

May 2026

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



Come to Tranquil and experience the beauty of spiritual growth.

**“As the deer pants for the
water brooks, So my soul
pants for You, O God.
Ps.42:1**



**The most important
investment you can make
is in your spiritual growth.**

Spiritual growth in the Bible is encouraged through deepening knowledge of Christ, renewing the mind, and bearing fruit in love and good works.

The Bible emphasizes that spiritual growth is a continuous process. Believers are encouraged to grow in grace, knowledge, and the fruit of the Spirit, including love, joy, peace, patience, and self control (2 Peter 3:18; Galatians 5:22-23). Stories of Samuel, Moses, and Jesus illustrate that growth often occurs through trials, learning, and faithful obedience, guiding believers toward maturity in faith and character.

Samuel's Spiritual Journey

Samuel's story highlights spiritual growth through obedience, learning, and divine favor. From a young age, Samuel was dedicated to God by his mother, Hannah, and he grew in stature and in favor both with the Lord and with people. He lived in the temple under Eli's guidance, learning to hear and respond to God's voice. Over time, Samuel matured into a prophet and judge, demonstrating wisdom, courage, and faithfulness in leading Israel (1 Samuel 2:21, 3:19-21).

Moses: From Insecurity to Leadership

Moses' journey also illustrates spiritual growth. Initially hesitant and insecure when called by God to lead the Israelites out of Egypt, Moses doubted his abilities and even asked God to send someone else. Through God's reassurance and guidance, he developed confidence, leadership skills, and a deeper reliance on God, ultimately becoming a central figure in Israel's spiritual history (Exodus 4:10-13).

Jesus' Growth

The Gospels describe Jesus growing in wisdom, stature, and favor with God and people. This progression from childhood to adulthood reflects spiritual and personal development emphasizing the importance of learning, obedience, and alignment with God's will (Luke 2:52).

Jesus also used parables to illustrate spiritual growth, such as the mustard seed, which starts small but grows into a large tree, symbolizing the transformative potential of faith and spiritual development (Matthew 13:31-32).

These narratives collectively show that spiritual growth involves learning, perseverance, and reliance on God, offering practical and inspirational examples for believers today.

STEWARDSHIP

April Offerings & Attendance

Yearly Budget received to date: \$ 42,341.93

		SS	Worship
Attendance	April 5	-	54
	April 12	21	34
	April 19	17	31
	April 26	16	27

SERVING

May Trustee of the Month

David Hill
(C)864-992-7592

May Usher

Jerrel Goldman

May Counters

4	Evelyn/Jack Cauley
11	Helen Watson
18	Janet Robinson
26	Linda Goldman

Altar Guild Volunteer for May

Martha Vincent

ALTAR FLOWERS

- May 3** **In honor of Nolan's Birthday**
By: Richard and Ann Coker
- 10** **In honor of Mother's Day and in honor of Pam and Wally's Anniversary**
By Sandy Shaffer
- 17** **In memory of Joe Ferry**
By: Carolyn Ferry
- 24** **In memory of Fred McKinney**
By: Jerrel and Linda Goldman and
Tim and Roz McKinney
- 31** **In honor of Braydyn's and Sean's graduation**
By Melvin and Sherry Bayne

LECTIONARY READINGS

- May 3** **5th Sunday of Easter**
Acts 7:55-60
Ps 31: 1-5, 15-16 (UMH 764)
1 Pet 2:2-10
John 14:1-14
- May 10** **6th Sunday of Easter**
Acts 17:22-31
Ps 66:8-20 (UMH 790)
1 Pet 3:13-22
John 14:15-21
- May 17** **Ascension Sunday**
Acts 1:1-11
Ps 47 or Ps 93 (UMYH 792)
Eph 1:15-23
Luke 24:44-53
- 7th Sunday of Easter**
Acts 1:6-14
Ps 68:1-10, 32-35 (UMH 792)
1 Pet 4:12-14; 5:6-11
John 17:1-11
- May 24** **Day of Pentecost /Heritage Sunday**
Acts 2:1-21 or Num 11:24-30
Ps 104:24-34, 35b (UMH 826)
1 Cor 12:3b-13
John 7:37-39
- May 31** **Trinity Sunday**
Gen 1:1-2;4a
Ps 8 (UMH 743)
2 Cor 13:11-13
Matt 28:16-20

Lay Speakers

- May 3** Sandy Shaffer
- 10** Martha Vincent
- 17** Sandy Shaffer
- 24** Martha Vincent
- 31** Sandy Shaffer

Birthstone: Emerald

Flower: Lily of the Valley



CELEBRATIONS

May

Lily of the Valley

- 4 Jodi Oliver
- 11 Ann Tharpe
- 12 Kevin Fallaw
- 14 Steve Durham
- 18 John Collins
- 20 Deanna Willis
- 22 Weldon Durham, Robert Moore, Sr.,
Gee Simmons
- 23 Richard Coker, Darryl Hammond
- 24 Laurie Fallaw
- 27 John Bolton

Birthdays

May is a month full of diverse celebrations, from traditional holidays like Mother's day and Memorial Day to other awareness observances.

May 1 - May Day

Celebrates the arrival of spring.

National Day of Prayer

May 7

A day to turn to God in prayer and meditation.

Mother's Day

May 10

A day to honor mothers and maternal figures.

Armed Forces Day

May 16

Recognizes the service of member of the U.S. military.

Memorial Day

May 25

Honors U.S. military personnel who have died in service.

Happy Birthday



In Scripture, flowers and their blooming often symbolize beauty, growth, renewal, and God's intricate design in creation. The Bible uses blooming flowers to illustrate the fleeting nature of life, the beauty of holiness, and God's ability to bring new beginnings. Flowers also serve as powerful symbols of hope and love, emphasizing the importance of cherishing each moment and seeking spiritual growth.

Memorials

In Memory

In memory of Jean Corley

By the following:

Jerrel and Linda Goldman
Sonny and Ann Tharpe

In memory of Lee Murph

By the following:

Jerrel and Linda Goldman
Sonny and Ann Tharpe

In memory of Yancy Harling

By the following:

Angela Yingling

In memory of Steve Mikeal

By the following:

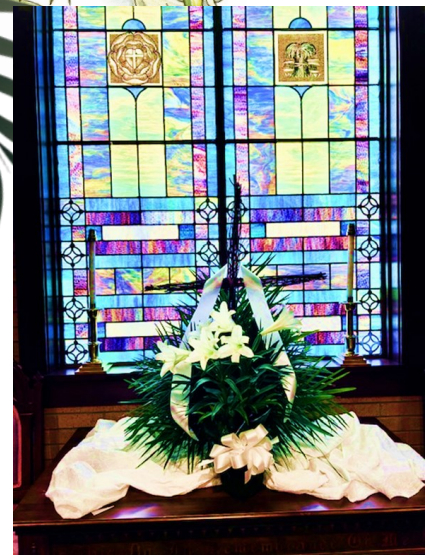
Richard and Ann Coker
Angela Yingling

In memory of Rev. Jim Davis

By the following:

Patsy Anderson
Josephine Bartley
Nancy Buchanan
Richard and Ann Coker
Pauline Botts Circle
Bubba and Cindy Davis
Carolyn Ferry
JoAnn Purkerson
Janet and Bruce Robinson
Helen Watson
Anne Willingham

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



Thank you to the Worship Committee and others for this and the many other ways in which they serve to bring honor and glory to our Easter celebration.

“Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction,
faithful in prayer.” Romans 12:12



Prayer Requests

Ashley	Jane Stroud
Ashton	James Poore
Becky Steifle	Jeanne Purvis
Benzie Witt	Jerrel Goldman
Billy and Brenda Fuller	The Jim Davis Family
Bob Coman	Jim Hagan
Bonnie	Jim Rainey
Brenda Darragh Minor	Lawrence Daniel
Carolyn Durham	Linda Sanders
Carson	Lois
Cody	Marcia
Channing	Margaret Simpson
Dave Brinkerhoff	Matt
Debbie	Patty Flynn
Dianne	Phyllis
Dolly	Quam Family
Eddie Porter	Richard Coker
Emma	Ronnie and Twiler
Gaines	Susan Burton
Gracen	Sonny Meadows
Hannah	Sonny Tharpe
Harper-Reese	Tranquil
Helen	Trixie
Ian	Unspoken
Israel	Wayne
Jack and Evelyn Cauley	

Heartfelt Sympathy



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

Sympathy is extended to the family of Mrs. Mary Ann Lovett Walker. Mrs. Walker passed away on Sunday, April 5, 2026.



Sympathy is extended to Judy Davis and her family in the recent passing of her husband and our friend Rev. Jim Davis on Sunday, April 12, 2026.

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

OUTREACH

GIVE, SO THAT IT WILL SPREAD ...



DONATE
to the
Greenwood
Food Bank

Donated
items may be
placed on a
designated
table near the
church office.
Deadline is
May 31st

FOOD BANK OF GREENWOOD COUNTY

MAY

Dried Beans

Rice

& Pasta



LIKE SEEDS THAT ARE PLANTED



Tranquil United Methodist Church
1702 McCormick Highway
Greenwood, SC 29646
Sharing the Peace and Love of Christ

OUTREACH PROJECT

and more OUTREACH

Epworth

Serving Children & Families

Ends May 15th

You are invited once again to share your love for the Epworth Children's Home. The Tranquility Circle is sponsoring a drive of hygiene products for the children there that began mid April (15th) and will continue through mid May (15th). Below is a list of products that are needed:

Dove body wash and soap

Axe body wash and spray

Suave body wash, shampoo and conditioner

Dial body wash

Cantu shampoo and conditioner

Crest and/or Colgate toothpaste

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

Once again, your love and generosity is greatly appreciated.



Judge Gently

Poet: John Murray

Pray don't find fault with the man who limps
Or stumbles along the road,
Unless you have worn the shoes he wears
Or struggled beneath his load.
There may be tacks in his shoes that hurt,
Though hidden from view;
Or the burden he bears, placed on your back
Might cause you to stumble, too.

Don't sneer at the man who's down today,
Unless you have felt the blow
That caused his fall, or felt the shame
That only the fallen know.
You may be strong, but still the blows
That were his, if dealt to you
In the selfsame way at the very selfsame time
Might cause you to struggle, too.

Don't be hard with the man who sins
Or pelt him with words or stones,
Unless you are sure, and doubly sure
That you have no sins of your own;
For, you know, perhaps, if the tempters voice
Should whisper soft to you
As it did to him when he went astray,
It would cause you to falter, too.



Hamilton Cottage Boys

Connie Maxwell, Greenwood, South Carolina

Snack assortments are always appreciated by the young boys that reside at Connie Maxwell. These are collected and delivered to them on a regular basis by our Tranquil members.



100%

of your Mother's Day offering provides comprehensive care for the children at Epworth. Epworth is not an apportioned item in the Annual Conference budget. Mother's Day is your opportunity to support.



Mother's Day this year is Sunday, May 10th. This Sunday has been designated as a time to promote children's ministry, and to take a special offering for God's work through Epworth.

Epworth is not an apportioned item, and it relies heavily on the offerings received on Mother's Day and Work Day (held in September) to provide quality care to the 400-plus individuals who are in Epworth's care weekly.

Why do children need to come and live at Epworth?

The children who call Epworth home have experienced a great deal of hurt and suffering. On average, 65% of residents are placed at Epworth by the SC Department of Social Services after being removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect. The remaining 35% arrive as a private placement as a result of a fractured family system that often includes addiction issues, homelessness or other forms of instability. On average, Epworth has 20 sibling groups on campus at any given time. The average stay for a child at Epworth is around one year and eight months, but can vary from a couple of weeks to several years.

What services are offered to the children while on campus?

Epworth's campus consists of a dining hall, tutoring center, gymnasium, health center and counseling/admissions center. Health care, fitness, counseling, tutoring sessions and meals are all provided on campus. A comprehensive needs assessment for each child is done upon arrival. This assessment evaluates where each child is academically, emotionally, physically and spiritually. Directors and staff from each of those areas work together to develop a care plan tailored to each child.

Happy Mother's Day

TRANQUIL'S OLDEST MOTHER

Margaret Simpson turned 104 on April 7th.

Margaret is the mother of member, Anne Willingham.

Tranquil is blessed to be able to celebrate her long life as our oldest Mother.

April 7, 1922



TO ALL
Mothers,
Grandmothers,
Aunts, Sisters and
other women in our
lives that care for us
and love us
unconditionally, no
one can take your
place.



“Life doesn’t
come with a
manual, it comes
with a mother.”
Unknown



“A mother is she who can take the
place of all others but whose place
no one else can take.”
Gaspard Mermillod



“A mother
understands
what a child
does not say”
Jewish Proverb

Congratulations to our Graduates!

Graduate Recognition Sunday, May 17, 2026



Braydyn Dorn—Laurens Academy High School



Page Minter—Lander University



Collins Strickland—University of SC



Dru Strickland—University of SC

Meetings & Practices



BOBBIE WILEY BIBLE STUDY

Mondays—10:00 a.m.
Fellowship Hall

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING

3:00 p.m.—Brockwell Classroom
Monday, May 4, 2026

CHOIR PRACTICE

Each Sunday 2:00 p.m.
Brockwell Classroom

Pauline Botts Circle

Monday, May 18, 2026
Noon—Montague's—Hostesses: tba

Tranquility Circle

Monday, May 18, 2026
6:00 p.m.—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!

MIRACLE SUNDAY 2026

Sunday, May 17, 2026

United Methodist leaders are inviting 30,000 congregations and their pastors worldwide into a God-led, Holy Spirit-empowered emphasis, to Love Boldly, Serve Joyfully, and Lead Courageously. We extend the vision of the church by also receiving a special offering to help support 500 students annually in preparation for pastoral ministry across Africa, Europe, and the Philippines.



With our connection as United Methodists and through Jesus Christ, we can make a difference in the lives of those seeking a theological education to better serve churches and communities!

Visit the Campaign Website
<https://www.endowfteecc.org>

Donate Today!



Endowing United Methodist
Theological Education
Africa | Europe | the Philippines

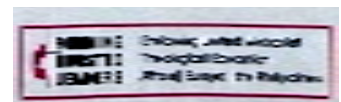


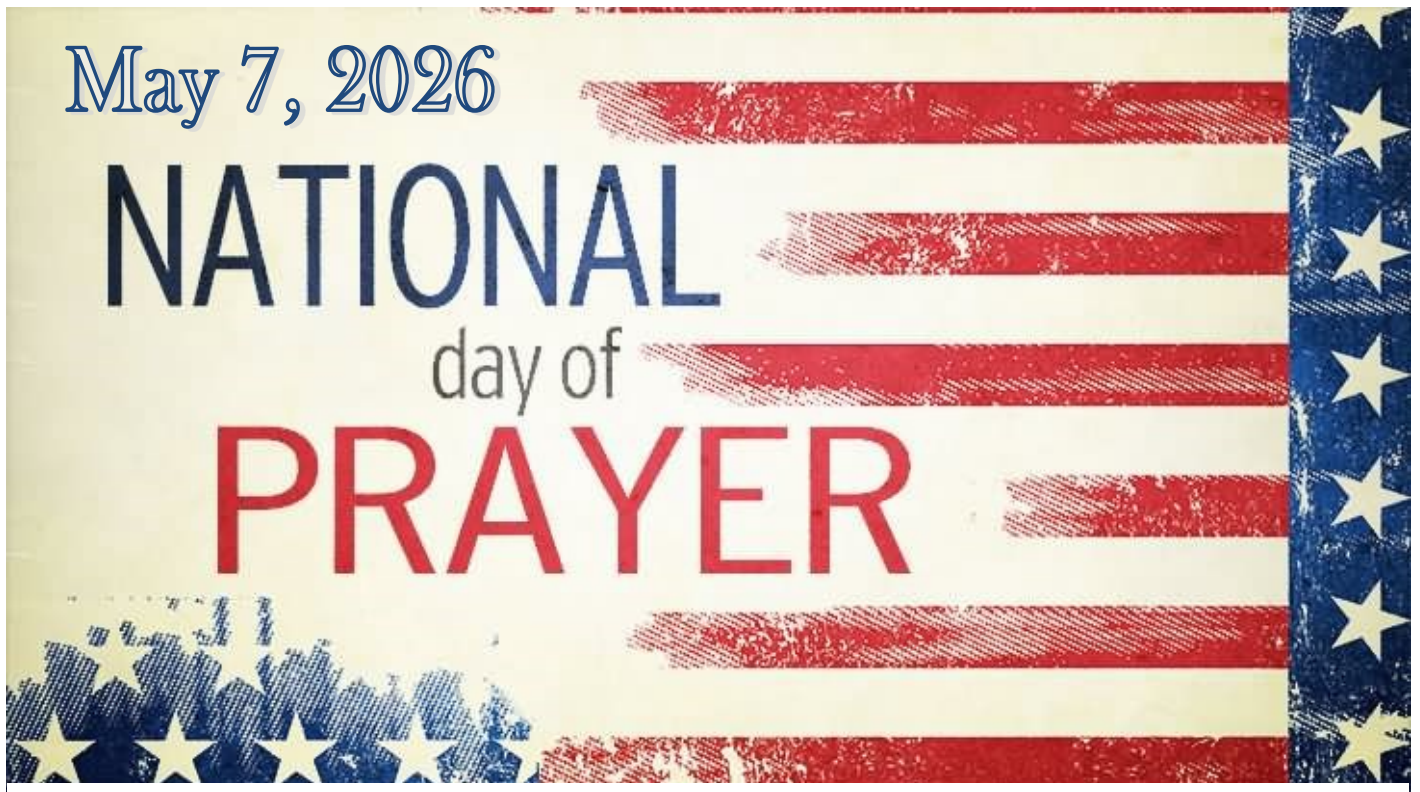
Donate to Love Boldly, Serve Joyfully, Lead Courageously

The vision behind Miracle Sunday set for May 17th 2026, a powerful new initiative in our United Methodist connection. This is more than a special Sunday—it's a bold movement of faith and generosity designed to raise funds to equip 500 people across our global wide denomination who desire to pursue a theological education as they answer God's call to ministry.

Imagine the impact: hundreds of future pastors, deacons, chaplains, and lay leaders each year stepping into ministry with strong theological training because we invested in them together. On the days leading up to Miracle Sunday, every congregation will have an opportunity to learn and embrace this mission and sow into the future of the Church and help shape the next generation of leadership.

Bishop Fairley has committed to support this campaign and is asking the congregations of the SC Conference to join him and other conferences around the world to make this miracle happen. All donations and gifts will be held in an endowment fund, allocated exclusively for the education of our siblings who desire to grown in the serve and witness to faith communities and the Church.





The National Day of Prayer is an annual observance in the United States dedicated to encouraging people of all faiths to pray for the nation, its leaders, and its citizens.

The National Day of Prayer is observed on the first Thursday of May each year. Its purpose is to unite Americans in prayer, reflecting on spiritual guidance and the role of faith in public life. The day invites individuals, communities, and leaders to participate in organized prayer events or private reflection, focusing on national concerns, moral guidance, and public service.

Historical Background The tradition of a day set aside for national prayer dates back to the 18th century. The Continental Congress in 1775 and President George Washington in 1789 both called for days of prayer during times of public need or thanksgiving. The modern observance was officially established by Congress in 1952 and later signed into law by the President, designating it as an annual event. Each year, the **President issues a proclamation encouraging all Americans to pray.**

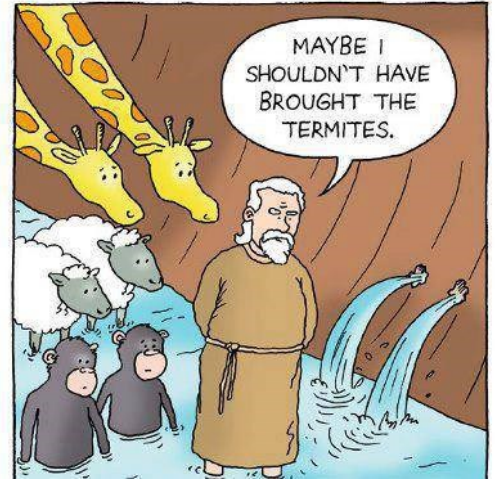
Significance The National Day of Prayer emphasizes unity, reflection, and moral guidance across religious traditions, promoting civic engagement and a shared commitment to ethical leadership and public welfare. While it is a voluntary observance, it has become a significant annual event in U.S. civic and religious life.

May be funny!

1. A police officer pulls over an elderly lady for speeding. He asks, "Do you know how fast your were going?" The lady replies, "Of course. That's how I got here so fast!"
2. Who was the first tennis player in the bible? Joseph because he served in Pharaoh's court.

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?



Memorial Day-May 25th rememberance and honor



Remembering the many brave men and women who have given their lives through the history of our country to protect us from danger and harm. To all those who sustained injury in mind and/or body in the course of their service.

We thank you and we salute you!

Sunday


Monday

Tuesday



May



<p>3</p> <p>Worship—11: 00 a.m.</p> <p>Choir Practice 2-3 p.m.—Brockwell Classroom</p>	<p>4</p> <p>ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING 3:00 p.m.—Brockwell Classroom</p> <p>Bobbie Wiley Bible Study 10:00 a.m.- Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>10</p> <p>MOTHER'S DAY Epworth Children's Home Offering</p> <p>Stillwell Class Bkfst. 7:30-10:45 a.m. Worship — 11:00 a.m.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Bobbie Wiley Bible Study 10:00 a.m.—Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>17</p> <p>Worship—11:00 a.m.</p> <p>GRADUATES RECOGNITION</p> <p>Choir Practice 2-3 p.m.—Brockwell Classroom</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Bobbie Wiley Bible Study 10:00 a.m.—Fellowship Hall</p> <p>Pauline Botts Circle Noon—Montague's</p> <p>Tranquility Circle Meeting 6:00 p.m.—Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>24</p> <p>Worship—11:00 a.m.</p> <p>Choir Practice 2-3 p.m.— Brockwell Classroom</p>	<p>25</p> <p>MEMORIAL DAY</p> <p>Bobbie Wiley Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>31</p> <p>Worship—11:00 a.m.</p> <p>Choir Practice 2-3 p.m.— Brockwell Classroom</p>	 <p>A bird sitting on a tree is never afraid of the branch breaking, because her trust is not on the branch but on its wings.</p> <p>ALWAYS BELIEVE IN YOURSELF!</p>		

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

		1	2
	7 	8	9
	14	15	16  Thank you to all who served. <small>Liberty, Peace, Experience</small>
Raising of the flags along the drive. Volunteers needed. Details will be announced. 	21	22	23
Removal of the flags along the drive. Volunteers needed. Details will be announced. 	28	29	30

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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Numbers 6:24-26—As a Mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you.

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Jack Cauley, Choir Director/Pianist

Sherry Bayne, Sound Technician

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You can access Worship Information, the Monthly Newsletter, 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