

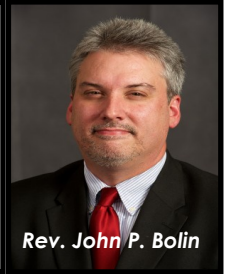
Tranquil Tidings



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

Spring is like a breath of fresh air! Careful though that you don't take too big a breath or you'll gasp in that yellow powdery substance called 'pollen'!

Below is a list of things and events that happen during Spring in comparison to our own lives:

- Seeds take root and vegetation begins to grow; **our faith is grounded and thrives.**
- The weather is warmer and often wetter; **we have an opportunity to witness more and nourish our followers.**
- Animals wake up or return from warmer climates, often with newborns; **we come back to fellowship and bring new friends.**
- The Earth's axis starts to tilt towards the sun; **we realize the miracles of our blessings.**
- Days start to get longer; **we now have more time to let our lights shine.**
- Snow begins to melt as the weather gets warmer; **we acknowledge God's blessings in His nature.**
- Plants begin to grow and flowers bloom; **we marvel in Spring's beauty and till the ground with our feet as we beat the path for His names sake.**
- Animals awake from hibernation; **no longer should we be asleep expecting people to come when they do not know we are here.**

What are your plans for Spring? **SPRING is a time to find out where you are, WHO YOU ARE, and move toward where YOU ARE GOING.** *Penelope Trunk*

That said, in your spiritual journey, Spring reminds us of new beginnings; new life; resurrection for our life.

2 Corinthians 5:17 "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"

WAYS TO EMBRACE SPRING SPIRITUALLY

- Spend time in Nature: take a walk or garden, and reflect on God's handiwork.
- Plant Seeds (Literally and Spiritually): Sow seeds in a garden or engage in acts of kindness and faith that yield spiritual growth.
- Practice Gratitude: Take this opportunity to thank God for the beauty and renewal He brings to your life.
- Renew Your Devotional Time: Explore Bible verses that celebrate God's creation and His faithfulness.



STEWARDSHIP

February Offerings & Attendance

Yearly Budget received to date: \$ 19,786.00

		<u>SS</u>	<u>Worship</u>
Attendance	Feb. 2 -	20	37
	Feb. 9 -	24	30
	Feb. 16 -	15	23
	Feb. 23 -	18	36

SERVING

March Trustee of the Month

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

March Ushers

Cindy Davis and Janet Robinson

March Counters

3 Linda Goldman
10 Patsy Anderson
17 Linda Goldman
24 Sandy Shaffer
31 Martha Vincent

Altar Guild Volunteer for March

Cindy Davis

ALTAR FLOWERS

March Altar Flowers

- 2 In honor of my grandson Grant Witt
By Benzie Witt
- 9 To the Glory of God
- 16 In honor of Zane and Rebecca Vickery's
10th Wedding Anniversary
By Danny and Deanna Willis
- 23 By Jack and Evelyn Cauley
- 30 To the Glory of God

LECTIONARY READINGS

- March 2 Exod 34:29-35
Ps 99 (UMH 819)
2 Cor 3:12—4:2
Luke 9:28-36 (37-43)
- March 9 Deut 26:1-11
Ps 91:1-2,m 9-16 (UMH 810)
Rom 10:8b-13
Luke 4:1-13
- March 16 Gen 15:1-12, 17-18
Ps 27 (UMH 758)
Phil 3:17—4:1
Luke 13:31-35
- March 23 Isa 55:1-9
Ps 63:1-8 (UMH 788)
1 Cor 10:1-13
Luke 13:1-9
- March 30 Josh 5:9-12
Ps 32 (UMH 766)
2 Cor 5:6-21
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32



Lay Speakers

- March 2 Sandy Shaffer
- 9 Martha Vincent
- 16 Sandy Shaffer
- 23 Martha Vincent
- 30 Sandy Shaffer

Birthstone: Aquamarine

Flower: Daffodil

March

- 2 Cathy Anderson, Helen Watson
- 3 Joey Giles, Barbara Richey
- 4 Benzie Witt, Katie Greer
- 6 Lisa Dunn, Wyatt Thompson
- 10 Brandon Durham, Gail Murph
- 11 Mary Rylander
- 12 McKinley Townsend, Rebecca Vickery
- 16 Harold Davenport, Steve Palmer, Benjy Simmons, Bill Clinkscales
- 18 Mark Harrison, Heather Lewis
- 20 Tommy Nickles
- 21 Cate Hamilton, Owen Thompson
- 22 John Bolin
- 24 Brandon Strickland
- 29 Trey Rambo
- 30 Evan Fallaw, Will Allen, Carrie McCall
- 31 Anne Willingham

- 3 Harold and Susan Davenport
- 10 Willy and Starr Jeffreys
- 15 Steve and Carolyn Durham, John and Carrie McCall
- 16 Jim and Judy Davis
- 20 Jack and Cheryl Simpson
- 26 Mike and Lori Buist
- 28 Lee and Gail Murph, Zane and Rebecca Vickery
- 30 Billy and Lisa Dunn

Happy Anniversary



Happy Birthday

Weeding away.....

Have you noticed lately how weed free the areas around the church are?

Helen Watson was spotted recently digging and pulling away at those pesky weeds that seem to want to overtake the flower and shrub areas of the church grounds.

Thank you, Helen, for turning our grounds into a place of beauty by your dedication and skill and hard work!



Memorials and Honorariums

In Honor

In honor of Wayne Ridlehoover

By the following:

Helen Watson

In Memory

**In memory of William Robert "Bobby"
Anderson**

(Jo Bartley's brother in law)

By the following:

Jerrel and Linda Goldman

John and Martha Vincent

Helen Watson

In memory of Peggy K. Armistead

(Mother to Twiler Beverly)

By the following:

Nancy Buchanan

Chancel Choir

Richard and Ann Coker

Carolyn Ferry

Jackie Hall

David and Yvonne Hill

JoAnn Purkerson

Helen Watson

In memory of Otis and Lorraine Edwards

By the following:

Kyle Edwards and Judy Dejonge

In memory of Betty Jo "Joey" Hayes

By the following:

Blair and Anne Willingham

In Memory

In memory of Charlotte Koone

(cousin to Benzie Witt)

By the following:

Carolyn Ferry

Tranquility Circle (UWF)

In memory of Annette Shockley Nicholson

(Mother to Jean Byrd)

By the following:

Richard and Ann Coker

Carolyn Ferry

JoAnn Purkerson

Tranquility Circle (UWF)

Helen Watson

Danny and Deanna Willis

In memory of Betty Randolph

(Sister to Kathy Mims)

By the following:

Blair and Anne Willingham

In memory of Buddy Ridings

(Brother to Claudette McKinney)

By the following:

Carolyn Ferry

Blair and Anne Willingham

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

TRANQUIL PATHWAY PROJECT

March 2-16

Sponsored by the Tranquility and Pauline Botts Circles



Mission Statement

Greenwood Pathway House exists to help homeless persons navigate a pathway to physical, financial, and social stability while sharing with them the love of God.

Providing a Pathway of Restoration to the Homeless.

Greenwood Pathway House provides temporary housing and trauma-specific services for men, women and single parents with children in Greenwood and Abbeville counties.

We offer a safe place to stay and the professional support that meets the mental, physical, relational, and spiritual needs of our clients. Our campus is a compassionate community where homeless individuals and families can thrive because they are safe, supported, encouraged, and valued.

Our trauma-specific services address the root causes of homelessness by meeting the mental, physical, relational, and spiritual needs of our clients. Our goal is to help our clients build a functional life, post trauma, that equips them to overcome homelessness permanently.

Pathways leadership is provided by Board Certified Mental Health Coaches and Trauma-Informed Coaches with other leaders recruited from Miracle Hill Ministries; holding certifications in Biblical Counseling, Health Coaching and serve as ministry leaders.

NEEDED ITEMS INCLUDE: SUPPLIES

- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Facial tissue
- Laundry pods (no liquid)
- Disinfectant cleaners
- All-purpose cleaners
- 40 gallon trash bags

PERSONAL ITEMS

- Deodorant
- Body wash (full size)
- Shampoo (full size)
- Razors
- Shaving cream
- Feminine hygiene products
- Socks
- Ladies' undergarments
- Men's underwear

A table is located in the hallway near the church office for your donations.




Dementia Learning Series



DEMENTIA 201: Positive Interactions

Providing practical communication and problem-solving strategies to support meaningful relationships through a dementia diagnosis



Upcoming webinars in 2025:
Jan 9th 10-11:30 am
March 18th 3-4:30 pm
May 14th 4-5:30 pm

Speaker:




TORI ANDERSON
Dementia Care Specialist
South Carolina Department on Aging

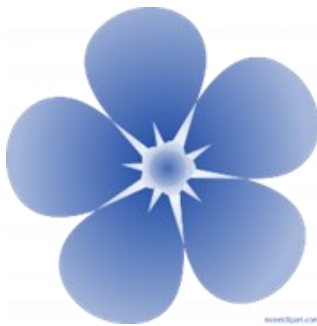
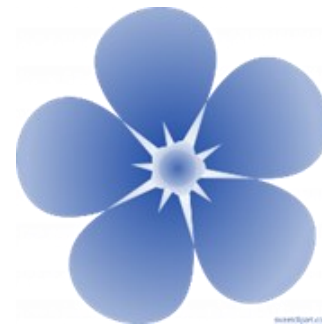
To register for this free webinar, scan the heart!



For more info:
803-545-4277
ToAnderson@aging.sc.gov



March 18
3-4:30 p.m.



IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE

Dementia 101

First Wednesday of each month

Dementia 201


March 18th

May 14th

DEMENTIA 101 THE BASICS


Providing information about dementia and Alzheimer's disease and the support resources available in our state

First Wednesday of each month 1-2 pm




Speaker
TORI ANDERSON
Dementia Care Specialist
South Carolina Department on Aging

To Register, Click or Scan the Brain:



For more information:
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LENTEN PILGRIMAGE

Community Lenten Pilgrimage:

March 5 – First Baptist Church, Greenwood
March 12 – Immanuel Lutheran Church
March 19 – Greenwood ARP
March 26 – South Main Baptist Church
April 2 – Main Street United Methodist Church
April 9 – First Presbyterian Church
April 16 – Morris Chapel

Some Reminders:

- First Lunch at noon
- Service at 12:30 PM
- Second lunch at 1:00 PM
- Offering will be taken and given to Greater Greenwood United Ministries.

The cost for lunch is 2 dollars.

Lent signifies a solemn 40-day period preceding Easter. Commencing on Ash Wednesday and concluding on Holy Saturday, Lent is characterized by fasting, prayer, and repentance as believers prepare for the celebration of Easter Sunday. This season of reflection and self-discipline involves practices such as abstaining from certain indulgences, fostering a deeper spiritual connection, and commemorating the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.



The Greenwood District Spring Lay Servant School will be held April 6 and 13, 2025 from 2 to 7 pm at St. Paul United Methodist Church in Saluda. Classes being offered are Basic, Called to Preach, Climate Justice, and Fresh Expressions. Registration is now open and can be completed online or on paper. There is a copy of the registration form in the church office for your convenience. Cost is \$35 plus the book for your chosen course, which you must order before the school. For questions or more information, contact Sandy Shaffer.



2025 Salkehatchie Summer camps registration is to open March 1. Camps and their dates are on the bulletin board beside the Brockwell Sunday School classroom. All registration is completed online. There is a place for everyone at Salkehatchie – minimum age 14, no maximum age!

Due to the large number of SC schools on modified calendars and to continue to regain momentum from the effects of Covid, the Board of Directors is branching out to offer more opportunities to serve. In 2024 a spring and a fall camp were held. They were both quite successful and even offered the added benefit of weather more conducive to roofing than the hot days of summer. Therefore, in 2025 three spring camps are in the works. More information about them will be coming soon.

If you have any questions about anything Salkehatchie, feel free to contact Sandy Shaffer, 864-980-8496 or tchrsandy@gmail.com.



Crossroads Women's Center of Greenwood has been very fortunate to procure Dr. Ben Carson as the keynote speaker for their annual Road to Life fundraiser. Last year's fundraiser was so successful that the Center was able to purchase a 4D ultrasound machine. Crossroads Women's Center exists to support, through love and hope, men and women who are dealing with an unplanned pregnancy. All their services are free and include education, counseling, pregnancy screening, and ultrasound.

Road to Life 2025 will be held on Friday, April 4, 2025 at the Finis Horne Arena at Lander University. Doors open at 5:30 with the event being 6-8 pm. Tickets are \$5 for the top tier of arena seating, \$20 for the main arena seating, and \$50 for floor seats. All tickets may be purchased online; the \$50 tickets must be purchased online. Sandy Shaffer has \$5 and \$20 tickets for sale.

Meetings & Practices



WORSHIP

BE PRE-



CHOIR PRACTICE

Each Sunday 2:00 p.m.
Brockwell Classroom

BOBBIE WILEY BIBLE STUDY

Mondays—10:00 a.m.
Fellowship Hall

Pauline Botts Circle

Monday, March 17, 2025
Noon—Montague's—Hostesses: tba

Tranquility Circle

Monday, March 17, 2025
Fellowship Hall

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Sunday, March 2, 2025
Immediately following worship

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, March 3, 2025
6 p.m.—Brockwell Classroom

John 12:26 If anyone **serves** me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone **serves** me, the Father will honor him.

SYMPATHY



In this time of sorrow, we extend to you our heartfelt condolences. May our Lord comfort you and your loved ones.

In memory of Mrs. Peggy K. Armistead, mother of Mrs. Twiler Beverly, who passed away on Saturday, February 8, 2025. A memorial service is planned for a later date.

In memory of Mrs. Annette Shockley Nicholson, mother of Mrs. Jean Byrd, who passed away on Saturday, February 8, 2025. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, February 11th, at Harris Funeral Home Chapel.

In memory of Mrs. Charlotte Koone, cousin of Mrs. Benzie Witt, who passed away on Friday, February 7, 2025. Services for Mrs. Koone were held on Tuesday, February 11th, at Blyth Funeral Home Chapel.

Prayer requests can be submitted by calling or emailing the church office at 864 223-5333, tranquilmc@wctel.net or by accessing the church website at www.thetranquillife.org.

	<p><i>Prayer</i> </p>	<p><i>Requests</i> </p>
Riley Addis	Jeremiah Teams	Margaret Simpson
Ashton	Liz	Stephanie
Twiler Beverly and Family	Lucille	Suzy
Jean Byrd and Family	Macy	Terry
Jean Corley	Mary	Sonny Tharpe
Carson	Melissa and Mel	Tranquil
Dennis	Mike and Family	Jennifer Traynham
Jim and Judy Davis	Nick	Stephen Turner
Dolly	Kathy Mims	Those in addiction
Gilchrist family	Our Country and Leadership	Twiler and Ronnie Beverly
Rut and Norma Hammond	Phyllis L.	Unspoken
Israel	Richard Coker	Anne and Blair Willingham
Jackie	Sam	Benzie Witt & Family
	Shannon	

Spring it on me!

It's Springtime already? You've got to be pollen my leg!
When is the best time to buy a trampoline? SPRINGTIME!

The only thing I'm growing this
Spring is older!



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?



Happy March!

May this month bring you... For every storm, a rainbow.
For every tear, a smile. For every care, a promise and a
blessing in each trial. For every problem life sends, a
faithful friend to share. For every sigh, a sweet song and
an answer for each prayer.

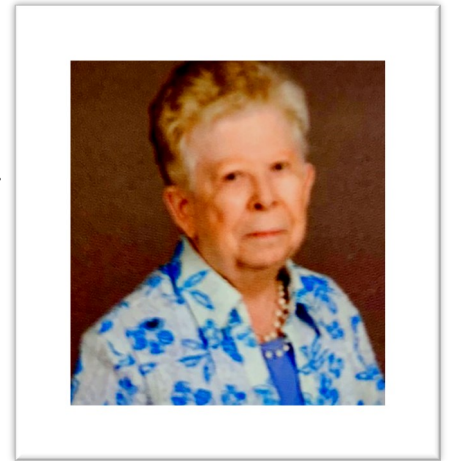
Hope For The Broken Hearted.com

United in Faith Woman of the Year

Claudette McKinney has been named as the United in Faith Woman of the Year for 2025. Her quiet presence has been felt in many church activities and organizations over the years.

Claudette has served as President and Vice-President as well as program editor of the Pauline Botts Women's Circle for many years. She has also been a faithful member of the Brockwell Sunday School Class and organized the ringing of the bells for the Greenwood Salvation Army at Christmastime among other activities. Her presence at the Sunday morning church service is always a welcome sight for everyone present.

Congratulations, Claudette, for a well-deserving honor!



Service and Event

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Tuesday, March 4th

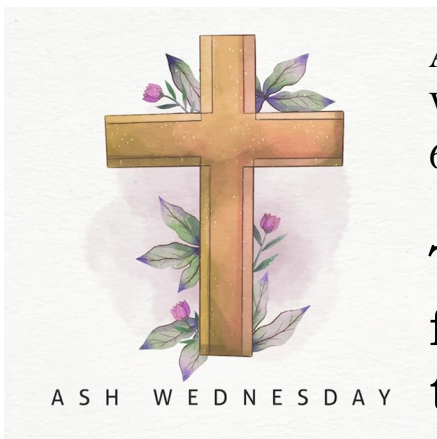
6:00 P.M. - Fellowship Hall



ASH WEDNESDAY COMMUNION SERVICE

Wednesday, March 5th

6:00 p.m.



Time to reflect and share our thanks, for this is the time that we remember the **GREATEST SACRIFICE!**

In Recognition

CERTIFICATE OF SPECIAL RECOGNITION

presented to

Conner Powelson

for

Excellent Attendance, Enthusiastic Interest
in learning and Consistent Active
Participation in Tranquil United Methodist
Church Sunday School.

Cindy Davis

Teacher

Martha Vincent

Sunday School Superintendent



Keep praying for the church. God is hearing you.



Survey for Tranquil's Future

Survey for Tranquil's future: Please complete and place in the box in the Narthex or leave in the office.
You may sign your name or remain anonymous.

What is your vision for Tranquil?

What are you willing to do to bring your vision to life?

In which areas are you willing to serve? Check all that apply.

- SPPRC
- Trustees
- teach Sunday School
- Native American
- Brothers in Christ

- Nominations
- Older Adults
- Lay Leader
- Epworth
- United Women in Faith

- Outreach
- Worship
- Higher Ed.
- Choir

HOLD ON...and HOLD ON TIGHT!!!

This is a message from Cecil Talley, Tranquil's new Treasurer, a bit of it from last Sunday's Stillwell Class Sunday School Lesson. I hope ALL of you will reflect on this important wake up call inside these words.

Remember, it is never too late to do the right thing.....

Here in 2025 at Tranquil Methodist Church, I would say our faith in what so many of us have invested in—and for so long - is being tested to **HOLD ON TOGETHER**. Some of our friends for many years together have chosen to give up, move on, give in to something new, and finally walk away from something that they had deeply been a part of. They are still our friends and fellow Christians, but we **MUST** follow **OUR** own convictions, our own hearts and our own faith.

Meanwhile if you are reading this, you are still here at Tranquil because of a commitment in your heart to **HOLD ON** and **NOT** give up, **NOT** give in, **NOT** give out as a member of this old church.

And I say to you via this message with all the resolve I have:

- *“Even if this church does **NOT** survive the turmoil of a failed separation for what a vast overwhelming majority felt was a just reason for that separation,*
- *Even if we cannot quite fill the gaps created by those in the exodus to leave us and go in another direction, the empty pews they leave behind,*
- *Even if the financial burden overwhelms us with a dwindling few trying to make ends meet and keep our church of 200 + years going.....*

We can all still be filled with the pride and conviction that we held on, and we held on with all the strength and faith God has provided us - in the face of mounting odds - to save something we all still believe in and have believed in for so many years together. **NO**, we may not make it, and the fate is in God's hands - he knows our will and he knows our limits. Meanwhile, **HOLD ON**, don't give up, don't give in and please don't give out!”



March



<p>2 Worship—11: 00 a.m. Choir Practice 2-3 p.m.—Brockwell Class Nominations Committee Mtg. Immediately following worship.</p>	<p>3 Bobbie Wiley Bible Study 10:00 a.m.- Fellowship Hall ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MTG. 6:00 p.m.-Brockwell Classroom</p>	<p>4 FAT TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER 6 P.M.—Fellowship Hall</p> 	<p>5</p>
<p>9 Stillwell Class Bkfst. 7:30-10:45 a.m. Worship — 11:00 a.m. Choir Practice 2-3 p.m.—Brockwell Class DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME</p>	<p>10 Bobbie Wiley Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>16 Worship—11:00 a.m. Choir Practice 2-3 p.m.— Brockwell Class</p>	<p>17 Pauline Botts Circle Noon—Montague’s Tranquility Circle Meeting 6:00 p.m.—Fellowship Hall Bobbie Wiley Bible Study 10:00 a.m.—Felllowsip Hall</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>
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<p>30 Worship—11:00 a.m. Choir Practice 2-3 p.m.— Brockwell Class</p>	<p>31</p>		



March into Spring!

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ASH WEDNESDAY

COMMUNION SERVICE
6:00 P.M.

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World Day of Prayer



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Worship Services are available on Facebook, You Tube and our Website www.the.tranquillife.org.

FH = Fellowship Hall

B/C SS Class = Brockwell/Clark SS Class

KIT=Kitchen

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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Sharing the Peace and Love of Christ
in our community since 1820



Ecclesiastes 3:1 – “There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens.” Spring reminds us of God’s perfect timing in our lives. Just as the earth experiences seasons, so do we, and spring brings hope for fresh starts.

Tranquil Tidings

A monthly publication connecting members and friends at Tranquil United Methodist Church.

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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. CHECK IT OUT!!!! www.thetranquillife.org