



The Window

The Newsletter of Fort Hill Presbyterian Church

February 2018

Message From the Pastor

Sabbatical Summer

Dear Friends,

“Faith is a journey without maps,” wrote Frederick Beuchner. This summer we will be on a special kind of journey, a Sabbatical. Sabbaticals are times for rest, reflection, and growth for both the pastor and the congregation. The Clergy Renewal Grant poses this question, “What will make your heart sing?”

My response: I will be on a pilgrimage of faith this summer connecting with God, building relationships, learning, and reflecting. For hundreds of years, Christian Communities have practiced the faith following a “Rule of Life” like that of Benedict. Christian Communities order their daily life around the work, worship, and practices of faith in order to grow together as God’s faithful people and to serve. So part of my pilgrimage will involve some travels to Christian Communities which practice a “Rule” somewhat like our Fort Hill Faith Practices. I will take a personal pilgrimage to Iona Abbey in Scotland — an ecumenical worshipping and working faith community on the west coast of Scotland. Iona was founded in 563 by Columba, an Irish monk and his 12 companions, who brought the Christian faith to the British Isles. The ancient pilgrims would walk from Iona to Holy Island in Northern England to retrace the steps of how the faith spread from one coast to the other under the missionary Aiden. I will go to Holy Island as part of my journey. Coincidentally, my Grandfather Wearmouth was born in this region near Durham before immigrating to the U.S. as a child. I will walk where thousands of other pilgrims have walked, prayed, and wrestled for a blessing from God.

I plan to spend time with a contemporary Christian group called the Northumbria Community while there. From there I will travel east to Wales to the Gladstone residential library for reading, reflection, and synthesis before meeting up with my family for another leg of the pilgrimage which includes Paris, Chartres, Geneva (John Calvin), Provence, and Florence. Through art, culture, cathedrals, nature, and history, we will enjoy the good gifts God has given us.

Prior to that big pilgrimage, I will spend some time working with Anna Carter Florence, the Peter Marshall Professor of Preaching at Columbia Theological Seminary. We are planning a week at the beach with some friends. And much of the last month will be spent preparing Avery and Hallie (and their parents) for return to college. Chuck and I will begin to learn the meaning of “empty nest!”

Our Clergy Renewal Grant provides for opportunities for both of us in this special time. Our congregation is provided with funds for part-time supply pastor for the summer and a leadership retreat for session. Session and Personnel are working on providing that leadership.

Thank you, Fort Hill Church, for this time of refreshment in faith, family, and friendships in God’s big beautiful world.

Together in God’s Grace,

Laura Smith 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.

Weekly Lectionary Scriptures

2/4 5th Sunday after Epiphany

Isa. 40:21-31; Ps. 147:1-11, 20c;
1 Cor. 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39

2/11 Transfiguration of the Lord

2 Kings 2:1-12; Ps. 50:1-6;
2 Cor. 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9

2/18 1st Sunday in Lent

Gen. 9:8-17; Ps. 25:1-10;
1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15

2/25 2nd Sunday in Lent

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

March

The Window Deadline

The deadline for articles, announcements, and features for the **March** issue of *The Window* is **Thursday, February 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.

Ordination & Installation of New Officers

Sunday, February 25
10:45 Worship Service



Annual Congregation Meeting

Sunday, February 11
at 10:35 am

to approve Pastors' Terms of Call and hear a report from Session to the Congregation.

Ash Wednesday Worship Service and Season of Lent

Wednesday, February 14
at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary

Every year before the Christian Passover (Easter) we celebrate our redemption through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Lent is time to prepare for this celebration and to renew our life in the Passover mystery. We begin our journey to Easter with the sign of ashes. This ancient sign speaks of the frailty and uncertainty of human life, and marks the penitence of this community. We thus begin this holy season by acknowledging our need for repentance, and for the mercy and forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel of Jesus Christ. You are invited to observe a holy Lent by self-examination and penitence, by prayer and fasting, by works of love, and by reading and meditating on the Word of God.



Choir Corner

A blessed Lenten journey and Happy Valentine's Day! I combined the two because this year Ash Wednesday is on February 14. I think it's very fitting. The season when we reflect and journey with Jesus Christ to the cross begins on the day we express our love to those most dear and special to us. Isn't that exactly what Jesus did for us? He sacrificed himself and gave his very life in his love for us and assured us of eternal life. He loves and cares for us unconditionally. I am thankful for this reminder as we think on this holy season.

This year at the Festival by the Sea that many of our Chancel Choir members attend each year, one of the pieces we sang was entitled *Do Not Be Afraid*. It was written by Phillip Stopford, our clinician for the weekend. The recurring theme throughout is the assurance of God's presence and love for us. These lines are some of my favorite — *You are mine, O my child, I am your Father, and I love you, I love you with a perfect love.* Thanks be to God for that assurance. We have no reason to be afraid with his unconditional love wrapped around us each day.

A blessed Lent and Happy Valentine's Day!

Smiling-n-Singing,

Margaret

PS Those attending the festival were Charles & Mary Barron, Chip & Diane Egan, Tom & Connie Lawrence, Raymond & Margaret MacKay, Marlene Nicholas, Ronda Ricks, Cindy Sloan, and Mark & Robbi Stokes.

PC Choir & Ringers Concert

Fort Hill is pleased to host the PC Choir and Ringers from Presbyterian College in concert on **Sunday, February 11, at 2:30 pm** in our sanctuary. The choir is under the direction of Dr. Porter Stokes (former choir director here at Fort Hill and brother to member Mark Stokes) and the Ringers are directed by Dr. Ron Davis. One of our own, Hannah Sawyer, is a member of the choir. Please come out to support them and hear beautiful music on February 11.

Inside the “Den”

A Weekend of Service and Reflection

Most folks may not have noticed our band of 7 confirmands and 3 adults who gathered in the church parking lot on a rainy Friday afternoon. It was the beginning of MLK Weekend, and we set off for Charlotte to take part in CROSS Missions’ Weekend Experience. This was our first trip together as a confirmation class, and none of us knew quite what to expect!

We spent Saturday morning working with Beds for Kids, where we vacuumed furniture, moved couches, and prepared new mattresses for children who have no bed or perhaps no furniture at all in their rooms. Then we visited a 24/7 prayer room, where we were able to pray for neighbors and strangers, locals and folks from faraway places.

That afternoon we visited a home that provides care for people experiencing homelessness who have recently been released from the hospital. We baked them warm cookies, drank lemonade with them, and played roaring games of Jenga, Heads-Up, and Apples to Apples!

I was deeply moved by the compassion of these 8th graders. As we reflected on our day of serving, it was amazing to hear what they observed. They marveled at what a difference a lamp would make for a child’s learning when he or she received furnishings from Beds for Kids. They were delighted to discover how people experienced homelessness share a lot in common with us: they love to laugh and play games and eat cookies like we do!

It was yet another time where God reminded me just how far God’s Kingdom stretches outside the church’s walls. God is at work in warehouses and prayer rooms and recovery homes, too!

Joyfully,

Dana



Sunday Servants

Pastor on Call

- 2/4 Laura Conrad
- 2/11 Laura Conrad
- 2/18 Dana Waters
- 2/25 Mary Morrison

Elder at the Font—8:30 Service

- 2/4 Kenny Mohr
- 2/11 Linda Parsons
- 2/18 Jackie Ellis
- 2/25 Gary Mohr, Sr.

Elder at the Font—10:45 Service

- 2/4 Raymond MacKay
- 2/11 Marv Dixon
- 2/18 Mac Martin
- 2/25 Mike Money

Birth—2 Year Old Nursery

- 2/4 Lisa Britt
- 2/11 Annette & Elise Halbig
- 2/18 Audrey Thompson
- 2/25 Joan Dixon

3 & 4 Year Old Nursery

- 2/4 Claudette Bennett
- 2/11 Ally Young
- 2/18 Meredith Lecroy
- 2/25 Jillian McLaurin



Thank You!

Marv and I would like to thank you for all of the prayers, cards, phone calls, hugs and love given to us during my mother’s hospice care and death. Being surrounded by your love brought great comfort during our time of grief. We are so blessed to have Fort Hill as our loving church. Thanks & blessings.

Joan Dixon

*Dear Fort Hill Family,
Thank you so much for the cards, thoughts, and prayers that were sent my way recently during my illness. Leanne and I truly appreciate all that you do.*

Sincerely, Devon Broome

We feel so fortunate to be members of Fort Hill Church. Your cards with heart-felt messages of caring and prayers have been so encouraging. Your calls, visits, and food were appreciated too. Many thanks for all of you!

Claudette & John Bennett

Sojourners’ Class

All adults are invited to join the Sojourners on Sundays in the Club Room at 9:30 am. Topics in February will include *1 & 2 Peter, Jude*, and *1, 2, & 3 John*. After concluding the study of these books, a Lenten study will run through March. Various references will be used for the latter study, including [Easter Earthquake: How Resurrection Shakes Our World](#), by James A. Harnish.

The Worship Ministry thanks the talented Nancy Spidler for our new communion ware for intinction Sundays. Nancy is a potter who has shared her gift with her church family by making seven unique chalices and a plate. Thank you, Nancy, for this beautiful gift of love and devotion.

We also wish to thank the Cowden family who gave a silver communion tray in memory of Patricia “Pat” Cowden on what would have been Pat’s 97th birthday, January 27, 2018. Pat entered the church triumphant in summer 2017.

Church Mouse



Oh my, after Christmas I was settling down for my Sunday nap when I heard **Heather Wright's family, Linda Gahan, and Mary Barron** talking and I ran to see. Oh, goody they were setting up for Family Promise for two lovely families. SO many helped: **Debbie Cantrell, Liz Helpin, Barbara Westall, Ed Halbig, Stephanie Scott, Lois Sill, Lois Bro, Chuck Cruickshank, Jim London, Donna McCubbin, Beth Chapman, Jacquie Worley, Judy Blackwell, Vernie Roberts, Owen & Johnnie Van de Sande, Charles & Mary Barron, Helen Mohr, Robin Weeks & Girl Scouts, Arlene Cheatham, and Cathy Spragins.**

Then communion was celebrated the first Sunday with those wonderful crumbs: **Suzan Simmons, Steve & Ethel Pettigrew, Joan Borick, Linda Parsons, Susan Brown, Marv Dixon, Cile & George Dunkelberg, Mac Martin, Sue Limber, Gary Mohr, Mike Money, Cathy Morton, and stars shared by Kenny, Clay, & Dulcie Mohr.**

Did you know that every Sunday **George Dunkelberg** takes the offering plate from the choir to the Narthex to be added to the rest of the collection plates. Plus I saw **Mary Dusenberry** training other Presbyterian Women to lead their Circle Bible Study. Another fact is that **Randy Moore & Garland Gravely** lead the Men of the Church. Plus every Sunday our sound system is operated by **Bruce Whisler, Chuck Moede, and Chris Griffin.**

One of my very favorite things is to listen to the choir led by **Margaret MacKay, Jim Barker, Chip & Diane Egan, Charles & Mary Barron, Tom & Connie Lawrence, Mary Coronato, George Dunkelberg, Jim Dusenberry, Garland Gravely, Charlotte Gruosso, Raymond MacKay, Mark Morrison, Rameth Owens, Cindy Sloan, Marlene Nicholas, Gary Mohr Sr., John Sherman, Mark & Robbi Stokes, Beth Tanner, Rita & Frank Van Lenten, Gensie Waldrop, Gary Gardner, Shirley Muzii, Jim Roberts, Ronda Ricks, Jacquie Worley, Sam Borel, Katie Mills, Olivia Pare, David Coulter, Elizabeth LaRue, and Dian Opfer** create beautiful music with **Judy Bonham** on the organ.

News from Presbyterian Women

Valentine Boxes for the PSA and FHPC College Student Program

Presbyterian Women, led by Maggie Bandy, will be assembling Valentine Boxes for our 17 Fort Hill Presbyterian Church college students. You can help! PW will assist in collecting items such as individually wrapped:

- Gum and mints
- School supplies
- Highlighters, pens, sticky notes, etc.
- Individual servings of drink mix (Crystal Light, etc.)
- Popcorn
- Protein bars
- Cracker packs
- Frosty coupons from Wendy's
- Chewy granola bars, etc.
- Valentine candies

Please place your contributions in the box marked "Valentine Boxes" located in the FHOG office in the Administration building no later than Sunday, **February 4**. The boxes will be assembled and mailed to our students.

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

Thank you to all of the Fort Hill Presbyterian women and men who helped make our Family Promise hosting week such a success! Two moms and three children were housed in our church, fed, and shown hospitality in true Fort Hill fashion! They were housed, fed, and cared for during the frigid cold week by 42 of our volunteers who logged 226.15 hours of service! This worthwhile program only works in our church because of you! Thank you!

Called to Serve

We Presbyterian women are no strangers to being called to serve in some capacity in our church. We ARE, after all, with our men counterparts, the hands and feet of the church. We get things done that help to benefit the body of the church. When one of our members is sick, we minister to them, send cards and meals, and visit them. When there is a calamity in the life of members, we step up to comfort, offer prayer for them, and donate our resources when needed. When asked to volunteer to help with our commitment to house the homeless in our church, we cook meals, visit with them, and stay overnight to care for these families. An analogy comparing our job to our counterpart in the human body, I guess, would be to say that we are like the cells that rush to heal infection, or the nourishing food and exercise that keeps the body healthy. When we all pitch in to help, the body of the church thrives, and no one is overloaded.

When you are "Called to Serve" in some capacity of church leadership, it is a great honor! It means that your fellow members trust in your integrity, strength to do a job and do it well, and your example of Christ-like living that will be a model for others that are young in the faith. Yes, it takes a time commitment, and many of us have busy lives outside of our church, and family commitments, too! But as this New Year begins, think back to the times you volunteered to step up to the call, and the blessings that followed that decision! When was the last time you stepped out and said, "Yes, I will do it!" and felt the assurance that all you had to do was to allow God to lead the way!

Please share who you are, your gifts, your energy, your compassion, your intelligence and your leadership with us and accept the call when it comes. You will enrich your life, and bless our church with your service.

PW needs women to fill the leadership roles for 2018-2019 year! Prayerfully consider accepting your call to serve!

Dates to Remember

- **Birthday Luncheon: April 28**
Program: Ripple of One Coordinators: Judi Cundiff and Barbara Madison
- **Columbia Friendship Circle: April 26**
Coordinator: Nan Jones

Submitted by Mary Barron, PW Publicity Chairman
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Children's Ministry News

Bear Good Fruit encompasses the faith practices adopted by Session.

We *Bear Good Fruit* while we build relationships as we give of our time and talents by joining together to worship, pray, play, and serve. In 2018, choose to be an active part of this wonderful church family.

Cradle Roll February 11 at 10:45 service: Fort Hill babies of 2017, and their families, will be named and presented in this service.

Family Fun Fellowship February 18 at 4:30-6:30 Tartan Hall: God's Love Family Fun Fellowship is a gathering together for whole family play, learning, supper and service. It is "developing" for families with elementary aged children and younger. Meeting monthly on the third Sunday 4:30-6:30.

Bridge 9:30 each Sunday: faith formation small groups between weekly worship services.

Wee Kirk faith and worship instruction and exploration for children ages 4-6 years. Meeting during the 10:45 service after Children's Time.

Join together in God's Love; *Bear Good Fruit.*

Aynali



Fort Hill Deacons Care

At the upcoming Board of Deacons' (BOD) annual retreat this February 17, current deacons will welcome our newly elected Deacon Class of 2021 and thank the outgoing Deacon Class of 2018 for their faithful service during the past three years. Incoming deacons are Greg Bearden, Leanne Broome, Grace Cook, Tom Lawrence, and Mark Morrison. Outgoing deacons are Donna Crader, Cile Dunkelberg, Cynthia Gravely, Peggy Rutland, Joy Skelton, and Lisa Street. Susan Brown and Terri Smith have just completed their deacon term but will graciously continue to serve for one and three years respectively. Thank you Susan and Terri! These transitions will be official as of March 1.

Fort Hill has about 332 member households which have been divided into 23 neighborhood Circles of Care (COC). Each deacon is assigned to a neighborhood COC, and the hope is that those in each neighborhood COC, along with their deacon, will get to know and care for each other over time. There may be some changes in COC this year as we try to better realign households according to neighborhoods and number of households. You should hear from your deacon in March.

Deacons also provide broader congregational care in ministries of Compassion, Witness, and Service by serving on one of the eight BOD sub-ministries of Bereavement Meals, Flowers, Special Receptions, Homebound Communion, Membership, Visitation, Healthcare and Transportation. (Transportation is currently recruiting "buddies" to provide rides on Sunday mornings for Downs' residents. If interested, please contact David Cundiff, egham4me@yahoo.com / 513-448-6448, or Peggy Rutland, pbrut@bellsouth.net / 770-655-5685.)

Won't you please join me in thanking your deacon for accepting the call to serve and serving faithfully. Thank you!

Submitted by Donna Crader, BOD Moderator

Preschool Registration

Registration packets available in the FHOG office:

February 1

Registration opens to Church members on:

February 5

Public registration in the Church Narthex on:

February 22 at 9:15 am

Priority registration ends on:
March 6



Jane Polk and family in the death of **George Polk** on January 7 in Seneca, SC.

The family of **Ward Browning** who passed away on January 9 in Florida.

The family of **Wanda Goodman** who passed away on January 19 in Clemson, SC.

Christ Child Box Update

Fort Hill collected 2,803 pounds of food and supplies and donated more than \$900 to Clemson Community Care this Christmas season with our new Christ Child Box ministry. Thank you everyone for bringing your gifts in honor of the Christ child!



February Fort Hill Church Activities

Saturday, February 3

9:00 am NAMI — PW Room

Sunday, February 4

12:00 pm Youth Souper Bowl of Caring Mission Project
12:00 pm APNC University Ministry — Conference Room
12:00 pm Fellowship Ministry Meeting — Club Room
1:00 pm NAMI — PW Room
2:00 pm Children's Ministry — Conference Room
3:00 pm Confirmation Class — Den
4:00 pm Officer Training — Club Room

Monday, February 5

12:00 pm PW Circle 1 — Club Room
3:00 pm PW Circle of Hope — Club Room
7:00 pm Habitat Meeting — Conference Room

Tuesday, February 6

8:00 am Men of the Church Breakfast — Sunnyside Café
5:00 pm Planning Team — Conference Room
5:00 pm Mission Outreach Committee — Club Room
5:30 pm University Ministry Meeting — PSA Student Center
6:00 pm Christian Action Ministry Meeting — Library
7:00 pm Youth Ministry Team Meeting — Den
7:00 pm Personnel & Program Support — Conference Room

Sunday, February 11

12:00 pm APNC University Ministry — Conference Room
1:00 pm NAMI — Club Room
2:30 pm Cub Scouts — Education Building
2:30 pm Presbyterian College Choir/Handbell Concert—Sanct.
3:00 pm Circle of Care Drop-In (Morton/Moede) — Tartan Hall
3:00 pm Confirmation Class — Den

Monday, February 12

9:30 am PW Trinity Circle — Club Room

Tuesday, February 13

12:00 pm Discipleship Lunch — TBA
3:00 pm Building & Grounds Meeting — Conference Room
5:45 pm Music Committee Meeting — Conference Room

Tuesday, February 13 (continued)

6:30 pm Worship Ministry Meeting — Conference Room
7:30 pm PW Circle 2 — Library

Saturday, February 17

10:00 am PW Retreat — Club Room

Sunday, February 18

11:45 am Discovering Faith — Club Room
12:00 pm APNC University Ministry Meeting — Conference Rm.
2:00 pm NAMI — Club Room
3:00 pm Confirmation Class — Den
4:30 pm Family Fun Fellowship — Tartan Hall

Monday, February 19

10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry — Hazel Sparks' home

Tuesday, February 20

9:30 am Presbytery Meeting at Fort Hill — All Church
(Tartan Hall, Club Rm, Library, E-209, Conference Rm)
7:00 pm Session Meeting

Wednesday, February 21

12:15 pm Pastors' Lunch — Foothills Community

Wednesday, February 21

9:15 am Fort Hill Preschool Registration — Narthex

Sunday, January 21

12:00 pm APNC University Ministry Meeting — Conference Rm.
2:00 pm NAMI — Club Room
2:30 pm Cub Scouts — Education Building
3:00 pm Confirmation Class — Den

Monday, February 26

6:30 pm Boy Scout Court of Honor — Sanctuary/Tartan Hall

Tuesday, February 27

5:30 pm Membership Meeting — Conference 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
6:15 pm Strong Praises Choir (Gr. K-3) — E209
6:15 pm Chancel Bells — Choir Room
6:45 pm Singers of Christ Choir (Gr. 4-8) — E209
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.

February Birthdays & Anniversaries



- 2/1 Bradley Lecroy
- 2/2 Hayden Anderson
Devon Broome
Linda Davis
Matt Wetsel
- 2/3 Almeda Jacks
Stacey Miller
- 2/4 Brian Brown
Debbie Vaughn
Donna London
Melissa Moede
Alena Nebesky
- 2/5 Laura Conrad

- 2/6 Charles Rutland
Anna Tollison
- 2/8 Arlene Cheatham
Eileen Homan
Chloe Satzger
Tom Scott
Beth Tanner
Hack Trammell
- 2/9 Terri Bruce
Beth Wilkinson
Shuler Wilson
- 2/11 Laurie Lefevre
Aleta Robinson
- 2/13 Ann Gilreath
Bud Hicklin
Margaret MacKay
- 2/14 Patrick Pettigrew
Sarah Van Daele

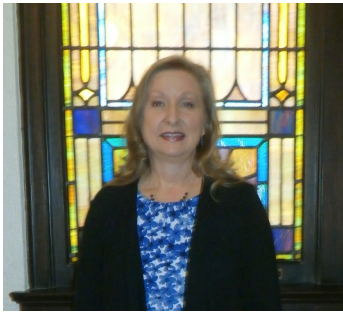
- 2/15 Cathy Morton
- 2/17 David Barkley
- 2/18 Lauren Chavis
- 2/19 Jessica Dusenberry
John Martin
Laurence Mudge
- 2/20 Joyce Christenbury
- 2/21 Kate Hollingsworth
Bob Jones
- 2/23 Kyle Smith
- 2/24 Hansel Wetsel
- 2/26 Janet Cantrell
Harrison Catoe
Becky Fant
Pierce Harper
Steve Hunter
Laurel Whisler

- 2/26 Alexis Winchester
Spencer Wright
- 2/27 Owen Van de Sande
Marian Wooten
- 2/29 Jacob Poetz



- 2/14 David & Debbie Collins
Tim & Ann Howard
- 2/21 Michael & Joy Van Daele
- 2/22 Steve & Stacey Miller

Welcome Fort Hill New Members



Barbara H. Curl

Address: 216 Shipmaster Drive, Salem SC 29676
Phone: (770) 329-6586
Email: bhcurl@gmail.com

Barbara is transferring her membership from St. Giles in Greenville where she was a charter member, taught Sunday school and was a choir member.



**Dewayne Lawson & Bridget Trogden
Jacob Lawson (5/2007)**

Address: 100 Cherokee Road, Clemson SC 29631
Phone: D—(478) 361-9429 / B—(864) 623-7995
Email: dewaynelawson@gmail.com / bridgettrogden@yahoo.com

Dewayne & Bridget are transferring from Northminster Presbyterian in Macon GA. Dewayne was in the choir, helped with VBS, and played trumpet. Bridget played handbells and clarinet, and taught high school Sunday school.

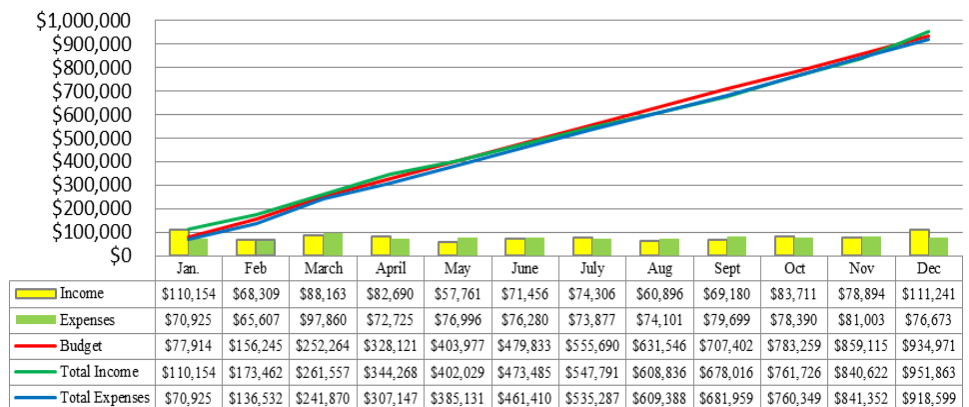
From the Finance Ministry

2017 has come to a close, and was another successful year for Fort Hill. Total income through year end was \$951,863 while expenses were 918,599 leaving a surplus of \$33,264. Overall expenses ended at 98% of budget, while income finished at 102%. As you can see, income was slightly above budget while expenses were 2% below budget. Session ministry chairs did a great job of managing expenses, and your continued generosity led to the budget surplus. 2018 will bring continued and new financial challenges, so your sustained support is needed for Fort Hill for its ministries to members, community, and around the world.

Bridging Generations Update:

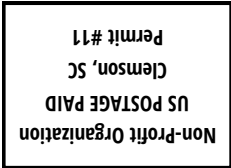
Pledged giving for the month was \$71,787.09. Non-pledge giving of \$1,875, memorial donations of \$75, and interest income of \$4.99 combine with pledged giving for a total of \$73,742.08.
 Total income year to date: \$473,031
 Total expenses year to date: \$55,089.07
 Loan principal balance: \$948,003.65

Fort Hill Income/Expenses 2017



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FHPC Family Promise News — December 31 - January 7

Our most recent opportunity to host our guests from Family Promise was during the New Year's holiday, which happened to be one of our coldest snaps in recent years. Thankfully, our faithful volunteers signed up to host, and our two families, a mom and a six-year old daughter, and a mom and two sons, 20 and 12 years old, had warm, comfortable surroundings in which to spend the frigid nights, and delicious home-cooked meals. Fort Hill shared the hosting responsibilities with the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Clemson, who provided the meals and overnight hosts from January 1-2, 2018.

During our five days of hosting responsibilities, FHPC had **42** different volunteers who filled 54 volunteer time slots and logged **226.15** hours of volunteer service! The families and your coordinators cannot thank you enough! We are so blessed to have such a mission-minded congregation!

We had a number of Family Promise volunteers we would like to recognize for their willingness to go the extra mile and share the responsibilities with coordinators Linda Gahan and Mary Barron. We gratefully acknowledge Barbara Westall and Tammy Fagan who shared our duties and shouldered through the week with true dedication to serve. We also want to acknowledge **Beth Durham** who helped with recruiting Dinner Hosts, **Heather Wright and family** who set-up the bedrooms, **Helen Mohr and family** who prepared Saturday morning breakfast, **Robin Weeks and her scouts** who were activity hosts Saturday morning, **Barbara Westall** who helped recruit Hospitality Hosts, and **Tammy Fagan**, who among many other duties, washed all of the towels and bedding!

We wish to thank all of the following for helping us have a very successful hosting week!

SHOPPERS: **Lois Sill**

SET-UP BEDROOMS: **Heather & Jeremy Wright, Tipton, Coleman, & Spencer Wright, Nan Jones**

HOSPITALITY HOSTS: **Barbara Westall, Stephanie Scott, Arlene Cheatham, Jim London, Tammy Fagan, Jacquie Worley, Vernie Roberts, Aleta Robinson, and Mary & Charles Barron**

DINNER HOSTS: **Debbie Cantrell, Chuck Cruickshank, Lois Bro, Beth Chapman, Barbara Westall, Dana & Kira Waters**

OVERNIGHT HOSTS: **Ed & Elise Halbig, Donna McCubbin, Owen & Johnnie Van de Sande, Judy Blackwell, and Mary & Charles Barron**

SATURDAY BREAKFAST HOSTS: **Helen Mohr, Clay & Dulcie Mohr**

SATURDAY ACTIVITY HOSTS: **Robin & Sydney Weeks, Shelby Robinson, and Kayla Fireovid**

SATURDAY VOLUNTEERS TO STAY WITH OUR GUESTS: **Linda Gahan and Tammy Fagan**

TAKE-DOWN BEDROOM & CONVERT TO CLASSROOMS: **Mary & Charles Barron, Tammy, Ford & Trent Fagan, Cathy Spragins**

LAUNDRY VOLUNTEERS: **Tammy Fagan and Jacquie Worley**

ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES: **Mary Barron and Linda Gahan**

It is volunteers such as these who make hosting our Family Promise guests possible! Again, thank you!

Submitted by Mary Barron