

# The Window

The Newsletter of Fort Hill Presbyterian Church

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## Message From the Pastor

### God Is Our Guardian and Guide

*God's your Guardian...He guards you when you leave and when you return, he guards you now, he guards you always.* Psalm 121:5, 7-8 from The Message

I have a friend whose family recited Psalm 121 every time they took a road trip to remind them that God would guide and protect them from here to there. Psalm 121 is sometimes called the Traveler's Psalm. You may recall the opening words, "I lift my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the LORD, maker of heaven and earth."

I ponder these words as I prepare to go on a journey this summer, a Sabbatical. Many of you are taking journeys, too...the literal kind, trips to see family, mission trips, weekend jaunts. Or more the figurative types, journeys with a loved one through illness, moving from childhood to adulthood and through the chaos of adolescence, or into retirement while living in the same place. We are always on a journey of faith...of revelation, doubt, struggle, new insight, deeper trust in God.

Some things I have learned about journeys. We need companions and a Guide. We need the Church of Jesus Christ, because faith is not a solo act, but an ensemble, and God is the ever-present hum made by a symphony of creation and people lost in wonder, love, and praise. We have guides, most importantly, the Triune God, but our other guides include Scripture, the Body of Christ, and our Theology/Confessions. Other false guides will try to lead us — hucksters selling the latest adventure, entertainment, or high. But what is true and real is the LORD who made the heavens and earth.

While I am away on Sabbatical (starting June 4), I will be on a journey, a pilgrimage. Sabbaticals for pastors are not a chance to write a dissertation, or seek a new call, or an extended vacation. Sabbaticals are extended Sabbath gifts of time to enjoy God, be with people whom you love, and enjoy the good gifts of creation. Sabbath time is a time to "lie fallow" as the fields did every seventh year in Scripture as a way for the land to rest, renew, rejoice in God. At times, I will have companions like my best soul friends and family, but also books, strangers, surprises and the time to notice them. Other times I will journey alone like when I arrive in Iona, Scotland, a remote island in the Hebrides, but I know time alone is still time with God, our guardian and guide, and worship wherever I may be. Our true home is in our ever-present God.

I will be away from you which means not knowing your joys and sorrows or sharing a meal. Practically, I will turn off email and social media — except that Chuck, and kids may still be active. I will mostly be away from home, but there will be times I am in town, and we will bump into one another in the grocery store or gym. I will be glad to see your face, but know we need to not visit to be true to the Sabbatical. So please help me with that, too. I know that God will guard you as you go and come, too. I look forward to being reunited in person in September. And we trust one another to God's good providence in the meantime...

Love of Christ be With You,

*Laura Smith Conrad, Pastor*

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## Weekly Lectionary Scriptures

- 5/6 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Easter**  
Acts 10:44-48; Ps. 98;  
1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17
- 5/13 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Easter**  
Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Ps. 1;  
1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19
- 5/20 Day of Pentecost**  
Acts 2:1-21; Ps. 104:24-34, 35b;  
Rom. 8:22-27; John 15:26-27;  
John 16:4b-15
- 5/27 Trinity Sunday**  
Isa. 6:1-8; Ps. 29;  
Rom. 8:12-17; John 3:1-17

June 2018

### The Window Deadline

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

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



**Baptism of Pickens Elizabeth McCall  
Daughter of Tyler & Kristen McCall  
on Sunday, April 22**

## Choir Corner

"April showers bring May flowers!" I have always thought of that in the true literal sense. If it rains in April, flowers will grow in May. But one day I was thinking of showers in a heavy way, as if showers could be burdens overwhelming us.

I remembered some April events, showers if you will, that have occurred in my life. Like a boating accident many years ago and the sudden death of a beloved family member. They were difficult events in which it was hard to see any life or beauty. Then with time — that wonderful gift of time — the difficult memories lifted and the good of it all began to emerge from darkness like flowers from bulbs buried in the dark of the earth. We have all had these kinds of times. I am grateful that music can lift us and carry us out of hard downpours. We can see light piercing the dark water. Beautiful memories give us comfort and life continues with hope, joy, and assurance.

In April, we had bountiful showers of blessings with Easter, Youth Sunday, and the musical, *Down by the Creek Bank*. So I am looking forward to lots of May flowers — in the faces of children, the sounds of voices blending in harmony, and our church family worshipping in gratitude for all the good bestowed upon us.

Smiling-n-Singing,

Margaret



## Mother's Day Special Offering

Mother's Day is very special, not only for remembering and honoring our mothers and all they mean to us, but it is also the time when we collect a special offering for the Presbyterian Homes of SC.

As we move through different stages of our lives, our circumstances and needs change. Our later years can be an especially rewarding time, but can also present challenges. We Presbyterians are fortunate that we have a wide range of senior lifestyles and services available through five retirement communities in South Carolina. These facilities are spread out across the state and their services include independent living, assisted living, memory care, skilled nursing care and short-term rehabilitation.

If you are not familiar with our Presbyterian Communities, we are privileged to have one, the Foothills Community, located nearby in Easley. Some members of our congregation live there and are already enjoying its benefits.

As I learned with my own mother, one of the greatest things about living in these communities is that as your needs change, you can be accommodated with additional levels of care.

We are blessed that during the early 1950s, ministers and church leaders of the Presbyterian Church in South Carolina had a vision to serve seniors. The first Mother's Day offering was taken on May 9, 1954, to begin that mission.

Today our Mother's Day offering still goes to help support our Presbyterian Homes and those residents who have exhausted their savings.

Please give generously on May 13th.

Jim Thomas, CAM Committee

## First Sunday Breakfasts

Please join church members for fellowship and food as we continue the Fort Hill summer tradition of First Sunday Breakfast. These will be held June 3, July 1, and August 5 from 9:30 to 10:30 am in Tartan Hall. Coffee and juice will be provided, you're asked to bring a breakfast item to share.

# Inside the “Den”

## Get ready for an all-new Kickoff Retreat for Youth this fall!

The Youth Ministry Team has been working to create a weekend kickoff retreat for our Mid-High and Senior High youth to experience community, worship, and team-building at the start of the school year!

Did you know that it takes 17 contact hours for a group to bond together as a team? This fall, our hope is to create a shared identity as a youth group at the start of the year with a big weekend retreat. A kickoff retreat will help us foster deeper connections and more faithful participation in a life of ministry at Fort Hill. These deep connections will be critical to laying the groundwork for authentic conversations in youth group as we explore “Real Issues of Faith,” our Youth Ministry theme for 2018-19.

We will be spending the weekend at Asbury Camp & Retreat Center, which features over 2,000 acres of mountains and hills, creeks and waterfalls, forests and lakes in the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains. We will worship, take part in team-building challenges, and play games — from gaga ball to water sports to the “Giant Swing”!

Please mark your calendars for this new youth kickoff retreat on August 17-19.

### Youth Kickoff Retreat

**When:** Friday, August 17 at 6:00 pm to Sunday, August 19 at 12:00 pm.

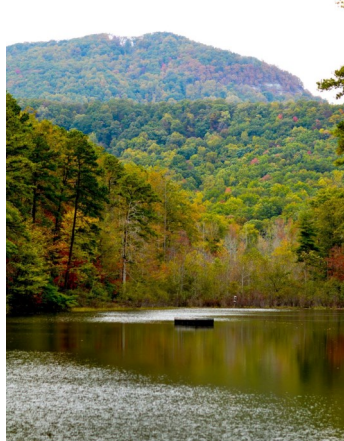
**Where:** Asbury Hills Camp & Retreat Center (50-minute drive from church)

**Price:** \$50 (normally \$150)

**Who can participate:** 6<sup>th</sup>—12<sup>th</sup> graders (as of Fall 2018)

Joyfully,

*Dana*



## Sunday Servants

### Pastor on Call

5/6	Dana Waters
5/13	Mary Morrison
5/20	Mary Morrison (20-24) Dana Waters (25-27)
5/27	Laura Conrad

### Elder at the Font—8:30 Service

5/6	Michael Worley
5/13	Paul Durland
5/20	Chuck Moede
5/27	Raymond MacKay

### Elder at the Font—10:45 Service

5/6	Joan Borick
5/13	Tim Howard
5/20	Kenny Mohr
5/27	Linda Parsons

### Birth—2 Year Old Nursery

5/6	Audrey Thompson
5/13	Joan Dixon
5/20	Barbara Madison
5/27	Amy Worley

### 3 & 4 Year Old Nursery

5/6	Jillian McLaurin
5/13	Sue Limber
5/20	David & Debbie Collins
5/27	Stella Hudak



Many blessings to Colin Pettigrew who was ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament on April 8 at Madison Presbyterian Church in Madison, GA. Colin is the son of Steve & Ethel Pettigrew.

### Pansy Duke's New Address

**201 E. 9th North St., Unit 35  
Summerville, SC 29483**

# Thank You!

Thank you Spring Blood Drive Participants! 31 pints of blood were collected from the blood drive on April 11 in Anne Dickey's name.

If you would still like to contribute in honor of Anne, you can find a local donation center at: [bloodconnection.org](http://bloodconnection.org)  
The Fort Hill account number is 8AAG.

## Congregational Fun Day & Picnic

Join your church family Sunday, May 20, from 3—7:00 pm at the Clemson University Outdoor Lab for a time of fellowship, fun and food. We'll also honor our confirmation class.

Hot dogs with all the fixings, lemonade, and water will be served at 5:30 pm. You're asked to bring a side dish and chairs for your family. Please use the following suggestions for bringing food to share.

Last names beginning with:

A-D — Appetizers      E-M — Side Dishes      N-Z — Desserts

Please RSVP by May 17 by calling Judy Crawford at the church office or email her at [judy.crawford@forthillchurch.org](mailto:judy.crawford@forthillchurch.org).

The Clemson University Outdoor Lab is located five miles from campus and is on a beautiful peninsula on Lake Hartwell. We have reserved the picnic shelter and amphitheater for fellowship, food, and games. Nature trails are located nearby. Canoes will be available for paddling on the lake. Swimming cannot be offered at this time and no pets are allowed at the Outdoor Lab.

Directions from Hwy. 123: Turn onto Hwy. 76/28 East toward Anderson. Follow Hwy. 76/28 for 4 miles. Turn right on to West Queen Street (this is also the turn for the T. Ed Garrison Arena). Follow West Queen Street for 2.5 miles. The Outdoor Lab entrance is on the left.



# Church Mouse



Oh my, spring and the pollen have arrived. I leave prints every time I come into the church so **Scott Thrailkill** has to clean up after me. He does a great job keeping all this in working order at the church.

This Sunday was Youth Sunday and they conducted a very meaningful service. All the prayers, hymns, and liturgy were written or selected by the youth. Music was by the band Johnny and the Tulips — **Rev. Dana Waters, Clay Mohr, Kate Mills (PSA), Ben Halbig, Calia Worley, and Hallie Conrad.** Earlier **Alena Nebesky** played the piano while **Judy Bonham** was on the organ. During the offertory the brass group of **Hayden Anderson, Billy Gregory, and Ben Bronson** played *When the Saints Go Marching In*. **Elyse Hollingsworth, Cooper Hays, Ellen Ackerman, Billy Gregory, Ben Bronson, Ethan Ackerman, Jeb Martin, Olivia Mueller, Tipton Wright, Kate Hollingsworth, Mac Martin, Calia Worley, Katherine Whisler, Cody Satzger, and Sydney Weeks**, who wrote the Prayer of Thanksgiving, were all part of the worship service. Also, they did a dramatic interpretation, ushered and took up the offering. Those who are going on the Mission Trip in June to El Faro in Guatemala helped **Beth Chapman** with the 100 envelopes fundraiser for the “Mother’s Room” for which **Susan & Bob Brown** have given a \$5,000 matching gift towards the needed \$10,000.

Back in February our church hosted the entire Presbytery for worship, meeting and lunch. **Gail Williams** coordinated all of our support groups — parking, hospitality & refreshments before the meeting by the **Presbyterian Women**, the greeters, registration, lunch tickets, and the luncheon.

# Children’s Ministry News



During Lent and Easter we watched the process as caterpillars developed into butterflies. Finally the time came to set the butterflies free to enjoy God’s creation. You might expect all the butterflies would burst forth as soon as their cage was opened. Some

did. They were waiting in anticipation of flying away. Others were a bit more hesitant. They would fly to the top, change their direction several times before leaving the safety of the only home they have known. A few needed a guiding hand to encourage them to take flight on a new journey.

All of us experience transitions in our lives, even in our church life. It is important for us to look for ways to support one another in these times of transition by offering a helpful hand. We anticipate welcoming new staff, interim staff and new members throughout the remainder of this year. Prepare your hearts to offer a welcoming, helpful hand to those who enter your lives, while watching over those who are already a part of your life’s journey.



**Vacation Bible School, June 25-28** is one way to volunteer to work with our children. We also need many hands to help with our mission to fill 10,000 bags with nutritious meals for Rise Against Hunger on June 28. Please contact [cyndi.davis@forthillchurch.org](mailto:cyndi.davis@forthillchurch.org) if you feel led to help in either area.

Find your place at the table; give and receive your blessing.

Wishing you “Showers of Blessings”,

*Cyndi*



*Confirmation  
& Senior Sunday  
May 20*



**Michael & Hilarie Sehorn** and family in the death of Michael’s mother, Paulette Sehorn, or March 24, in Alamogordo, NM.

**Lee Churchfield** in the death of her brother, Duncan McCallum, on April 6 in Scranton, PA.

**Hazel Pittendreigh** and **Ed & Nancy Hutson** in the death of Evan Lewis on April 14 in Cumming, GA. Evan was Hazel’s son-in-law and Ed & Nancy’s brother-in-law.

# News from Presbyterian Women

## PW Spring Birthday Luncheon

We want to thank Judi Cundiff, Barbara Madison, and all of the committee members and volunteers who worked tirelessly to make our annual PW Birthday Luncheon, held in Tartan Hall on **April 28**, a great success! Besides enjoying delicious salads, desserts, and beverages prepared by our members, we enjoyed fellowship with one another. Our speaker, Emily Raymer, member of **Ripple of One**, spoke to us about the program that seeks to empower families to get off of government assistance and into a self-supporting life-style. Meagan Luzzi, a graduate of the program, also participated in the luncheon program.

## May Magazine Collections for Campbell Veterans and Harris Psychiatric Hospitals

During the month of May, Presbyterian Women will be collecting magazines, books, and puzzles for **Campbell Veterans Hospital** and **Harris Psychiatric Hospital**. Please bring your donations to the Collections Room in "the dungeon" at the bottom of the lower stairs across from the Club Room beginning May 1.

## Box Tops for Education

Presbyterian Women, contrary to what you have been previously told, **please continue to collect and bring in your Box Tops for Education for Thornwell Home** for Children. You will find these box tops on a variety of products: cereal, food storage bags, household cleaning products, meals, frozen produce, school and office supplies, snacks, and waste bags (Hefty). For a complete list and brand names, please visit <https://www.boxtops4education/participating-products>. Laurie Lefevre is asking you to place your donations in a basket on the side of the refrigerator in the small kitchen across the hall from the FHOG office. **The Box Tops will still be collected for Thornwell.** Each label is worth 10 cents. Thank you for your generosity!!!

Submitted by Mary Barron, PW Publicity Chairman

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## Family Promise News

**Thank you, Fort Hill Presbyterian,** for the outpouring of love you showed our recent Family Promise guests whom we hosted at our church **March 25-April 1!** Many stepped up to volunteer, both from our church and Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Clemson. **Fort Hill had 28 volunteers for a total of 177.98 hours of volunteer service for our five days of hosting! UUFC had 9 volunteers and 62 hours of volunteer service for their two days of hosting! We logged a total of 240 hours of service! What a blessing!**

This hosting week we tried an on-line service called **Sign Up Genius** to recruit our volunteers. On the website there were descriptions of the various jobs and an easy way in which to see the hosting times that needed volunteers. We hope this was a more convenient way for you to sign up! We will still keep our white board sign up, too, for those of you who would rather not use a computer.

**Look for the next hosting opportunity in May or June. We will keep you posted when we know the exact dates!**

**Many thanks to the following people who recently volunteered to assist in the care for our guests:**

Set-Up/Take Down

**Jeremy Wright, Aleta & Barry Robinson, Linda & Larry Gahan, Cathy Spragins, Charles & Mary Barron**

Activity Hosts

**Linda Gahan, Barbara Westall, Arlene Cheatham, Aleta Robinson, Charles & Mary Barron, Marcia & John Sherman, Jacquie Worley, Vernie Roberts, Donna & Jim London**

Prepare Dinner/Saturday Breakfast

**Chuck Cruickshank, Lois Bro, Eva Henry, Rita Van Lenten, Barbara Westall, Linda Gahan, and PSA students Tim Heist and Mary Elizabeth McDaniel**

Overnight Hosts

**Judy Blackwell, Tim Heist, Johnnie & Owen van de Sande, Mary & Charles Barron, and Linda Gahan**

Activity Hosts

**Linda Gahan, Mary & Charles Barron, Barbara Westall, PSA students Tim Heist, Mary Elizabeth McDaniel, Andy Ackerman, and Tim Wayman**

Shopping Volunteers

**Ellen Torrence, Barbara Westall, Linda Gahan, and Mary Barron**

Laundry Volunteers

**Jacquie Worley, Mel Job, and Cynthia Gravely**

**Thanks again for the work you do to care for the less fortunate in our own community!**

Mary Barron (mb1cb1@bellsouth.net) and Linda Gahan (glinda1942@gmail.com)  
FHPC Family Promise Coordinators

# Mission El Faro Fundraising Project Proposal for June 2018 Mission Trip

## Help Fund an Expanded “Mother’s Room at the National Children’s Hospital (NCH) Puerto Barrios, Guatemala

***We invite you to support the Mision El Faro Mother’s Room Fundraising Project, by participating in the “100 Envelopes” drive to raise money for Fort Hill’s June 2018 intergenerational service mission trip.***

Beth Chapman, FH’s El Faro group leader for the past several years, recently received an email from Tommy Matthews (our missionary contact at El Faro), reporting the Chiquita Banana company is building a new neo-natal ward with 11 beds on NCH’s grounds. This means Fort Hill can also help provide beds for 11 more Moms. This welcome addition to the existing Mother’s Room (see “history” below), with its two new showers and toilet, will cost about \$9,000, it doubles the size of the current ward. We would LOVE for this expansion to be our project focus for Fort Hill’s Service Mission team in June. Other small projects will not incur a cost, or cost just a small amount (Beth will contact Tommy about those projects soon).

Fort Hill’s first Service Mission trip to Mision El Faro, Guatemala, was in October 2015. The team included: Laura Conrad, Stacey Miller, Bob & Susan Brown, and Beth Chapman. The team’s priority was to transform a dismal storage area at NCH into a “Ronald McDonald” type room for mothers of infants in the hospital’s neo-natal unit. Moms needed to be much closer to their babies to nurse and better bond with them. Previously, they had endured sitting for hours on end, in hard, straight-backed chairs to meet their baby’s needs, and the only place they had to sleep was outside on the streets. Such a room was desperately needed by these dedicated, loving women.

Fort Hill’s first team cleaned the storage room and courtyard located behind this room. They hauled trash, built and painted new walls, installed electrical outlets, built doors, scrubbed floors and proved money for tiles used to re-tile two showers and a toileting area in the room (tiling was done by a subsequent team after our team left). They re-made 12 (re-furbished) beds with new bedding, and painted flowers and Bible verses on the new walls, there are even several tiger paws around the room. ©



Fort Hill’s next trip was in April 2016. Our team was comprised of four ladies and one of the primary projects was to build new benches and tables for the evolving Mother’s Room. The team also painted the outside walls around the courtyard, painted the large sink in that area, and installed a new clothesline.

Fort Hill’s next trip was in February 2017. This team was to focus on a medical mission, rather than complete any service projects. Unfortunately, due to unanticipated issues with the medical instruments needed, the team was unable to perform the planned eye surgeries. In spite of having no scheduled service projects, the team still visited the Mother’s Room and found every bed occupied — the new Mother’s Room was obviously a rich blessing for so many mothers.

In July 2017 a Fort Hill team of 13 returned again to Mision El Faro. Although they had no scheduled projects in

NCH’s Mother’s Room, for three full days members sanded and painted walls, replaced stained, soiled ceiling tiles, and painted Disney and other fun figures on the walls of a heavily used children’s ward.

Fort Hill is forever connected to the NCH through our many hours of loving labor, and having left part of our hearts there too. The Mother’s Room concept has been “our baby”, since its rebirth from being a storage area (“Fort Hill Presbyterian Church” is painted on a wall in the common area of the new Mother’s Room).

***We hope you see the need for the new addition, and how FHPC has been a part of this Mother’s Room since the beginning. We pray to be the ones now to help build the expanded facility and further meet the needs of these loving mothers.***



# A Really Heart-Felt Thank You

Dear Fort Hill,

Back in 1997, Fort Hill Medical Mission was born, and since that time 44 mission trips have been made to 13 countries. The purpose was to take Fort Hill's love to people caught in poverty who were suffering needlessly from advanced eye disease. This effort would have been dead in the water without the support of Fort Hill which began immediately and never ended. That support was emotional, spiritual, and financial. Whatever was needed in the way of supplies and equipment was provided. Thousands of people received love, hugs, and surgery. The great impact is that we and all those who traveled with us were the ones most blessed. Fort Hill has friends from the Tibetan border to the rice patties of Vietnam and the mountains of Haiti and the lakes of Rwanda and the temples of India.

It is with deep gratitude that Susan and I now make our own gift to Fort Hill's outreach mission. This gift is to say thank you, and it is also, in a special way, given as a challenge grant. We are asking Fort Hill to join us in helping fund a much-needed enlargement of the Mother's Room at the Children's Hospital in Puerto Barrios, Guatemala. The initial creation of this room came from Fort Hill's El Faro team of October 2015, and we happily consider it Fort Hill's baby. Everyone who has been to El Faro and to the Children's Hospital has fallen in love with the people, and our alumni group will double with the 30 going in June on the intergenerational mission team. Susan and I can see that large team working at the Mother's Room and at other locations around El Faro and in turn being blessed by the love of those wonderful people.

So, as we donate our \$5,000, we ask Fort Hill to meet the challenge of matching that amount. We have every confidence that you will. You see, every dollar you give becomes two, and the Mission Outreach committee has a fun way for you to make your donations. It is simply called "One Hundred Envelopes". Remember, it is all for the mothers and their very little ones at THE children's hospital for the poor in Guatemala. Just know we love you all and appreciate you from the bottom of our hearts.

*Bob & Susan Brown* (April 15, 2018)

P.S. To contribute to this project, you can "choose" your particular envelope and send its number in dollars (1 to 100) to:

Fort Hill Presbyterian Church (attention Beth Chapman)  
101 Edgewood Avenue, Clemson SC 29631

Make the check payable to Fort Hill Presbyterian Church and indicate "100 Envelope Challenge" (or just "100 ENV") in the memo line.

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## The Guide to Preparing a Witness to the Resurrection

People are generally fascinated with death, not their own, but that of others. Facing death can be challenging, but as Christians we can face death with hope because of the resurrection. For many, death is not to be feared but the process of dying is what people fear. For Christians, death simply is part of the process of living and we believe that eternal life can happen now, even before we die physically. In theology we call this the "**already and not yet**" of eternal life. Jesus speaks to Martha, the sister of Lazarus, in John chapter 11 about this kind of eternal life when he says,

*"I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"*

*She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."*

In the same way that Jesus tells Martha he **already is** the resurrection, and also the **one coming into** the world, we too are **already** saved by the work of Jesus Christ on the cross and able to experience eternal life now as well as **in the life to come**.

One of the best ways to face death is to talk about it and thinking through what one would prefer for his or her final memorial. **The Guide to Preparing a Witness to the Resurrection** form (available in the Narthex, the FHOG office, the Fort Hill Church website, or by calling Judy in the church office — 654-2061) can help individuals and families have that conversation, no matter what your age. As a pastor, I have found that thinking ahead and putting one's desires about such things in writing is a gift to the family in a time of grief. Making decisions without having had such conversations can be difficult and even conflicting for some family members. To **already** have thought about **the not yet**, prevents the potential for additional grief during an already difficult time for most families.

Your pastors, session, and diaconate, appreciate you taking the time to work through this guide and make what decisions you can at this point in your lives. For some it is a document to begin and file at the church and home and come back to at a later date. For others it is timely and helpful to begin thinking about what may be on the horizon or the sunset. If you would like a pastor to speak with you about any questions you may have, please do not hesitate to contact one of us. We are here for you and welcome your questions and conversations.

Blessings,

Mary A. Morrison  
Associate Pastor for Discipleship

# May Fort Hill Church Activities

## Tuesday, May 1

- 8:00 am Men of the Church Breakfast — Alumni Restaurant
- 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 Personnel & Program Support — Conference Rm.
- 7:00 pm Fellowship Ministry Meeting — Club Room

## Friday, May 4

- Confirmation Retreat

## Saturday, May 5

- PSA Beach Week

## Sunday, May 6

- 11:45 am Discovering Faith — Club Room
- 1:00 pm NAMI — Club Room

## Monday, May 7

- 12:00 pm PW Circle 1 — Club Room
- 7:00 pm Habitat Meeting — Conference Room

## Tuesday, May 8

- 10:00 am Staff Planning — Den
- 3:00 pm Building & Grounds Meeting — Conference Room
- 5:00 pm Planning Ministry Meeting — Conference Room
- 6:30 pm Adult Ministry Meeting — E209
- 6:30 pm Finance Ministry Meeting — Club Room
- 6:30 pm Worship Ministry Meeting — Conference Room
- 7:00 pm Youth Ministry Team Meeting — Den
- 7:30 pm PW Circle 2 — Library

## Thursday, May 12

- 10:30 am Preschool Mother's Day Tea — Club Room

## Sunday, May 13

- 2:30 pm Cub Scouts — Education Building

## Monday, May 14

- 9:30 am PW Trinity Circle Meeting — Club Room
- 3:00 pm PW Circle of Hope Meeting — Club Room

## Tuesday, May 15

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

## Wednesday, May 16

- 11:45 am Pastors' Lunch — Clemson Downs

## Thursday, May 17

- 6:30 pm Adult Ministry Meeting — E-209

## Friday, May 18

- Last Day of Fort Hill Preschool

## Sunday, May 20

- 12:00 pm High School Graduates Luncheon — Club Room
- 3:00 pm Congregational Fun Day & Picnic — Clemson Univ. Outdoor Lab

## Monday, May 21

- 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry — Hazel Sparks' home
- 6:30 pm Boy Scout Court of Honor — Sanctuary/Tartan Hall

## Tuesday, May 22

- 5:30 pm Membership Meeting — Conference Room

## Sunday, May 27

- 2:30 pm Cub Scouts — Education Building

## Monday, May 28

- Memorial Day — Church Offices Closed

## Wednesday, May 30

- 4:00 pm Boy Scouts — Tartan Hall/Club Room/Ed. Bldg.

## 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)
- 5:00 pm Mid-High Youth — Youth Den
- 5:00 pm Senior High Youth — Youth Den

### 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays) — Library
- 5:30 pm Folk Dancing — Tartan Hall

### Wednesday

- 10:00 am Wed. Morning Bible Study — Club Room (no study on 5/2 or 5/9)
- 6:15 pm Chancel Bells — Choir Room
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir — Choir Room

## 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.



# May Birthdays & Anniversaries



- 5/1 Jim Barker  
Susan Beckwith  
Lucy Martin  
Peggy Rutland
- 5/2 Bill Carnes  
Brad Harper  
Lauren Young
- 5/3 Audrey Sehorn
- 5/4 Paul Borick
- 5/5 Rob Griffin  
Marsha Griffin
- 5/6 Stella Hudak  
Tyler Miller
- 5/7 Tootie Poteet  
Ralph Ricks  
Ben Sill
- 5/9 Connor Schoonover  
Pam Waddle
- 5/10 Will Turner
- 5/11 Pansy Duke  
Josh Poetz  
Mark Torres  
Eva Williamson  
Shelly Wilson
- 5/12 Judi Cundiff
- 5/14 Carol Goodwyn
- 5/15 Jackie Ellis  
Ella Griffis  
Tim Howard
- 5/16 Joan Dixon  
Ellis Rutland  
Carol Stout  
Art Williams
- 5/17 Greg Sosebee
- 5/18 Ed Burchfield  
Don Davis  
Darrel Hedrick  
Bill Mostertz  
Jonathan Mudge  
Rodney Norris  
Pat Rutledge
- 5/19 Donna Crader  
Eddie Payne

- 5/21 Eliza Bost  
Grace Bost  
Ford Fagan  
Stephanie Smith
- 5/23 Stephen Ackerman  
Joan Borick
- 5/24 Jacob Lawson
- 5/25 Keith Smith  
John Stevenson
- 5/26 Annette Halbig  
Bob Lightsey  
Sarah Massios  
Doug Satzger
- 5/27 Randy Moore  
Laura Shick
- 5/28 Linda Wofford
- 5/29 Rameth Owens
- 5/30 Maranda Arnold  
Elaine Rogers  
Cindy Sloan  
Robbi Stokes
- 5/31 Charlotte Gruosso  
Mavis Sabin



- 5/1 Charles & Mary Barron  
Gene & Carol Goodwyn  
Brad & Alicia Harper
- 5/2 Jason & Katie Wilson
- 5/3 Mike & Marie Nebesky
- 5/10 Jim & Donna London
- 5/12 David & Marlene Nicholas
- 5/14 Jim & Judy Eidson
- 5/15 Greg & Jenifer Griffis
- 5/19 Josh & Emily Poetz
- 5/21 Matt & Laura Crenshaw  
Bill & Bonnie Lanier
- 5/22 Mike & Kathy Moore
- 5/23 Ron & Kathy Hughes
- 5/24 Norman & Jackie Ellis
- 5/28 Dan & LeAnne Greene
- 5/31 Hack & Cheryl Trammell

## From the Finance Ministry

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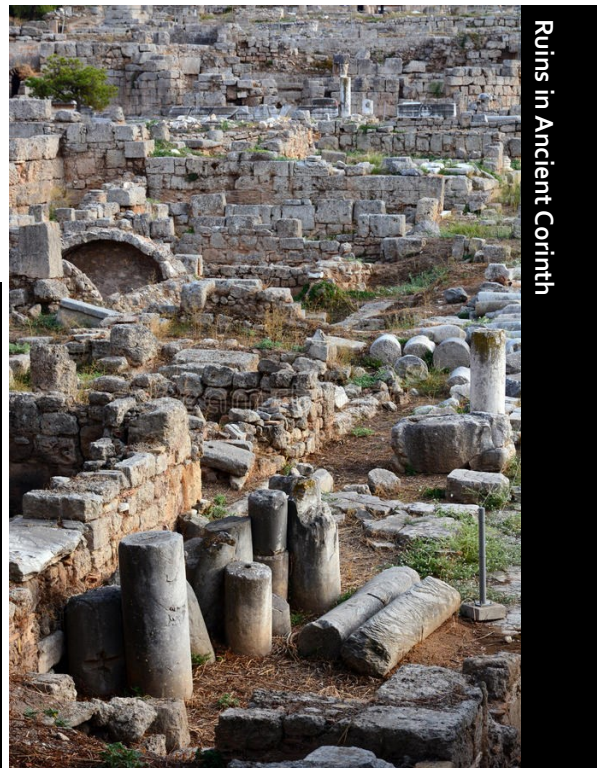
## “Footsteps of the Apostle Paul” Pilgrimage to Greece Summer 2019

Come learn more about the “Footsteps of the Apostle Paul” Pilgrimage to Greece in Summer 2019 on May 6, following both worship services in the gathering space beside Margaret’s office (beside the Bridge).

Enjoy 11 days exploring Ephesus, Corinth, Athens, Thessaloniki, and Santorini with Pastor Laura and other adults in our church family. The trip includes a cruise tour of the Greek Islands, excursions to the ruins Paul described in the New Testament, devotional times, and great food and cultural experiences. Contact trip leader Chuck with questions: [chuckconrad@pickens.k12.sc.us](mailto:chuckconrad@pickens.k12.sc.us).



Roman temple in Ancient Corinth



Ruins in Ancient Corinth