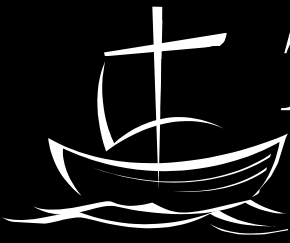




THE
GREENWOOD DISTRICT
OF THE
SOUTH CAROLINA
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Tranquil Tidings

*"HE WOKE UP AND REBUKED THE WIND, AND SAID TO THE SEA,
'PEACE! BE STILL!' THEN THE WIND CEASED
AND THERE WAS A DEAD CALM." MARK 4:39*

REMEMBERING "THE BLESSING" For our Children and Others

"Children may forget what you say, but they will never forget how you make them feel."

Opportunities to extend a blessing to our children or others are always before us. We don't have to know someone personally to give a blessing or do something good for someone. God comes into our presence in many ways.

"The Lord put a word in Balaam's mouth, and said "Return to Balak and this is what you must say. How can I curse whom God has not cursed? How can I denounce those whom the Lord has not denounced?" (Numbers 23:5,8).

What is a blessing that it is so important no one can live without?

Here is a way to look at what a blessing is: "it is words and actions that provide an indelible picture of affirmation [acceptance] in a person's mind and memory." To bless, or be blessed, is to honor or praise. To be blessed is to be given power for success and prosperity.

Blessings began with God. "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. God blessed them" (Genesis 1:27-28). "Then God blessed Noah and his sons, saying to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the earth" (Genesis 9:1). "I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing." (Genesis 25:11).)

God still blesses people today. Following God's example, Hebrew families developed a tradition of blessing their children. The birthright was intended primarily for the first born child, but a specific, personalized blessing was given to each child in the family. The Hebrew blessing became a rite of passage. This is still practiced today. A blessing is still important, whether it signifies passage from childhood to adulthood or as affirmation at birth or marriage or death.

Blessings are just as important to us as individuals, families, or the church as they were in the Old Testament in surrounding a person or persons with God's protection. Normally, a parental blessing was irrevocable. It kept on giving throughout the child's life.

Though curses were a major catastrophe, it could be removed by the stronger power of a blessing. This idea is most important for all of us as we deal with any memories or hurts from our past.

When God blesses, nothing can intervene. In Numbers 22, when Balak attempted to bribe Balaam to curse the Israelites, we learn that "you must not put a curse on those people, because they are blessed: (12). In Numbers 23, God said through Balaam's mouth to the people of Israel, "How can I curse those whom God has not cursed? How can I denounce those whom the Lord has not denounced?" God has the final say on our blessings.

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THOSE WHO SERVE

Jesus Christ <i>Officer In Charge</i>	Mary Virginia Taylor <i>Resident Bishop</i>	Mary Teasley Donigian <i>District Superintendent</i>	Louis (Luke) Mims, Jr. <i>Pastor</i>	Entire Congregation <i>Ministers</i>
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REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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Irene Bolton
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Kevin Fallaw
Dot Poore
Ruenette Weeks
Linda Young

Ruth Clark*
Helen Edwards
Betty Haupfear
JoAnn Purkerson
Stephanie Williams



Pray for our Deployed
Military Families!
Ryan Caulder
Thomas Hall
Brian Lee Moody



Always remember our Shut-ins in our daily prayers.

Memorials & Honorariums

Given to the Glory of God in memory or honor of:

Helen Watson by Nancy Buchanan	Barbara Richey by Nancy Buchanan
Jean Strickland by Nancy Buchanan	Virginia Rogers by Nancy Buchanan
JoAnn Purkerson by Ronnie & Twiler Beverly	Patsy Anderson by Ronnie & Twiler Beverly
Janice Sumner by Ronnie & Twiler Beverly	Sue Goist by Nancy Buchanan
Mike Brown by Bud & June Trotman	Ruth Casey by Nancy Buchanan
Cornelia Richey by Ronnie & Twiler Beverly by Jo Bartley	by Bud & June Trotman
Mildred Eubanks by Bud & June Trotman	Everett Larry Landrum by Donald & Ann Hinton
Barbara & Ernie Richey by Richard & Twiler Beverly	Jean Strickland by Diane Barber
Claudette McKinney by Diane Barber	

MARCH STEWARDSHIP

ATTENDANCE

	8:45	SS	11:00
February 28	34	91	104
March 7	37	88	101
March 14	48	91	96
March 21	25	93	144



Total CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.....374

2010 BUDGET

Weekly Need to meet budget requirements :



Receipts for February 28	3,772.00
Receipts for March 7	5,112.00
Receipts for March 14	4,517.50
Receipts for March 21	2,461.00

Year-to-Date Need (through 3/21/10)
Year-to-Date Receipts (through 3/21/10) 41,676.70
(excludes special giving and designated gifts)



BUILDING FUND 2010

Receipts for February 28	475.00
Receipts for March 7	1,040.00
Receipts for March 14	795.00
Receipts for March 21	270.00

Year-to-Date Receipts (through 3/21/10) 7,008.00

“The Blessing” (continued from page 1)

We can give our children, spouse, parents, or friends the benefits of our daily blessings and it doesn't have to be a big production. It can be something as simple as; listening when others talk, admitting when we are wrong, leaving out a plate of cookies that say “I love you,” and many other ways of saying “I care about you. You're special.”

Let's all do a little better at practicing our faith and remembering not to take for granted the blessings God has given us and our church. Parents bless your children, children bless your parents, spouses bless your spouses, friends can bless friends and church members can bless each other and the new persons God brings to our church. It only takes a little acknowledgement of how to do it, a little faith and desire, and a commitment to express love and caring. (Excerpts used from Gary Smalley and John Trent's book, “The Blessing”).

Hope to see all who are able in church! Luke

United Methodist Women News



The Unique Monday Workers Circle will meet on Monday, April 19 at 10:00 am. in the Fellowship Hall. Norma Hammond is the hostess.

The Pauline Botts Circle will meet on Monday, April 19 at 12:00 pm at the home of Linda Phillips. Call Claudette McKinney for reservations.

The Tranquility Circle will have their meeting on Monday, April 19 at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall at Tranquil.

Honorariums to United Methodist Women

For	From
Helen Watson	Claudette McKinney
Jean Strickland	Claudette McKinney
Virginia Rogers	Claudette McKinney
Sue Goist	Claudette McKinney
Jo Bartley	Claudette McKinney
Claire Smith	Claudette McKinney
Helen Watson	Jo Bartley
Jean Strickland	Jo Bartley
Virginia Rogers	Jo Bartley
Sue Goist	Jo Bartley
Claire Smith	Jo Bartley
Ann Willingham	Jo Bartley
Rock & Susan Davis	Jo Bartley

2010 UMW Officers

Ann Allen, president
Jackie Hall, vice president
Elaine Turner, secretary
Susan Davis, treasurer

THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN WANTS YOUR RECIPES! They will be collecting recipes for a new Tranquil Cookbook. Three or Four recipes are needed from each member. Along with the regular recipe categories, we will also have three new sections: Healthy Choices, Quick and Easy, and Slow Cooker. All recipes will need to be printed in ink onto the special recipe cards that may be picked up in the Brockwell/Clark Classroom, Sunday School Office, The Narthex, and The Church Office. There will be boxes in all the Sunday School Classrooms for you to place your completed recipe cards. The deadline for the recipes to be turned in is May 1. ***We have not received very many recipes. We need everyone's participation for this cookbook to be a success!***

Happy Birthday To...

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| April 1 | Michael Aaron Pack
Frank Weeks | April 15 | Jennifer Byrd
Ann Daniel
Travis McCombs |
| April 2 | Jane Price
Stephen Turner | April 16 | Lois Durham Eustace
Haley Simpson
Rob Sumner |
| April 3 | Jean Corley | April 17 | Kelsey Dunn
Betty Haupfear
Joe Rogers |
| April 5 | Shay Jeffreys
Taunya McCombs | April 18 | Alexandra Nicole Pack
Michael Wiley |
| April 6 | Adrian Davis
Matthew Goldman | April 19 | Addison Langley Lyons |
| April 7 | Chandler Godfrey
Margaret Simpson
Rena Smith | April 20 | Benjy Moore |
| April 8 | Chad Bundrick
Sam Cannon
Andy Darragh | April 21 | Donna W. Brown
Jean Byrd |
| April 9 | David Bolton
John Buchanan
Rut Hammond
Jasmine Witt | April 22 | Jerry Reynolds |
| April 10 | Tyler Coker | April 23 | Kelly Elingburg Sago |
| April 11 | Jim Buist | April 26 | Mark Duvall |
| April 12 | Phillip Byrd
Vincent Thomas Wu | April 27 | Calvin B. Lewis
Anne McKinney |
| April 14 | Luke Coster
Debra Langley
Ruenette Weeks | April 28 | Don Dedo
Leslie Dru Strickland |
| | | April 30 | Vicky Hudson |



Chancel Flower Chart

- April 4: Jean Corley
 April 11: Mr. & Mrs. Mitchell Rogers
 April 18: John and Martha Vincent
 April 25:

THE TRANQUILITES will meet on April 20 at 12:00 noon. We invite all regulars and newcomers to join us for this special time of fellowship, fun and food. Bring your favorite dish filled with great food.



Happy Anniversary

- April 5 Danny and Deanna Willis
 April 7 Matt and Ginger Coster
 Nate & Laura Hamilton
 April 10 Bobby and Lorna Eakin
 April 16 Eddie and Debbie Latham
 April 17 Brad and Angela Davenport
 Charles, Jr. and Mary Ruth Buist
 April 29 Robert L and Raelene Susan Hagan

April Servants

GREETERS

- March 28:: Glenda and Mark Hall
 April 4: Page Minter and Helen Watson
 April 11:: Ruenette Weeks and Monteze Weeks
 April 18: Susan Davis and Elaine Turner
 April 25: Sara Armstrong and Jeanne Rush

BUS DRIVERS

- Mark Hall (229-2640)
 Rut Hammond (229-6069)
 Bill Turner (229-7424)
 Harold Moffitt (337-3545)
 Mark Hall (229-2640)

USHERS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

Ronnie Beverly, Jerrel Goldman
 Eugene Hall, Lee Murph

TRUSTEE TO OPEN AND CLOSE FOR APRIL

Michael Royal

ALTAR GUILD FOR THE MONTH APRIL

Anne Coker, Elaine Turner

Mother's Day Roses

The Stevenson Sunday School Class will be decorating the sanctuary with red and white roses for Mother's Day (May 9th). Memorials or Honorariums are \$5.00 each and all proceeds will go to the Playground Fund. Please complete the following form and drop it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office. Deadline is May 2nd. Make checks payable to Tranquil UMC and mark them Mothers Day Roses.



Please Print:

Given by: _____

In Honor of _____

or

In Memory of _____

Color of Roses desired (red or white): _____

Do you plan to pick up your rose after the service? _____

Easter Sunday Flowers For The Cross

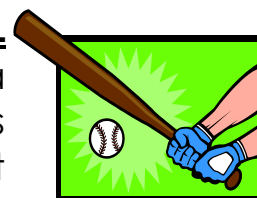
Remember to bring your fresh flowers to decorate the cross in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday!

HOMECOMING 2010 Our Homecoming Celebration will be May 16. We hope everyone will plan now to attend. Make sure old friends, family, those who we haven't seen in a while get the word. We would love to see our church filled with everyone who has ties to Tranquil. Please plan to bring your favorite dish or dishes. Ham and drinks will be provided.

Dear Tranquil, I want to thank you for your prayers, your thoughts, and your cards. I am feeling so much better and getting along fine. Again, thank you. Sincerely, **Bobby Eakin**

THE MEN OF TRANQUIL

would like to have a Softball Team this spring. A sign up sheet is in the Narthex. If you have any questions, contact Mark Hall. Games are played on Tuesday or Thursday evenings.





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PRAYER CONNECTION MEETS MONDAY'S AT 10:15 AM

We are most grateful for our Tranquil Connection Prayer Team that meets faithfully every Monday Morning in the Fellowship Hall at 10:15 am. We share concerns, prayer requests, and praise reports of our church family and community. Every listed request for prayer is assigned to members to pray over for each day of the week. If you would like to join the Prayer Connection Monday Prayer Time, please feel free to meet with us on Monday mornings. All are welcome!

EACH WEDNESDAY NIGHT

, we have supper for our youth group in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to help us by sending or serving, please let us know. We prepare for 20 to eat at 6:30 pm. Call Sherry Bayne at 223-4025 or Glenda Hall at 229-2640. Leave a message if there is no answer. Thank You



Youth Happening

MYF—Methodist Youth

GRITS will meet on Thursday, April 1 at 7:00 am. All youth are invited to attend and bring a friend.