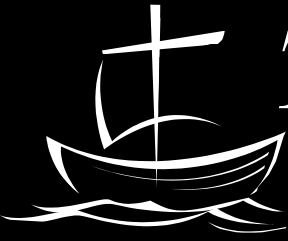




THE  
GREENWOOD DISTRICT  
OF THE  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



# 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*

As we enter a New Year each of us should be reflecting on our past and present blessings as well as renewing our commitment to our Creator. Author Joe Hittle reminds each of us to give our very best to God. Let us all resolve to improve our relationship with the church and God's kingdom this year.

"For God so loved the world that He gave...." "...and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh."

The Christian Church has long celebrated the 6th of January as the feast of the Wise Men. We have never quite figured out who they were. But, is it really important? Probably not.

They disclosed their finest to the One they believed to be the King of the Jews. Just as God had given his best, they gave what were the most expensive gifts of their day. Gold for prosperity, frankincense for sweetness and atmosphere, and myrrh as a preservative symbolizing his ability to overcome even the worst of times. Their finest to the Finest.

It is a long journey from the first day of Advent to Epiphany. If you have truly reflected on the events of Advent, you have laughed, cried, and discovered a new vision of God's greatest manifestation of His love for you. You too have felt your own emotions churn as the recollections and reminiscences of others have reminded you of days of hope, love, peace and family. You have had things disclosed to you that you had long forgotten. Some of those were blessings. Others may have been things that you wish had remained hidden.

The whole story of the season is meant for you. You are the "whosoever" of John 3:16. God gave Himself for you. A whole year is ahead of you as the celebration of Christmas draws to a close. If you have not done it yet, please, be encouraged to give God the best gift you ever could. Yourself. You are important, so important that Jesus came and gave Himself on your behalf. All He has ever wanted is to give you the chance to be free in Him. To be His. To know Him as a personal God, Friend, Companion.

Won't you give Him what He wants most for Christmas?

Hope to see all who are able in Church on Sunday.

Luke

#### THOSE WHO SERVE

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# REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Odell Austin  
Dick Creswell  
Mildred Eubanks  
Brian Lyons  
JoAnn Purkerson

Irene Bolton  
Helen Edwards  
Dave Goist  
Garrison Murph  
Mary Anna Smith

Ruth Clark\*  
Sara Erwin  
Betty Haupfear  
Dot Poore  
Stephanie Williams



Pray for our Deployed  
Military Families!

Ryan Caulder  
Thomas Hall  
Brian Lee Moody



*Always remember our Shut-ins in our daily prayers.*

*\* Denotes those in Nursing Homes and Assisted Living*

## Memorials & Honorariums

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

**Dave and Sue Goist**

by Rock & Susan Davis

**Stillwell SS Class**

by Kimberly Richey

**Carolyn Ferry, Elizabeth Mathis, Faulkner Harling,  
Lorraine Edwards**

by Nancy Buchanan

**Purkerson's 50th Wedding Anniversary**

by Carolyn Ferry

by June & Bud Trotman

by Rut & Norma Hammond

by Caroline Donnan

by Lorraine Edwards

**Pete Simmons**

by New Life SS Class

by Nancy Buchanan

by Claire Smith

by Rut & Norma Hammond

by Jean Corley

by Patsy Anderson

by Charles & Anne Drake

**Mr. & Mrs. Austin Edwards**

by Vera & Joe Reynolds

**Fred McKinney**

by Mr. & Mrs. Jerrel Goldman

**Debbie Moore**

by Rut & Norma Hammond



## SOUND TECHNICIANS ARE NEEDED

We are in need of 3 or 4 people to train on the Sound System equipment and help on Sunday Mornings during our worship services. If you are interested, please contact the church office. We will be scheduling training sessions in January for those who have signed up.

## OCTOBER STEWARDSHIP

### ATTENDANCE

	8:45	SS	11:00
November 22	90	136	
November 29	36	83	93
December 6		99	137
December 13		86	172



Total CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.....380

### 2009 BUDGET

Weekly Need to meet budget requirements : \$3,744.77



Receipts for November 22	3,041.00
Receipts for November 29	3,195.00
Receipts for December 6	5,916.00
Receipts for December 13	2,582.00

Year-to-Date Need (through 12/13/09) 187,238.50  
Year-to-Date Receipts (through 12/13/09) 185,489.11  
(excludes special giving and designated gifts)

**Difference -1,746.39**

### BUILDING FUND 2009

Receipts for November 22	315.00
Receipts for November 29	1,030.00
Receipts for December 6	1,145.00
Receipts for December 13	540.00

Year-to-Date Receipts (through 12/13/09) 34,751.00

## 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!

# United Methodist Women News



The Unique Monday Workers Circle will meet in the Fellowship Hall on Monday, January 18 at 10:00 am.

The Pauline Botts Circle will meet on Monday, January 18 at 12:00 pm at the home of Linda Phillips. Please call Claire Smith to make your reservation.

The Tranquility Circle will have their meeting on Monday, January 18 at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall at Tranquil.

## Honorariums to United Methodist Women

For  
Jo Bartley

From  
Lorraine Edwards

## 2010 UMW Officers

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

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE We surpassed our goal! Tranquil donated 1,047 pounds of food to the Greenwood Food Bank during the Thanksgiving Food Drive. Thanks to everyone who donated food and delivered the food to the Food Bank. This was an outstanding effort for a church the size of Tranquil.



SOUP AND SANDWICH LUNCH  
Please plan to have lunch in the Fellowship Hall on January 24, 2010. Soup, cornbread, sandwiches, and dessert will be prepared by the women of the church. All donations will go toward mission projects of the United Methodist Women.



Youth Happening

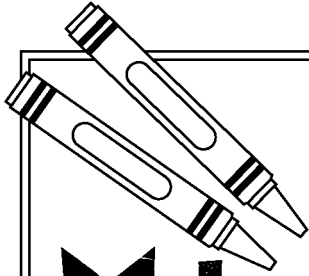
## MYF—Methodist Youth

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

## THE NEXT GENERATION GIVES BACK!

What can we do to help you? Fall Projects, Raking, Mowing, Gutter Cleaning, Etc? Call the Church Office at 223-5333 and leave your name, project, and phone number and we will call at set up a day and time to get your job done.

# Fun and Games



Just for **KIDS**

## Make a joyful noise

people often gather with noisemakers to celebrate the promise of a new year. be thankful and joyful for the many blessings in your life.

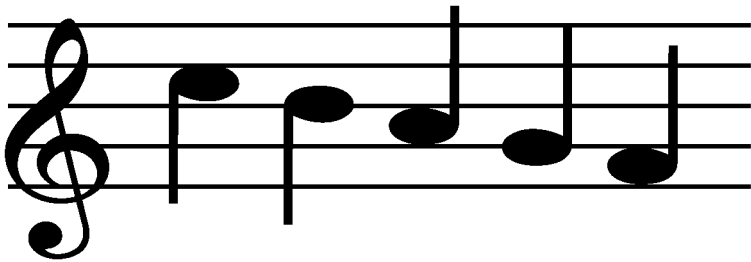
Using the musical note code, write the words of Psalm 100:2 (NIV) in the correct order below.

CODE: before come gladness him joyful LORD songs the with Worship

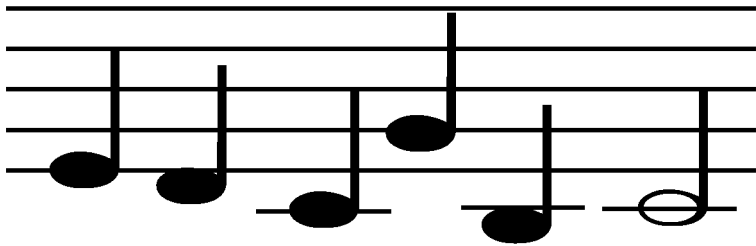


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Answer: Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

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## Happy Birthday To...

January 3	Denise Simpson	January 20	Susan Phillips
January 4	Angela Davenport	January 21	Leslie Marchi Monroe
	Donna Robertson	January 22	Lori Buist
January 5	Joe Reynolds		Tyler Neel
January 6	Ross Langley	January 23	Gene Culbertson
	Jenna McCombs	January 24	Bubba Davis
	Aaron Upton		Agnes Day
January 7	Julie Miner		Colleen Langley
January 8	Robert Hagan		Adrielle Shaffer
	Lauren Page Minter	January 25	Frances Lanford
January 9	Gale Clinkscales		Thomas McCombs, III
January 11	Evan Troublefield	January 26	Gwen Anderson
January 12	Harriet Creswell		Chris Eubanks
	Ayden K Harrison	January 27	Ryann Ashlyn Godfrey
	Kathy Mims		Luke Mims
	Betsy Royal	January 28	Tripp Tharpe
	Michelle Terry	January 29	Sara Armstrong
January 13	Pam Shaffer Altman		Bonnie McCombs
	Kevin Byrd		Lee Miller
	Wesley Timmerman	January 30	Dick Creswell
January 14	Mary Anna Smith		Harold Creswell
January 15	Brenda Rickenbaker		Norma Hammond
January 16	Macey Joy Mooney		Ron Minton
January 18	Allison Rae Allen	January 31	Dean Duncan
	Ronnie Oliver		
January 19	Judy Cannon		



## Chancel Flower Chart

December 20: Poinsettias  
 December 27: JoAnn and Earle Purkerson  
 January 3: Roger and Leslie Stevenson  
 January 10: Larry and Bonnie McCombs  
 January 17:  
 January 24:  
 January 31:

## Happy Anniversary

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

**THE TRANQUILITES will meet on January 19 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.**



## January Servants

### GREETERS

December 20: Ann Allen and Allison Allen  
 December 27: Helen Watson and Page Minter  
 January 3: Elaine Turner and Jeanne Rush  
 January 10: TBA  
 January 17: TBA  
 January 24: TBA  
 January 31: TBA

### USHERS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

Sam Cannon, Mark Hall  
 Ernie Sumner

### ALTAR GUILD FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

Ann Allen, Sherry Bayne

### BUS DRIVERS

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

### TRUSTEE TO OPEN AND CLOSE FOR JANUARY

Luke Mims



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## Thank You Note

**TRANQUIL FRIENDS**, The family of "Pete" Simmons would like to express our sincere appreciation for all acts of love and support during the difficult time of his illness and death. Your love, prayers, visits, and memorials are greatly appreciated. May God bless each of you in a special way. Have a blessed holiday season. Lawrence and Sadie Darragh and family.



## **THE CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE**

will be at 5:30 pm on Christmas Eve. Please plan to bring your family and celebrate the coming the Christ Child.