

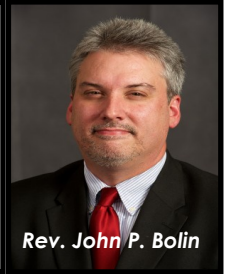
# Tranquil Tidings



*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** Assurance of Eternal Life.

Assurance of eternal life means having the confident realization of security in Christ; of what we have in Christ such as eternal life, forgiveness of sin, and being the object of God's personal care as his children.

**P** Praise for Jesus Christ.

Praise for Jesus Christ is an expression of worship, gratitude, and acknowledgement of Jesus Christ's deeds and sacrifice. Christians praise Jesus because he is God and the manifestation of God in the flesh.

**R** Repentance of Our Sins.

Repentance is a profound change of heart and mind that leads to transformation in behavior and turning away from sin.

**I** Invitation to Abundant Life.

Invitation to abundant life is a central theme of the Christian faith, offering a transformative relationship with God through Jesus Christ. It is an invitation to experience the fullness of life as God intended, both now and for eternity.

**L** Love Everlasting.

Love everlasting refers to God's unchanging and eternal affection toward His creation, particularly His covenant people. This love is characterized by its permanence, faithfulness, and depth, transcending human understanding and limitations.

*He is Risen*

Can we get an AMEN for April?



1960's Photo

Easter was a time when you put on your BEST! Not that you didn't on other Sundays but especially at Easter. Actually for some, it was a time to get new outfits that you didn't get to buy on a regular or weekly basis. Shopping was not done often. On Saturday night it was a time for preparing for worship on Sundays. The shoes were polished, dresses were pressed or dress shirts for men and boys, and the hair was set with pin curls or rollers. Nothing but the BEST for worshipping the Lord. Why do you think dressing your BEST on Sunday was important or instilled? One answer comes from looking into the background behind the Sunday BEST. As Sundays mark church service day, that meant dressing in good clothing to show respect in a house of God.

While dressing your BEST is still important for some, it is not seen as important to all. However, it is an option. Today, dress for worship is not seen as relevant as that of the heart of the worshiper. Rather, being in the presence of God is all important.

Find your great and everlasting joy by coming into the house of worship where you can find peace, joy, and relationships among other Christians.

Praise God for the sacrifice he made for us this time of the year at Easter and help us to realize that our salvation is more important than the clothes we wear.

## STEWARDSHIP

### March Offerings & Attendance

Yearly Budget received to date: \$ 33,027.00

		<u>SS</u>	<u>Worship</u>
<b>Attendance</b>	<b>March 2 -</b>	22	34
	<b>March 9 -</b>	17	34
	<b>March 16 -</b>	17	28
	<b>March 23 -</b>	20	31
	<b>March 30 -</b>	_____	

## SERVING

### April Trustee of the Month

Lisa Stevens  
(C)864 910-0040

### April Ushers

Cindy Davis and Martha Vincent

### April Counters

<b>7</b>	Janet Robinson
<b>14</b>	Sandy Shaffer
<b>21</b>	Cindy Davis
<b>28</b>	Linda Goldman

### Altar Guild Volunteer for April

Ann Coker

## ALTAR FLOWERS

<b>April 6</b>	In honor of Anna, Jolly, and Adrian's birthdays By Bubba and Cindy Davis
<b>13</b>	Palm Sunday
<b>20</b>	Easter
<b>27</b>	In honor of Tyler and Rebecca's birthdays By Richard and Ann Coker

## LECTIONARY READINGS

April 6	Isa 43: 16-21 Ps 126 (UMH 847) Phil 3:4b-14 John 12:1-8
April 13	Palm Sunday Luke 19:28-40 Ps 118: 1-2, 19-29 (UMH 839)  Passion Service Isa 50: 4-9a Ps 31:9-16 (UMH 764) Phil 2:5-11 Luke 22:14-23; 56 or Luke 23:1-49
April 20	Easter Sunday Acts 10:34-43 Ps 118:1-2, 14-24 (UMH 839) 1 Cor 15:19-26 John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-12
April 27	Acts 5:27-32 Ps 150 (UMH 862) Rev. 1:4-8 John 20:19-31



## Lay Speakers

<b>April 6</b>	Sandy Shaffer
<b>13</b>	Martha Vincent
<b>20</b>	Sandy Shaffer
<b>27</b>	Martha Vincent

"What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make." Jane Goodall

# CELEBRATIONS

# April

## Birthdays

## Anniversaries

- 1 Michael Aaron Pack, Frank Weeks
- 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
- 26 Mark Duvall
- 27 Anne McKinney Crowe, Don Dedo, Dru Strickland

- 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

## Happy Anniversary



*Hello April*  
*Sometimes life's showers*  
*help us to blossom.*

@therandomvibez

*Happy Birthday*



# Memorials and Honorariums

## *In Honor*

**In honor of Jack Cauley**

**By the following:**

Helen Watson

## *In Memory*

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

**(Jo Bartley's brother in law)**

**By the following:**

Jean Corley

**In memory of Peggy K. Armistead  
(Mother to Twiler Beverly)**

**By the following:**

Jean Corley

John and Martha Vincent

Blair and Anne Willingham

**In memory of Robert Hilley**

**(Ernie Sumner's brother)**

**By the following:**

Cindy Davis

Carolyn Ferry

## *In Memory*

**In memory of Charlotte Koone**

**(cousin to Benzie Witt)**

**By the following:**

John and Martha Vincent

**In memory of Annette Shockley Nicholson**

**(Mother to Jean Byrd)**

**By the following:**

Jean Corley

Jerrel and Linda Goldman

John and Martha Vincent

Blair and Anne Willingham

**In memory of Buddy Ridings**

**(Brother to Claudette McKinney)**

**By the following:**

Jean Corley

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

## **The Story of the Easter Lily**

The Easter Lily is a flower that symbolizes the rebirth and hope of Christ's resurrection. It has a distinct trumpet shape, which signifies Jesus's triumph over death at the resurrection. The white of the Easter lily symbolizes rebirth and purity. The Easter lily takes its roots back to the Ryukyu Islands in southern Japan. It was first introduced to England in 1819 and in America in 1880. Lily bulb production was centered in Japan and the southern U.S. in the late 1800s and on, but in 1941 during WWII, the Japanese source was cut off. This resulted in the increased value of the lily bulb. A popular legend says that in the Garden of Gethsemane, lilies sprung up from the drops of blood that Jesus sweated during His agony.

# TRANQUIL PATHWAY PROJECT

March 2-16

Sponsored by the Tranquility and Pauline Botts Circles



# THANK YOU for your donations!

## TRANQUIL MONTHLY PROJECT



### The Joy Of Giving

The joy of giving, a treasure untold,  
A warmth in the heart, more precious than gold.  
Helping others through times of despair,  
Shows the world kindness is always there.

Don't fret or wonder if it's repaid,  
The blessings come back in ways displayed.  
A ripple of love, a smile so true,  
Giving to others brings joy back to you.

*Catherine Pulsifer*






# 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



## 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:**



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**IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE: Dementia 101** First Wednesday of each month.  
**Dementia 201—May 14th SAVE THE DATE!**



**A Statehouse honor** Greenwood County's legislators at the Statehouse recognized the 96 High School Marching Band on its 11th State Championship out of 12 years! This band has the record for the all-time most wins in their division. Band Director David Vickery says it takes the hard work and dedication of the students, parents, the whole school district and the community to make it happen.

Submitted by Lesa Jefferies

**ANDREW BYRD** is among those pictured as part of the Ninety Six High School Marching Band.

## Ninety Six High Marching Band



# LENTEN PILGRIMAGE

## Community Lenten Pilgrimage:

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](mailto: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

MAKE A *Joyful* NOISE  
BE PRESENT  
WORSHIP



## **CHOIR PRACTICE**

Each Sunday 2:00 p.m. except on  
Easter Sunday.  
Brockwell Classroom



## **BOBBIE WILEY BIBLE STUDY**

Mondays—10:00 a.m.  
Fellowship Hall



## **Pauline Botts Circle**

Monday, April 21, 2025  
Noon—Montague's—Hostesses: tba



## **TRUSTEE MEETING**

Sunday, April 13, 2025  
3:00 p.m.—Fellowship Hall



## **Tranquility Circle**

Monday, April 21, 2025  
Fellowship Hall

**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.



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



# Heartfelt Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to Ernie Sumner and family in the recent passing of his brother, Robert Henry Hilley, of Ware Shoals, SC, on Thursday, March 6, 2025. A memorial service was held on Tuesday, March 11, at Ware Shoals United Methodist Church.



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

## ...Thank you note

*Dear Christian Friends:*

*Thank you for the many acts of kindness shown to me during the passing of my dear cousin Charlotte Koone. I am so fortunate to be a part of such a loving and caring church.*

*Love, Benzie*

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).



### Prayer



### Requests



Riley Addis  
Ashton  
Jean Corley  
Carson  
Dennis  
Jim and Judy Davis  
Dolly  
Gilchrist family  
Lisa Fields  
Steve Gunter  
Rut and Norma Hammond  
Hannah  
Israel  
Jackie

Jeremiah Teams  
Liz  
Lucille  
Macy  
Mary  
Matt  
Melissa and Mel  
Mike and Family  
Nick  
Luke Mims  
Our Country and Leadership  
Phyllis L.  
Richard Coker  
Sam  
Shannon

Margaret Simpson  
Stephanie  
Ernie Sumner and family  
Suzy  
Terry  
Sonny Tharpe  
Tranquil  
Jennifer Traynham  
Stephen Turner  
Those in addiction  
Twiler and Ronnie Beverly  
Unspoken  
Anne and Blair Willingham



# SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

## March 4, 2025



Cecil Talley flips the pancakes!



YUM!!!!



L-r: Lisa Talley and Linda Goldman ready to serve.



Delightful partakers!



**The Cooks!**

L-r: Cecil Talley, Jerrel Goldman and David Hill



L-r: Jackie Hall and Lisa Talley



Lisa Talley pours up drinks!



All smiles in anticipation!



Jerrel and David busy in the kitchen.



# Services and Events



HOLY WEEK begins on Palm Sunday, April 13th, and ends on Easter Sunday, April 20th. HOLY WEEK is observed with special solemnity as a time of devotion to the Passion of Jesus Christ. Also known as PASSION WEEK, it commemorates Jesus' last week on earth and the events leading up to his resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Observe the Stations of the Cross as depicted in pictures that are placed around in the sanctuary for your viewing. This is considered a time to reflect, to pray and to center your heart on God.

There are 15 stations. The stations begin in the Narthex and continue around to the right and circle around the sanctuary. Please allow yourself time to view these commemorable events.

Schedule as follows:

Guest Speaker— April 13—Rev. Chris Lollis, District Superintendent—5 p.m.—Covered dish to follow in the Fellowship Hall.

Guest Speaker—April 14— Rev. Joey Gambrell, Parish Pastor, St. Mark UMC, Greenwood, SC  
6:00 p.m.

Guest Speaker—April 15—Rev. Thessa Smith and Choir (Pastor of Harris and Trinity Methodist Churches)  
6:00 p.m.

Holy Thursday—April 17—6:00 p.m.—Service

**Maundy Thursday**—Commemorates the Washing of the Feet and Last Supper of Jesus Christ with the Apostles.

Good Friday—April 18—6:00 p.m. Service

**Good Friday** observes the crucifixion of Jesus and his death at Calvary. It is observed with fasting and services. It is a day of mourning and reflection for Christians, and a time to remember the great sacrifice that Jesus made for all of humanity. It is also a day of hope and new beginnings. The term *Good Friday* comes from the sense 'pious, holy' of the word *good*.

Holy Saturday—April 19— Commemorates while Jesus Christ's body lay in the tomb. No service is planned.

Easter Sunday—April 20—Early worship service at 10:00 a.m. ONLY!

No Sunday School!

The celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who was crucified and rose three days later.



*Thank you to the Worship Committee for setting up  
the Stations of the Cross.*

## Every Day is Easter

“Easter comes but once a year,”  
So many people say,  
But, to a person saved from sin,  
It’s Easter every day!

A man, when saved or “born again”  
His life, to Christ, will give,  
And, as a new-born babe in Christ,  
He’s just begun to live.

“I am the resurrection, life”,  
The Savior, one day, said:  
“And he, believing in my Word,  
Shall live, though he be dead.”

And that well known Apostle, Paul,  
In Philippi made plain;  
“For me to live is Jesus Christ,  
For me to die is gain.”

So when the Blood of Christ, our Lord,  
Redeems a soul from sin;  
Every day is Easter,  
For Jesus lives within!

*Carolyn Orr*

## BIBLE EASTER TRIVIA

1. How many times did Peter deny Christ?  
A. Two times      C. One time  
B. Three times     D. Four times
2. What was the Jewish feast being observed the week Christ was crucified?  
A. Pentecost      C. Firstfruits  
B. Passover       D. Unleavened Bread
3. For how many pieces of silver did Judas betray Christ?  
A. 10              C. 30  
B. 20              D. 40
4. What color was the robe that the Romans placed upon Jesus?  
A. Purple          C. Yellow  
B. Green           D. Brown
5. Who carried the cross for Christ?  
A. Simeon          C. Simon of Cyrene  
B. Simon Peter    D. Thomas
6. Who rolled away the tomb stone?  
A. Soldiers        C. Jesus  
B. God             D. Angel
7. For how long did Jesus remain after the resurrection before he ascended into heaven?  
A. 7 days          C. 40 days  
B. 14 days         D. 49 days
8. What was the name of the man who requested Jesus’ body for burial?  
A. Tio              C. Jonathan  
B. Nicodemus     D. Joseph of Arimathea



**Keep praying for the church.**



**God is hearing you.**



# Rain it on me!

Wife says to the husband, "Oh, look its raining outside!"  
He replies, "that's what it usually does dear."

What goes up when the rain comes down?  
An Umbrella.

## 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?



## Tranquility Circle Meeting



The Tranquility Circle celebrated St. Patrick's Day with the theme of the Irish at their monthly meeting on Monday, March 17, 2025.

Picture submitted by Linda Goldman



## Why an Easter Basket?

Life doesn't give you the people you want. Instead it gives you the ones you need, to teach you, to hurt you, to love you & to make you exactly the way you should be

PinkPies App

Did you know that the Easter basket in Western Civilization traditionally contained foods that were forbidden during Lent, such as meat, eggs, and dairy products, and the baskets were blessed by a priest? To some, giving up pleasures such as chocolate and goodies, is a sacrifice for Lent. Today, especially in the United States, Easter baskets are filled with Easter eggs and sweets after having abstained from them during Lent.



							
6	<b>Worship</b> —11: 00 a.m.  <b>Choir Practice</b> 2-3 p.m.—Brockwell Classroom	7	<b>Bobbie Wiley Bible Study</b> 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall	8		9	
13	<b>PALM SUNDAY</b> Stillwell Class Bkfst. 7:30-10:45 a.m. <b>Worship</b> — 11:00 a.m. <b>Choir Practice</b> 2-3 p.m.—Brockwell Classroom <b>TRUSTEE MEETING</b> 3 p.m.—Fellowship Hall Evening Worship Svc.—5 p.m.	14	<b>Bobbie Wiley Bible Study</b> 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall <b>Evening Worship Svc.</b> 6 p.m.	15		16	<b>Evening Worship Svc.</b> 6 p.m.
20	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>  No Sunday School <b>Worship</b> —10:00 a.m.  No Choir Practice	21	<b>Bobbie Wiley Bible Study</b> 10:00 a.m.—Fellowship Hall  <b>Pauline Botts Circle</b> Noon—Montague’s <b>Tranquility Circle Meeting</b> 6:00 p.m.—Fellowship Hall	22		23	
27	<b>Worship</b> —11:00 a.m.  <b>Choir Practice</b> 2-3 p.m.— Brockwell Classroom	28	<b>Bobbie Wiley Bible Study</b> 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall	29		30	

“Do things for people not because of who they are or what they do in return, but because of who you are.” Mother Theresa

Kindness is never wasted.



Wednesday

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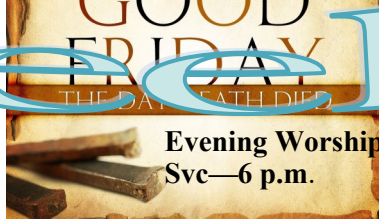
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17 *Maundy Thursday*

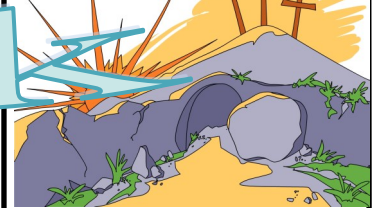


Evening Worship Svc—6 p.m.

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Worship Services are available on Facebook, 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**

**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.

***Tranquil United Methodist Church***  
***1702 McCormick Highway***  
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*Sharing the Peace and Love of Christ  
in our community since 1820*



**Romans 5:8—But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.**

## ***Tranquil Tidings***

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

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