



The Window

The Newsletter of Fort Hill Presbyterian Church

Message From the Pastor

God's Faithful Promises

In this season of Lent, the days get longer, and hopefully, our faith and commitment grows, too. Lent is based on the Latin word for "lengthen" in case you were wondering. Our Scriptures for worship this season are those big stories of God's covenantal love for all creation from Noah, to Abraham and Sarah, to Moses, and all the ways God keeps faithful to the promises God made to create, recreate, and love the world. Ultimately, God showed love in the death and resurrection of Jesus where death is defeated, and we are given new life.

Beginning with ashes and dirt in the shape of the cross on our foreheads, we are marked to be dead to sin and alive in Christ. We examine ourselves taking a honest look and seeking renewal in faith. So I ask you to examine yourself considering this promise you made when joining the fellowship of faith at Fort Hill Church this season.

Pastor: Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, share in its worship and ministry through your prayers and gifts, your study and service, and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?

Member: I will

When we practice our faith in these very real ways, we cannot help but grow in love of God and in love of one another. What a great privilege we have in freedom to worship the God who creates, redeems, and sustains us then gives us a covenant community in which to live out our discipleship.

Consider the promise you made when joining the church, in which area are you doing well? In which area might you grow?

Laura

Youth Ministry Vision Statement:

The youth ministry of Fort Hill Presbyterian Church is a God-centered, safe community that nurtures youth to seek God and be lifelong disciples equipped to love and serve others through faith and fellowship.

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.

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Scriptures for Sunday Worship

3/1 2nd Sunday in Lent

Gen. 17:1-7, 15-16; Ps. 22:23-31;
Rom. 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38

3/8 3rd Sunday in Lent

Exod. 20:1-17; Ps. 19;
1 Cor. 1:18-25; John 2:13-22

3/15 4th Sunday in Lent

Num. 21:4-9; Ps. 107:1-3, 17-22;
Eph. 2:1-10; John 3:14-21

3/22 5th Sunday in Lent

Jer. 31:31-34; Ps. 51:1-2,
Heb. 5:5-10; John 12:20-33

3/29 Palm Sunday

Mark 11:1-11; Ps. 118:1-2, 19-29

The Window April 2015 Deadline

The deadline for announcements, articles, and features for the September issue of *The Window* is **Monday, March 16.**

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

PSA's Mission Trip to New Orleans

PSA is looking forward to the Spring Mission Trip — March 15-21! We are traveling to New Orleans and working with Lakeview Mission Project. The week combines hands-on mission with education on social justice. Potential work sites include Project Homecoming (a home building and restoration non-profit), J.W. Johnson Community Garden, Global Maritime Ministries, and Wetlands Theological Education Project. Lakeview Presbyterian Church will be our host for the week. We welcome your prayers for safe travels and faith deepening experiences.

Holy Week Worship Services

Palm Sunday, March 29 at 10:30 Worship

Meet outside the Sanctuary before worship if you are able to join in the Palm Sunday Parade and processional.

Maundy Thursday, April 2 at 7:30 pm

We will enter into the darkness of the betrayal of Jesus as he turns to face a cross. We will celebrate the Lord's Supper and be served God's grace. Before the Supper, Jesus took a towel, knelt down, and washed his disciples' feet. You may choose to come forward for hand or foot washing as part of this profoundly moving act of love and service.

Easter Sunrise Service, Sunday, April 5 at 6:00 am

In the Amphitheater of the Old Stone Church outdoor cemetery on the corner of Hwy 76 and Old Stone Church Road. It tends to be chilly, so please remember to dress warmly. Bring your coffee and hear the good news, "He is Risen!" death and the grave have been overcome.

Easter Sunday Worship Services, April 5

Celebration of the Lord's Supper. Join us for worship. We will have two identical services with the Chancel Choir in the Sanctuary at 8:30 and 10:30 am. Due to parking issues, please join us early on this day if you can. Clemson police are aware of the date, but do not take any chances and avoid parking on the street.

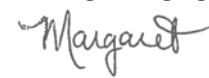
Choir Corner

Lent is upon us. It arrived mid-February as we worshipped together on Ash Wednesday. It is a season of remembering, sacrifice, denying oneself, and a time to prepare for Holy Week and Easter; a journey of 40 days walking with Jesus as he healed the sick, taught his disciples, and prepared for the ultimate sacrifice allowing us the gift of eternal life.

Usually, music during Lent is a little more somber and reflective. Some of you may think the music can be rather heavy and sad, because some hymns are in minor keys rather than major keys. We don't sing anything with alleluias again until Easter. But let me challenge you to pay attention to the text of the hymns chosen in the next few weeks like *It Is Well With My Soul*. It was written by Horatio Spafford, a Presbyterian layman whose four daughters died in a shipwreck. He penned the words in 1876 sailing to Paris to meet his wife who did survive. Or a newer hymn, *O Carpenter, Why Leave the Bench* by Richard Leach that asks questions of Jesus, the carpenter, the neighbor, the apprentice of Joseph. Why did he leave the workbench to try and reach our stony hearts? Or why did he leave the comfort of home to face the world's carpentry to lift the cross? Jesus faced grief and despair. We face grief and despair on life's journey. But out of his grief and our grief come hope. And out of hope comes the promise of God to us through Jesus Christ.

It's a journey for all of us. May we find His presence in this place of Fort Hill among our friends, in the word read, proclaimed and sung.

Smiling-n-Singing



Thank you for the opportunity for the Chancel Choir to attend the Festival by the Sea in Charleston every year. We learn so much from talented clinicians from all over the country, and are able to return and share the music with you. It is a wonderful experience. We are grateful.

Welcome to Dr. Jim Dusenberry who has joined the Chancel Choir in the bass section.

A History of American Presbyterianism

In the series we will examine the story of Presbyterians in the United States. We will examine what makes one a Presbyterian, what Presbyterians did "right," what Presbyterians did "wrong," and how we can take these lessons from the past into our own future as Presbyterians.

Session 1: "Are You For Real?" Presbyterians in America (1600-1783)

Sunday, March 22 — 9:15-10:15 am, hosted by Sojourners in the Club Room

Session 2: "Lifestyle Matters" Presbyterians and Race (1783-1865)

Sunday, March 22 — 7:00-8:00 pm in Tartan Hall

Session 3: "Blinded by Science" Presbyterians and Fundamentalism (1865-1940)

Monday, March 23 — 7:00-8:00 pm, hosted by Monday Study Group in the Library

Session 4: "Back to the Future" Presbyterians Rediscover Themselves (1940-2015)

Tuesday, March 24 — 7:00-8:00 pm, Club Room



The Seminary at The Fort is pleased to welcome **Dr. Peter Hobbie**, as our Visiting Scholar for the Spring of 2015. Dr. Hobbie is the Emma Bailey and the Rev. George H. Cornelison Professor of the Christian Religion, Emeritus. He is an avid student holding five degrees: D.Min., Ph.D. in Church History from Union Theological Seminary in Virginia; M.B.A., Virginia Commonwealth University; M.A. in American History from University of North Carolina; A.B., Davidson College.

Before beginning his teaching at Presbyterian College in 1990, Dr. Hobbie served three years as chaplain and professor at Bethel College in Tennessee. During his time at Presbyterian College, he served as the advisor to the Student Government Association, the Presbyterian Student Association, and the gay-straight alliance, Spectrum.

I love my major discipline of Church History, like life, it is "one damn thing after another" (Dorothy Parker). Therefore, by exposing the ridiculous mistakes we made in the past, perhaps we will not make the same mistakes in the future. And if we do make them, perhaps the reasons for those mistakes might be less ridiculous.

I like teaching at Presbyterian College because it is not Clemson...yet.

Dr. Peter Hobbie



Sunday Servants

Pastor on Call

3/1	Mary Morrison
3/8	Laura Conrad
3/15	Laura Conrad
3/22	Mary Morrison
3/29	Laura Conrad

Elder at the Font—8:30 Service

3/1	Wayne Madison
3/8	Jerry Reel
3/15	Nancy Spittler
3/22	Charles Barron
3/29	Megan Chavis

Elder at the Font—10:30 Service

3/1	Tina Mostertz
3/8	Gail Williams
3/15	Michael Bailey
3/22	Bill Cato
3/29	Chip Egan

Infant Nursery

3/1	Tommy & Tracy Bolger
3/8	Don and Janna McKale
3/15	Donna Crader
3/22	Emily Bartels
3/29	Donna Crader

Toddler Nursery

3/1	Jenifer Griffis
3/8	Megan Chavis
3/15	Donna Crader
3/22	Lisa Britt
3/29	Donna Crader

2 & 3 Year Old Nursery

3/1	Blythe Scott/Laurel Russell
3/8	LeAnne Greene
3/15	Laurel & Katherine Whisler
3/22	Annette and Elise Halbig
3/29	Meredith LeCroy

4 & 5 Year Old Nursery

3/1	Donna Crader
3/8	Donna Crader
3/15	Donna Crader
3/22	Donna Crader
3/29	Donna Crader

News from the Bereavement Committee

Our Fort Hill Church has many ways to help families in times of need. The Bereavement Committee prepares a meal for the family at the church the day of the funeral. The meal is prepared in the kitchen near the Club Room where they can gather with family and share a meal together before or after the service.

The team in charge sets up the room with flowers so that they family can visit as well as enjoy the meal together and not have to clean up! By request, the meal can be served at the home. The teams can easily accommodate 30 people. For larger groups, two teams take care of the meal. We welcome children as well and like to know before if possible to prepare something they would enjoy.

When a death occurs, the Minister will offer this service, taking any special requests and if requested the Committee Chair is contacted and assigns the next team. It is helpful to know the approximate number attending. The teams are very used to taking care of late comers! No one goes away hungry.

We appreciate this committee and they are so faithful! It is *rare that a team has more than one funeral a year!* If this sounds like a group you would like to be part of, please contact Harriett Salley (888-3535) or the office (654-2061).

Announcements & Concerns



Christian Sympathy is extended to:

Trish McGinn and family in the death of her husband, Rob McGinn, on February 6 in Charlotte, NC.

Kristyn & Chandler Ball and family in the death of Chandler's grandfather, Ellis Ball, on February 8.

Jackie McFall and family in the death of church member, Dean McFall, on February 8.

Laurie Sherrod and family in the death of Laurie's father, Joseph Holleman, on February 8, 2015, in Summerville, SC.

Blackie & Grace Cook and family in the death of Blackie's brother, James B. Cook, Jr., on February 15, 2015, in Chester, VA.

Jeannie & Michael Bailey and family in the death of Jeannie's grandfather, Arthur Willmote, on February 16, 2015 in Salisbury, NC.

Katie Schoonover and family in the death of Katie's grandfather on February 12, 2015 in Illinois.

Gregg & Cathy Morton and family in the death of Gregg's mother on February 24, 2015.

Thank You!

Members of Fort Hill,

I would like to thank the members of Fort Hill for their prayers, calls, visits and food to the Gage's during my recent illness. I am slowly getting my strength back. I was told when I left the hospital to stay away from crowds, so this is the reason I have been absent from church. I hope I will soon get back! I miss all of you. Thanks again for all your love and prayers.

Yours In Christ, Gaston Gage

Thank you's continued on next page

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 the final design documents during the past few months. The design documents have been completed and are being used as the input into the development of the construction documents. Once the construction documents are finalized, we will have the information needed to develop the final pricing for the overall project. The next meeting with Freeman Major and Trehel is scheduled on February 16. We intend to submit documents for permitting in February 2015 so the building permits can be received prior to the summer break for the Fort Hill preschool classes.

The Long Range Planning Committee is working with the church ministries to address questions from the architects and contractors. The interior design is an area that the committee is beginning to focus on in support of the continuing plans. We are evaluating the need for an Interior Design Committee to address the interfaces with the different ministries.

One other area that we are evaluating is the plans for clean out of the buildings that will be impacted by the construction. We will need to setup temporary storage for items that need to be moved out of the buildings.

As we continue through the efforts on the Master Plan Phase I implementation, we will be working with the session and congregation to determine the final direction on the scope prior to beginning any construction. 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.

Children's Ministry Update

Vacation Bible School

This year, we will have Vacation Bible School in partnership with Clemson First Baptist Church June 8-11. A service project will be planned for third through fifth graders on June 12. Our VBS focus is "Caretakers of God's Creation". We will learn to be responsible stewards of our natural resources as we explore ways we can recycle and reduce trash, and conserve our resources. We are excited about our joint endeavor and hope many will join us.

Vacation Bible School is divided into morning and afternoon sessions. The morning session meets 9:00—noon for ages 4 years through second grade. Afternoon VBS is provided from grades 3-5 from 1:00—4:00 pm. "Nothing But Net" is also available for families interested in a fuller day of activity. The morning 'NBN' (9:00—noon) for children in grades 3-5. 'NBN' is scheduled 1:00—4:00 for children in kindergarten through second grade. Lunch is offered 12:00—1:00 for children staying all day.

There are many volunteer opportunities for youth and adults during the week. Help is needed with art, music, drama, science, afternoon snacks, basketball, registration, as group leaders and guides. A nursery will be available for workers with children under four years old. Please contact cyndi.davis@forthillchurch.org to volunteer or for more information. Volunteer scheduling is flexible.

Children's Fellowship

The party at the PSA was attended by a great group of 22 first-fifth graders. They had fun with one another while eating pizza, lots of popcorn, and a special ice cream treat provided by one of our church 'angels'. Thank you to PSA members and staff for sharing your space. A big thank you goes to all adults who helped support this activity.

Easter egg hunting is our next scheduled activity. First through fifth graders will have a flashlight hunt on Friday, March 20 from 6:30—8:30 pm. Children in Kindergarten and younger will hunt eggs on Saturday, March 21 from 10:00—11:30 am.

Help is needed with Sunday morning nursery with ages 3 and under. If you have not experienced this joy, please consider volunteering this year. To volunteer, contact cyndi.davis@forthillchurch.org.

News From Presbyterian Women

April Paper Goods for Helping Hands

During the month of **April**, Presbyterian Women will be collecting paper goods (paper towels, Kleenex, toilet tissue, etc.) for **Helping Hands of Clemson** — a home for abused children. Please bring your paper goods donations to the Collections Room beginning **April 1**.

PW Birthday Luncheon — Come Join Us!

Save the date, **April 11 at 11:30 am**, for our **PW Birthday Luncheon**. Our speaker will be Deb Richardson-Moore, the senior pastor of Triune Mercy Center, a non-denominational church in Greenville devoted to meeting the needs of the inner-city population. Ms. Richardson-Moore will be sharing with us the mission of her church. *All women* attending Fort Hill Presbyterian are invited to special gathering. Don't miss the program we have planned! Please remember to come prepared to contribute to the Birthday Luncheon Offering. Our donations will go towards projects chosen by Presbyterian Women fulfilling our mission to improve the lives of others.

PW Winter Retreat a Big Success

Thirty-one women attended our Winter Retreat at Keowee Key Activity Center on January 24. Jennifer Walker, Director of Education at First Presbyterian Church of Anderson presented a lively and interactive program based on "Journeys" in the Bible contrasted and compared to our own personal life journeys. We had a great time packed with inspirational study, great food, and fellowship.

Sewing for Missions Update

"Sewing Bees" are alive and well at Fort Hill Presbyterian Church. Our participants led by Susan Brown have taken cloth scraps and colorful pillowcases and made them into 90 dresses, 15 pants, and 35 blankets that will be distributed during our medical mission trips to Guatemala to the impoverished children in the area. Well done!

Valentine Boxes for Our Fort Hill College Students

Maggie Bandy wishes to thank Fort Hill Presbyterian volunteers who brought in an "abundance of donations" to fill thirty Valentine's Boxes. These boxes were either mailed or hand-delivered to brighten the lives of our FHPC college students. Thanks for sharing your love!

Dates to Remember:

April 11 PW Birthday Luncheon
April 16 Come See Columbia Day

From the Finance Ministry

Below is a summary of the 2015 budget passed by Session. A copy of the line item budget is available upon request. Please contact the Church office to receive a copy.

General Fund Income:

Pledged Giving Contribution Income	\$ 779,625
Non-Pledged Giving Contribution Income	136,000
Building Usage Income	<u>13,500</u>
Total General Fund Income	\$ 929,125

General Fund Expenses:

Board of Deacons	\$ 2,600
Building & Grounds	90,003
Christian Action	99,957
Christian Education	22,500
Congregational Fellowship	6,500
Finance	33,800
Membership	1,500
Personnel (includes salaries/benefits all staff)	561,505
Program Support	46,550
Planning	2,500
University Ministry (FHPC Share)	48,704
Worship	<u>13,005</u>
Total General Fund Expenses	\$ 929,125

Announcements & Concerns

Thank you's continued

Many thanks to our Fort Hill family for the cards, calls, gifts and, most importantly, prayers as we grieved the death and celebrated the long life of Raenota's mother, Pauline Storm.

Jack and Raenota Merrill

Men of the Church Breakfast — Tuesday, March 3, at 7:00 am in Tartan Hall. Our guest speaker will be Heyward Douglass, Chairman of Foothills Trail Conference. Please join us for updated information on the Foothills Trail, a great breakfast and fellowship.

Reminder! Pastoral Staff will be having lunch with our residents of Clemson Downs on **Wednesday, March 4 at 12:00 pm** in the Jackson Dining Room.

Save the Dates! Mark your calendars for **March 22-24** to attend **The Seminary at The Fort** scholar in residence, Dr. Peter Hobbie. Dr. Hobbie will be presenting a four part lecture series on "A History of American Presbyterianism."

Mission Haven Clothing Drive — collecting through March — **spring/summer** clothing **ONLY** in good condition for men, women, and children. Please leave in the collection room.

The Fort Hill 2015 Spring Blood Drive will be held on **Wednesday, April 1** from 4:00-7:00 pm. Watch for sign-up announcements.

The Youth Ministry now has a **Vision Statement** (see front cover). Thanks to all of the youth, parents, and advisors who helped us to write the statement on February 22.

Many thanks to all who helped make the **Congregational Dinner** such an enjoyable evening, with a special thank you to MC Chuck Conrad. What a delicious meal and wonderful time together as a church family.

The Congregational Fellowship Committee

March Fort Hill Church Activities

Sunday, March 1

10:30 am Worship - Installation of New Officers
2:00 pm NAMI - Conference Room

Monday, March 2

12:15 am PW Circle 1 - Club Room
3:00 pm PW Circle 3 - Club Room
4:00 pm Daisy Scouts - Education Building
6:00 pm Cub Scouts - Bethlehem Hall
7:00 pm Bible Study - Library

Tuesday, March 3

7:00 am Men of the Church Breakfast - Tartan Hall
4:30 pm Building & Grounds Meeting - Conference Room
6:30 pm University Ministry Meeting - PSA Student Center
7:00 pm Fellowship Ministry Meeting - Library
7:00 pm Personnel & Program Meeting - Conference Room

Wednesday, March 4

10:00 am Bible Study - Club Room
12:00 pm Pastoral Staff Lunch - Clemson Downs

Thursday, March 5

7:00 pm APNC Meeting - Club Room

Friday, March 6

6:00 pm PSA Party - Tartan Hall

Sunday, March 8

2:00 pm NAMI - Conference Room
2:30 pm Cub Scouts - Bethlehem Hall

Monday, March 9

9:30 am PW Circle 3 - Club Room
4:00 pm Daisy Scouts - Education Building
5:30 pm Christian Action Meeting - Library
6:00 pm Cub Scouts - Bethlehem Hall

Tuesday, March 10

4:30 pm Girl Scouts - Bethlehem Hall
5:45 pm Music Ministry - Conference Room
6:00 pm Finance Meeting - Club Room
6:30 pm Worship Ministry Meeting - Conference Room
7:00 pm Christian Education Meeting - Room 206
7:30 pm PW Circle 2 - Library
7:45 pm Children's Ministry Meeting - Room 209

Wednesday, March 11

6:00 pm Cub Scouts - Bethlehem Hall

Thursday, March 12

4:00 pm Executive Capital Campaign Mtg. - Conference Rm.
5:00 pm Capital Campaign Leadership Mtg. - Conference Rm.
7:00 pm Boy Scouts - Bethlehem Hall

Friday, March 13

6:30 pm Boy Scouts - Bethlehem Hall
5:00 pm Senior High - Mini Montreat

Saturday, March 14

8:00 am Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts - Pinewood Derby

Sunday, March 15

11:30 am Discovering Faith Class - Club Room
2:00 pm NAMI - Conference Room

Monday, March 16

4:00 pm Daisy Scouts - Education Building
7:00 pm Bible Study - Library

Tuesday, March 17

9:30 am PW Coordinating Team Meeting - Club Room
7:00 pm Girl Scouts - Bethlehem Hall
7:00 pm Session - Club Room

Wednesday, March 18

10:00 am Bible Study - Club Room

Sunday, March 22

9:15 am Peter Hobbie Series - Club Room
10:10 am Special Session - Tartan Hall
2:00 pm NAMI - Conference Room
2:30 pm Cub Scouts - Bethlehem Hall
7:00 pm Peter Hobbie Series - Tartan Hall

Monday, March 23

4:00 pm Daisy Scouts - Education Building
7:00 pm Peter Hobbie Series - Library

Tuesday, March 24

4:30 pm Girl Scouts - Bethlehem Hall
5:30 pm Membership Meeting - Conference Room
7:00 pm Peter Hobbie Series - Club Room

Wednesday, March 25

10:00 am Bible Study - Club Room
12:00 pm Pastoral Staff Lunch - Foothills Presbyterian Home
6:00 pm Cub Scouts - Bethlehem Hall

Sunday, March 29

2:00 pm NAMI - Club Room

Monday, March 30

4:00 pm Daisy Scouts - Education Building

Recurring Weekly Activities

Sunday

8:30 am Worship Service - Tartan Hall
9:15 am Sunday School - various locations
10:30 am Worship Service - Sanctuary
4:30 pm JAM & Jesus Jammers - Choir Room
4:30 pm Middle School Youth Group - Youth Room
6:00 pm Senior High Youth Group - Youth Room
6:00 pm PSA Dinner & Program - PSA Student Center
8:00 pm AA — Education Building, Room 205

Monday

6:45 pm Boy Scouts - Club Room, Tartan & Bethlehem Halls

Tuesday

9:30 am Staff Meeting - Conference Room

6:00 pm Folk Dancing - Tartan Hall

Tuesday, continued

7:15 pm Foothills Chorale - Choir Room
8:00 pm AA - Education Building, Room 205

Wednesday

9:15 am Preschool Chapel - Bethlehem Hall
6:00 pm Chancel Bells - Choir Room
7:15 pm Chancel Choir - Choir Room

Thursday

9:15 am Preschool Chapel - Bethlehem Hall
8:00 pm AA - Education Building, Room 205

Friday

12:30 pm AA - Education Building, Room 205

March Birthdays & Anniversaries



3/1 Jake Alexander
Amy Elrod

3/2 Marie Danhill
Margaret Thompson

3/3 Caroline Dawson
Peggy Mowrey

3/4 Caroline Hunter

3/5 Ben Deaton
Kristy MacRae
Mike Moore
George Rodgers
Sylvia Thomas

3/6 Bitsy Barkley
Dusty Oates
Bob Wilkinson

3/7 Chase Aaron
Anna Lightsey

3/8 Alison Cundiff
Leland Hawthorne

3/9 John Brown

3/10 Dylan Bolger
Shirley Chappell
Barry Robinson

3/11 Tom McInnis

3/13 Evelyn Cureton
Pam Davis
Dulcie Mohr
Lindsay Pollard
Denny Walling

3/14 Julianna Ellis
Garland Gravely
Christina Hughes
Kathy Hughes
Joe Lamping

3/15 Caleb Dickerson

3/17 Philip Marcum

3/18 Elizabeth Reimer

3/19 Raymond MacKay
George Mitchell
Katie Wilson

3/20 Rita Greagan

3/21 Larry Gahan

3/22 Wayne Madison

3/23 David Cundiff
Billie Jackson

3/24 Caleb Bailey
Hudson Money
Emily Poetz
Ben Sawyer

3/26 Helen Ellis Foster

3/27 Sullivan MacRae

3/28 David Crum

3/29 Finley Wiles

3/30 Maggie Bandy
Sally Martin
Gayle McGregor
Shannon Quattlebaum

3/31 Frances Caskey



3/5 Raymond & Margaret MacKay

3/6 Glen & Shannon Quattlebaum

3/9 Ed & Shelley Burchfield

3/10 Rich & Emily Bartels

3/12 Bo Crader & Debbie Vaughn

3/17 Danny & Bridgette Gregg
Laurence & Betsy Mudge

3/22 Chuck & Elizabeth Sisson

3/27 Ed & Annette Halbig

3/31 Don & Cyndi Davis
Bob & Becky Fant

Family Promise of Pickens: Successes and Needs

Family Promise of Pickens County (FPPC) began more than two years ago as a dream of United Way and Steve Lambright to provide assistance to homeless families. This dream became a reality June 2014 when FPPC became one of more than 190 affiliates of the Family Promise organization across this nation. Fifteen churches in Pickens County have agreed to host homeless families for a week at a time and four times a year. Four churches enlisted to provide their support to the host churches. Churches provide temporary shelter, food, and a loving and safe environment for the families during the evening hours and on weekends. Armilla Moore is the Director of the program, JoAnn Brink is the Case Worker, a Board of Directors oversees the organization, a Dream Center in Easley provide the base of day time operations for assisting families and fundraising is the progress. **To date FPPC has received 30 referrals and taken in 6 families representing 7 adults and 14 children. Two families have transitioned out of the program, four adults have found jobs, and the program has a long waiting list.**

Fort Hill Presbyterian Church has hosted Family Promise for two separate weeks since it began serving homeless families on August 26, 2014. Over sixty volunteers from our church have served as hospitality hosts, overnight hosts, meal providers, activity planners, set-up and take-down specialists, laundry specialists, organizers, suppliers, etc., logging over 600 hours over volunteer service. Many hands have combined to get the job done. We still need others to do a small part and accomplish the overall mission.

Family Promise of Pickens County still has many needs. The Board of Directors is looking for more people who will bring fresh ideas and renewed energy to this new organization. Committees such as Fundraising, Transportation, Grant Writing, Donations, the Dream Center, and a new Congregational Care Group need volunteers. Go to the Family Promise website: <http://familypromisepickens.org/> and donate to the 300 club or volunteer your time and talent to help homeless families. The need is great with 1,600 homeless children in Pickens County alone.

Mission of the Month 2015

Fort Hill Supports Multiple International Missions

"The King will reply, Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

Did you know that a very significant percentage of Fort Hill's Christian Action Mission's benevolence is directed to international missions? You have long supported and continue to support ongoing missionary efforts in Mexico, Haiti, and Congo. You also support Water Missions International and their effort to place sustainable water filtration equipment in third world countries. Each year you commission and dispatch multiple medical and non-medical mission teams made up of our own Fort Hill members to minister to underserved areas of the world. In other words, you glorify God, grow disciples, and meet human needs in some of the poorest most desperate corners of the earth. This month Christian Action Mission will highlight several of these efforts in our Weekly Update and Minute of Mission Communications.

Be on the lookout for more information on how you reach out to the "least of these."

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