



The Window

The Newsletter of Fort Hill Presbyterian Church

March 2018

Message From the Pastor

Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning, rend your hearts and not your clothing. — Joel 2:12-13

Do Presbyterians Fast?

As an empty ritual, the short answer is “no”; but as a means of drawing near to God, “yes.”

My husband Chuck has been fasting some mornings, intentionally skipping breakfast. Fasting helps the body’s metabolism re-set. This allows the digestive system to rest and the body to depend on fat stores. While he is doing this for health and weight, he has learned that he is aware that he has enough to sustain him. He actually feels better.

So maybe fasting in faith is like that, too. We let go of things with which we stuff ourselves or our time to fill emptiness, rather than becoming empty to know the great sustenance of God.

The prophets spoke about fasting, not as following the letter of the Law, but as a means of grace, of drawing near to God. We admit our dependence on God. We confess those things that do not give life — to us or others. Then we repent and change. Fasting is personal, but also communal.

I can think of lots of things from which we can collectively fast as a society. How about our stressful, busy lives? Or our belittling of the poor? Or our addiction to food? Money? Our despising the stranger and foreigner in our midst?

As I write this I am profoundly saddened and weeping for Parkland, FL High School where a 19-year-old massacred 17 people with an AR-15. Now is the time to fast from our idolatry of guns over the safety of human lives: the lives of worshipers, students, concert goers — casualties of a war they did not wage. The prophet Isaiah wrote God’s word to us:

⁶Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? ⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? ⁸Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. ⁹Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. — Isaiah 58:6-9a

The light seems very dim at times, but I trust Christ is in our midst. The LORD asks us to rend our hearts, draw near to God, call upon the LORD and cry out for help. Live justly and mercifully by acting as God’s agents of life-giving love. The Light has come.

Now are we willing to fast from those things that do harm to God’s good creation and those who live in it?

In Faith,

Laura Smith Conrad, Pastor

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Weekly Lectionary Scriptures

- 3/4 3rd Sunday in Lent**
Ex. 20:1-17; Ps. 19; 1 Cor. 1:18-25;
John 2:13-22
- 3/11 4th Sunday in Lent**
Num. 21:4-9; Ps. 107:1-3, 17-22;
Eph. 2:1-10; John 12:20-33
- 3/18 5th Sunday in Lent**
Gen. 9:8-17; Ps. 25:1-10;
1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15
- 3/25 Palm Sunday**
Mark 11:1-11; Ps. 118:1-2, 19-29

April

The Window Deadline

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

Congregational Luncheon

Palm Sunday

March 25

Join us immediately following the 10:45 am worship service for a time of food, fun and fellowship in our Deacon Circles of Care.

Holy Week Worship Schedule

Palm Sunday, March 25 - 8:30 & 10:45 am

We will meet outside the Sanctuary before the 10:45 service if you are able to join in the Palm Sunday Parade and Processional. After the 10:45 worship service we will gather for a congregational luncheon.

Maundy Thursday Tenebrae, March 29 - 7:30 pm

We will enter the darkness of the betrayal of Jesus as he turns to face a cross. We will celebrate the Lord's Supper and be served God's grace.

Easter Sunrise Service, April 1 - 7:00 am

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

Easter Sunday Worship Services, April 1

We will have two identical services with the Chancel Choir in the Sanctuary at 8:30 and 10:45 am. During the service, we will be collecting our Easter special offering, the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. ***Due to parking issues, please join us early on this day if you can. Clemson police are aware of the date, but do not take any chances and avoid parking on the street.***

One Great Hour of Sharing

As the Lenten Season leads into Easter Sunday celebration, let us do as Isaiah called:

- To share bread with the hungry,
- To loosen the bonds of injustice.

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) is a mission outreach program of PC(USA) providing support for disadvantaged groups, domestically and internationally. Among OGHS priorities are relief assistance for those affected by natural disasters including tropical storms, earthquakes, and drought. Another important program initiative, particularly at this time, is refugee assistance providing food and shelter as well as education for refugee children and resettlement assistance. OGHS supports ongoing food and nutrition programs to those that are hungry and water programs for those without clean drinking water. These initiatives are supplemented with empowerment to help men and women provide for their families beyond immediate crisis periods.

Fort Hill has designated Easter Sunday for its annual offering of One Great Hour of Sharing. If you wish to give to this program in **honor** or **memory** of a loved one, please complete the "Special Offering One Great Hour of Sharing Honor and Remember" form that may be found in the Narthex or FHOG office and return with check payable to Fort Hill Presbyterian Church by March 15. Memorials and honorariums will be recognized in the bulletin and *The Window*.

Souper Bowl of Caring Offering Update

Thank you Fort Hill for helping our youth collect **\$513 and 8 boxes of food and supplies** for Clemson Community Care on Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday!

Choir Corner

I know everyone has played peek-a-boo with a child. Isn't it amazing how fun it is? What an easy way to make someone smile? What is it about hiding behind our hands, a door, or a tree and moving to where we are seen that brings such joy? I was thinking of that when doing this simple game with the grandchildren. It is thrilling that moving out of sight and reappearing brings such giggles and laughter.

Maybe as I continue the journey to the cross during this Lenten season, I need to do it with the anticipation of joy. Joy and delight in knowing as I wait to see the promise of light after weeks of darkness, that I will smile and be filled with laughter as joy comes in the morning. Christ will journey a tough road. He will be cheered and then beaten. Christ will die. Christ will rise again. He will be waiting to peek out from the dark tomb, catch my eye, and I will smile, laugh, dance and celebrate the goodness of the Lord and the love and hope he offers me each and every day. That love is seen in the sunrise, in the smile of an elderly friend, in the twinkle in children's eyes.

The wonderful words of a great hymn come to mind — *Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he, and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said He.*

Smiling-n-Singing,

Margaret

PS Check out the new handbell table cloths! They are amazing and were designed and made by our own seamstress extraordinaire, Mary Dusenberry, and her daughter, Jean Lee. **Thank you, Ladies!**

Inside the “Den”

God is at work on the US-Mexico Border!

Friends, I recently had the privilege of visiting our mission co-workers Mark Adams and Miriam Maldonado through *Frontera de Cristo* in Agua Prieta, Mexico. This small town sits right across the border from Douglas, Arizona.

I carried with me many biases and personal opinions about what life on the border looks like, of which many were based on snippets I had heard from politicians, news outlets, and various people I've encountered. I must say that none of the stories I'd heard could hold a candle to the eye-opening, life-changing, and Spirit-filled experience that I had as a member of the Foothills Presbytery border delegation.

There is absolutely no way that I could describe to you the richness of my visit — to explain how incredible it is to see God at work in such a strange place as the US-Mexico border — in just a few paragraphs here in this Window article.

So, instead, I invite you to ask me directly!! I would love to share with you what I saw and heard over coffee or lunch or just by stopping by my office during the week. In short, God is doing amazing things on both sides of the border. I am so thankful for the many faithful families and *Frontera* workers who showed us such kindness and hospitality.

Foothills Presbyterian has another border trip scheduled for October 25-November 4. Anyone is welcome to participate. If you are interested, I encourage you to reach out to me!

Joyfully, *Dana*



The Window

Sunday Servants

Pastor on Call

3/4 Dana Waters
3/11 Mary Morrison
3/18 Laura Conrad
3/25 Mary Morrison

Elder at the Font—8:30 Service

3/4 LeAnne Greene
3/11 Gregg Morton
3/18 Helen Wooten
3/25 Joan Borick

Elder at the Font—10:45 Service

3/4 Jim London
3/11 Dick Shick
3/18 Mike Worley
3/25 Paul Durland

Birth—2 Year Old Nursery

3/4 Joan Dixon
3/11 Amy Worley
3/18 Don & Janna McKale
3/25 Judy Blackwell

3 & 4 Year Old Nursery

3/4 Sue Limber
3/11 Debbie Collins
3/18 Stella Hudak
3/25 Ellen Torrence



“Mystery Mission”

is coming!!!

What?? Where?? When??

It is a mystery!!

Can you guess?

Watch for Mystery Mission signs around the church.

Each week CLUES will be added to the signs.

Be sure to read the CLUES!

We celebrate the Ordination of Colin Pettigrew who will serve as Associate for Children and Youth Ministries at Madison Presbyterian Church in Madison, GA.

Service of Ordination
for Colin Pettigrew

Sunday, April 8
11:00 am

Madison Presbyterian Church
382 S. Main Street
Madison, GA 30650

Church Mouse



Oh my, two of our dear members have passed on to the church triumphant, George Polk and Betty Long. **Nancy Oates** is the director of the funeral guild. At George's service she was helped by **Marcia Barker, Donna London, Nan Jones, Melanie Job, and Raenota Merrill.** The reception afterwards was coordinated by **Rose Ross** and **Clarice Gustafson.** Bereavement luncheon prepared by **Cynthia Gravely, Barbara Madison, Robin Denny, Cathy Spragins, and Donna Crader.** For Betty Long's service **Nancy Oates** directed **Bob & Carol Stout** and **Barbara Westall** with greeters from Betty's Circle: **Robin Denny, Cathy McInnis, Nan Jones, Shirley Chappell, and Gensie Waldrop.** **Rose Ross** and **Claudette Bennett** provided refreshments for the reception following the service.

Plus, we had communion with **Beth Chapman** directing **Melanie Job, Jim London, Nina Moede, Kenny Mohr, Cathy & Gregg Morton, Don McKale, Bobby & Joy Skelton, Terri Smith, Cindy Sloan, and Jackie Ellis.** Early service had **Ann Rash** and **Nancy Spittler** serving communion.

The next Sunday was Boy Scout Sunday with members of Troop 235 in attendance. This Fort Hill sponsored troop has met at our church for 54 years. **Chip Egan** is the Chartered Organization Representative from Fort Hill. Other adult leaders from Fort Hill are **Bill Beckwith** and **Bob Williamson.** All assist Scoutmaster **Vic Shelburne.**

Preschool Board members coordinate and assist in the administration of Fort Hill Preschool: **Marcia Barker (Board Chair), Donna McCubbin (Treasurer), Dana Armstrong (Director & ex-officio), Donna Crader, Clarice Gustafson, Heidi Martin, Sally Martin, and Cyndi Davis (ex-officio).**

Our Fort Hill staff is one to be thanked as often as possible for all their hard work in supporting our ministerial staff: **Judy Crawford, Lori Houck, and Scott Thrailkill.**

So many people to thank & so little time.

Children's Ministry News



Children's Ministry is sporting a new logo! Thank you goes to Meredith LeCroy's work with Sydnie Horton Designs to develop our new look. Watch for information from the CM team with our new header.

Also, nearly new, is a quiet play space for children 5 and under to listen during the 8:30 service. "Pray Grounds", now found in some churches, enable children to grow up in church watching their parents worship. Worship then becomes a part of their developmental process. Children can participate as they are ready. Our "pray ground" is located in Tartan Hall in front of the pew. Nursery is also still available in Room E117.

Vacation Bible School is June 25-28: Abundance Orchard Part 2. We will continue to learn about hunger and how to help. The *Rise Against Hunger* food packaging event will take place all day on Thursday, June 28, at Fort Hill. It is the mission focus for the week. **We will need help from our congregation to package over 9,000 nutritious food packets.** Many helpers are needed to complete a variety of tasks. We are also seeking VBS workers! Please contact Cyndi (cyndi.davis@forthillchurch.org) to volunteer or if you have any questions.

Future Family Fun Fellowship dates are March 18, April 15, and May 20.

Vacation Bible School and Nothin' But Net: June 25-28.



Family Promise at Fort Hill Church March 25—April 1, 2018

Your **FHPC Family Promise** Coordinators cannot adequately express our appreciation for **YOU**, the generous volunteers who sign up each time we host Family Promise! In this important **home mission**, local churches house **homeless Pickens County families** on a rotating basis, each church hosting our guests for four weeks throughout the year. The success of this program is only possible with the help of numerous volunteers throughout Pickens County! Volunteers provide our homeless families with nutritious meals, Christian fellowship, and a safe place to sleep at night, helping them until they regain their independence.



Helen Mohr's Saturday Breakfast Crew

In early March you will be able to sign up to volunteer using the online program, **Sign Up Genius** or you may sign up on the Family Promise whiteboard in the hallway across from the FHOG Office in the Fort Hill Presbyterian Church Administration Building. When the "online sign-up" is up and running, we will have a web address in the midweek email sent out from the church. Please consider signing up to help. When we all pull together with God's help, we can accomplish amazing transformations!

**For more information contact the FHPC Family Promise Coordinators:
Mary Barron (864) 885-9342 or Linda Gahan (864) 654-2953**

David LaMotte is Coming to Fort Hill and Clemson in April



Mark your calendars now to spend time with David.

Sunday, April 22 — 7:00 pm concert in the Sanctuary

Worldchanging 101 Series of workshops in Tartan Hall:

- **Sunday, April 22 from 3:00—4:30 pm**
- **Monday, April 23 from 7:00—8:30 pm**
- **Tuesday, April 24 from 7:00—8:30 pm**

A veteran of 12 CDs and 3,000 concerts in all 50 states and on 5 continents, David LaMotte is an award-winning songwriter, author, public speaker, and the founder of an international non-profit.

LaMotte's music has been honored with numerous awards and grants as well as artist sponsorships from Taylor Guitars and John Pearse Strings. His song *Dark and Deep* was included on *Songs Inspired by Literature, Chapter One*. Other artists on that CD include Bruce Springsteen, Aimee Mann, and Suzanne Vega.

LaMotte is the co-founder and president of *PEG Partners*, a non-profit that supports schools and libraries in Guatemala to improve learning environments there. Because of his strong commitment to peacemaking, he has traveled in several of the world's conflict zones, from Bosnia and Belfast to Hebron and Haiti, promoting intercultural understanding and seeking to learn from people on the front lines of peace work, and has led workshops and trainings in Zambia, El Salvador, Germany, Australia, England, and across the United States.

In 2008, LaMotte suspended his music career to give his focus to his other vocational passion, peacemaking. As a recipient of the prestigious Rotary World Peace Fellowship, he earned a masters degree in International Studies, Peace and Conflict Resolution at Brisbane, Australia's University of Queensland. As part of that fellowship, he also spent three months in rural India working with a Gandhian sustainable development organization.

LaMotte also served as the Clerk (chair) of the American Friends Service Committee's Nobel Peace Prize Nominating Task Group.

As a speaker, he has presented at events across the United States and around the world, including at the Scottish Parliament and the PC(USA) Ministry to the United Nations.

In 2014, he published his most recent book, *Worldchanging 101: Challenging the Myth of Powerlessness*, which is in its second printing, and is being used as a textbook in several U.S. colleges and universities.

LaMotte's new album, *The Other Way Around*. Debuted at #8 on the international Folk-DJ chart, and involves musicians from all over the world.

At a glance...

- Over 3,000 shows in 50 states and 15 countries
- 12 full-length albums, plus numerous compilations
- Featured on *Songs Inspired by Literature, Chapter One*, with Bruce Springsteen, Grace Slick, Suzanne Vega
- Numerous tours in Europe, Australia, and New Zealand
- *Parents Guide to Children's Media* award for his children's recording of *S.S. Bathtub*
- Winner of numerous songwriting awards, including First Place in the Children's Music category of the *USA Songwriting Competition* (with 32,000 entries), as well as Gold in Folk and Silver in Instrumental in the *SAW Mid-Atlantic Song Contest*
- Syndicated radio and television appearances, including *Good Morning New Zealand*, *Al Jazeera news*, *River City Folk*, *Radio Live*, *BBC Radio*, *Art of the Song*, and the *Thom Hartmann show*
- Member of the *Three Davids*, with David Wilcox and David Holt, and *Abraham Jam*, an interfaith band project.



Spring Blood Drive

On **Wednesday, April 11 from 3-7:30 pm** the Blood Connection staff will be at **Fort Hill Presbyterian Church** to collect blood donations. The drive will be in Tartan Hall. We will again partner with our friends at First Baptist Clemson for this important endeavor. Participants can secure a time slot before/after the services beginning Sunday, March 11 and also online. Fort Hill Church has been supporting the local blood supply for eighteen years. This partnership allows Fort Hill and First Baptist Church members who need blood to receive blood at a reduced fee. Remember there is no substitute for human blood and it is expensive. One pint of blood can save three lives. Therefore, donate blood on Wednesday, April 11, or attend one of the donation centers listed below. Blood donors can give blood anytime at any of the Blood Connection Donation Centers in the area. Call the center of choice for the hours of operation. Please use the reference **#8AAG** when giving blood so your donation will be credited to Fort Hill.

Blood Connection Donation Centers:

Anderson	(864) 225-3195
3131 N Main St. (Anderson Mall)	
Easley	(864) 644-0030
1954 East Main St., 29640	
Greenville	(864) 239-2937
435 Woodruff Rd., 29607	
Seneca	(864) 882-8364
1308 Sandifer Boulevard, 29678	

Questions & Comments?

Contact Judy Blackwell (864) 868-4153



The family of **Betty Long**, long-time Fort Hill member, who passed away on January 31 in Clemson.

The family of **Ruth Warner** who passed away on February 19 in Greenwood, SC. Gordon and Ruth Warner were faithful members of Fort Hill years ago when they lived in Keowee Key.

The family of **Hallie Wannamaker** who passed away on February 22 in Clemson Downs.

News from Presbyterian Women

Clothing Drive for Mission Haven

Presbyterian Women are again collecting spring and summer clothing for Mission Haven beginning on March 1.

Ladies, spring and summer will be here soon! When you go through your closets to remove the clothing you no longer wish to have, please consider donating your gently used clothing to a good cause! You may bring the bags of your clothing to the PW Collection Room in the "Dungeon" under the FHOG Office. Just go down the stairs across from the Club Room. The door is marked for easy identification.

Contacts: Susan Beckwith at 654-3337, Joan Dixon at 654-1065, or Gensie Waldrop at 882-5782.

Family Promise at Fort Hill Presbyterian Church March 25 — April 1, 2018

Home Missions "at Home at Fort Hill Presbyterian"

We need lots of volunteers to care for our Family Promise families from March 25-April 1! PW volunteers are the backbone of this very successful and much needed local ministry here at our own church! Please sign up to prepare meals, shop for food, be hospitality and activity hosts, prepare Saturday breakfast, help set-up the bedrooms and restore the classrooms when our guests depart, spend the night or do the laundry. There is a job just perfect for you!

Please contact your **FHPC Family Promise Coordinators: Mary Barron at 885-9342 or Linda Gahan at 654-2953.**

Presbyterian Women's Birthday Luncheon

Come one and all to the **Annual PW Birthday Luncheon/Celebration** to be held at Fort Hill Presbyterian on **Saturday, April 28** — **ALL** women attending Fort Hill Presbyterian are invited to this special gathering. Our program will be **Ripple of One**. Learn more about this home mission endeavor that we support here at Fort Hill Presbyterian! Also, please come prepared to contribute to the **Birthday Luncheon Offering**. Our donations will go towards projects chosen by Presbyterian Women, fulfilling our mission to improve the lives of others.

PW Birthday Luncheon: April 28

Program: Ripple of One

Contact **Judi Cundiff** at ukjudi@btopenworld.com or **Barbara Madison** at barbara.madison@mindspring.com for more details.

PW Winter Retreat a Big Success

The Presbyterian Women's retreat was held Saturday, January 27, at the historic old Richland Presbyterian Church. The participants enjoyed great food, fellowship, and spiritual nourishment!

Valentine Boxes for Our Fort Hill College Students

Thanks to all of the Fort Hill Presbyterian volunteers who brought donations to fill the Valentine's Boxes for our 17 students! These boxes were either mailed or hand-delivered to brighten the lives of our FHPC college students. Thanks for sharing your love!

Dates to Remember

- **March 25—April 1** — Family Promise at Fort Hill Presbyterian
- **April 26** — **Columbia Friendship Circle**
Coordinator: Nan Jones, 654-1539, jones4927@bellsouth.net
- **April 28** — PW Birthday Luncheon

Submitted by Mary Barron, PW Publicity Chairman
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2018 Deacon's Retreat

On February 17, the Fort Hill Board of Deacons welcomed its Class of 2021, which includes Greg Bearden, Leanne Broome, Susan Brown, Grace Cook, Tom Lawrence, Mark Morrison, and Terri Smith.

Under the leadership of the Deacon Executive Team (Donna Crader, Moderator; Melanie Job, Vice-Moderator; Lisa Britt, Secretary; and Mary Morrison, Associate Pastor for Discipleship and Staff Liaison to the Board of Deacons), twenty-three deacons met in the Club Room for the purpose of learning how to better care for each other, for those in their Circles of Care (COC), and for the larger congregation.

The new 2018-19 Deacon Executive Team as of March 1 will be: Melanie Job, Moderator; Nina Moede, Vice-Moderator; Lisa Britt, Secretary; and Mary Morrison, Staff Liaison. Under their leadership, deacons will continue to serve on one of the Board of Deacons' Ministries of Compassion, Witness, or Service which are divided into the sub-ministries of Bereavement Meals, Flowers, Special Receptions, Homebound Communion, Membership/Assimilation/New Baby, Visitation, Healthcare, and Transportation.

Deacons will soon be sending out letters to those in their neighborhood Circles of Care. Some of you will have a new deacon this year due to deacons rotating off the Board of Deacons and being replaced by newly elected deacons, or because we have moved you into what is actually your neighborhood Circle of Care. If you are one of those families whose Circle of Care assignment has changed, hopefully you will find the change to be positive as you get to know your Fort Hill neighbors better through your Circle of Care connections.

A special time of spiritual inspiration was offered by Mary Morrison as we all shared in Holy Communion, modeling the order of worship and service of the elements for an in-home communion service. If you are unable to attend worship on a regular basis due to health constraints, ask your deacon to put your name on the list to be served homebound communion. Deacons go out two by two to serve on first Sundays of the month, being blessed as they also are a blessing.

Please pray for your deacon, knowing that your deacon is praying for you. Pictured above is the Deacon Class of 2018-19, once again eager to demonstrate that FORT HILL DEACONS CARE!



Donna Crader
Deacon Moderator, Class of 2018

Welcome Fort Hill New Members



Kevin & Bette Bronson
Ben (1/2006) & Tatum Rose (10/2007)

Address: PO Box 72, Clemson
Phone: K—(803) 322-0934 / B—(803) 323-7473
Email: williamkbronson@gmail.com / bettesbronson@gmail.com

The Bronson family is coming to Fort Hill from Blythewood, SC. Ben is a sixth grader and Tatum Rose is a fourth grader where Mrs. Ross (another new member) is her teacher.



Tripp & Necia Ross

Address: 404 Stonehaven Dr., Anderson 29625
Phone: T—(864) 985-3720 / N—(864) 723-3355
Email: trippyross@gmail.com / neciaross18@gmail.com

Tripp and Necia were married recently at the Old Stone Church. They grew up in Seneca and join their family Mark & Robbi Stokes who are members.

March Fort Hill Church Activities

Friday, March 2

- 6:30 pm Fort Hill Coffee House — Tartan Hall
- Youth Fun Night — After Coffee House

Sunday, March 4

- 11:45 am New Member Lunch — Tartan Hall
- 12:00 pm APNC University Ministry — Library
- 1:00 pm NAMI — PW Room
- 3:00 pm Confirmation Class — Den

Monday, March 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, March 6

- 8:00 am Men of the Church Breakfast — Alumni Restaurant
- 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
- 7:00 pm Fellowship Ministry Meeting — Club Room

Friday, March 9

- 6:00 pm Session Retreat — Club Room

Saturday, March 10

- 9:00 am Session Retreat — Club Room

Sunday, March 11

- 2:00 pm APNC University Ministry — Conference Room
- 2:00 pm NAMI — Club Room
- 3:00 pm Confirmation Class — Den

Monday, March 12

- 9:30 am PW Trinity Circle — Club Room

Tuesday, March 13

- 12:00 pm Discipleship Lunch — TBA
- 3:00 pm Building & Grounds Meeting — Conference Room
- 5:45 pm Music Committee Meeting — Conference Room
- 6:30 pm Worship Ministry Meeting — Conference Room
- 6:30 pm Finance Ministry Meeting — Club Room
- 7:30 pm PW Circle 2 — Library

Friday, March 16

- 12:00 pm Ward Browning Memorial Service — Tartan Hall
- Mini Montreat — Senior High Youth

Saturday, February 17

- PSA Mission Trip — Baltimore, MD

Sunday, March 18

- 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, March 19

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

Tuesday, March 20

- 7:00 pm Session Meeting

Sunday, March 25 — Palm Sunday

- 11:45 pm Congregational Lunch
- 2:00 pm APNC University Ministry Meeting — Conference Rm.
- 2:00 pm NAMI — Club Room
- 3:00 pm Confirmation Class — Den
- 5:00 pm Family Promise

Monday, March 26

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

Tuesday, March 27

- 5:00 pm Family Promise
- 5:30 pm Membership Meeting — Conference Room

Wednesday, March 28

- 5:00 pm Family Promise

Thursday, March 29

- 5:00 pm Family Promise
- 7:30 pm Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service — Tartan Hall

Friday, March 30

- 5:00 pm Family Promise

Saturday, March 31

- 5:00 pm Family Promise

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.

March Birthdays & Anniversaries



3/1 Jake Alexander
Amy Elrod
Andrew Latiff

3/2 Marie Dahill
Bridget Trogden
Margaret Thompson
Katherine Whisler

3/3 Caroline Dawson
Peggy Mowrey

3/4 Caroline Hunter
Dewayne Lawson

3/5 Luke Artigliere
Ben Deaton
Mike Moore
George Rodgers
Sylvia Thomas

3/6 Bitsy Barkley
Dusty Oates
Bob Wilkinson

3/7 Chase Aaron
Anna Lightsey

3/8 Leland Hawthorne
Todd Latiff
Maggie Wilson

3/9 John Brown

3/10 Dylan Bolger
Shirley Chappell
Nina Moede
Barry Robinson

3/11 Tom McInnis

3/13 Evelyn Cureton
Dulcie Mohr
Denny Walling

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

3/17 Philip Marcum

3/18 Elizabeth Reimer

3/19 Raymond MacKay
Katie Wilson

3/20 Rita Greagan
Kira Waters

3/21 Larry Gahan

3/22 Wayne Madison

3/23 David Cundiff
Billie Jackson

3/24 Hudson Money
Emily Poetz
Ben Sawyer

3/26 Elizabeth Crader

3/29 Finley Wiles

3/30 Maggie Bandy
Sally Martin
Gayle McGregor

3/31 Frances Caskey



3/5 Raymond & Margaret
MacKay
Dana & Kira Waters

3/9 Ed & Shelley Burchfield

3/12 Bo Crader & Debbie
Vaughn

3/17 Danny & Bridgette Gregg
Laurence & Betsy Mudge

3/22 Chuck & Elizabeth Sisson

3/27 Ed & Annette Halbig

3/31 Don & Cyndi Davis
Bob & Becky Fant

From the Finance Ministry

Below is a summary of the 2018 budget passed by Session. A copy of the line item budget is available upon request. Please contact the Church office to receive a copy.

General Fund Contribution Income	Amount
Pledged Giving	\$801,884
Non-Pledged Giving	\$140,000
Building Usage Fees	\$13,000
Transfers from Special Funds (from 2017 GF Surplus)	\$15,116
Total Income	\$970,000
General Fund Expenses	
Board of Deacons	\$1,575
Buildings & Grounds	\$104,682
Christian Action (includes University Ministry Support)	\$109,742
Congregational Fellowship	\$6,800
Discipleship	\$22,575
Finance (includes Renovation Loan Payments)	\$57,675
Membership	\$1,550
Personnel (Includes salaries/benefits all staff)	\$598,093
Program Support	\$53,348
Planning	\$750
Worship	\$13,210
Total Expenses	\$970,000

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Sharing the Good News

Most have heard of the Boy Scouts, but unless you have either been through the Scouting Program or had a child who has, you may not be aware of its positive impact on young lives.

Think of the Cub Scouts as the elementary school introduction to Scouts — geared toward learning new things with a healthy dose of fun. Perhaps you have heard of the Pinewood Derby, where boys work with dads to build a miniature race car. No one is quite sure which generation gets more out of this competition.

The Boy Scout program starts around the time of middle school when a young man is beginning the transition from boy to manhood. Alongside primarily outdoor activities that combine adventure with practical “how to do things”, ranging from making a campfire to sewing on a button, scouts also learn valuable leadership and discipline lessons. While still having fun, just on a more “manly” level, boys are divided into small groups led by fellow scouts and master skills as they reach higher ranks. One can even attain a recognition that will carry over into adulthood. While only a small percentage earns the rank of Eagle, it is an achievement universally recognized throughout one’s life.

I hope you were in church a few Sundays ago when we honored our Boy Scout Troop and Cub Scout Pack 235. Our Scouts and their leaders are worthy of our thanks and recognition.

Jim Thomas, Eagle Scout, Silver Beaver, and father of two Eagle Scouts