

The Window

The Newsletter of Fort Hill Presbyterian Church

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Message From the Pastor

All Things New



Friends in Christ,

Our congregation has been on a journey of renewal. In the past few years we renewed our meeting house, our facilities for maximized use, energy efficiency, way-finding, and a fresh coat of paint always helps. Our leadership, the Session, began to focus on our mission again in 2017. While our whole mission is important, we decided to focus on "Grow Disciples." Faith formation is critical to our calling as a church. The Fort Hill Faith Practices were adopted in June 2017. So this past fall we explored these seven practices in worship and small groups, but this is an ongoing emphasis.

Faith Practices are the conditions which help us grow as followers of Jesus. Through these spiritual practices we cultivate the soil, pull up the weeds, water, tend, and are open to the work of the Holy Spirit. Our practices, what we do, do not save us. Only God's grace at work in us saves us. But in thankful response to God's grace and goodness, we respond by faithful action. We chose seven basic faith practices, but there are so many. We hope to encourage you in your foundation of faith through these. Adopt one or two at time, and add practices as you go.

In 2018 we will continue to glorify God, grow disciples, and meet human needs. This is our long term mission. As the page of the calendar turns, I hope you will consider ways to explore the faith with others whether by joining a small group, reconnecting through Bible Study, getting involved in service, committing to weekly worship, practicing faithful generosity, intentionally building relationships, and daily prayer. God is the farmer who tends, prunes, and puts us to good use for the sake of God's mission in this world. And we respond through Fort Hill Church with our Vision:

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 can all recommit to this vision as we live into a new year of possibilities and hope. So thankful God called us together to live and serve as Christ's people in the heart of the university town, Clemson.

Together in Faith,

Laura Smith Conrad, Pastor

Joining together on a journey of Christian faith, we seek to be Disciples of Christ and to share God's love in our community and around the world.

We do this as we Glorify God, Grow Disciples, Meet Human Needs.

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Weekly Lectionary Scriptures

1/7 **Baptism of the Lord Sunday**

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

1/14 **2nd Sunday after Epiphany**

1 Sam. 3:1-10 (11-20); Ps. 139:1-6,
13:18; 1 Cor. 6:12-20; John 1:43-51

1/21 **3rd Sunday after Epiphany**

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

1/28 **4th Sunday after Epiphany**

Deut. 18:15-20; Ps. 111;
1 Cor. 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28

February *The Window* Deadline

The deadline for articles, announcements, and features for the **February** issue of *The Window* is **Tuesday, January 15.**

Please email your item as a Microsoft Word document to the church office at window@forthillchurch.org or type the item directly into your email and send. If possible, please keep your articles to 500 words or less.



Choir Corner

2018! Wasn't it just the year 2000 like 5 years ago? My, how time does fly when you are having fun!!

Happy New Year, Fort Hill! I trust that all of you had a blessed Christmas season. And now our slate is clean to fill up with everything we think we need to accomplish!

I am one who likes to start fresh. It's like walking out on a cold morning and the air smells so fresh and clean. Or when you take the clothes out of the dryer, and they feel warm with fresh scent renewed by the wash.

I am one of those grandmothers who does not mind changing diapers. All of my daughters and daughter-in-law are amazed by that as well as thankful! First of all, it is precious time with a baby or toddler. You can whisper sweet nothings in their ears, or kiss the top of their heads and breathe in that baby smell. You get them all cleaned up, pop a diaper on them, wind them up and let them go!! It is a rewarding accomplishment!

There are new beginnings for our music ministry. Choirs learn new songs to share. We start all over by challenging ourselves to be better than we were in 2017. Hopefully, some other adults, college students, youth or children want to be involved making music at 8:30 or 10:45 with their voices, ringing bells, or sharing their talents playing an instrument.

Now is the time to start anew. It's a new year, a clean slate, and opportunities abound. And believe me, most of you will find it much sweeter and more rewarding than changing diapers!!

Smiling-n-Singing,

Margaret

Children's Ministry News

Welcome to the New Year! I hope everyone had a chance to reconnect with family and friends over the Holidays. I also hope you are refreshed and are ready to join your church family in worship and fellowship.

Children's Ministry is finalizing plans for another Sunday afternoon of fellowship, fun, and food on **January 24 at 4:30 pm in Tartan Hall**. You will find reminders and information through email and in the bulletin. Twelve families enjoyed making Advent Wreaths at our last gathering. We have room for more families. Please make plans to join the fun.

Gift Day was a great success! Thank you to Ally Young and many Elves for helping our children create gifts to give. The church was filled with happy voices and laughter.



Listening for your laughter and happy voices in Fort Hill throughout 2018.

Wishing you abundant JOY!

Aynali

Inside the “Den”

Pray for our new Confirmation Class

Starting this month, we will have a new cohort of **eight** 8th graders who will be taking part in a confirmation journey together.

Our 2018 Confirmation Cohort

Ellen Ackerman, Ethan Ackerman, Katie Blondeau, Elise Halbig, Jensen McInnis, Olive Mueller, Katelyn Peele, and Caila Worley

Confirmation is one way for our to affirm that the Holy Spirit calls us into community. It is a journey that will shape our faith as we live into God’s claim on us in our baptism, a claim that reminds us of our connection to the Body of Christ. For these young people, confirmation will be a time for self-reflection within a community, guided study, and giving voice to their faith.

Please pray for these eight confirmands, their covenant partners, and confirmation leaders (myself included!) as we begin this journey. A big part of what we will talk about is the church as a community, which is where you come in!

Be on the lookout for these young people. When you see them, ask them how confirmation is going. Take a moment to share with them that you are praying for them and that you are glad they are part of our community of faith at Fort Hill. And remind them that this journey of faith does not end after confirmation, but is a lifelong endeavor. One that we take together as a community that shares a common home in the one church of Jesus Christ!

Joyfully,
Dana

Why I Support Campus Ministry

Campus ministry furthers the Kingdom of God on earth by engaging and assisting college age young adults on their faith journeys as they mature as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ through a positive relationship with the Church.

As we pour the baptismal waters, congregations make a covenant to nurture the faith of the newly baptized. Campus ministry is a valuable resource to the church as we honor that covenant with college students.

At baptism, congregations promise, on behalf of the whole Christian Church, to guide, support, and nurture the baptized with love and prayer. This responsibility continues through confirmation, graduation from high school, and the college years — living into baptismal vows is a life-long journey.

Ad young adults experience many transitions and maturing experiences, it is essential for the church to provide opportunities to consider deep questions of life and faith and meaning making. Young adults are taught to think critically and reflect theologically as they transition from a basic confirmation faith to a more systematic faith which can evolve into faith that can hold both conviction and paradox in healthy tension.

It is a privilege and joy to mentor and empower college age students as they become the persons God created them to be.

While budget cuts to campus ministry may seem understandable in terms of Presbytery’s shrinking resources, its like we are investing in one mutual fund yet expecting returns from another.

I am grateful to serve a congregation that was founded on campus ministry and continues to make PSA a priority in fulfilment of baptismal vows.

Al Masters



Sunday Servants

Pastor on Call

1/7	Mary Morrison
1/14	Laura Conrad
1/21	Dana Waters
1/28	Mary Morrison

Elder at the Font—8:30 Service

1/7	Gregg Morton
1/14	Helen Wooten
1/21	Joan Borick
1/28	Tim Howard

Elder at the Font—10:45 Service

1/7	Dick Shick
1/14	Michael Worley
1/21	Paul Durland
1/28	Chuck Moede

Birth—2 Year Old Nursery

1/7	Judy Blackwell
1/14	Marcia Barker
1/21	Leanne Broome
1/28	Shelly Wilson

3 & 4 Year Old Nursery

1/7	Stella Hudak
1/14	Ellen Torrence
1/21	Billie Jackson
1/28	Laura Crenshaw

Sojourners’ Class

The Sojourners will resume meeting on January 7 with the conclusion of Paul’s Letters, after which they will continue with the remaining books in the New Testament during January and February. Adults who have made a “New Year’s Resolution” to attend a Bridge class are invited to join this class for insightful challenges and lively discussions. Sojourners meet in the Club Room, immediately after Early Worship.



Eddie Payne and family in the death of Eddie’s grandmother, Tizzie Mae Snipes, on December 1, 2017, in Camden, SC.

Church Mouse



Christmas is coming, Christmas is coming. I knew it as soon as I saw all those wreaths being delivered early one morning — woke me up it did. Then **Chuck Moede** and **Caroline Thomas** were sorting them as I ran through them. The following Sunday as I was getting ready for my nap, I heard noises in the sanctuary and low and behold there were people on ladders. **Jane & Katherine Sosebee, Chuck & Nina Moede, Nan Jones, Jim & Caroline Thomas, Margaret MacKay, Pastor Laura, Rose Marie McDonald & Jake McKinney, Gary Mohr Sr.** and **Heather Wright** were decorating. It looks so festive.

Weeks earlier I saw clothes from the “Dungeon” being bagged for Safe Harbor (for women who need safety from abuse) by **Susan Beckwith, Gensie Waldrop, Judy Crawford,** and **Scott Thraikill** were loaded in **Linda Gahan’s** car.

One Sunday I heard **Joanne Trenholm** thank the Officer Nominating Committee of **Lin Dearing, Raenota Merrill, Cile Dunkelberg, Tom McInnis, Mark Morrison, Kenny Mohr, Nan Jones,** and **Elyse Hollingsworth** for nominating **Mark Morrison, Elyse Hollingsworth, Leanne Broome, Greg Bearden, Susan Brown, Terri Smith, Josh Young, Tom Lawrence, Beth Tanner, Grace Cook, Sydney Weeks, Todd Latiff, Ronda Ricks, Dusty Oates, Michael Steele, Hack Trammell,** and **Art Williams** to serve next year as officers.

Special thanks to **Chuck Conrad and the youth** for raking leaves at the homes of several members. Also, the **PSA music team** did an excellent job of providing inspirational music for us. Did you know that **Marcia Sherman** coordinates all the ushers and trains them? Plus **Heather Wright, Joan Borick, David Cundiff, Paul Durland, Raymond MacKay, Donna McCubbin, Marlene Nicholas, Laura & Dick Shick, Katherine Sosebee, Katherine Whisler** and **LeAnne Greene** served communion.

Thank these members and wish them a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

News from Presbyterian Women

Happy New Year!

Many thanks go to those of you who brought donations for the Clothing Drive for Safe Harbor and for Susan Beckwith and Gensie Waldrop for sorting and bagging the clothing, and Linda Gahan who transported the 30 bags to the resale store in Greenville! Thank you, also, for bringing toiletry items and small gifts for the Clinton Presbyterian Community residents! Your carefully selected and caring gifts helped brighten up the holidays for the residents there!

Thank you also for the gifts you contributed for Samaritan’s shoeboxes; books and magazines for Campbell Veterans Home, and Harris Psychiatric Hospital; and the notes and treats you shared with our college students! You are amazingly generous group of women!

Family Promise at Fort Hill Presbyterian Church December 31, 2017 — January 7, 2018

Do your New Year’s resolutions include giving more of your time and resources for missions? Here is the perfect opportunity to start the year off right by doing just that by serving the homeless here at your own church! If you have not signed up to serve as a volunteer for caring for our Family Promise guests this week, we would love to assist your participation in this worthwhile and life-changing home mission. See the Family Promise Sign Up board in the hallway outside of the FHOG Office, or check out Sign Up Genius at <http://bit.ly/2je1DJ>. Blessings await you!

Mary Barron and Linda Gahan, FHPC Family Promise Coordinators

PW Birthday Luncheon

Each year we honor a member of our church with the Honorary Life Membership Award at our annual **PW Birthday Luncheon**. This award is given to a dedicated Christian whose witness, long and dedicated service, and spiritual influence in our community reflect the love of God and His church. Be sure to put **April 29, 2018**, on your calendar so that you can be present when our newest honoree(s) are presented!

For more information, contact the **Honorary Life Membership Committee**: Marcia Sherman, Chair (654-1957), Rose Ross (654-3218), Gail Williams (287-0212), Claudette Bennett (654-4820), and Mary Barron (247-1322).

Attention ALL WOMEN of Fort Hill Presbyterian

Mark your calendars now for our Winter Retreat on Saturday, January 27, 2018 from 10:00 am—3:00 pm at Richland Presbyterian Church in Westminster, SC.



Speaker: Patricia (Trish) Gwinn

Pastor of Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, Mauldin, SC

Get Out of that Pit!

Most all of us at some time or another have been “pit dwellers.” Pain, sadness, boredom, temptation, or a loss of God’s vision for us can put us in “the pit.” When Christ said, “Come follow me,” inherent in his invitation to come was the equivalent to leave the pit. Guided by Psalm 40 and Genesis 37:12-36, we will think about pit dwelling: how we get in them, how we get out, and how it is that God puts new songs in our mouths and hymns of praise on our lips!

Trish is a second career pastor. She received her Master of Divinity from Erskine Theological Seminary (2010) and her undergraduate degree from the College of Charleston (1984). Trish served as an associate pastor at Fourth Presbyterian in Greenville for six years before moving to Grace Covenant this past February.

This retreat is open to **all women** of our church. You do not need to be a member of a circle to attend. We want every woman hungry for fellowship and spiritual renewal to come and join us for this soul-nourishing event!

Get your name on the list by contacting a member of our PW Retreat Committee, Myra Cato (207-8765 or myracato@bellsouth.net), Pam Waddle (654-1049 or pam.waddle@yahoo.com), or Lois Bro (653-3315 or lbrodolls@bellsouth.net).

Dates to Remember

- January 1-7 — Family Promise at FHPC
- January 27 — PW Retreat
- April 26 — Columbia Friendship Circle
- April 28 — PW Birthday Luncheon

Submitted by Mary Barron, PW Publicity Chairman
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Clemson Downs “Driving Buddies” Needed

Each week members from our church pick up worshippers at Clemson Downs and transport them to and from FHPC. The pick-up time is 10:10 am at the Downs “loop” that is located near the dining room and living quarters. FHPC also has a bus that picks up most weeks but we have run into a situation where many of our Downs folks have a hard time getting on and off the bus, and our bus driver can only drive every other Sunday. Our current team of Deacons Peggy Rutland, Cathy McInnis, and Dave Cundiff fill in for Steve Miller, our dedicated bus driver, on needed weeks. Marv Dixon also drives when needed and he is available.

We would like to establish a “Driving Buddy” system where each FHPC worshipper at the Downs could rely on for their transportation needs from one or two “Driving Buddies.” Each FHPC worshipper would have a list of two drivers to call in advance to drive them to worship. With most of our Downs worshippers having mobility issues that make it difficult, and in some cases impossible to board the bus and/or get into larger SUVs, we need Driving Buddies with lower access vehicles. Ideal Driving Buddies will have a car that is easy to get into and out of, room in the trunk for walker(s), and live near the Clemson Downs. We need your help!

You can even develop the Fort Hill Faith Practice of “Building Relationships Intentionally” by becoming a Driving Buddy. It is also a great way to get to know our folks at the Downs and they are a special and wonderful group. The current team would provide you with training, contact information, and will be available to fill in as needed and available. This is a great way to join in a ministry of congregational care and outreach. If you would like to be a Driving Buddy, please email Dave Cundiff at egham4me@yahoo.com or call Dave at 864-882-8266. Alternatively, you may also contact Peggy Rutland by email at pbrut@bellsouth.net or call Peggy at 770-655-5685.

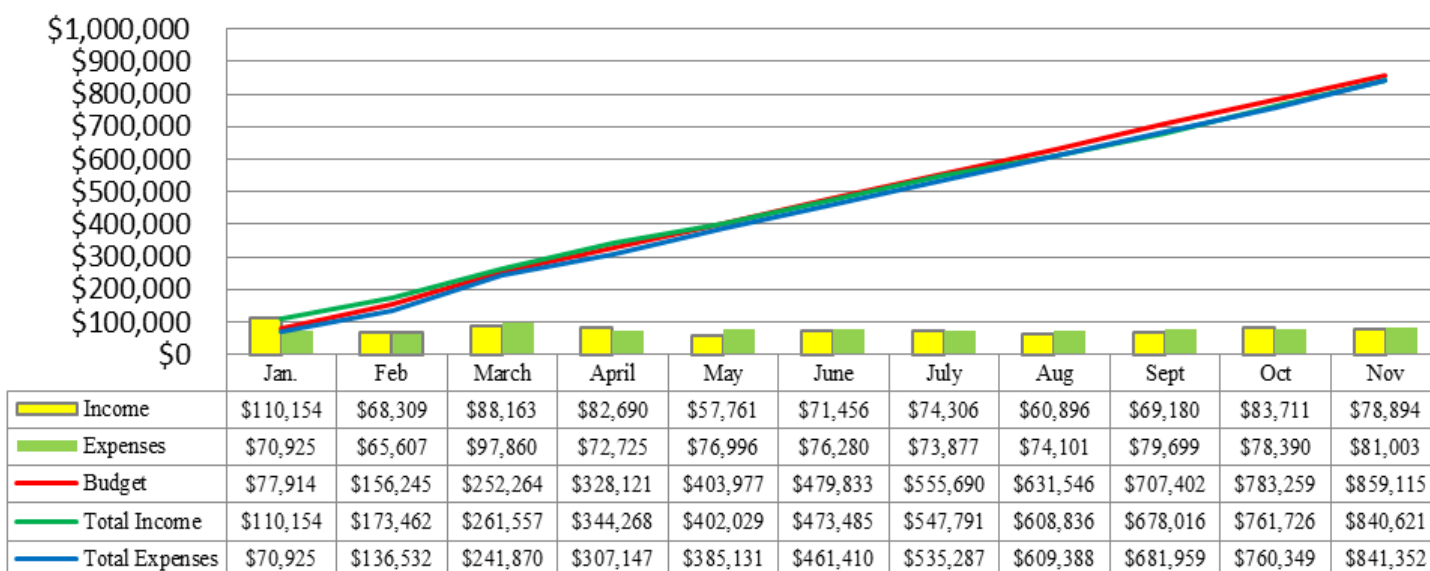
From the Finance Ministry

Through November, total income was \$840,621 while expenses were \$841,352 leaving a \$731 deficit. Overall expenses and income are at 90% of budget. As you can see, income and expenses are approximately 1.5% below budget. Session ministry chairs are doing a great job of managing expenses, and your continued financial support is needed for Fort Hill to sustain its ministries to members, community, and around the world.

Bridging Generations Update:

Pledge giving for month was 54,996. Non-pledge giving of \$393, memorial donations of \$16,461, and interest income of \$0.97 combine with pledged giving for a total of \$71,851. Total income year to date: \$399,289. Total expenses year to date: \$52,161. Loan principal balance: \$1,019,914.

Fort Hill Income/Expenses 2017



COMMIT 2018

It is not too late to submit your stewardship pledge for 2018, if you have not already done so. You can either place your pledge card in the offering plate, mail it to Lori Houck, or pledge online:

<http://www.forthillchurch.org/online-pledge-card>

January Fort Hill Church Activities

Monday, January 1

New Year's Day — Church Offices Closed

Tuesday, January 2

- 8:00 am Men of the Church Breakfast — Sunnyside Café
- 5:00 pm Family Promise
- 5:00 pm Mission Outreach Committee — Club Room
- 5:30 pm University Ministry Meeting — PSA Student Center

Wednesday, January 3

- 5:00 pm Family Promise
- 7:00 pm Personnel & Program Support Meeting — Conf. Rm.

Thursday, January 4

- 5:00 pm Family Promise

Friday, January 5

- 5:00 pm Family Promise

Saturday, January 6

- 5:00 pm Family Promise

Sunday, January 7

- Home Communion
- 12:00 pm APNC University Ministry — Conference Room
- 2:00 pm Christian Action Ministry Meeting — Club Room
- 2:30 pm Cub Scouts — Education Building
- 4:30 pm Children's Ministry Meeting — Conference Room

Monday, January 8

- 12:00 pm PW Circle One — Club Room
- 3:00 pm PW Circle of Hope — Club Room
- 7:00 pm Habitat Meeting — Conference Room

Tuesday, January 9

- 12:00 pm Discipleship Lunch — TBA
- 3:00 pm Building & Grounds Meeting — Conference Room
- 5:30 pm University Ministry Meeting — PSA Student Center
- 6:30 pm Adult Ministry — E-209

Tuesday, January 9

- 6:30 pm Finance Meeting — Club Room
- 7:00 pm Youth Ministry Team Meeting — Den
- 7:30 pm PW Circle 2 — Library

Thursday, January 11

- 5:00 pm Discipleship Meeting — E209

Friday, January 12

Confirmation Mission Trip

Sunday, January 14

- 11:45 am Circle of Care Lunch (Morton/Moede) — Tartan Hall
- 12:00 pm APNC University Ministry Meeting — Conference Rm.
- 4:00 pm Officer Training — Club Room

Monday, January 15

Martin Luther King Holiday — Church Offices Closed

- 9:30 am PW Trinity Circle — Club Room
- 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry — Hazel Sparks' home

Tuesday, January 16

- 9:30 am PW Coordinating Team Meeting — Club Room
- 7:00 pm Session Meeting

Sunday, January 21

- 10:30 am Special Session Meeting for New Members — TH
- 12:00 pm APNC University Ministry Meeting — Conference Rm.
- 4:00 pm Officer Training — Club Room
- 4:30 pm Family Fun Fellowship Night — Tartan Hall

Tuesday, January 23

- 5:30 pm Membership Meeting — Conference Room

Sunday, January 28

- 12:00 pm APNC University Ministry Meeting — Conference Rm.
- 4:00 pm Officer Training — Club Room

Recurring Weekly Activities

Sunday

- 8:30 am Worship Service — Tartan Hall
- 9:30 am The Bridge — Faith Formation Classes
- 10:45 am Worship Service — Sanctuary
- 2:30 pm Cub Scouts — Ed. Building (2nd & 4th Sundays)
- 3:00 pm Confirmation Class — Youth Den
- 4:30 pm Mid-High Youth — Youth Den
- 6:00 pm Senior High Youth — Youth Den
- 6:00 pm College Dinner, Worship & Discussion — PSA Center

Monday

- 4:00 pm Girl Scouts — Education Building
- 6:30 pm Boy Scouts — Club Room/Tartan Hall

Tuesday

- 9:30 am Staff Meeting — Conference Room
- 10:00 am Bible Study (2nd & 4th Tuesdays) — Library
- 5:30 pm Folk Dancing — Tartan Hall

Wednesday

- 10:00 am Wed. Morning Bible Study — Club Room (beg. Jan. 17)
- 6:15 pm Strong Praises Choir (Gr. K-3) — E209 (beg. Jan. 10)
- 6:15 pm Chancel Bells — Choir Room
- 6:45 pm Singers of Christ Choir (Gr. 4-8) — E209 (beg. Jan. 10)
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir
- 8:00 pm College Men's & Women's Group — PSA Student Center

Thursday

- 7:00 pm College Bible Study — PSA Student Center

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.

January Birthdays & Anniversaries



1/1 Zander Graff
 1/2 Susan Brown
 David Durham
 1/3 Mills Deaton
 Jayne Fort
 1/5 Beth Griffin
 1/6 Blair Bolen
 Mollie Faithful
 Gene Johnson
 Barbara Madison
 Donna McCubbin
 1/7 Jo Ann Koonce
 1/8 Elizabeth Artigliere

1/9 Eva Henry
 Betty Pettigrew
 1/11 Henry Marcum
 1/12 Gus Gustafson
 1/13 Derick Durham
 Rose Ross
 1/14 Angie Winchester
 1/15 Will Cundiff
 Ross Davis
 Mary Limber
 1/16 Polly Peters
 1/18 Kemper Fagan
 Bonnie Lanier
 1/19 Jay Kennedy
 Lucas Money
 Lois Sill
 1/20 Cindy Deaton
 Carol Johnson

1/20 Rita Van Lenten
 Kyle Weeks
 1/21 Harriett Salley
 Caroline Thomas
 1/22 Michelle Blackwell
 1/23 Diane Carnes
 Savannah Ricks
 Sarah Thomas
 1/24 Beth Durham
 Jane Polk
 1/26 Walt Fagan
 Amelia White
 1/28 Bill Thompson
 1/29 Joan Alexander
 Harold Cheatham
 1/31 Marty Bailey
 Carole Kohlmayer

1/31 Sue Limber
 Randy White



1/1 Jerry & Beth Chapman
 1/2 Gene & Janet Johnson
 1/8 Bradley & Meredith
 Lecroy
 1/10 Steve & Susan Best
 1/23 Ralph & Ronda Ricks
 1/24 Bill & Audrey Thompson
 1/26 Jack & Billie Jackson



Advent and Christmas Decorations Joy Offering 2017



*Dan and Marcie Radakovich and family in memory of George Radosevich and Donna Radakovich
 Dan, Denise, and Hayden Anderson in memory of Duane Reifel, Con and Aletha Reifel, Harvey and Ann Wolf
 Bob and Nan Jones in honor of our children Catherine, and Doug and his family
 Polly Peters in memory of Norman Peters and our parents, Dr. and Mrs. W.H. Jamieson and Mr. and Mrs. Harold J. Peters
 Raenota Merrell in honor of those whose spirit has survived a senseless tragedy and natural disasters
 Margaret Stiepel in memory of Erhard Stiepel
 Hap and Jeannette Carr in memory of Dr. and Mrs Chalmers R. Carr; Colonel and Mrs. Marvin "Slick Ellison; Mr. and Mrs. Gary DeWitt
 Jim and Jane Van Sensus in memory of their mothers, Jenny Van Sensus and Ruth Sackman
 Timothy Heist in memory of Paula Heist
 Doug and Lynn Carlson in memory of Doug's parents and Lynn's father; in honor of Lynn's mother
 Jake McKinney and Rose Marie McDonald in memory of Mr. and Mrs. M.E. McDonald and Mr. and Mrs. Walter B. McKinney
 Lin and Kay Dearing in memory of Ashley Dearing; in honor of Lucinda, Tripp, Dearing and Banks Eaves
 Gregg and Cathy Morton in memory of our parents; in honor of our children and grandchildren
 Marchita Culpepper in memory of Jim Culpepper; Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Williams
 Nancy and Elbert Horton in memory of our parents
 Margaret Ann and George Rodgers in honor of our grandchildren — Billy, Rees, Miller and Keller
 Donna, Jim and Corey McCubbin in memory of Betty Cruickshank; in honor of Chuck Cruickshank
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 Lib Gage in memory of Gaston Gage Jr. and Libby Crowther; in honor of Ruthie Knox
 Helen Wooten in memory of Thomas Wooten; in honor of our children and grandchildren
 Wes and Jacquie Worley in honor of our families
 Mark and Robbi Stokes in memory of Marjorie Stokes, Clyde and Lib Stubbs; in honor of Jim Stokes
 Anonymous in honor of Betty and Tom Shealy
 Bob and Carol Stout in memory of their parents
 Dusty and Nancy Oates in memory of Dusty Oates Sr. and Aubrey and Mercedes Scales; in honor of Zelda Oates
 In honor of Alice Dorn from "The Bookclub"
 Mark and Mary Morrison in honor of Hannah and Sarah Morrison
 Don and Janna McKale in honor of the Pastors and Staff
 Chip and Diane Egan in memory of Anne Watt, Joe Egan, and Eleanor Tудо
 Joan Egan in memory of Joe Egan, Eleanor Egan Tудо
 Laura and Dick Shick in memory of Harriett DeHoff and Ricky Shick
 Walter and Grace Cook in memory of our parents, Crawford and Ellie Tumlin, James Bryan and Maude M. Cook
 Meredith and Bradley LeCroy in honor of Peggy and Roger Chandler and Martha and Larry LeCroy
 Paul and Joan Borick in memory of Hugh Mayberry and Joan O'Brien Borick; in honor of Mimi and Paul Borick
 Wright Family in memory of Lem Wright and Amelia Brockman
 Tom and Cathy McInnis in memory of Vi, John, and David Ford
 Tim, Ann, and Alyssa Howard in memory of Rowland and Joy Howard, Barbara Templeton
 Ron and Kathy Hughes in loving memory of Jeffrey Craig Eilers; in honor of those we love and the memory of those we've loved and lost
 Carolyn Stroup*

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Sharing the Good News

Family Promise represents a national movement that believes we can address family homelessness right here in our own communities. My son and I had the privilege of meeting and interacting with the family hosted at our church in October. As I talked with *Anna, I realized that we had many things in common — we love our children, want for them the best life has to offer, expect them to be respectful, productive citizens and faithful servants of God, and would do whatever necessary to keep them safe. I learned that *Anna was forced to choose between paying the rent or repairing the family car. The car was her only form of transportation to and from work every day. So, she chose to fix the car, got behind on the rent and was evicted. After a few nights of sleeping on the floor in a volatile household, she searched for something safe that allowed her family to stay together. *Family Promise* was an answer to her prayer. *Anna was touched by the kindness of volunteers who cared for her like family and gave reassurance that she was not alone. Volunteers are the heart of *Family Promise*. Any one of us could find ourselves in Anna's position. I encourage you to participate in this wonderful program that keeps families together and provides them with a safe, supportive and home-like environment. Fort Hill will be hosting again in January.

So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you — Matthew 7:12

Catherine Latiff