

The Window

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Message From the Pastor

A Theology of Wonder

Mary Oliver's poem "The Summer Day" "Tell me, what is it you plan to do / with your one wild and precious life?"

Those lines are the conclusion of a poem in which the speaker has done nothing all day but stroll through fields. "I don't know exactly what a prayer is," she writes. "I do know how to pay attention, how to fall down / into the grass." Summer is a great time to wonder. I hope and pray you will find time to rest in the beauty of God's world and pay attention.

Paying attention is prayer. While many travel over the summer months, I hope you will enjoy some prayer time, some paying attention time. Pay attention to the ones you love. Pay attention to the ones God loves. And enjoy some Sabbath rest.

I hope you make time to worship daily. And then come together with your church family to worship on Sundays. All our summer trips, Bible School, Wild Wednesdays, Sojourners class and children's Bridge, First Sunday meals, will be times of play, learning, and fellowship.

Tell me what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?

Maybe having time to pay attention will bring the answer into focus as you listen for God's call.

Blessings on your summer adventures. Don't forget to come home though...home to God's church and your family of faith.

Together in Faith,

Laura Smith Conrad, Pastor



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Scriptures for Sunday Worship

6/4 Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21; Ps. 104:24-34, 35b;
1 Cor. 12:3b-13; John 20:19-23

6/11 Trinity Sunday

Gen. 1:2-4a; Ps. 8;
2 Cor. 13:11-13; Matt. 28:16-20

6/18 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Acts 17:22-31; Ps. 66:8-20;
1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

6/25 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Gen. 21:8-21; Ps. 86:1-10;
16-17; Rom. 6:1b-11;
Matt. 10:24-39

July

The Window Deadline

The deadline for announcements, articles, and features for the July issue of *The Window* is Thursday, June 15, 2017.

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 possible, please keep your articles to 500 words or less.

Christian Sympathy to:

Robin Denny and family in the death of her sister-in-law, Delores Denny on May 6 in Savannah, GA.

Cathy Olker and family in the death Jack Olker on May 7.

Hap & Jeannette Carr and family in the death of Jeannette's brother, Edward DeWitt on May 18 in NC.

Gratitude for our Fort Hill Church Family:

Frank and I would like to express our gratitude for the love and support we have been shown at the death of my sister, Rose Marie Collerone. The cards and prayers helped more than you know.

Frank & Rita Van Lenten

Choir Corner

SUMMER!!! Wow — it is upon us! Such a wonderful time of year with change of schedules; away time; vacations for students, faculty, and families. It provides time of respite and relaxation. What a blessing!

It is also time for planning ahead. I use the end of May and early June to plan August—December for all of our musical groups — the anthems, special musical opportunities, etc. I enjoy this time of year to look ahead, dream, and think outside the box, etc. It's a challenge and it is fulfilling. And of course, being at Montreat Worship and Music conference is the perfect inspiration!

Don't you like to daydream? It allows for creativity and going to places you may never get to go, but it feels like you do! When I was little, I loved to lay in the grass and look at the clouds. I am sure you may have done the same. I could drift far away on the animals I saw, or laugh at people's faces of all shapes and sizes, or just breathe and relax. There wasn't a care in the world, and the possibilities were limitless. That is what I wish for each of you disciples this summer. No limits. Only freedom and dreams — a getaway from the busy pace of life. And may you feel God's presence and just be!!

Smiling-n-Singing,

Margaret

Children's Ministry News

We have shared many special services during recent Sundays. Among them were the Children's Sunday in April and Confirmation in May. Thank you for being a congregation that actively supports our children and youth through your actions and encouraging words.

Many volunteers have helped as teachers, others by serving on the Children's Ministry Team. I offer deep and abiding appreciation on the behalf our children to Elizabeth Bost, Leanne Broome, David and Debbie Collins, Eddie and Megan Chavis, Matt and Laura Crenshaw, Beth Durham, Teresa Hollingsworth, Nancy Horton, Mark and Kerri Kwist, Meredith LeCroy, Jillian McLaurin, Raenota Merrill, Stacey Miller, Nina Moede, Marie Nebesky, Mary Stuart Turner, Jason and Katie Wilson, Amy Worley, Heather Wright, and Ally Young. Thank you for sharing your gifts of teaching and planning.



Our volunteer nursery workers are vital to our children. Thank you to all who have served this year, in the years past, and will serve in the future. We appreciate the time you gave to read to, play with, and nurture our youngest children. The volunteers work with our paid staff consisting of Michelle Blackwell, Jordan Bolger, Corey Norris, and substitute, Katherine Canady.

This year we say good-bye to Jordan Bolger. Jordan has watched over many children of this church family during her years in high school and college. She grew up as a child of Fort Hill to help guide and teach more Fort Hill children. Thank you, Jordan, for many years of loving care for our children. We send our best wishes to you.

Children's activities can only continue with involvement of those in our church family. To become involved with our children's programs, please contact me.

Upcoming Events:

June 4 First Sunday Breakfast — Tartan Hall — 9:30
June 11 Bridge Group for children K4 through 5th Grade — Room E209 — 9:30
June 12-15 Vacation Bible School
June 28 Swimming — 6:00 pm

Watch for other activities in the Sunday Bulletin and Wednesday Update email.

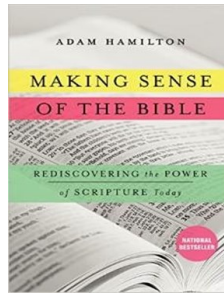
Wishing all a wonderful summer,

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Sundays This Summer for Adults

Both the Sojourners and the Coffee with Jesus classes will continue except on June 4 and August 6 when we have Summer Sunday Breakfasts.

Sojourners: June 11, 18, 25 — Join Ben Sill for the first half of the study *Making Sense of the Bible* by Adam Hamilton. You may want to purchase a copy. 9:30 Sunday mornings in the Club Room.



Join the Sojourners to explore *Making Sense of the Bible* by Adam Hamilton. Denominations from evangelical to mainline continue to experience deep divisions over universal social issues. The underlying debate is not about a particular social issue, but instead it is about how we understand the nature of scripture and how we should interpret it. In *Making Sense of the Bible*, Adam Hamilton, one of the country's leading pastors and Christian authors, addresses the hot-button issues that plague the church and cultural debate, and answers many of the questions frequently asked by Christians and non-Christians alike.



Coffee with Jesus: June 11, 18, 25 — Continuing a discussion of the **Sarasota Statement**, a new confessional statement in response to the current state of the church and world. It was made possible by a partnership between NEXT Church and the Presbyterian Foundation. To read the statement visit www.nextchurch.net. The authors "hope you'll take the statement into your own life and context, using it as a tool to declare your own faith statement, proclaiming the light of Christ."

Next up will be a theological discussion of the **Six Great Ends of the Church** as presented in the *PC(USA) Constitution, F-1.0304*. The great ends of the Church are:

- The proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind;
- The shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God;
- The maintenance of divine worship;
- The preservation of the truth;
- The promotion of social righteousness;
- And the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world.



Discussions are facilitated by Al Masters, Ronda Ricks, and Lin Dearing. 9:30 Sunday mornings in the Library, E-211.

Summer Sunday Breakfasts



June 4 and August 6

Come and fellowship over food in Tartan Hall from 9:30—10:30.

Please bring your favorite food to share. Coffee and juice provided by the Fellowship Ministry.

Sunday Servants

Pastor on Call

6/4 Mary Morrison
6/11 Mary Morrison
6/18 Laura Conrad
6/25 Al Masters (6/26)
Mary Morrison (6/27-7/3)

Elder at the Font—8:30 Service

6/4 Tim Howard
6/11 Kenny Mohr
6/18 Linda Parsons
6/25 Jackie Ellis

Elder at the Font—10:45 Service

6/4 Chuck Moede
6/11 Raymond MacKay
6/18 Gary Mohr, Sr.
6/25 Mac Martin

Infant - Infant/Toddler

6/4 Nancy Oates
6/11 Billie Jackson
6/18 Don & Janna McKale
6/25 Judy Blackwell

2 & 3 Year Old Nursery

6/4 Stella Hudak
6/11 LeAnne Greene
6/18 Jenifer Griffis
6/25 Susan Beckwith

4 & 5 Year Old Nursery

6/4 Mandy & Erika Hays
6/11 Mike & Courtney Money
6/18 Elizabeth Bost
6/25 Claudette Bennett



GEORGE MITCHELL received his Purple Heart 72 years after he was injured. We gathered to honor George and his wife Sally on Sunday, May 7. George did not want to upset his mother who was ill so the paper work was never filed. His mother died a few months later. He was wounded at the Battle of the Bulge in December 1944.

Andrew Mohr Graduating Senior



Kenneth Andrew Mohr is the son of Gary and Carolyn Mohr, and the grandson of Gary Mohr, Sr., and Ben and Helen Morton. Andrew was baptized and grew up at Pendleton Presbyterian Church, where his family has been attending for many generations. In 2009, Andrew's family began attending Fort Hill. Andrew was confirmed into the church in 2014. During his time at Fort Hill, Andrew attended mission trips as well as several youth conferences with the youth group. Andrew will be graduating from Pendleton High School ranked #7 in his class. While at Pendleton he ran cross country for two years and played soccer for six. Prior to missing his senior season of soccer due to injury, Andrew has been named All-Region Player of the Year three times, been named to All-State, and was Anderson Independent Mail's Player of the Year. He holds the school record for assists in a career and ranks in the top 5 in points and goals as well. Andrew will be attending Clemson this fall, majoring in Bioengineering with the plan to attend medical school. Andrew says his favorite memory of Fort Hill going on retreats to Montreat with the Youth Group.

Inside the "Den"

This Summer Will Be Wild!

As the last days of school wind to a close, our youth ministry is preparing to shift to summer mode. This is anything but a vacation! We are sending a group of Mid-Highs to Raleigh on June 18 for a weeklong mission trip. The very next week, it is our Senior High's turn as they travel to Chicago for their summer mission trip. A few short weeks later, we will be taking a large group (8th grade through 12th grade) to Montreat for the Youth Conference in July.

In addition to these big trips, we have youth events happening each and every Wednesday this summer. We start with dinner at Peppino's at 6:30 and then walk to Bowman Field for games with other Clemson-area youth groups, wrapping up at 8:30. As a part of "Wild Wednesdays," we'll be taking a large group to Carowinds for a day of fun-filled adventure on June 7.



Rising 6th graders were welcomed at youth group on May 7, paving the way for them to participate in youth events this summer.

Some folks may say, "Have a great summer! We'll see you in the fall!" For our team of youth, parents, and advisors, I think we'll usually be saying, "See you next week!" It is our hope to continue to build connections with one another year-round. Summer is just another opportunity for us to come together to serve as Christ's disciples, whether that's on a mission trip, at Montreat, or out on Bowman Field. See you all soon!

Joyfully,

Dana

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Mother's Day Offering

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PW Honorary Life Membership Award Winners for 2017

Mary Barron

This co-recipient has been a very busy lady in her community as well as at Fort Hill and at churches in Columbia and Pickens. She has shown interest in many areas, thanks to an abundance of talent.

Her lifelong passion for learning led naturally to her being a teacher at both the elementary and college level, as well as being one who can't resist taking another course of some sort. For sixteen years she taught courses on how to teach elementary science and art at what would become Southern Wesleyan University. She has a Master's Degree in Education from Furman and has certification from the National Board for teaching elementary art. She took drawing and watercolor classes at the Greenville Museum School, helping her create wonderful pictures and clever greeting cards.

A fitness advocate, this lady has taught aerobics in various gyms. A thirty mile hike up and down steep mountain trails with a thirty-five pound backpack proved her fitness. Right now she is with friends preparing for another major hike.

Another passion involves all things musical. Her gospel quartet has performed at many area churches and nursing homes. You may have heard the group at a Fort Hill loyalty dinner. Of course she's a faithful member of the choir, along with her husband.

Somehow, there has been time for much-loved traveling in the United States and abroad. This is a good thing, because some family members live far away.

Her long list of service includes both elder and deacon. She served as Worship Committee Chair, PW Publicity Chair, Christian Action Committee member, and a representative for Clemson Area Congregations in Touch. An active circle member, she has also been involved with Vacation Bible School, SHINE, and Our Daily Bread. Her artistic donations help raise money for various good causes. In recent years, she has spent countless hours as a Family Promise coordinator for our church.

Claudette Bennett

This co-recipient is certainly not a Clemson native, but we are surely grateful that she came here so we could benefit from her many abilities, for 37 years so far. She was born in Alaska, where her parents had relocated under a New Deal proposal that gave homesteads to farmers, hoping to populate the area with Americans who could provide food for the continental US. Tragically, her father got tuberculosis, and despite the family's hard work, their homestead portion had to be sold. The family moved back to Minnesota. Here her father received medical care and this family worked hard to provide for themselves. Our honoree, as chief cook, acquired baking skills for which she is known today.

Upon graduation from the University of Minnesota, the new teacher took a first grade teaching job and moved with three friends to California. There she met and married her husband. After their first daughter was born, a series of relocations began — New Jersey (where their second daughter was born), Knoxville, Lake Charles LA, and finally Clemson. Here there was a job as a substitute teacher followed by a full-time position in first grade at Morrison Elementary — now Clemson Elementary.

During her family's growing up years she helped in the church nursery and taught both Sunday School and Bible School. She served as Choir Mother as well as chaperone for Montreat children's retreats. No one would be surprised to know she was a Bluebird, Brownie, and Girl Scout leader. With all these responsibilities, time was made to earn a Master's in Education. Her love of teaching has not waned, since she continues to volunteer as a reading tutor locally.

Ever active in a circle, she has served as Circle Leader. Other commitments have been to the Christian Action Committee, Long Range Planning Committee, a bereavement meals team, funeral reception assistance, and a SALT group. Mountains of clothing for Mission Haven have been sorted by her hands. Perhaps she is best known for her advocacy of Thornwell Children's Home and is an enthusiastic liaison person between the home and our PW Circles, encouraging support for the various needs of the young residents.

News from Presbyterian Women

May Magazine Collections for Campbell Veterans Hospital and Harris Psychiatric Hospital

Thank you to everyone who donated magazines, books and puzzles for **Campbell Veterans Hospital** and **Harris Psychiatric Hospital**. We will continue taking contributions through June. Your support for this worthwhile project is appreciated!

Campbell's Soup Labels and Paper Products for Helping Hands

We are collecting **Campbell's Soup labels** only until the end of **July**. Box Tops for Education collection will continue.

Bring paper goods to donate to **Helping Hands** to the Collections Room in the "dungeon" at the base of the stairs opposite the Club Room.

PW Spring Birthday Luncheon

Our PW Spring Birthday Luncheon on Saturday, April 29, was a big success! Many thanks to Judi Cundiff and Barbara Madison and their team of volunteers for their leadership in organizing and implementing the arrangements for this much anticipated spring event! We shared many delicious salads prepared by the women of the church, and enjoyed the fellowship with our PW sisters.

Our speaker, Armilla Moore, director of Family Promise of Pickens County, gave us a deeper understanding of how our partnership with other area churches impacts, in a deeply positive way, the families we host. She shared how a brush with breast cancer changed her outlook on ministering to those less fortunate. She stressed how with our involvement in Family Promise we can all make a difference in the lives of others.

We presented to **Mary Barron** and **Claudette Bennett** the cherished **PW Honorary Life Membership Award**. The selection process begins with nominations collected throughout the year, the committee meets, makes a choice, and the selection is shrouded in secrecy until the end of the luncheon. It is always a big surprise! Congratulations, ladies!!!

Nan Jones Reports on Columbia Theological Seminary Visit

Nan Jones took 18 bags of clothes that Fort Hill Presbyterian Church donated to Mission Haven, the clothing closet at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, GA on April 27. These clothes provide tasteful but inexpensive clothing choices for the seminary students and their families. Thank you for your generous contributions!

The *State of the Seminary* report stated that the 54 students in the incoming class have diverse backgrounds, coming from 13 states and 3 countries. 95% of the students receive support from CTS, and only 30% applied for federal aid. Since 1949 when Columbia Circle was founded, CTS has funded 197 scholarships for a total of \$1.9 million, and always gives their scholarships to seminary students who have families. These individuals share their faith journeys and share the transformations these scholarships have made in their lives.

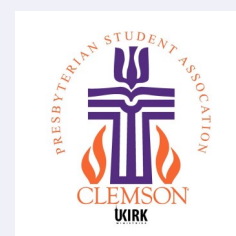
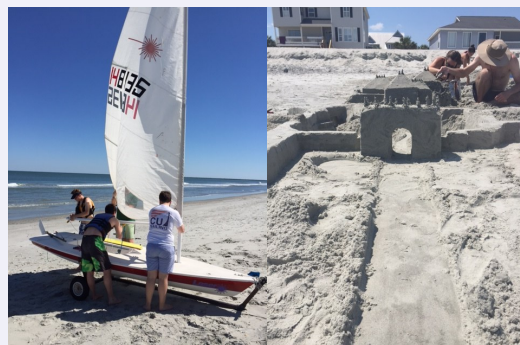
For more information see the fliers in the church pews.

Have a safe and God-filled summer filled with bountiful blessings!

Summer at PSA

"Beach Week" was fun...great weather, designer Fort Clemson sandcastles by Alex and friends, two dozen KK's hot 'n ready consumed by 7 students and 1 "senior adult" in 3 minutes, all the white bread and PBJ one could eat, putt-putt, Sam's arcade, watching "Price is Right", two students brought sailboats, road trip to Gay Dolphin ...no serious sunburn and bittersweet goodbyes to seniors...

This summer some Wednesday lunch bunches are scheduled and Alex, Blair are sandblasting the PSA inside entrance for concrete staining to match outside landscaping attractiveness. Linda is around this week and just completed her first martial arts dancing "belt" so you don't want to mess with her! I'm back from good visit with daughter in Chicago — go Cubs! Lots of planning and initial fundraising contacts with local churches, visiting students in Montreat, sermon prep, two good books to read: "You Can't Touch My Hair" and "What Is the Bible?" Tim is excited about fundraising and Alex has lots of ideas for Council — promises to be full summer but relaxed pace. Will be ready for another Game Day or two this fall!!



June Fort Hill Church Activities

Thursday, June 1

7:00 pm Trevis Young Organ Recital — Sanctuary

Sunday, June 4

8:30 am Worship — Tartan Hall
9:30 am First Sunday Breakfast — Tartan Hall
Home Communion
12:00 pm Safe Place Meeting — Club Room/Conference Room

Monday, June 5

6:30 pm Boy Scouts — Club Room/Tartan Hall
7:00 pm Habitat Meeting — Conference Room

Tuesday, June 6

8:00 am Men of the Church Breakfast — Sunnyside Café
9:30 am Staff Meeting — Conference Room
5:00 pm Mission Outreach Meeting — Club Room
5:00 pm Planning Meeting — Conference Room
5:30 pm Folk Dancing — Tartan Hall
5:30 pm UM Meeting — PSA Student Center
6:00 pm Christian Action Meeting — Library
7:00 pm Youth Ministry Meeting — Den
7:00 pm Personnel & Program Support — Conference Room
7:00 pm Fellowship Ministry Meeting — Library

Wednesday, June 7

7:00 am Wild Wednesday — Youth Group — Carowinds
10:00 am Bible Study — Club Room
6:00 pm Safe Place Training — Club Room/E209
7:30 pm Chancel Choir — Choir Room

Sunday, June 11

8:30 am Worship — Sanctuary
9:30 am The Bridge — Faith Formation Classes
10:45 am Worship Service — Sanctuary

Monday, June 12

9:30 am VBS — 1st Baptist
7:00 pm Boy Scout Court of Honor — Sanctuary/Tartan Hall

Tuesday, June 13

9:30 am VBS — 1st Baptist
9:30 am Staff Meeting — Conference Room
3:00 pm Building & Grounds Meeting — Conference Room
5:30 pm Folk Dancing — Tartan Hall
5:45 pm Music Ministry Meeting — Conference Room
6:30 pm Worship Ministry Meeting — Conference Room
6:30 pm Finance Meeting — Club Room

Wednesday, June 14

9:30 am VBS — 1st Baptist

Wednesday, June 14

9:30 am VBS — First Baptist
10:00 am Bible Study — Club Room
6:30 pm Wild Wednesday — Peppino's
7:30 pm Chancel Choir — Choir Room

Thursday, June 15

9:30 am VBS — 1st Baptist

Sunday, June 18

8:30 am Worship Service — Tartan Hall
9:30 am The Bridge — Faith Formation Classes
10:35 am Congregational Meeting — Tartan Hall
10:45 am Worship Service — Sanctuary
Mid-High Youth Mission Trip — Raleigh, NC

Monday, June 19

10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry — Hazel Sparks' home
6:30 pm Boy Scouts — Club Room/Tartan Hall

Tuesday, June 20

9:30 am Staff Meeting — Conference Room
5:30 pm Folk Dancing — Tartan Hall
7:00 pm Session Meeting — Club Room

Wednesday, June 21

10:00 am Bible Study — Club Room
12:00 pm Pastors' Clemson Downs Lunch
6:30 am Wild Wednesday — Peppino's
7:30 pm Chancel Choir — Choir Room

Sunday, June 25

8:30 am Worship Service — Tartan Hall
9:30 am The Bridge — Faith Formation Classes
10:45 am Worship Service — Sanctuary
11:45 am Deacon Meeting — Conference Room
Senior High Mission Trip — Chicago, IL

Monday, June 26

6:30 pm Boy Scouts — Club Room/Tartan Hall

Tuesday, June 27

9:30 am Staff Meeting — Conference Room
5:30 pm Folk Dancing — Tartan Hall
5:30 pm Membership Meeting — Conference Room

Wednesday, June 28

10:00 am Bible Study — Club Room
5:30 pm Children's Ministry Meeting — Conference Room
6:00 pm Swimming (Children) — Stillwater Pool
6:30 pm Wild Wednesday — Peppino's

Weekly AA Meetings

Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings at 8:00 pm and Friday at 12:30 pm in Room E205 of the Education Building



June Birthdays & Anniversaries



- 6/1 Bo Crader
Julie DuBose
Joy Newton
- 6/2 Marge Olthoff
- 6/3 Betsy Mudge
Cody Satzger
- 6/4 Tony Rutland
- 6/5 Shelley Burchfield
Lochlan McLaurin
Marcia Sherman
- 6/6 Kip Bagley
- 6/7 June Davis
Jim Thomas
- 6/8 Victoria Artigliere
- 6/9 Rebecca Ackerman
- 6/10 Andy Kwist
Cathy Olker
- 6/11 Paul Borick III
Chuck Cruickshank
Erika Hays
Meri Kate Marcum
Chryssa Rutland
- 6/12 Cheryl Trammell

- 6/13 Grace Hawthorne
Putt Jacks
James Rash
Frank Van Lenten
Dana Waters
- 6/14 Ellie Faithful
Chuck Sisson
- 6/15 Jackie Martin
- 6/16 Helen Adams
Paige Durham
Virginia Ellis
Cynthia Gravely
Phyllis Guptill
Cooper Hays
Courtney Money
- 6/17 Eddie Chavis
Ellen Torrence
- 6/18 Joann Daugherty
Cyndi Davis
Larry McCullough
Cathy Spragins
- 6/19 Jean Greene
Ann Howard
- 6/20 Ron Hughes
Alex Massios
George Polk
- 6/22 Jacquie Worley
- 6/24 Wes Worley
- 6/25 Lisbeth Crowther



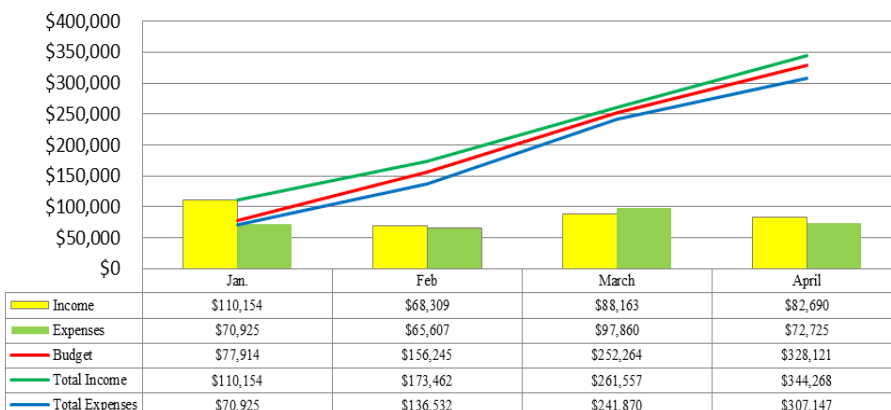
- 6/13 Audrey Thompson
- 6/14 Leanne Broome
Mario Muzii
- 6/27 Steve Martin
Amanda Stevenson
- 6/28 Robin Weeks
Sydney Weeks
- 6/29 Claire Caskey
- 6/30 Sarah DuBose
Judy Eidson
Rob Key
Raymond Wooten
- 6/13 Frank & Rita Van Lenten
- 6/14 Jerry & Jean Greene
Elbert & Nancy Horton
Art & Gail Williams
- 6/15 Jerry & Joyce Christenbury
Guy & Mavis Sabin
- 6/18 Larry & Cindy Sloan
- 6/19 Bob & Nan Jones
Barry & Aleta Robinson
- 6/20 Jason & Sarah Allen
Tom & Connie Lawrence
John & Sally Martin
Tom & Cathy McInnis
- 6/21 Gus & Clarice Gustafson
- 6/22 Carl & Teresa Hollingsworth
Todd & Catherine Latiff
Wes & Jacquie Worley
Josh & Ally Young
- 6/23 Jim & Mary Dusenberry
- 6/25 Bob & Beth Wilkinson
- 6/26 Hugh & Nancy Spitler
- 6/27 Bob & Susan Brown
Bruce & Laura Whisler
Bob & Eva Williamson
- 6/28 Ben & Lois Sill
- 6/30 Joe & Nancy Lamping
Ben & Linda Wofford
Mike & Amy Worley

From the Finance Ministry

Through April, total income was \$344,268 while expenses for the first four months were \$307,147 for a surplus of \$37,121. Overall expenses are at 32.9% of budget, while income is at 36.8%. As you can see income is above budget while expenses are right on 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: Pledged giving for the month was 18,108.66. Non-pledged giving was \$40,425 (\$40,000 of which came from a former member bequest), undesignated memorial gifts were \$625, and interest income of \$0.78 for a total of \$59,159.44. Total income year to date: \$194,070.44. Total expenses year to date: \$19,926.99. Loan principle: \$1,181,864.41.

Fort Hill Income/Expenses 2017



Giving Reminders

Did you know that most banks require you to renew your online automatic payments each year? As one member of the congregation recently learned, they thought they were making their monthly contribution, but later discovered that they had not renewed the automatic bill pay feature at the beginning of the year.

Did you know that you can give online using the Church's website? Go to www.forthillchurch.org and click the "Give Online" link on the menu at the top of the home page or the "Give Online" button on the bottom banner, then follow the directions to set up your contribution. If you have questions or issues establishing your contribution account, contact Lori in the church office, (864) 654-2061. As we are away this summer enjoying our vacations, this is a great way to keep current on our yearly pledges. Once established, it is a safe, secure and easy method to contribute.

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Christian Action Ministry Update

FACING a mission experience can be challenging.

Signing up for an international mission trip for the first time can be a daunting experience. What will I FACE? What's the food going to be like, the water, the rest rooms, the bed, the power supply, the weather, etc? So many unknowns and fears to FACE.

In 1998 I, along with my excellent traveling buddy, Nancy Oates, made my first of two African mission trips. We traveled about 8 hours from the airport to a ferry that would take us over a lake. Once aboard we asked to use the facilities. Nancy was escorted first. When she returned I asked, "How is it?" She smiled and said, "You'll see." Expecting the usual third world "two foot prints and a hole" I entered the room and was FACING a plate glass window approximately 4 feet wide and 6 feet tall. Guess where the facilities were located? Yep, right there in front of the window with a lakeside view. And, immediately in front of the window were fishing boats with fisher-people in them. The question FACING me was, "FACE forward or backward?" I didn't have the fortitude to FACE forward.

What's the moral of the story? Perhaps it is, "No matter which direction you FACE, you have to **stand up** and FACE your destiny." Mission trips can have uncomfortable moments but the memories last your lifetime (and the lives of some nice African fisher-people). :-)

Rose Marie McDonald