on October 25th as this group came the distance to help with clean up after the devastating storm Helene.



**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!



## Putting it back together!

### 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.

49 ornaments were available to decorate.



Pictured at left L-r Ann Coker and Jean Byrd.



Pictured at left L-r: JoAnn Purkerson and Lisa Talley.



Pictured at top: Jean Byrd and Martha Vincent. Below: Jackie Hall.



Pictured below: Dot McDonald



Pictured left L-r: Gail Murph and Patsy Anderson





# Memorial Day and Flags along the drive...Memorial Day, July 4th, and Veteran's Day



Above L-r is Harriet Creswell and Cindy Davis placing flags on Veteran's graves.

To the right is pictured L-r, Lee Murph, Patsy Anderson, Jane Price, and Bill Turner.

Below is Harriet Creswell and Cindy Davis placing flags on Veteran's graves.

On each of the above mentioned holidays, you will find many volunteers placing the flags along the drive. It takes team effort to get this job done.

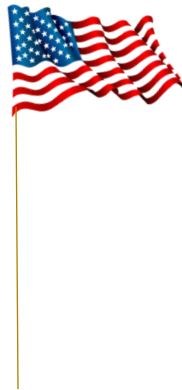
First, the caps must be removed from the pipes in the ground the day before. Next, the flags are taken out of storage and loaded onto a pickup truck. Then, volunteers place the 101 flags in the pipes. After the holidays, the flags are removed; placed on the back of the pickup truck; neatly wrapped around the poles and put away for the next event.



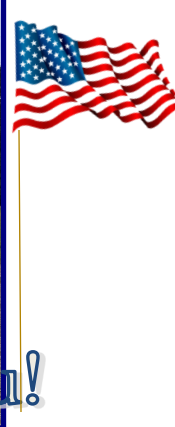
Pictured above L-r is Patsy Anderson, David Hill and Jane Price.

Pictured to the left L-r is Bill Turner, Lee Murph, Patsy Anderson, and Jane Price.

Pictured below L-r is Cindy Davis, Jane Price, David Hill, Bill Turner and in front is Patsy Anderson.



Thank you!



## WHAT DOES VOLUNTEERING MEAN?

- Provides you with a sense of purpose.
- Provides a sense of community.
- Helps you meet new friends.
- Increases our social skills.
- Improves self-esteem.



# Thank You, Bill Turner!

*Vincent*

In great appreciation to Bill Turner, the Tranquil United Women in Faith have donated \$50 to the Disaster Response Team in Bill's honor. He prepared 49 wooden Chrismon ornaments for the church women to decorate for our annual Chrismon tree.

Bill, we thank you so much for the sharing of your time, talents, and resources with us.

Sincerely,

Martha and the Tranquil Church Women



United  
Women  
in Faith

We want to thank you, Bill Turner, for your support of the Tranquil Women in Faith's mission to replace or renew the Chrismon ornaments that adorn the sanctuary Christmas tree. Bill cut out each Chrismon from wood; a total of 49! We are very grateful! A donation to the DRT (Disaster Response Team) has been made in your honor.

Thank you Bill!

Women in Faith

## JANUARY CALENDAR EVENTS

- **January 1—New Year's Day.** Read some New Year's traditions you may not know about and celebrate with Hoppp'n' John for good luck or Collards and Blackeye Peas.
- **January 5—Twelfth Night.** An English folk custom that marked the end of Christmas, and in ancient Celtic tradition, the end of the 12-day winter solstice celebration.
- **January 6—Epiphany.** According to the New Testament's Gospels, on this date, the Magi—the three wise men or kings—venerated and brought gifts to the infant Jesus. Bake a beautiful Epiphany Tart or a King Cake with a lucky bean inside!
- **January 19-25—Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.** This week is celebrated worldwide. During this week, Christians are reminded of Jesus's prayer for his disciples and everyone's well-being. Christians remember Jesus's devotion and come together to pray for their unity. The theme for this week is "You shall love the Lord your God...and your neighbor as yourself" (Luke 10:27).
- **January 20—Martin Luther King Jr. Day.** This holiday is held on the third Monday in January and honors the principles of this civil rights leader and Nobel Prize Winner dedicated to nonviolence.

**"Out with the Old &  
In with the New"**

**Ephesians 4:17-32**

"Every new year is a new beginning, a chance to start fresh and write a beautiful story with your life." *Elsie Green*

"Celebrate endings—for they precede new beginnings." *Jonathan Lockwood Huie*

"Reflect upon your present blessings, of which every man has many; not on your past misfortunes, of which all men have some." *Charles Dickens*

*Happy  
New Year*

# Snow it's humor!

- ◇ What did the tree say after a long, cold winter? “What a re-leaf!”
- ◇ Why did the husband pour warm water on his computer? Because his Windows froze.
- ◇ What is the weatherman’s favorite food in winter? Brr-itos



## 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?

## HOPE FOR THE NEW YEAR

Starting a new year with hope is a great way to set the tone for the rest of the year. Here are some tips to help you start the new year with hope:

1. **Reflect on the past year:** Take some time to reflect on the past year and think about what you have learned, what you accomplished, and what you want to do differently in the new year.
2. **Set realistic goals:** Setting realistic goals can help you stay motivated and focused throughout the year. Make sure your goals are specific, measurable, and achievable.
3. **Surround yourself with positive people:** Surrounding yourself with positive people can help you stay motivated and hopeful. Spend time with people who inspire you and make you feel good about yourself.
4. **Practice gratitude:** practicing gratitude can help you focus on the positive things in your life and help you feel more hopeful about the future. Take some time each day to think about the things you are grateful for.
5. **Take care of yourself:** Taking care of yourself is important for your physical and mental health. Make sure you are getting enough sleep, eating healthy, and exercising regularly.
6. **Stay optimistic:** Staying optimistic can help you stay hopeful and motivated. Focus on the positive things in your life and try to see the good in every situation.

Always put  
your hope  
in God.

What is  
coming is  
better  
than  
what  
is gone.

# Veteran's Day Recognition

## November 10, 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*

# Preparing for Advent 2024



*In the four weeks before Christmas, Advent invites us to prepare to enter the story of Jesus with anticipation.*

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

The Worship Committee is busy throughout the year decorating the sanctuary and the grounds for the many special occasions that are celebrated throughout the year.

*Thank you!!!*

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

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<p>5 <b>Worship</b>— 11:00 a.m. w/ <b>Don Hocker, Lay Speaker</b></p> <p><b>Choir Practice</b> 2-3 p.m.— Brockwell SS Classroom</p>	6	7	8
<p>12 <b>Stillwell Class Bkfst.</b> 7:30-10:45 a.m.</p> <p><b>Worship</b>—11: 00 a.m.</p> <p><b>Choir Practice</b> 2-3 p.m.—Brockwell SS Classroom</p> <p><b>Trustee Meeting</b> 3 p.m.—Fellowship Hall</p>	13	14	15
<p>19 <b>Worship</b>—11:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>Choir Practice</b> 2-3 p.m.— Brockwell SS Classroom</p>	20	21	22
<p>26 <b>Worship</b>—11:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>Choir Practice</b> 2-3 p.m.— Brockwell SS Classroom</p>	27	28	29

# January







Our hope is not in the new year  
...but in the One who makes things  
new. *Unknown*

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

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 You Tube and our Website [www.the.tranquillife.org](http://www.the.tranquillife.org).

**FH = Fellowship Hall**  
**B/C SS Class = Brockwell/Clark SS Class**  
**KIT=Kitchen**

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Therefore, if anyone is united with the Messiah, he is a new creation—the old has passed; look, what has come is fresh and new! 2 Corinthians 5:17

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