# The Newsletter of Fort Hill Presbyterian Church

## Message From the Pastor RENEWAL in 2015

That word "renewal" makes me think of the 20 notices I receive when a magazine subscription is ready to expire. But in the church we use the word to tell of what God is doing to make all things new including us! In a time of deep divisions and strife in our world, we need to draw closer to God and to one another, to work together for the renewal of communities, families, and our church. So this season I am praying for renewal for Fort Hill Church. I pray for wounds to heal in the lives of members. I pray for relationships to be renewed as we gather together in worship, study, and service. I pray for our light to shine in the darkness knowing that the Light of the World was born in Bethlehem and continues to illumine our path.



One way you can be a part of the renewal of our church is by attending a Town Hall meeting to learn about the Master Plan for our Buildings and Grounds. The plan was launched in response to a crisis in fall 2012. We had ceiling leaks in our preschool rooms from our 1961 HVAC unit upstairs. Asbestos leaked into our Toddler nursery. We were shut down until abatement and testing occurred. This

was costly on many levels. So Buildings and Grounds began to review the need to renovate the Education Building. In 2013 a Long Range Committee was formed by the Session. In hiring an architect for one part of our building, we asked them to help us develop a Master Plan to prepare for the future. The Long Range Planning team is ready to show you what you helped create through surveys and focus groups. So please plan to attend one of these sessions following both worship services on January 11 or on Wednesday, January 14, at 6:30. Moderator Michael Bailey gives information in his article inside.

What we have discovered is that we have been given a wonderful church by prior generations so we might hear the Good News and grow in love of God and our neighbor. It's our turn now to renew and build for the future of Fort Hill Church as we follow Christ in the center of our college town.

Together in Faith,

Laura Smith Conrad, Pastor

Joining together on a journey of Christian faith, we seek to be Disciples of Christ and to share God's love in our community and around the world. We do this as we **Glorify God**, **Grow Disciples**, **Meet Human Needs**.

## January 2015

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## Scriptures for Sunday Worship

1/4 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Christmas

Jer. 31:7-14; Ps. 147:12-20; Eph. 1:13-14; John 1: 1-9, 10-18

#### 1/11 Baptism of the Lord

Gen. 1:1-5; Ps. 29; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11

#### **1/18 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany** 1 Sam. 3:1-10 (11-20); Ps. 139: 1-6,

13–18; I Cor. 6:12-20; John 1:43

#### 1/25 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Ps. 62:5-12; I Cor. 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

#### . *The Window* February 2015 Deadline

The deadline for announcements, articles, and features for the September issue of *The Window* is **Thursday, January 15.** Please email your item as a Microsoft Word document to the church office at **window@forthillchurch.org** 

#### or type the item directly into your

email and send. If you don't have access to a computer, you can leave the item in Lori Houck's box in the FHOG office.



## Choir Corner

2014 is over and part of the past now. We survived another Advent and Christmas season. It was wonderful, glorious, surprising, and hectic filled with joy, wonderful memories and miracles, and great moments with family and friends.

A new year has begun. There is so much to be thankful for and to anticipate. What do you look forward to? What are you thankful for?

I started thing of what I look forward to:

- New songs to sing
- Festivals and Music Conferences
- Enjoying each day with my husband
- New family members

Watching grandchildren growing up and enjoying seeing our children as parents Seeing new things happen at Fort Hill with our buildings and grounds A big birthday to celebrate this year

And what am I thankful for:

Health My husband, our children, and their families Friends Fort Hill An incredible group of people to work alongside Talented and Dedicated singers Enthusiastic youth with lots to share Energetic and sweet children sharing their voices Watching folks learn and grow God's presence, guidance, and forgiveness in my life

The list can go on and on and on and on and on...

Let me remind you that January is a great time to become involved in the musical opportunities at Fort Hill. We would love to have you join us!

Chancel Choir (10:30 adult choir) rehearses at 7:15 pm on Wednesdays (MacKay) Chancel Bells (adult handbells) rehearse at 6:00 pm on Wednesdays (Bonham) Joyful Noise (8:30 adult choir) rehearses at 8:10 am the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays Youth Choir (grades 6-12) rehearses at 9:15 the 2nd & 3rd Sundays Children (K-5) rehearse at 4:30 pm on Sundays (Bowman)

(All rehearsals are in the choir room except for Joyful Noise which meets in the Club Room.)

Smiling & Singing,

## Congregational Dinner — Save the Date!

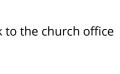
Sunday, February 8 5:30 pm Clemson First Baptist Church

Fun, good food, and fellowship!

Bring a gift if you wish...baked goods, a gift certificate, a handmade item, some special purchase...you may win something too.

You pay for the dinner at either service or you may send a check to the church office (note Congregational Dinner on memo line).

Childcare will be provided.



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## Congregational Meeting, January 11

A Congregational Meeting will be Sunday, January 11, at 10:20 am in the Sanctuary. We will meet for the purpose of electing an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee and Elder Marvin Dixon (Class of 2017) to serve.

#### Associate Pastor Search Committee

The Nominating Committee submits the following names to serve on our APNC: **Andy Ackerman, Bob Brown, David Bruce, Amy Elrod, Mandy Hays, Helen Mohr, Chloe Satzger,** and **Karen Sawyer.** The APNC, with input from Session, the Personnel Ministry, and Ministry Architects process with our members, will develop the job description with an emphasis on Youth Ministry. The Congregation is also asked to allow the search committee to also seek out non-ordained candidates with the hope of finding the best person to fill the role.

Additionally, we will gather your input through a visioning process. We value the youth of our church, and we are committed to building a sustainable youth ministry that is going to have a deep impact. That's why we are developing a game plan together. We have invited Ministry Architects to visit us on **January 11-13** to help with this. Ministry Architects will spend the majority of their time listening to a variety of groups within the church through focused listening groups. We hope to see participation in those groups from a broad spectrum of parents, volunteers, youth, and people who just love our youth. We want your insights, your frustrations and your dreams to be heard. After meeting the Ministry Architects team will hunker down to write a report, sharing with us what they've heard about the youth programs — including assets, challenges, and how we compare to youth ministries around the country and where it seems that God might be taking us next.

#### **Election of Elder Marvin Dixon**



Marvin (Marv) Dixon has been a member of Fort Hill Presbyterian Church for thirty years. During this time he has taught both Junior High and Senior High Sunday School, served three years as a Church Trustee, and served nine years as an Elder. As an Elder, he was co-moderator of the Membership Ministry for one year and was moderator of Building and Grounds for seven years. As moderator of Building and Grounds, he coordinated the latest renovation and restoration of the Church facilities. Marv has served on the Officer Nominating Committee, on a committee that added

the porte-cochere to the Church sanctuary, on a committee dealing with the relocation of Edgewood Drive, on a committee negotiating property transfer and on other Church committees. Marv and his wife, Joan, have served as connector parents for Clemson University students and prepared dinners for PSA.

## Children's Ministry Update

December was filled with so many blessings in the life of the Fort Hill Church family. We were led by our children and youth in celebrating Christmas through Angel Vespers performances. We enjoyed the music from our Jam and Jesus Jammers. Numerous families agreed to lead in readings and lighting the Advent candles. A well organized Gift Day event was attended by many children to prepare gifts and decorations for their family and others. Lots of happy children and dedicated workers made this a joyous event. The Fort Hill Weekday Preschool children entertained family and friends with a festive holiday program. The teachers and children work well and happily together. Our church worked together to provide, and deliver, Christmas baskets to families in our area. We also prepared 45 individual food packets.

Our church has had a busy and happy December in worship, service, and fun. Make a pledge for the New Year to join in at least one extra activity with your church family during the 2015 year. You will not be sorry. Fill your bucket with blessings as you bless others in knowing you and your family. I will list a few of the church events to add to your calendars.

I hope your family has found great joy during this holiday season. Wishes for many blessings in 2015.

#### Counting my blessings,

## The Window

## Sunday Servants

#### **Pastor on Call**

1/4	Laura Conrad
1/11	Mary Morrison
1/18	Laura Conrad
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#### 1/25 Mary Morrison

#### Elder at the Font—8:30 Service

1/4 Andy Ackerman1/11 Gabby Bailey1/18 Dusty Oates1/25 Larry Sloan

#### Elder at the Font—10:30 Service

- 1/4 Dan Anderson
- 1/11 Beth Durham
- 1/18 Ben Sill
- 1/25 Jeremy Wright

#### **Infant Nursery**

- 1/4 Don & Janna McKale
- 1/11 ?
- 1/18 Tootie Poteet
- 1/25 Annette & Elise Halbig

#### **Toddler Nursery**

- 1/4 Lauren Young
- 1/11 Ellen Torrence
- 1/18 Tommy & Tracy Bolger
- 11/25 Austin Adams

#### 2 & 3 Year Old Nursery

- 1/4
- 1/11 Helen Mohr/Billie Jackson
- 1/18 Aleta Robinson/Jeanette Carr
- 1/25 Janet Johnson/Audrey Thompson

#### 4 & 5 Year Old Nursery

- 1/4 Jenifer Griffis/Blythe Smith
- 1/11 Joy Van Daele
- 1/18 LeAnne Greene/Corey Norris
- 1/25 Josh & Ally Young
  - Donna Crader

## 2015 Events

Sunday School resumes January 4

Coffee House, January 24

Congregational Dinner February 8

Party at PSA for Grades 1-5 February 13

Montreat Family Retreat March 6-8

Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt Grades 1-5, March 20

> Easter Egg Hunt for Kindergarteners & Younger, March 21

## Announcements & Concerns



#### Christian Sympathy is extended to:

**Maggie Alsup** and family in the death of Maggie's grandmother, Mittie Irene Alsup in Oklahoma.

**Chryssa Rutland** and family in the death of Chryssa's aunt Helon.

**Rob Key** and family in the death of Rob's uncle Jim Key in Charlotte, NC.

**Linda Pollard** and family in the death of Linda's mother, Fran Turner

**Evelyn Cureton** and family in the death of Evelyn's brother, Jack White in Stockbridge, GA.

**Jay Jones** and family in the death of Jay's mother, Betty Jones in Savannah, GA.

**Margaret Stiepel** and family in the death of Margaret's husband, Erhard, on December 23, 2014.

**Bill Mostertz** and family in the death of Bill's mother, Mary Mostertz, on December 25, 2014.

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Men of the Church Breakfast — Tuesday, January 6th, at 7:00 am in Tartan Hall.

A Congregational Meeting will be Sunday, January 11 at 10:20 am in the Sanctuary for the purpose of electing an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee and Elder Marvin Dixon (Class of 2017) to serve. For more information, see article on page 3.

Sewing for Mission — Tuesday, January 13, 9:30—noon in the Club Room. We will be making little girl dresses, little boy shorts, and baby blankets. Please bring fabric, pillow cases, gross grain ribbon, scissors, tape measure, pins (and possibly sewing machines). You may want to check out these websites:

http://sewlikemymom.com/easiestpillowcase-dress-ever/ http://littledressesforafrica.org/blog/ pillow-case-pattern/

**FHPC Church Directory** — Does your family need a **new picture** for uploading to the online directory? Mark

## Dare to Dream: Built on a Firm Foundation

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations... Ephesians 3:20-21a

The Long Range Planning Committee has been working with the architects from Freeman Major and contractors from Trehel to develop final design documents during the past few months. The final design documents will be used as a key input to develop the final pricing for the overall project as well as outlining the costs associated with potential project add ons that we may want to consider. We met with the architects and contractors to review the final design documents on December 15, 2014.

The next group of Town Hall Meetings to discuss progress with the congregation are set for January 11 and 14. The Town Hall Meetings will be held in Tartan Hall. A listing of the times for the different Town Hall Meetings is summarized below:

- Sunday, January 11 9:20 am
- Sunday, January 11 11:30 am
- Wednesday, January 14 6:30 pm

During the Town Hall Meetings, we plan to have drawings and model information available to review with congregational members. In addition, we plan to make this information available in displays around the church at the same time as the Town Hall Meetings.

The Capital Campaign Committee has been working to set up the capital campaign efforts to cover the expense for the implementation of the initial phase of the Master Plan. The committee has been working with a consultant on the capital campaign effort and has developed subcommittees to focus on the different areas of the campaign.

Thank you for all of the feedback that has been provided during this process and your patience as we work to get additional information to share with the congregation.

## A Seminar on Marriage in the Bible, Society, and the Church Today

## Saturday, January 10 from 9:30—3:00 Fort Hill Presbyterian Church — Tartan Hall Lunch Cost: \$12.00

Officers and Members are encouraged to explore the biblical, social, legal, and historical foundations of the institution of marriage and the landscape of marriage today. Church and Community teachers will lead us in a deeper understanding of the topic which includes:

#### Marriage in the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament

Dr. Peter Cohen, Senior Lecturer in Religion, Clemson University

#### Marriage in the New Testament, the History of Marriage, Marriage in the Church

Dr. Peter Hobbie, Retired Professor of Christian Religion, Presbyterian College

#### Marriage, Civil Unions, and the Law

Marion Sieffert, Attorney at Marion Sieffert Law, Greenville, SC and Friend of Fort Hill as Substitute Organist and Bell Ringer

Please register by January 7 by contacting Judy Crawford in the church office. judy.crawford@forthillchurch.org / (864) 654-2061

## News From Presbyterian Women Happy New Year!

Many thanks go to those of you who brought donations for the Clinton Presbyterian Community residents. Your gifts helped to brighten up their holidays!

#### Sewing for Missions — January 13, 2015

Calling all PW Women who like to sew! On January 13, 2015, from 9:30 am—noon, Susan Brown invites you to join her and her sewing friends in the Club Room to make children's clothes to take on our Fort Hill Presbyterian mission trips. Bring colorful pillowcases, clean out your scrap cloth tub for scraps of fabric 3/4 of a yard or larger, and join her for a morning of fellowship and sewing. There are mission trips planned for February and May 2015, and many children in Guatemala and Haiti are in need of clothing.

#### Honorary Life Membership Award

Each year at the Presbyterian Women's Birthday Luncheon in the spring, Fort Hill Presbyterian Women's Coordinating Team presents an Honorary Life Membership (HLM) to a deserving individual in our congregation for his/her giving of themselves to benefit the life of Fort Hill Church, Presbyterian Women, and/or the greater community. Nominations are now being accepted for the 2015 HLM Award. The **deadline is January 19, 2015.** Nomination forms are located on the window ledge outside of the FHOG office, or you may get a form from a current HLM Committee member (listed below). A list of past recipients of this award is displayed on two wooden plaques hanging in the covered arcade beside the sanctuary. Please give serious consideration to nominating someone for this award, and do so by January 19! Thank you!

The HLM Committee: Raenota Merrill, Kathy Hughes, Pansy Duke, and Eva Henry

PW Retreat — January 24, 2015

#### All women of Fort Hill Presbyterian Church:

Bring a friend, invite your neighbors, and start off your New Year with a "spiritual boost" by attending the Presbyterian Women's Retreat on January 24, from 9:30 am—3:00 pm at Keowee Key — Lakeside Activity Center! The leader is Jennifer Walker, the dynamic young directore of Christian Education at First Presbyterian in Anderson. Her topic for this retreat is "Journeys", focusing on God's presence with us in our travels through life. Cost is \$20 and includes a light snack and lunch. Checks should be made to FHPC Presbyterian Women with "retreat" on the memo line. For sign-up details contact your Circle Leader or Linda Parsons at parsons.lindam@gmail.com or call (864) 944-5811 by January 18.

#### Dates to Remember:

- January 13 Sewing for Missions
- January 19 Deadline for Honorary Life Membership applications
- January 24 PW Women's Retreat
- April 11 PW Birthday Luncheon

#### 2014-2015 PW Officers:

Moderator: Gail Williams, (864) 287-0212, gswilliams@bellsouth.net Moderator-elect: Judi Cundiff, (864) 882-8266, ukjudi@btopenworld.com Treasurer: Nancy Stone, (864) 654-7004, louishstone@yahoo.com Secretary: Lois Sill, (864) 506-0771, slois@clemson.edu Historian: Lib Gage, (864) 654-1236, ggage@bellsouth.net



## Announcements & Concerns

your calendars to come ready for the camera on **Sundays**, **January 11**, **18**, **and 25**. The Fellowship Ministry will have photographers on hand to take your family's photo.

Save the Date for the third annual Fort Hill Coffeehouse — Saturday, January 24, 6:30 pm in Tartan Hall.

Start practicing now to showcase your hidden talents to share while enjoying and purchasing fair trade coffee that will benefit our mission programs. This fellowship event is for ALL ages and stages of life. To be a part of the show, please contact Fellowship Team members, Frank and Rita Van Lenten at **fvanlenten@charter.net**.

Updated Seminary at the Fort course information is available in the Narthex and at the FHOG office. Plan to attend a Sunday School class, a weekday Bible study, or a SALT group in the new year. Growing disciples learn in the community of faith. For more information, email Mary Morrison, mary.morrison@forthillchurch.org.

PSA is working on spring semester meal planning. Please contact Kelly Roman, <u>kelly.roman@forthillchurch.org</u>, if you would like to sign up for a Sunday night meal. She will give you the latest open dates. Thank you for your support of this ministry!

Nursery Volunteers Needed! Please consider giving your gift of time to our little ones in the nursery. We have some volunteer openings for Sundays available in all nursery age groups. Contact Jeannie Bailey, jeanniebailev@pickens.k12.sc.us.

2015 Flower Calendar There are six open dates for the 2015 Flower Calendar, January 25, May 31, September 20, September 27, November 8, and November 15. Please email Maggie Bandy at <u>mbandy@charter.net</u> if you would like to help.

FHOG Office Volunteers Needed! We currently have several openings. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Judy Crawford in the church office at (864) 654-2061, or email her at judy.crawford@forthillchurch.org.

#### The Window

## From the Finance Ministry

Through November, total income was \$862,085 while expenses were \$836,231 leaving a surplus of \$25,854. Overall expenses are at 84.2% of budget, while income is at 86.8%. As you can see, income is approximately 5% below budget while expenses are 7.4% below budget. Session ministry chairs are doing a great job of managing expenses, and not being fully staffed is contributing to the budget surplus. Your continued financial support is needed for Fort Hill to sustain its ministries to members, community, and around the world.



#### Fort Hill Income/Expenses 2014

## Meet Walter Blackwell Cook

Walter was born December 8, 1930, in LaCrosse, Virginia, one of four children born to James Bryan and Maude Moseley Cook. He came to Greenville as a teenager. He is know as Blackie to colleagues in the oil industry and to his friends and members of Fort Hill Church, where he has served on the finance committee.

He was associated with Quaker State Corporation all of his 44-year career. In 1946, while still in high school in Greenville, he was employed by Rawlings Oil Company, a distributor of Quaker State and automotive products.

He became general manager of Rawlings Oil — then joined Quaker State in 1956. After sales and marketing management positions in the southeast, Columbus, Ohio, and Oil City, Pennsylvania, in 1975, he was promoted to Vice President Marketing and elected a director of Quaker State. In 1977, he was named Executive Vice President with responsibilities for the company's principle business of refining and marketing motor oils, lubricants, fuels and automotive products. He continued with those responsibilities until 1986. During that period, Quaker State was the #1 selling brand of motor oil in the USA, Canada, and Mexico and was a Fortune 500 company. Its principle business achieved record profits in 1985 and 1986.

While Walter served as Executive Vice President, Quaker State pampered its customers, angered and awed its rivals, and earned record profits for shareholders, per a story in the <u>Oil Daily</u> in 1990.

During his tenure, Quaker State built new packaging plants in the northeast, southeast, Pacific coast regions, and Canada. The company's distribution in the Midwest was restructured. In 1984, the company surprised its competitors by converting its one quart packaging systems from composite cans to plastic bottles, a major innovation followed by the entire industry. Quaker State was a pioneer in the fast lube business with programs that produced early relationships with two companies later acquired by Quaker State and operated as subsidiaries. Prior to his retirement in December 1990, Walter helped organize Quaker State Japan as part of the company's goal to expand internationally. Quaker State was the first oil company to develop a program to serve large retailers on a national basis through its distributors and direct marketing units.

After retirement from Quaker State, Walter and his wife Grace moved from Oil City, Pennsylvania to Clemson. He was Director/ Corporate Development for Clemson University about four years, creating relationships with companies. He graduated from Furman University with distinction and served on its Advisory Council in the 1990s. He was a trustee and a vice chair of the trustees of Clarion University in Pennsylvania and served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

With a long interest in education and young people, Walter, while in Pennsylvania, served on the Executive Committee of the French Creek Council of Boy Scouts of America, responsible for scouting from Erie to Pittsburg.

A member of Furman's oldest honorary club, he headed a campaign to raise money to endow scholarships for first generation young men — first from their families to go to college.

He and Grace became members of Fort Hill Church in 1991-92. They have been married for 57 years and have two sons, a daughter, and six grandchildren.

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## Foothills Presbytery Forums Planned Regarding General Assembly Actions/Amendments

Three forums are planned in January related to the last General Assembly actions and the **proposed amendments to the PCUSA Constitution.** These forums are intended for any interested persons but with the hope that commissioners to the January 25th presbytery meeting, when we vote on the amendments, will especially attend.

All forums are on Sunday afternoon, from 2:30 - 4:30 PM as follows:

#### January 4th - Second Presbyterian in Spartanburg

January 11th - Westminster in Greenville

#### January 18th - Fort Hill in Clemson (childcare provided)

The forums will have the same format so a person need attend only one, although anyone is welcome to attend all three. The format for each of these forums is as follows:

- 2:30 3:15 An information giving session seeking to provide accurate information on the amendments and actions of the General Assembly
- 3:15 3:45 Refreshment with a chance for informal discussions
- 3:45 4:30 Panel for a Question and Answer session.

We encourage all those interested to attend one of these forums. As refreshments will be provided an RSVP will be helpful and appreciated. **Please RSVP via e-mail to LeAnne White at <u>lwhite@foothillspresbytery.org</u> or call the office at 864-288-5774.** 

#### Did you know???

- Did you know that we have a proposed Confession, the *Belhar Confession*, which was written to address racial reconciliation in the Reformed Church of South Africa?
- Did you know that proposed amendments include addressing such matters as child protection policies, ordination examinations for teaching elders, minimum composition of a Presbytery, ecumenical and Interfaith relationships?
- Did you know that divestment from three US companies who operate in Israel has had no practical impact as the Board of Pensions and Presbyterian Foundation Board decided to not act on the recommendation of the General Assembly?
- Did you know that the proposed amendment on marriage to the Directory for Worship is coming before Presbyteries and has to be approved by majority to change the *Book of Order*?

## The Window

## 2014 Advent and Christmas Decorations

## Poinsettias are given by:

Stephen, Ethel, Colin & Patrick Pettigrew in memory of Mr. Lucian Bloodworth, Mr. & Mrs. Gaines Pettigrew, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Cayce; in honor of Mr. & Mrs. Buddy Whitesides and Pansy Duke Bob & Becky Fant in memory of our parents, Bob & Jeanne Fant and John & Lou Otts Chuck Cruickshank in honor or Jim, Donna, and Corey McCubbin Ron & Kathy Hughes in honor of our grandchildren and great-grandchildren Hap & Jeannette Carr in memory of Dr. & Mrs. Chalmers R. Carr; Col. & Mrs. 'Slick" Ellison, USA Retired Karen Lindenmeyer in memory of Carl Lindenmeyer Don, Cyndi, and Ross Davis in honor of Pansy Duke Bob and Eva Williamson in memory of our parents: Charles and Gladys Williamson and Jim and Margaret Simpson; in honor of our children and grandchildren Marchita Culpepper in memory of Mr. & Mrs. J.B. Williams and Mr. & Mrs. J.W. Culpepper Jack and Billie Jackson in honor of Art and Gail Williams Jack and Raenota Merrill in memory of Gerry Maas & Martha Merrill; in honor of Lori Houck and Judy Crawford Gregg and Cathy Morton in memory of Harold and Shirley Thomas and Robert Martin; in honor of Charlie and Sue Morton Blackie and Grace Cook in memory of our parents David and Marlene Nicholas in memory of Marlene's parents, Paul and Louise Grant In honor of Hallie Conrad In memory of James Kingman, father of Joan Dixon In memory of Linda Dixon – grandmother of Emma, Owen and Ian Fowler; Jack, Max and Leo Dixon Lee and Linda Davis in memory of our parents: Albert and Irma Davis and Henry and Anna Stover Larry and Linda Gahan in memory of our parents: Ed and Bernice Cline and Willard and Carolyn Gahan; in honor of our children, Sean and Shannon Gahan Gene and Janet Johnson in honor of Pansy Duke Chip and Diane Egan in memory of Eleanor Egan Tudo and V. Anne Watt Jim, Donna, and Corey McCubbin in memory of Betty Cruickshank; in honor of Chuck Cruickshank The Van Daele Family in honor of Laura Conrad and our Pastoral Staff Don and Janna McKale in honor of our children: Emily, David and Susie and their families Wreaths Are Given By: Shane and Mary Stuart Turner in honor of Will, Mary Kate, and Luke Turner Bob and Nan Jones in honor of our children, Catherine and Doug and Doug's family: Robyn, Caroline & Charlie Chuck Cruickshank in memory of Betty Cruickshank Ron & Kathy Hughes in loving memory of Jeffrey Craig Ellers George & Margaret Ann Rodgers in honor of our grandchildren Billy, Miller, Rees, and Keller Bob Mixon in memory of Louise Mixon Polly Peters in memory of Norm Peters Doug & Lynn Carlson in memory of Doug's parents and Lynn's father; in honor of Lynn's mother. Danny, Brigette, and Cleo Gregg in memory of Edmund Fahl and Otis Gregg Karen Lindenmeyer in honor of Vic, Vince, and Brian Lindenmeyer Dorothy Vedder in memory of Edwin H. Vedder Marchita Culpepper in memory of Jim Culpepper Jere and Rose Ross in memory of our parents; in honor of our children The Poteet Family in memory or Billy and Julie Muckenfuss and Libby Crowther John and Gayle McGregor in memory of David and Mary McGregor; Al and Evelyn Griffin; in honor of Todd, Mary, David and Grace Lin and Kay Dearing in memory of their son, William Ashley Dearing; in honor of Tripp, Lucinda Dearing and Banks Eaves Charles and Mary Barron in memory of our mothers, Goldie Barron and Helen Epting Jerry and Joyce Christenbury in memory of their parents Hack and Cheryl Trammell in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Trammell; in honor of Harrison, LaBruce, Jonathan, August, Caroline, and Andrew Trammell

The Van Daele Family in honor of Laura Conrad and our Pastoral Staff Gaston and Lib Gage in memory of Libby Gage Crowther; in honor of Ruthie Gage Knox







## YOUTH MINISTRY ASSESSMENT

WITH MINISTRY ARCHITECTS



## **JANUARY 11-13, 2015**

Ministry Architects has been invited to your church to hear what you have to share about the youth ministry. We will spend the majority of our time listening to *you*, with these goals in mind:

- **Listening**: People who care about the youth ministry will have a chance to vent, dream, identify pressure points, and talk about what they really want.
- A Clear Plan: Ministry Architects will provide an overview picture of where the church is now relative to where it would like to go, and then give a detailed proposal and timeline for how to move forward in building sustainable youth ministry programs.
- **Focus**: This process is designed to build unity around the the desire for change and the belief that you *can* change and create the openness to embrace an intentional, deliberate game plan for making those changes.
- **Hope**: Ministry Architects is saying, "You CAN have the kind of youth ministry God wants to lavish on your church. It's going to take some work, but you CAN do it."

# Parents, youth Sunday school teachers and volunteers, session members, members of the church etc. are welcome. Come be a part of sharing your hopes and dreams for formation for teens.

Sunday, January 11 2:00—3:15 PM 3:15—4:30 PM 4:45—6:00 PM 6:00—7:15 PM 7:15—8:30 PM	<b>Target Listening Group</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> +Middle School parents High School parents Middle School students High School students Advisors, SS Teachers	<i>Location</i> Bethlehem Hall # 2 Bethlehem Hall # 2 Youth Room (Dinner of Youth Room (Dinner of Bethlehem Hall # 2	at 6 in Bethlehem Hall # 3) at 6 in Youth Room)
Monday, January 12 9:00—10:15 AM 10:30—11:45 AM 12:00—1:15 PM	Interim Director of Youth & C Pastor & Associate Pastor for <b>CE Ministry + Session Membe</b> <i>Please RSVP by Jan 11</i> .	or Children's Ministries Club Room	
<b>Tuesday, January 13</b> 11:00—11:30 AM 12:00—2:00 PM	Pastoral & Program Staff Rep Stakeholders' Gathering to R		Conference Room Conference Room

To RSVP or for more information, contact Mary Morrison, mary.morrison@forthillchurch.org 864-654-2061

Open to all members—please RSVP by Jan 11.

## The Window

## January 2015 Fort Hill Church Activities

Monday, January 5				
12:15 pm	PW Circle 1 - Club Room			
3:00 pm	PW Circle 5 - Club Room			
4:00 pm	Daisy Scouts - Education Building			
6:00 pm	Cub Scouts - Bethlehem Hall			
Tuesday,	January 6			
7:00 am	Men of the Church Breakfast - Tartan Hall			
4:30 pm	Girl Scouts - Bethlehem Hall			
4:30 pm	Building & Grounds Meeting - Conference Room			
7:00 pm	Fellowship Ministry Meeting - Library			
7:00 pm	Personnel & Program Meeting - Conference Room			
7:15 pm	Foothills Chorale - Choir Room			
	lay, January 7			
10:00 am	Bible Study - Club Room			
6:00 pm	Cub Scouts - Bethlehem Hall			
6:30 pm	Long Range Planning Meeting - Conference Room			
	y, January 10			
9:30 am	Marriage Seminar - Tartan Hall			
	January 11			
9:30 am	Town Hall Meeting - Tartan Hall			
10:20 am	Congregational Meeting - Santuary			
11:30 am	Town Hall Meeting - Tartan Hall			
2:00 pm	Ministry Architects - Bethlehem Hall			
2:30 pm	Cub Scouts (Webelos 1) - Bethlehem Hall			
4:00 pm	Officer Training - Club Room			
•	January 12			
9:30 am	PW Circle 3 - Club Room			
12:00 pm	Ministry Architects - Club Room			
4:00 pm	Daisy Scouts - Education Building			
5:30 pm 6:00 pm	Christian Action Meeting - Library Cub Scouts - Bethlehem Hall			
7:00 pm	Bible Study - Library			
	January 13			
9:30 am	Sewing for Missions - Club Room			
12:00 pm	Ministry Architects - Club Room			
4:30 pm	Girl Scouts - Bethlehem Hall			
	Music Ministry Meeting - Conference Room			
5:45 pm				
6:30 pm	Worship Ministry Meeting - Conference Room			
6:30 pm 7:15 pm	Finance Meeting - Club Room			
7:15 pm 7:30 pm	Foothills Chorale - Choir Room PW Circle 2 - Library			
	lay, January 14			
10:00 am				
6:00 am	Bible Study - Club Room Cub Scouts - Bethlehem Hall			
0.00 pm				

6:30 pm Town Hall Meeting - Tartan Hall

Thursday	y, January 15
9:00 am	Planning Meeting - Conference Room
Saturday	y, January 17
9:00 am	Mt. Zion Presbyterian Meeting - Conference Room
Sunday,	January 18
11:30 am	Discovering Faith - Club Room
2:30 pm	Presbytery Forum - Tartan Hall/Club Room
	Officer Training - Club Room
Monday,	January 19
	Church Offices Closed - Martin Luther King Holiday
4:00 pm	Daisy Scouts - Education Building
7:00 pm	
	January 20
	PW Coordinating Team Meeting - Club Room
	Folk Dancing - Tartan Hall
7:00 pm	Session - Club Room
7:15 pm	Foothills Chorale - Choir Room
	lay, January 21
10:00 am	Bible Study - Club Room
	y, January 22
9:15 am	Preschool Chapel - Bethlehem Hall
	y, January 24
9:00 am	NAMI - Conference Room
9:30 am	5
7:00 pm	
	January 25
12:00 pm	Pam Waddle Circle of Care Lunch - Club Room
1:00 pm	NAMI - Conference Room
2:30 pm	Cub Scouts (Webelos 1) - Bethlehem Hall
	January 26
4:00 pm	Daisy Scouts - Education Building
6:30 pm	Planning Meeting - Conference Room
7:00 pm	Bible Study - Library
	January 27
4:30 pm	Girl Scouts - Bethlehem Hall
5:00 pm	Membership Meeting - Conference Room Foothills Chorale - Choir Room
7:15 pm	
	day, January 28
10:00 am 6:00 pm	Bible Study - Club Room Cub Scouts - Bethlehem Hall
•	7, January 31
9:00 am	NAMI—Conference Room

## **Recurring Weekly Activities**

Sunday		Tuesday,	continued
8:30 am Worshi	p Service — Tartan Hall	6:00 pm	Folk Dancing — Tartan Hall
9:15 am Sunday	School — various locations	8:00 pm	AA — Education Building, Room 205
10:30 am Worshi	p Service — Sanctuary	Wednesd	9V
4:30 pm JAM & J	esus Jammers — Choir Room	9:15 am	Preschool Chapel — Bethlehem Hall
4:30 pm Middle	School Youth Group — Youth Room	6:00 pm	Chancel Bells — Choir Room
6:00 pm Senior	High Youth Group — Youth Room	7:15 pm	Chancel Choir — Choir Room
6:00 pm PSA Dii	nner & Program — PSA Student Center		
8:00 pm AA — E	ducation Building, Room 205	Thursday	
Monday		9:15 am	Preschool Chapel — Bethlehem Hall
•	outs — Club Room, Tartan & Bethlehem Halls	8:00 pm	AA — Education Building, Room 205
	Suis — Club Room, Tartan & Betheneni Halis	Friday	
Tuesday		•	AA Education Building Doom 20E
9:30 am Staff M	eeting — Conference Room	12:30 pm	AA — Education Building, Room 205

## January Birthdays & Anniversaries

Karen Shepherd Jay Kennedy	1/1 1/2 1/3 1/4 1/6 1/7 1/8 1/9	MONTH'S irthcars Zander Graff Susan Brown Jennifer Dickerson David Durham Susan Pressley Mills Deaton Jayne Fort Michael Blackwell Parker Crum Mollie Faithful Gene Johnson Barbara Madison Donna McCubbin Jo Ann Koonce Lynette Sefick Nicholas Berkemeir Eva Henry Betty Pettigrew Karen Shepherd	1/11 1/12 1/13 1/14 1/15 1/16 1/17 1/18 1/19	Dick Bledsoe Cooper Littlejohn Henry Marcum Beth Smith Gus Gustafson Karen Burg Derick Durham Rose Ross Angie Winchester Will Cundiff Ross Davis Mary Limber Mary Elizabeth Freeman Polly Peters Kitty Alverson Seth Wiles Bonnie Lanier MiMi Thomas Ashley Jarrett Jay Kennedy	1/19 1/20 1/21 1/22 1/23 1/24 1/25 1/26	Lucas Money Lois Sill Cindy Deaton Carol Johnson Rita Van Lenten Kyle Weeks Harriett Salley Michelle Blackwell Sarah Thomas Reel Adams Britt Alexander Beth Durham Jane Polk Hunter Sinclair Roger Koonce Gail Rabai Ever Deaton Terri Jarrett Pete Smith Kristen Smith	1/28 1/29 1/31 1/31 1/1 1/2 1/8 1/10 1/24 1/26	Bill Thompson Joan Alexander Harold Cheatham Carole Kohlmayer Sue Limber Randy White NOVERSCIPES Jerry & Beth Chapman Nick & Amy Holmes Gene & Janet Johnson Bradley & Meridith Lecroy Trevor & Marie Turner Steve & Susan Best Bill & Audrey Thompson Jack & Billie Jackson
		Karen Snepherd		Jay Kennedy				



## 2015 Presbyterian Women's Retreat

## Attention ALL WOMEN OF Fort Hill:

Plan to be a part of the 2015 Presbyterian Women's Retreat

Saturday, January 24, 2015 Keowee Key — Lakeside Activity Center 9:30 am—3:00 pm



Jennifer Walker, Director of Christian Education at First Presbyterian Church in Anderson, is an enthusiastic young woman. She will focus on God's presence with us on the "Journeys" we experience throughout life. Through prayer, group discussion, activities, and personal reflection we will take time to be with God and grow together.

\$20 includes a light snack and lunch.

Sign up by January 18, bring a friend, and share this experience with other women.

Please make checks payable to "Presbyterian Women" with "Retreat" on the memo line.

For more information, contact Linda Parsons (**parsons.linda.m@gmail.com**; 864-944-5811) or one of the PW Circle Leaders.

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