



THE
GREENWOOD DISTRICT



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

"Set Some New Goals"

As I reflected on the start of a new year here in our Tranquil Community, I was drawn back to thoughts of Proverbs 16:7, "A man's heart plans his ways, but the LORD directs his steps." This was a theme I shared with you in 2007 but I believe helps us all to focus on our new year resolutions.

A Consideration for Our New Years Resolutions

As we hear and think of our own New Year resolutions for 2007 let us be reminded that as we set our goals and make our plans, let's keep our minds and hearts open to God's desire for our lives. Just these last few weeks we have hopefully allowed our hearts and minds to be filled with so many beautiful decorations, programs, and gatherings in fellowship that remind us of Christ birth and purpose. Proverbs 16:9 reminds us, "A man's heart plans his ways, but the LORD directs his steps." It doesn't mean we aren't suppose to make our plans and set goals; it means that we will from time to time, need to adjust the goals as God reveals His plan for our life. Our responsibility is to maximize our time and potential to lift the Lord's name up and to glorify Him in all that we do. Our time is perhaps our most valuable asset. It equals our life. It is therefore our God-given responsibility to use it for His glory and to be careful not to waste it with things that don't matter in the long run. To ensure that we don't waste it, maybe we could sit down and plan the best way to use our time in the coming days, weeks, months, and before you know it, year. Then, when the year ends, we can be among the minority—those who have ended the year with more accomplished and less left undone. I can almost guarantee you, that's a much better place to be than to finish the year knowing we let to time go by again without doing the little things that we knew were important. It's not too late to make our plan and set some new goals.

Kathy and I wish you all a Happy New Year and will pray daily for God's grace and peace to be with you all.

See you in Church
Luke



Looking
Toward
the **New
Year**

THOSE WHO SERVE

Jesus Christ
Officer In Charge

Mary Virginia Taylor
Resident Bishop

Mary Teasley
District Superintendent

Louis (Luke) Mims, Jr.
Pastor

Entire Congregation
Ministers

Anji Pinson
Church Secretary

Jack Cauley
Choir Director/Pianist

Judy Cannon
Organist/Accompanist

Ruth Warner
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REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Irene Bolton
Harriet Creswell
Grace Dickert
Sara Erwin
Betty Hauptfear
Garrison Murph
Dot Poore
Vera Reynolds

Ruth Clark*
Evelyn Cunningham
Caroline Donnan*
Eugene Hall
Bill Hulsey
Elizabeth Norman*
Earle Purkerson
Hazel Simmons
Linda Young

Gail Clinkscales
Rock Davis
Bill Duvall
Jackie Hall
Jackie McDaniel
Jodi Oliver
Joe Reynolds
Stephanie Williams



Pray for our Deployed
Military Families!

Ryan Caulder
Spenser Edwards



*Assisted Living or Nursing Home

Memorials & Honorariums

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

Luke & Kathy Mims

by Jane Price

by Claudette McKinney

Jo Bartley

by Claudette McKinney

Earle Purkerson

by Claudette McKinney

January Birthday's

by Jane Price

Jackie Hall

by Pauline Botts Circle

George "Mac" McKinney

by Claudette McKinney

Anne Willingham

by Pauline Botts Circle

Elaine Turner

by Pauline Botts Circle

Mary Anna Bryan Smith

by Jack & Mamie Herndon

Chris & Debbie Darragh

by John Darragh

DECEMBER STEWARDSHIP

ATTENDANCE

	8:45	SS	11:00
December 4	41	97	118
December 11 no service		84	172
December 18 no service		80	202



Total CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.....378

2011 BUDGET

Weekly Need to meet budget requirements: 4,073.73



Receipts for December 4	7,776.00
Receipts for December 11	2,464.00
Receipts for December 18	7,991.75

Year-to-Date Need (through 12/18/11)	187,391.58
Year-to-Date Receipts (through 12/18/11)	183,741.14
(excludes special giving and designated gifts)	
Difference:	-3650.44



BUILDING FUND 2011

Receipts for December 4	1,455.00
Receipts for December 11	360.00
Receipts for December 18	500.00

Year-to-Date Receipts (through 12/18/11) 28,217.00

THANK YOU

Dear Tranquil Friends, We would like to thank all the members of Tranquil for keeping us in your thoughts and prayers and the many cards we received while we were in Texas. Please continue to keep Jodi in your prayers as she continues her road to recovery. Beth and Ronnie Oliver



**THE TRAN-
QUILITES** will meet on Tuesday, January 10th 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.

United Methodist Women News



The Unique Monday Workers Circle will meet on Monday, January 16th at 11:30 am at the home of Helen Creswell.

The Pauline Botts Circle will meet on January 16th at 11:30 am at the home of Linda Phillips. Please call bonnie McCombs to make your reservation.

The Tranquility Circle will have their meeting on Monday, January 16th at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall at Tranquil.

UMW HONORARIUMS

In Honor of:	Given by:
James Edwards	Jo Bartley
Carolyn Ferry	Jo Bartley
Vera Reynolds	Jo Bartley
Elizabeth Mathis	Jo Bartley
Lorraine Edwards	Jo Bartley
Haylee Weeks	Jo Bartley
Derrelyn Weeks	Jo Bartley
Earle & Jo Ann Purkerson	Jo Bartley
Joe Reynolds	Jo Bartley
Harriet Creswell	Jo Bartley
Kathy Mims	Jo Bartley
Luke Mims	Jo Bartley
Sara Armstrong	Jo Bartley
Bonnie McCombs	Jo Bartley
Harold Creswell	Jo Bartley
Norma Hammond	Jo Bartley
Joe & Vera Reynolds	Jo Bartley

COPIES OF ALL-AMERICAN RECIPES are still available in the Sunday School Office. These cookbooks were published by the United Methodist Women and will make great Christmas presents. They sell for \$10.00 each and all profits go to mission projects of the women of the church.

THE COST OF GREETING CARDS sold by the UMW has increased. Please check the price carefully for any greeting cards you purchase.

BIC-BROTHERS IN CHRIST



TRANQUIL'S GOT TALENT

Saturday, January 21, 2012 5:00

Tranquil UMC Sanctuary

Tranquil's own making music for your enjoyment —
Nursery Provided.

Soup Meal served afterwards — Chicken Nuggets for children

Donations appreciated — proceeds will go BIC Mission Projects.

If you need transportation, please call the church office.

THE NEW LIFE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS is in the process of reorganization. We would like to invite all adults who are not members of a class to join us on Sunday morning at 10 am in the New Life Class. We are using Adult Bible Studies and are studying Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Solomon and Matthew.

BIC—BROTHERS IN CHRIST will have it's monthly dinner and meeting at 6:30 pm on Monday, January 9th in the fellowship hall. All men are welcome to join the fellowship.

Dancing with God

*When I meditated on the word Guidance,
I kept seeing "dance" at the end of the word.
I remember reading that doing God's will is a lot like dancing.
When two people try to lead, nothing feels right
The movement doesn't flow with the music,
And everything is quite uncomfortable and jerky. When one person realizes that, and lets the other lead, both bodies begin to flow with the music. One gives gentle cues, perhaps with a nudge to the back, or by pressing lightly in one direction or another.
It's as if two become one body, moving beautifully.
The dance takes surrender, willingness,
And attentiveness from one person
And gentle guidance and skill from the other.
My eyes drew back to the word Guidance.
When I saw "G": I thought of God, followed by "U" and "I".
"God, "U" and "I" dance."
God, you and I dance.
As I lowered my head, I became willing to trust
That I would get guidance about my life.
Once again, I became willing to let God lead.
My prayer for you today is that God's blessings
And mercies be upon you on this day and everyday.
May you abide in God as God abides in you.
Dance together with God, trusting God to lead
And to guide you through each season of your life.*



Let's continue to pray for one another. And I hope you dance.

Author unknown

Happy Birthday To...

January 3	Denise Simpson	January 23	Gene Culbertson
January 4	Angela Davenport Donna Robertson	January 24	Bubba Davis Agnes Day Colleen Langley Adrielle Shaffer Luci Townsend
January 5	Joe Reynolds	January 25	Frances Lanford Thomas McCombs, III
January 6	Ross Langley Jenna McCombs Aaron Upton	January 26	Gwen Anderson Chris Eubanks
January 7	Julie Miner	January 27	Ryann Ashlyn Godfrey Luke Mims
January 8	Robert Hagan Lauren Page Minter	January 28	Tripp Tharpe
January 9	Gale Clinkscales JT Townsend	January 29	Sara Armstrong Evelyn Kay Buist Bonnie McCombs Lee Miller
January 11	Evan Troublefield	January 30	Harold Creswell
January 12	Harriet Creswell Ayden K Harrison Kathy Mims Betsy Royal Michelle Terry	January 31	Norma Hammond Ron Minton Dean Duncan
January 13	Pam Shaffer Altman Kevin Byrd Wesley Timmerman		
January 15	Jerry Wayne Alverson Brenda Rickenbaker		
January 16	Macey Joy Mooney		
January 17	Wayce Alverson		
January 18	Allison Rae Allen Jim Ford Ronnie Oliver		
January 19	Judy Cannon		
January 20	Susan Phillips		
January 21	Leslie Marchi Monroe		
January 22	Lori Buist Tyler Neel		



Happy Anniversary

January 10	Joe and Vera Reynolds
January 23	Faulkner and Evelyn Harling Lee and Cathy Miller
January 28	Gary and Sandra Moore

Chancel Flower Chart

January 1:
 January 8: Bonnie & Larry McCombs
 January 15:
 January 22: Claire Smith
 January 29:



FOOD FOR MYF SCHEDULE The following people are providing dinners for MYF on Wednesday evenings.

December 28	Sherry Bayne
January 4:	Pauline Botts Circle
January 11:	Mr. James Edwards
January 18:	Deanna Willis
January 25:	Carolyn Ferry



JAM is meeting on Sunday evenings 5:00 to 6:00 pm. Dinner will NOT be served.

JANUARY SERVANTS

GREETERS

January 1:	Bonnie McCombs
January 8:	Bonnie McCombs
January 15:	Jean Corley, Claire Smith
January 22:	Helen Watson and Page Minter
January 29:	

USHERS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

Martha Vincent, Sadie Darragh
 Bonnie McCombs, Cindy Davis

ALTAR GUILD FOR THE MONTH JANAUARY

Ann Allen, Sherry Bayne

TRUSTEE TO OPEN AND CLOSE FOR JANUARY

Fun and Games

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A caring disciple

In Acts 9, Peter tells of a woman who lived in Joppa. She performed good works and helped the poor. Solve the puzzle below to reveal this disciple's two names.

Instructions: Cross out the letters that spell each object and write the remaining letter on the blank.

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Her name in Greek			
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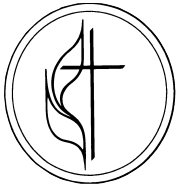
Answers: Tabitha, Dorcas

Saving The Earth

A Sunday school kindergarten teacher had prepared a very fine lesson on the subject of Christian discipleship. The lesson included a game, a song, and a story. At the close of the lesson she asked for questions. Several of the children waved their hands wildly, proving to the teacher that the lesson had been a success. Calling upon a little girl whose arms had been waving more frantically than the rest, she asked, "What do you have to say about the disciples?" "Well," she began, "I just wanted you to know that I know a lot about the disciples. Because at my house, we disciple everything. We have a disciple can for plastic, a disciple can for glass, a disciple can for paper. My mom says discipling will save the earth!"

Scripture: And pointing to his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers!" For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother." (Matthew 12:49-50)

Sendoff: Living as a disciple, I can make an impact upon my corner of the world.



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TRANQUIL UMC

January, 2012

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 11:00 Traditional	2	3	4 MYF 6 pm Choir Practice 7 pm	5	6	7
8 Epiphany Sunday 8:45 Master's Blend 11:00 Traditional 5:00 JAM	9 8 am Bobbie Wiley Study Group 9:45:am Prayer Connection 6:30 pm BIC	10 12pm Tranquilities 6:30 pm Crazy Love Bible Study	11 MYF 6pm Choir Practice 7:pm	12 6:00 pm Wild at Heart Study	13	14
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22 8:45 Master's Blend 11:00 Traditional 12:00 Tranquil Church Thanksgiving Dinner 5:00 JAM	23 8 am Bobbie Wiley Study Group 9:45:am Prayer Con- nection UMW Meetings	24 6:30 pm Crazy Love Bible Study	25 MYF 6pm Choir Practice 7:pm	26 6 pm Wild at Heart Study	27	28
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