

The Window

The Newsletter of Fort Hill Presbyterian Church

September 2015

Message From the Pastor

God Is Doing a New Thing! (or New Things)

Throughout Scripture we witness that God is always at work, doing new things. Last month I wrote about some needs that are being addressed on Sunday morning, but I want to tell you more. Now that we are almost in our re-newed children, youth, and adult meeting spaces, we are so grateful to all who are helping to make these wonderful improvements, including YOU! Along with transformed spaces, we are seeing some other changes coming. I hope you will get involved.

1. **Choirs on Wednesdays (holy C.O.W.)** — children and youth choirs are now meeting on Wednesday nights in anticipation of syncing with our fall fellowship dinners planned for October–November. *Jam, Jesus Jammers, and Youth Choirs* meet for a half hour, alternating. The other half hour will be recreation time for that age group to just PLAY! In addition, Margaret MacKay will lead our children and youth choirs this year.
2. **Fellowship Dinners on Wednesdays**, October 21–November 18. For five weeks we will have dinners together at 5:45 with our church family. Stay tuned for more information and thank the Fellowship Ministry led by Megan Chavis and staffed by Mary Morrison for their work, in advance.
3. **Associate Pastor for Youth and Mission Ministries search committee** is hard at work. Please pray for their work as they discern the person God is sending to serve here among us. The APNC continues to review candidates and are committed to seeking one whose gifts match our needs and compliment our ministry. Remember in prayer Andy Ackerman, Bob Brown, David Bruce, Mandy Hays (Chair), Helen Mohr, Chloe Satzger, and Karen Sawyer as they serve in this important task. Once they have a candidate, the candidate must be examined by Foothills Presbytery, and then will be presented to the congregation for your consideration.
4. **Our Christian Education Ministry** has been hard at work seeking out willing servant leaders to serve in many ways in all age groups. They deserve a big thanks for their work as does those who said, “Yes!” to the call. A newly formed Youth Ministry Team to support and care for our youth is just beginning to work together. Children’s Ministry Team and Adult Ministry/*Seminary at the Fort* have been working hard as well to provide for our faith formation as a people of God, all generations glorifying God, growing disciples, and meeting human needs.

I am so glad to serve alongside you in Christian discipleship as a pastor and fellow disciple. I am excited to see what God is going to do through us together.

In Faith,

Laura Conrad, Pastor

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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.

Scriptures for Sunday Worship

9/6 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Prov. 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Ps. 125,
James 2:1-10 (11-13), 14-17;
Mark 7:24-37

9/13 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Prov. 1:20-33; Ps. 19; James 3:
1-12; Mark 8:27-38

9/20 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Prov. 31:10-31; Ps. 1;
James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a; Mark 9:30-37

9/27 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22;
Ps. 124; James 5:13-20;
Mark 9:38-50

The Window October Deadline

The deadline for announcements,
articles, and features for the
October issue of *The Window* is
Tuesday, **September 15, 2015**

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.

Fort Hill



September 16
3:00—7:30 pm

Choir Corner

Many of you have probably heard the saying, “things — they is a-changing’”. With changes come newness, freshness, improvement, fear, excitement... The list can go on and on. And how changes affect us is really in our perceptions. I know that I become a little anxious when life provides changes even when I know it is for the better. And it's easier to handle life changes when we see them coming and not to be blind-sided by them.

Lots of planning and preparation have made for changes around the Fort this fall. We get to settle in to updated and remodeled areas of the church in our education building in which the choir room space has been relocated; the sanctuary has been opened up at the front with the pulpit more “up close and personal”, more space to move around and allow versatility in our set-up: for example, our guest instrumentalists and others don't have to be as confined and tightly squeezed into a small area; the organ and piano can move out of the corner so that Judy and the choir are able to hear each other better; the choir loft space has been enlarged and repositioned in such a way that we are singing out into the room more and the basses on the back row aren't in the dark anymore (well, that may not speak for all of them — HA!). There are panels built in to provide better acoustics and throw the sound out into the room. In my opinion, all of these things are positives for us musically. And now you can't say you aren't singing in the choir because there's no room in the loft!!! There have always been places we could spread out and add a chair, but now there truly is more physical space. **No more excuses!!** Now is the time to come forth out of the pews and sing. You don't know what you are missing!

There will also be some schedule changes in the musical opportunities offered for all who want to share their gifts, learn through and with music, and to become involved with wonderful groups of people of all ages.

For our young people, choirs will be offered for children and youth in grades K—8th grade on a different day and time. The rehearsals will move to Wednesdays beginning on Wednesday, September 9. Kindergarten—3rd grade will rehearse from 6:15—6:45 and 4th grade—8th grade will rehearse from 6:45—7:15. Later in the fall in October, a meal, recreation time, and an opportunity for adults of all ages will be offered. Plan now to plug your children/youth into a fun and wonderful learning opportunity. Do not hesitate to call or email Margaret MacKay for more information.

Because of the addition of these rehearsals on Wednesday evenings, Chancel Bells will rehearse from 6:15—7:15 and the Chancel Choir will rehearse from 7:30—8:30.

“Times — they is a-changin'!” Let's all strive to adapt, accept, and take advantage of the newness surrounding us. And always remember that God is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Thanks be to God.

Smiling-n-Singing,

Margaret

P.S. Kristy MacRae, our Children's Choir director, continues to take time to be with and care for her growing family. We will miss her and look forward to her return next year. Margaret MacKay will be the interim director.

Fall Semester PSA Meal Sign Up

Meals are a fun and meaningful part of the PSA Sunday night experience. Nearly every week during the school year, students look forward to eating dinner together. As they break bread, they laugh, share stories from their weeks, and support one another. If you would like to provide a meal, you can sign up individually or in groups. Meals can be home-cooked or delivered from a local restaurant. Contact University Ministry Intern Maggie Alsop. (psa.intern@forthillchurch.org) to sign up. Thank you for your support of PSA!

News from Presbyterian Women

Attention All Women of the Church! Our PW 2015-16 Circle Schedule Is Here!

Are you currently attending a circle meeting with Fort Hill Presbyterian Women? If not, please choose from the options below and join the fellowship of your sisters in Christ for study, fun, conversation, and community!

We want you with us!

Choose from the options below:

Circle 1 meets on the first Monday of the month in the Club Room at 12:15 pm. The Bible study for this year is [Come to the Waters](#). Using the imagery of water throughout the Bible, this study will help nourish your soul.

*See announcement below.

Circle 2, Circle of Hope, meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm in the FHPC Library.

The Bible study for this year is [Come to the Waters](#). (See Circle 1 for the description.)

Circle 3, Trinity Circle, meets on the second Monday of the month at 9:30 am in the Club Room.

The Bible study is [Strong Was Her Faith](#), by J. Ellsworth Kalas, a study of women in the Bible. See Eva Williamson or Gail Williams on Sunday mornings to get your copy. If you prefer to call and reserve your copy, Gail may be reached at (864) 287-0212 or Eva at (864) 654-6161. The cost is \$10.

Circle 5, Circle of Hope, meets on the first Monday of the month in the Club Room at 3:00 pm.

The Bible study for this year is [Come to the Waters](#). (See Circle 1 for the description.)

*See the announcement below.

*September Meeting Date Changes:

Circle 1 and Circle 5 due to the Labor Day holiday will meet on Monday, September 14, instead of September 8.

Circle Leaders:

- Circle 1** — Eva Henry (864) 654-3737
Pam Waddle (864) 654-1049, pam.waddle@yahoo.com
- Circle 2** — Janet Bean (864) 886-8108, janetlbean@yahoo.com
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- Circle 3** — Raenota Merrill (864) 885-1033, r4merrill@bellsouth.net
Marcia Sherman (864) 654-1957, marciasherman@icloud.com
- Circle 5** — Grace Cook (864) 654-0069, wbgrcook@aol.com
Ann Gilreath (864) 654-4300, anngilr@nctv.com

Fall Kickoff and Welcome Back BBQ is September 6.

Each Circle contributes to this wonderful church-wide gathering on the grounds. Please check with your circle leader to find your Circle's contribution toward this event.

FHPC College Student Addresses Needed

We need all Fort Hill college students' addresses (new, updated, or same) for the 2015-16 school year. Our Presbyterian Women Circles want to keep in contact with our college students throughout the year to let them know we are thinking about them. Please take a minute and email or call Maggie Bandy (mbandy@charter.net, 650-6567) with the information so your student can be included.

Questions? Contact our 2015-16 PW Moderator, Judi Cundiff at (864) 882-8266 or ukjudi@btoopenworld.com.

For PW News updates, additions or corrections, contact Mary Barron, PW Publicity, at (864) 885-9342 or mb1cb1@bellsouth.net.

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Sunday Servants

Pastor on Call

9/6	Mary Morrison
9/13	Laura Conrad
9/20	Mary Morrison
9/27	Laura Conrad

Elder at the Font—8:30 Service

9/6	Megan Chavis
9/13	Erika Hays
9/20	Jay Jones
9/27	Jerry Reel

Elder at the Font—10:30 Service

9/6	Chip Egan
9/13	Bob Jones
9/20	Wayne Madison
9/27	Tina Mostertz

Infant - Infant/Crawler

9/6	Stella Hudak
9/13	Lauren Young
9/20	Allison Young
9/27	Audrey Thompson

Toddler - 2 Year Old Nursery

9/6	Tracy Bolger
9/13	Tom & Stephanie Scott
9/20	Jackie Ellis
9/27	Janet Johnson

2 1/2 - 3 Year Old Nursery

9/6	Annette & Elise Halbig
9/13	LeAnne Green
9/20	Laurel Whisler
9/27	Lisa Britt

4-5 Year Old Nursery

9/6	
9/13	Nancy Oates
9/20	Hays Family
9/27	Elizabeth Bost

Welcome to

The Bridge

Rally Day — September 6

9:30 AM in the Sanctuary

Come, gather with family and friends to kick-off **The Bridge**, our Sunday morning time of faith formation and fellowship. We have something for all ages!

Two Sunday Nurseries during the 8:30 & 10:45 worship services and 9:30 The Bridge faith formation; all on first floor of the Education Building.

Infants—Twos

Michelle Blackwell — paid worker (infants)
Jordan Bolger — paid worker (ages 2 & 3)
Sarah Jo Skelton — paid worker (toddlers)

3—4 Year Olds

Elizabeth Bost
Nancy Horton
Jason & Katie Wilson
Corey Norris — paid worker (ages 4 & 5)

During **The Bridge** (the hour bridging our two services), children K—12th grades will meet in the Youth Center in Bethlehem Hall at 9:30 with the senior highs leading a time of community building. During the first 15 minutes they will be led in energizers, song and a Bible story by Senior High youth and adult leaders. Senior Highs (Pier Pointers) will escort K—5th grades to their age group locations where the children will meet with adult leaders (Bridge Builders) to explore the Bible story.

Kindergarten—1st Grade (1st floor, Education Building)

Teresa Hollingsworth
Elizabeth Shevlin
Sub: Marv & Joan Dixon

2nd Grade (2nd floor, Education Building)

Mark & Kerri Kwist
Sue Limber
Sally Martin — Bibles in Spring
Sub: Marv & Joan Dixon

3rd—5th Grades (1st floor, Sanctuary Building)

Beth Durham
Stacey Miller
Mary Stuart Turner
Heather Wright

6th—8th Grades (1st floor, Sanctuary Building)

Bill Cato
Helen Mohr
Cathy Olker — support

9th—12th Grades (1st floor, Sanctuary Building)

Mark Morrison
Terri Smith
Open

The Children's Ministry Team

Joan Alexander: Nursery and stakeholder
Emily Bartels: Elementary parent
Open: Children's Fellowship events
Meredith LeCroy: Preschool parent
Alison Young: Gift Day

The Youth Ministry Team

Maggie Bandy — Food
Chuck Conrad — Parking
Ed Halbig
Kristin McLinnis
Stacey Miller
Karen Sawyer
Bryan Young

Please pray for and encourage **The Children's Ministry Team** members as they make plans for the children of Fort Hill. There are many opportunities for additional involvement from parents and other church members.

The Youth Ministry Team is a new part of our structure as a result of the Youth Ministry Architects assessment from early 2015. Pray for the development of this team to discover their role in laying the foundation for a sustainable youth ministry at Fort Hill.

We are fortunate to be blessed once again with wonderful leaders for the children and youth. Please share your children/youth, encouragement, and prayers with them.

Youth Advisors

Middle School

Laura Crenshaw
Chuck Conrad
Alex Davis (college)
John Lipsey (college)
Emi Lungmus (college)
Aaron Mantia (college)
Carl Strickland (college)
Shane Turner (college)

High School

Blair Bolen
Amy Elrod
Jennifer Griffis
Adam Scott

Youth groups will meet on Sundays at the church as follows unless noted differently in the weekly bulletin.

4:30—6:00	Middle School Youth Group
6:00—6:30	Dinner for Middle School and Senior High Youth
6:30—8:00	Senior High Youth Group

Senior Highs will continue their weekly Wednesday Night Bible Study at 7:30 pm at Spill the Beans until the Youth Center is approved for occupancy.

Middle School Youth will have a five-week Bible Study on the following Wednesdays: October 21, 28, November 4, 11, and 18.

Special Dates — Mark Your Calendars

Rally Day, September 6 — Sanctuary 9:30 am

Children's Parent Meeting, September 9 — Tartan Hall 5:45 pm

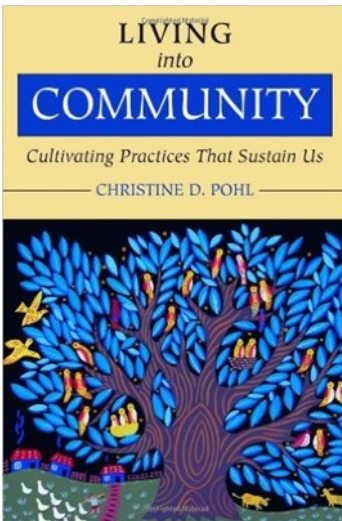
Wear GREEN on September THIRTEEN



The Seminary at the Fort

Fall 2015

The Seminary at The Fort is a seedbed of learning for adults to plant and tend energetic, intelligent, imaginative, and loving Christian disciples. The content of The Seminary at The Fort includes areas of discipleship in Bible, Theology, Church History, Practices of Faith, and Engagement with the World. Every adult member, including college students, at Fort Hill Presbyterian is encouraged to study something in every one of these areas of discipleship every year.



Living Into Community — Cultivating Practices That Sustain Us

by Christine D. Pohl

Every church, every organization, has experienced them: betrayal, deception, grumbling, envy, exclusion. They make life together difficult and prevent congregations from developing the skills, virtues, and practices they need to nurture sturdy, life-giving communities.

In ***Living into Community*** Christine Pohl explores four specific Christian practices — gratitude, promise-keeping, truth-telling, and hospitality — that can counteract those destructive forces and help churches and individuals build and sustain vibrant communities. Drawing on a wealth of personal and professional experience and interacting with the biblical, historical, and moral traditions, Pohl thoughtfully discusses each practice, including its possible complications and deformations, and points to how these essential practices can be better cultivated within communities and families. **Join the Netmenders** for this book study starting in the Fall on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am.

Location: 2nd floor Education Building
Leader: Class members rotate leadership

Begins Sunday, September 13
Seminary at the Fort Area of Study: **Spiritual Practices**

Missions and Ministries of Fort Hill Presbyterian will be the focus for the Sojourners this Fall. For a more in-depth look into how Fort Hill serves and how Fort Hill operates through its ministries Session, come and learn and find a place to join in the serving and celebrating of being involved actively in the workings of Fort Hill Presbyterian. Starting off the presentations on Missions will be the PSA — Presbyterian Student Association — the very reason Fort Hill was founded, out of mission to the Calhoun College cadets and now continuing with the Clemson University Campus Ministry. Other Mission presentations include Guatemala Eye Medical Mission, Family Promise, Guatemala Dental Mission. Ministry presentations to follow are CAM — Christian Action Ministries, CE — Christian Education which includes youth ministry, as well as others to follow. This is a great way to learn more about opportunities to serve in the life of the church. Come and engage your life in mission and ministry. **Join the Sojourners** for this study on Sundays at 9:30 am.

*Missions and
Ministries of
Fort Hill
Presbyterian*

Location: Club Room, Administration Building
Leader: Carol Stout, plus others

Begins Sunday, September 13
Area of Study: **Engagement with World, Practice of Faith**

Racism Study

Racism. No one can deny it exists yet talking frankly about it is one of the few remaining taboos of contemporary society. We often feel like we've come a long way in regard to race relations and we hear myths such as "I'm colorblind" or "Anyone can achieve the American dream if they just work hard enough." However, while we have made some advances



toward racial equality, we still have much work to do. This eleven-session adult study on racism in America is designed to help start faithful, honest, and freeing conversations about race and racism.

This study provides a tour through the biblical and historical realities of race and racism as a foundation for asking difficult yet necessary questions about where we stand today — and where we must go from here.

The first session in the study acknowledges that racism is difficult to talk about even as it opens up some avenues for interaction that make the conversation easier. In other sessions, participants will come to understand terms such as race,

ethnicity, power, privilege, and culture within the context of conversations about racism. Key concepts that are often misunderstood such as white privileges and the insidious nature of its impact on society will be explored.

Participants will also take a closer, more focused look at the issues of affirmative action and consider the cultural ramifications of segregated churches. Also included is a substantive and enlightening four-session study on the history of racism in America from 1492 to the present. And we'll go even further back in history with a look at the racism in the Bible, where differences were more likely to be based on culture rather than on color.

Study titles include: "Why Is It So Difficult to Talk About Racism?", "Racism 101", "The Bible and Racism", "A History of Racism in the United States", "White Privilege", "Is Affirmative Action Still Needed", and "Do Segregated Churches Imply Racism?".

Join the Seekers as they host this study with a variety of Fort Hill members and guests from the university to lead these thought-provoking and helpful discussions. The first session is September 13 and begins at 9:30 am.

Location: 2nd floor, Education Building
 Leaders: Harold Cheatham, Don McKale,
 Lin Dearing, Rameth Owens,
 Laura Conrad, Mary Morrison,
 and guest leaders — Dr. Abel Bartley,
 Dr. Ken Robinson and Dr. Rhondda Thomas

Begins Sunday, September 13

Area of Study: **Engagement with World, Practices of Faith**

Young Adults Ages 22—35 we have a group for you!

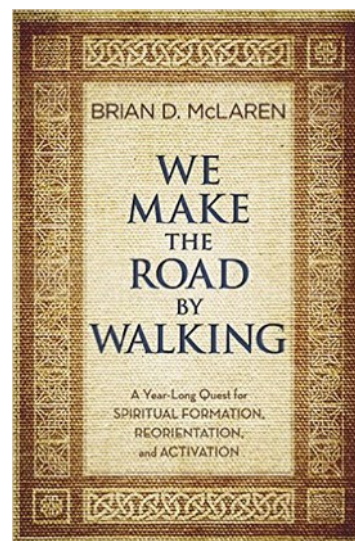
Come and join us weekly as we enjoy food for the body and soul. Short readings in Brian McLaren's *We Make The Road By Walking — A Year-Long Quest for Spiritual Formation, Reorientation, and Activation* guide our conversations.

From critically acclaimed author Brian McLaren comes a brilliant retelling of the biblical story and a thrilling reintroduction to Christian faith. This book offers everything you need to explore what a difference an honest, living, growing faith can make in our world today. It also puts tools in your hands to create a life-changing learning community in any home, restaurant, or other welcoming space.

Organized around the traditional church year, these readings give an overview of the whole Bible and guide an individual or a group of friends through a year of rich study, interactive learnings, and personal growth.

Each reading invites you to

- Cultivate an honest, intelligent understanding of the Bible and of Christian faith in the 21st century



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Announcements & Concerns



Christian Sympathy is extended to:

- ♦ The family of **Irene Ruoff** who died July 30 at her home.
- ♦ Brenda Benson and family in the death of former FHPC Sexton **Milton Benson** on August 8.
- ♦ Debbie Vaughn Crader and family in the death of Debbie's father, **Ed Vaughn**, on August 20.

Thank You!

The family of Roger Koonce wishes to express our sincere appreciation for all your love, support, prayers, food and donations to the church during Roger's illness and death. He loved your cards, visits, and special treats. Your devotion never stopped. It has been a great comfort to have caring friends. Thank you for being there for us and loving us along the path. God is good and we count our many blessings to have had Roger as long as we did. He loved his family, friends, and church dearly, always with a smile.

Jo Ann, Janice, Jeffrey, and Julie

I would like to thank everyone for the love, prayers, cards, and visits during my recent shoulder replacement surgery. The operation was very successful and my recovery is progressing very well. Thanks for the Fort Hill support.

Steve and Laurie Lefevre

Did you know that **Homebound Communion** is served the first Sunday of every month by the Board of Deacons? If you or someone you know would like to have communion brought to you, please call Lisa Street at (864) 868-2751.

Bridging Generations Open House, Sunday, September 6: Please join us for pulled pork and all the fixins, fun and fellowship immediately following worship. We will be celebrating the start of The Bridge and will celebrate the renovated education building. Reservations are encouraged but not required. RSVP to Judy Crawford, judy.crawford@forthillchurch.org or (864) 654-2061.

Family-Friendly Trip? We are in the planning stage of a family-friendly

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- Engage with discussion questions designed to challenge, stimulate, and encourage
- Reimagine what it means to live joyfully and responsibly in today's world as agents of God's justice, creativity, and peace

If you're seeking a fresh way to experience and practice your faith, if you're a long-term Christian seeking new vitality, or if you feel out of place in traditional church circles, this book and group will inspire and activate you in your spiritual journey.

Location: Hugh & Nancy Spitler's home
210 Edgewood Ave., Clemson

Thursdays at 7:00 pm

Seminary at The Fort Area of Study: **Engagement with the World, Bible**



College Coffee Hour

The Wired Word links the latest headlines to the appropriate Scripture!

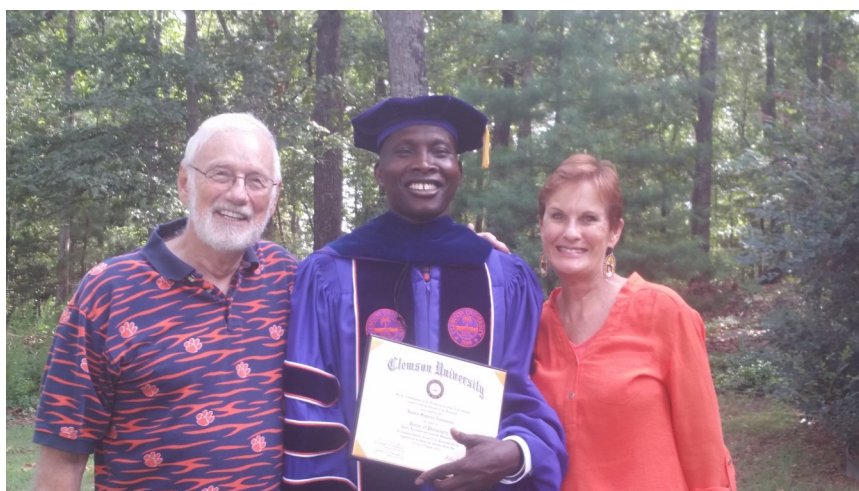
Each week includes biblical commentary and discussion questions related to a topic in the news that week. Relate current events to relevant Scripture passages. Encourage group dialogue on how the verses covered each week apply to everyday life. Engage group members with thought-provoking, stimulating discussions on the messages contained in the biblical texts covered each week. Perfect for adult Sunday school classes, discipleship classes, membership classes, cell groups, Bible education classes, home Bible studies, mentor relationships, other adult church groups — anywhere you want to apply biblical truths to today's culture.

Location: PSA Student Center
401 College Ave., Clemson

Sundays at 9:30 am

Seminary at The Fort Area of Study: **Engagement with the World, Bible**

Leaders: Sarah Morrison, Jim Palmer with Maggie Alsup and Kelly Roman



James Nampushi at Graduation, Aug. 2015
with Dick & Laura Shick

We are so proud of James who came here from Kenya and, with some help from Fort Hill, goes home with a PhD in Recreation and Parks Administration. He will be a blessing for his people and he will maintain close ties with Clemson and with us. May the Lord bless James and his family.

Dick & Laura Shick

FHPC Mission Outreach News

Excitement is in the air and emails are flying between our Fort Hill Presbyterian Church Mission Outreach team members who are heading for Guatemala October 19-29, 2015. We will be staying at El Faro and going out to the nearby Guatemalan villages to assist the families there. Trip leader Beth Chapman and her twelve team members are busily preparing Blessing Bags to take with them to Guatemala for 30 children and 30 adults. If you would like to participate, there are opportunities for donations and "hands-on participation" for you, young and old alike. Included in the Blessing Bags will be items like tissues, band-aids, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, comb, brush, paper, pen, pencils, socks, and snacks.

Ask Beth Chapman or Laura Conrad how you can help us be successful in our efforts.

Our Mission Outreach committee met August 13 to prepare for our church's upcoming mission trips for the coming year. Presently, we have both medical and non-medical teams assembling.

Medical Mission Outreach Trips:

- Comitancillo, Guatemala in September led by Bob Brown. Bob will share his expertise in planning and organizing eye clinics.
- El Faro, Guatemala in February 2016 led by Bob Brown with Scott Massios doing eye surgeries.

Mission Outreach (non-medical) Trips:

- El Faro, Guatemala in October 2015, ministering to impoverished villages, led by Beth Chapman.
- Appalachian Service Project in October led by Chuck Conrad.
- Water Mission Int'l trip to Charleston, SC this fall organized by John Spragins.
- Possible trip to Kenya arranged for us by Shani Yusuf, our Maasi FHPC member, in summer of 2016.

Of course, in order to reach out in our community and around the world, we need to generate a revenue stream. We discussed plans to do some fundraising. If you have some ideas to share, please contact Bob Brown.

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mission trip to Jonesville, Virginia, **October 11-13**. Fort Hill is partnering with the *Appalachian Service Project* for a two-day project to assist a family in Jonesville. Cost is less than \$200 per person. We have room for 10 travelers; the deadline to commit is **September 6**. Contact Chuck Conrad (653-8428) for more information.

Young Adults ages 22-35, we have a group for you! Come and join us weekly as we enjoy food for the body and soul. Short readings in Brian McLaren's *We Make the Road by Walking* guide our conversations as we meet **Thursdays, 7:00 pm** at the Spitlers' home, 210 Edgewood Avenue, Clemson. For more info, contact Sarah Morrison at sm4@clemson.edu or (864) 630-9770.

Photos Needed: Please help us celebrate the 25th anniversary of the new sanctuary by submitting a photo of your wedding or baptism in the new sanctuary. These will be used to create a picture collage to be shown on Sunday, November 1, in celebration of the 25th anniversary. Please submit photos to Judy Crawford via email (judy.crawford@forthillchurch.org) or by placing them in the large manila envelopes in the Narthex labeled "25th Anniversary photo."

Mission of the Month

2015

Helping Hands

Helping Hands is a foster home and emergency shelter for abused and neglected children.

The program accepts children who have been taken into care by the SC Department of Social Services, the majority of whom come from Anderson, Greenville, Oconee, and Pickens Counties. The children, ranging in age from birth to twelve years old, may be with Helping Hands as little as overnight or up to a year or more. One hundred percent of the children in residence receive a safe place to live, healthy meals, clothing, access to healthcare (including mental health), and access to education.

The Shelter can care for up to 54 children at a time (almost 30 children are in residence today) and has cared for more than 8,000 children since opening the doors. To put this in context, about 800 children are placed in emergency foster care each year — and over 100 of them are served by Helping Hands!

Helping Hands is in the process of building a larger shelter in Pendleton to move from its current location in Six Mile. Donations are greatly appreciated and can be made at <http://helpinghandsofclemson.org/donations/>. Alternatively, gifts of household supplies, clothing, and backpacks are always in demand, and a "wish list" of these much-needed items is available on the CAM bulletin board if a Sunday School class or SALT group would like to make a donation.

September Fort Hill Church Activities

Tuesday, September 1

- 9:30 am Staff Meeting — Conference Room
- 4:30 pm Building & Grounds Meeting — Conference Room
- 6:30 pm University Ministry Meeting — PSA Student Cntr.
- 7:00 pm Personnel & Program Support Mtg. — Conf. Rm.
- 7:00 pm Fellowship Ministry Meeting — Cyndi Davis' office

Wednesday, September 2

- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir — Sanctuary

Thursday, September 3

- 7:00 pm Young Adult Bible Study — Spitlers' Home

Friday, September 4

- 10:00 am Construction Progress Meeting — Conf. Rm.

Sunday, September 6

- 7:30 am APNC Meeting — Conference Room
- 8:30 am Worship Service — Tartan Hall
- 9:30 am Bridge Rally Day — Sanctuary
- 10:45 am Worship Service — Sanctuary
- 11:45 am BBQ — Church grounds
- Home Communion

Monday, September 7

Labor Day — Church Offices Closed

Tuesday, September 8

- 9:00 am First Day of Preschool
- 9:30 am Staff Meeting — Conference Room
- 5:45 pm Music Ministry Meeting — Conference Room
- 6:30 pm Worship Ministry Meeting — Conference Room
- 6:30 pm Finance Meeting — Club Room
- 7:00 pm Christian Education Meeting — ??

Wednesday, September 9

- 9:15 am Child Protection Training — Conference Room
- 6:15 pm Children's Choirs — Sanctuary
- 6:15 pm Chancel Bells — TDB
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir — Sanctuary

Thursday, September 10

- 9:15 am Child Protection Training — Conference Room
- 7:00 pm Young Adult Bible Study — Spitlers' home

Sunday, September 13

- 7:30 am APNC Meeting — Conference Room
- 8:30 am Worship Service — Sanctuary
- 9:30 am The Bridge — Various Locations
- 10:45 am Worship Service — Sanctuary
- 11:30 am Discovering Faith Class — Club Room
- 4:30 pm Middle School Youth — TDB
- 6:00 pm Senior High Youth — TDB
- 6:00 pm PSA Dinner & Program — PSA Student Center

Monday, September 14

- 3:00 pm PW Circle 5 — Laurie Lefevre's home
- 5:30 pm Christian Action Ministry Meeting — Conf. Rm.

Tuesday, September 15

- 9:30 am Staff Meeting — Conference Room
- 7:00 pm Session Meeting — Conference Room

Wednesday, September 16

- 12:00 pm Pastor Lunch — Clemson Downs
- 3:00 pm Fort Hill Blood Drive — Parking Lot
- 6:15 pm Children's Choirs — Sanctuary
- 6:15 pm Chancel Bells — TDB
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir — Sanctuary

Thursday, September 17

- 7:00 pm Young Adult Bible Study — Spitlers' home

Friday, September 18

- 1:00 pm Construction Progress Meeting — Conf. Rm.

Sunday, September 20

- 7:30 am APNC Meeting — Conference Room
- 8:30 am Worship Service — Sanctuary
- 9:30 am The Bridge — Various Locations
- 10:45 am Worship Service — Sanctuary
- 4:30 pm Middle School Youth
- 6:00 pm Senior High Youth
- 6:00 pm PSA Dinner & Program — PSA Student Center

Tuesday, September 22

- 9:30 am Staff Meeting — Conference Room
- 5:00 pm Membership Meeting — Conference Room
- 7:00 pm Adult Education Meeting — Club Room

Wednesday, September 23

- 6:15 pm Children's Choirs — Sanctuary
- 6:15 pm Chancel Bells — TBD
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir — Sanctuary

Thursday, September 24

- 7:00 pm Young Adult Bible Study — Spitlers' home

Friday, September 25

PSA Fall Retreat — Camp Buc

Sunday, September 27

- 7:30 am APNC Meeting — Conference Room
- 8:30 am Worship Service — Sanctuary
- 9:30 am The Bridge — Various Locations
- 10:45 am Worship Service — Sanctuary
- 5:00 pm Middle & Senior High Cookout — Nettles Park
- 6:00 pm PSA Dinner & Program — PSA Student Center

Tuesday, September 29

- 9:30 am Staff Meeting — Conference Room

Wednesday, September 30

- 6:15 pm Children's Choir — Sanctuary
- 6:15 pm Chancel Bells — TBD
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir — Sanctuary

AA meets in the Admin Building Basement each Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday at 8:00 pm and each Friday at 12:30 pm.

September Birthdays & Anniversaries



9/1	Katie Blondeau Mary Rutter Anna Wofford
9/2	Emily Burchfield Angela Littlejohn Bridget Sehorn
9/3	Martha Grisby Libba Shelton Josh Young
9/4	Susan Nunamaker Luke Turner Diana Walter Emma Worley
9/5	Jayne Horne James Kwist Lydia Marcum Joanne Nisonger Lou Ann Pursley Tom Shealy
9/6	Lelia Stevenson Jordon Weir
9/7	Kristen McGinn
9/8	Bob Mixon Eldon Voigt
9/9	Rebecca Dalhouse Walt Owens

9/10	Debbie Durland Jody Faithful Jeral Shelton Joy Van Daele
9/11	Jere Ross Louis Stone
9/12	Lee Rice
9/13	Reagan Blondeau Wes Koch
9/14	Lisa Britt Mark Morrison
9/15	Emily Bartels Al Littlejohn
9/16	Jordon Blogger Clay Mohr Jim Van Sensus
9/17	Andy Ackerman Mark Kwist Mary Stuart Turner
9/18	Betty Shealy
9/19	Carter Russell
9/20	Robin Denny
9/21	Jay Jones Denny Sherrod Jodie Thomas
9/22	Carol Pollock Michael Sehorn

9/24	George Alexander Gabby Bailey Abigal Martin
9/24	Mary Kate Turner
9/26	Cile Dunkelberg Brittany Shealy Mary Dusenberry
9/27	Mark Danhill Lucy Greene Bruce Jarrett Cal Sawyer
9/28	Susan Best
9/29	AJ Howard
9/30	Gerald Bitzer Craig Homan Emma Quellette Phyl Stevenson



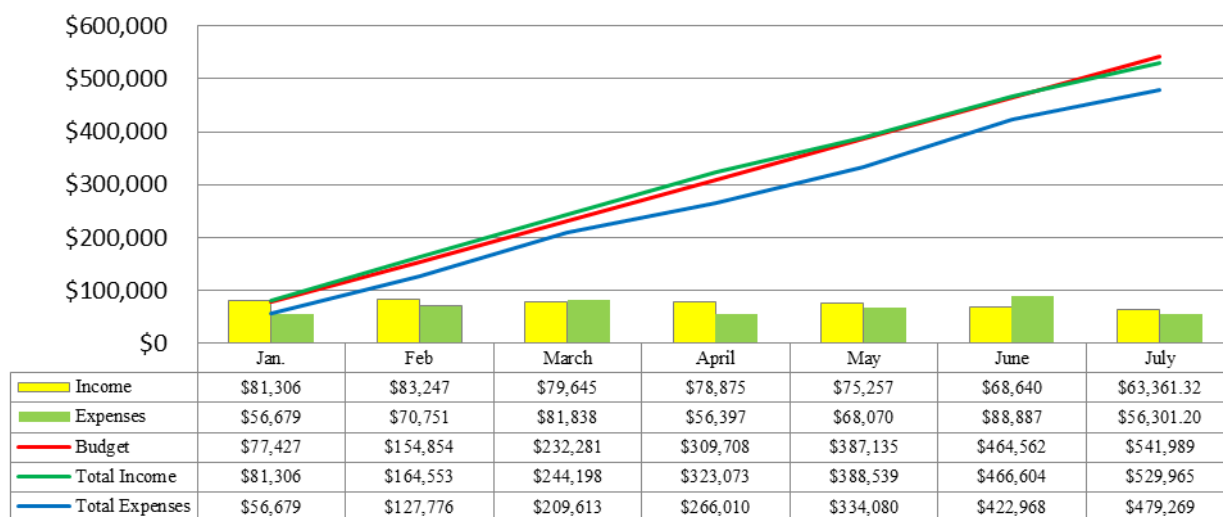
9/1	George & Cile Dunkelberg
9/2	Jerry & Edmee Reel
9/3	John & Carolyn Ferguson Lanny & Linda Parsons
9/5	Bill & Jan Beckwith Derick & Beth Durham Mark & Kristen McInnis
9/8	Gary & Pat Gardner
9/10	Jesse & Jacqui Hudak George & Sally Mitchell
9/13	Bob & Carol Stout
9/15	Walt & Rameth Owens
9/16	Leland & Grace Hawthorne
9/24	Owen & Johnnie Van de Sande
9/25	Lin & Kay Dearing
9/26	Tom & Carol Pollock Tom & Betty Shealy
9/27	Bruce & Terrie Jarrett
9/30	Mark & Kerri Kwist Jeral & Libba Shelton

From the Finance Ministry

Through July, total income was \$529,965 while expenses for the first seven months were \$479,269 for a surplus of \$50,696. Overall expenses are at 51.6% of budget while income is at 57%. As you can see, income is approximately 1% below budget while expenses are 6.5% below budget. Session ministry chairs are doing a great job of managing expenses, and thanks to your financial support, Fort Hill is able to continue its ministries to members, community, and around the world.

Bridging Generations Update: Pledge giving for the month was 80,315.58. Non-pledge giving was \$24,749.58, undesignated memorial gifts was \$1,270 and interest income was \$1.85 for a total of \$106,337.01. Total income year to date is \$311,619.61.

Fort Hill Income/Expenses 2015



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