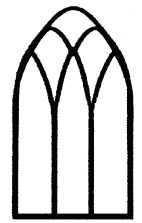




# THE WINDOW



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## Update on the Master Planning Process

JULY 2014

Many of us are enjoying the lazy days of summer, but your Long Range Planning Team has been hard at work. Hopefully, you have had a chance to see the Master Plan booklet we received from Joel van Dyke and Mollie Pelletier, our architect team. Michael Bailey led several Town Hall gatherings in June, and you gave some helpful feedback. If you want to review the document, please go to our NEW! Fresh and exciting website ([www.forthillchurch.org](http://www.forthillchurch.org)) and click on the “[News & Announcements](#)” link for updates from the Planning Team.

With a high percentage of surveys, higher than most churches, (Great job, Fort Hill!) and other modes of input, we have good information from you. So thank you. In this edition you will find bar graphs that show two things: those facilities in most need of improvements and any new projects that would help us accomplish our mission. When I read that children and youth take a high priority, and know that our largest numbers of surveys were from folks over 50, that tells me that our members care about sharing good news and making disciples. A real concern is also accessibility around our maze of buildings. We are a warm congregation, but hospitality for guests will improve if they can find their way. For those with physical challenges, an elevator and better accessibility is critical.

So here are the Big Ideas the team came up with:

### PHASE 1

- Improve flow
- Flexible use of existing space
- Education Building Renovation
- Choir Issues
- Wayfinding
- Accessibility
- Youth Space
- Tartan Hall
- Gathering Space
- Improve Visibility
- Bethlehem Hall

### PHASE 2

- Large Fellowship Space
- Better PSA Space
- Parking Issues
- Showers

Fort Hill is in a good position to accomplish the task before us. We have an opportunity to “renew” our buildings for current use and growth. So thankful those before us had vision and prepared for the future so that we have what we need. Now it is our turn.

Forward in Faith,  
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 Need.*

## Upcoming Scriptures for Sunday Worship

- 7/6 4th Sunday after Pentecost**  
Gen. 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67;  
Ps. 45:10-17; Rom. 7:15-25a;  
Matt. 11:16-19, 25-30
- 7/13 5th Sunday after Pentecost**  
Gen. 25:19-34; Ps. 119:105-112  
Rom. 8:1-11; Matt. 13:1-9, 18-23
- 7/20 6th Sunday after Pentecost**  
Gen. 28:10-19a; Ps. 139:1-12, 23-24;  
Rom. 8:12-25; Matt. 13:24-30, 36-43
- 7/27 7th Sunday after Pentecost**  
Gen. 29:15-28; Ps. 105: 1-11, 45b;  
Rom. 8:26-39; Matt/ 13:31-33, 44-52

**August 2014**

### The Window Deadline

The deadline for articles, announcements, and features for the June 2014 issue of *The Window* is Tuesday, **July 15**. Please email your item as a Microsoft Word document (.doc) to the church office at [window@forthillchurch.org](mailto>window@forthillchurch.org) or type the item directly into your email and send. If you don't have access to a computer, please leave the item in *The Window* mailbox in the FHOG office.



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## Choir Corner

It is always a joy to receive an inspirational thought or writing from someone. Pansy Duke recently called to read a devotional from *These Days*, a book from which many of you probably derive your daily devotions. I would like to share some of the thoughts with you.

Ronald Hooker talks about Luke, the writer of the book of Acts, seeing Christian expression directed to ALL people and not just a small group of Jews. Understand that the Holy Spirit entered their lives changing them forever. This same type of experience has happened with many of us while listening to inspirational music played by a great organist, pianist, violinist, flautist, etc. Or sung by the Morman Tabernacle Choir, contemporary Christian artist, Andrea Bocelli, etc. We were moved and enlightened because we had the same emotion.



We know that music is the universal language bringing life to the worship experience and touching the hearts of all assembled. There are times when it seems that all who listened to the same symphony, choir, or soloist probably experienced the same enthralling inner feeling. Mr. Hooker shares his story of worshiping at a Presbyterian church in Thailand where all were singing *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* to the familiar ODE TO JOY tune by Beethoven in their own native tongue and yet understood one another because they KNEW the hymn. Isn't that what Pentecost was about? The Holy Spirit entered, all felt the rush of the Spirit and understood the "same" language.

That is what we do each week in our worship services. Yes, we speak the same language, but have different likes and needs we bring with us. One hymn may speak to one but not another. But we all lift our voices or listen to something sung, and the Spirit can take it to speak to all.

Think of your favorite hymn and reflect on the words. Use that as a devotion for the day. The Spirit may surprise you!!

Smiling-n-Singing,  
Margaret

*Two things on a personal note:*

*Raymond and I welcomed our second grandchild — a grandson in June! Carson Raymond arrived to Ray and Stephanie MacKay in Columbia! We are thrilled and grateful to God.*

*I hope to see many of you at the InDwellings "Christmas in July" concert of organ and piano music on Sunday, July 27, at 3:00 pm in our sanctuary. Please see more details in another newsletter announcement in this issue.*



## Summer Sundays for Fellowship & Gathering

Our summer worship schedule will continue both services at **8:30 in Tartan Hall** and **10:30 in the Sanctuary**. On **July 6 and August 3**, both services will meet in the Sanctuary so that we can join together at 9:30 in Tartan Hall for an all church breakfast. All are welcome to gather in Tartan Hall each Sunday this summer at 9:30 for a time of getting to know each other better. **July 6 and August 3** will be times to bring your favorite breakfast items hosted by the Fellowship Ministry. All other Sundays different groups in the church will provide coffee, juice and donut holes. Make plans to come and visit!



### Worship Schedule for the Summer

- July 6 — hosted by FHPC Fellowship Ministry (bring a dish to share and come enjoy conversation with friends & family)
- July 13 — hosted by Blythe Smith & Ally Young's SALT group
- July 20 — OPEN
- July 27 — OPEN
- August 3 — hosted by FHPC Fellowship Ministry (bring a dish to share and come enjoy conversation with friends & family)
- August 10 — hosted by the Seekers Class (Heather Wright)

## Christmas in July Concert

The InDwellings Board of Foothills Presbytery will sponsor a concert on Sunday, July 27, at 3 pm in the sanctuary of Fort Hill. "Christmas in July" will be presented by pianist Anda Mobley of Anderson and organist Margaret MacKay, FHPC's Director of Music. It will feature a variety of favorite Christmas carols in piano/organ duets as well as solo pieces. Please plan now to be present for this event. The concert will be recorded live and CDs will be available for purchase to support InDwellings. Come, listen, and enjoy—then you can check names off of your Christmas list by ordering a CD!

## Deacon's Corner

How fortunate we are to live in America where we have freedoms not afforded everyone in our world. We are truly blessed! **Rose Ross** has blessed us with coordinating receptions for funerals and special recognitions for several years; Deacons **Shelly Wilson** and **Pam Waddle** assist Rose when needed. Meals are provided for families of our deceased members; Deacons **Harriett Salley**, **Nikki Wald** and **Laura Lefevre** pitch in when called upon. Your deacons not only coordinate your circle of care but help in many other capacities at Fort Hill Church. Remember to inform you deacon of joys and concerns.

He is Risen Indeed!!!

Kathy McGee, Moderator ([kkmcgee16@gmail.com](mailto:kkmcgee16@gmail.com))



## Sunday Servants

### Pastor on Call

- 7/6 Laura Conrad
- 7/13 Mary Morrison
- 7/20 Laura Conrad
- 7/27 Mary Morrison

### Elder at the Font — 8:30 Service

- 7/6 Charles Barron
- 7/13 Chip Egan
- 7/20 Ben Sill
- 7/27 Bob Jones

### Elder at the Font — 10:30 Service

- 7/6 Andy Ackerman
- 7/13 Megan Chavis
- 7/20 Jeremy Wright
- 7/27 Larry Sloan



### Infant Nursery

- 7/6 Steve/Laura/Caroline Hunter
- 7/13 Eddie and Megan Chavis
- 7/20 Jeannie Bailey
- 7/27 Don and Janna McKale

### Toddler Nursery

- 7/6 Ellen Torrence
- 7/13 Tommy and Tracy Bolger
- 7/20 Austin Adams
- 7/27 Danielle Zanzalari

### 2 & 3 Year Old Nursery

- 7/6 Erika and Mandy Hays
- 7/13 ?
- 7/20 Rich and Emily Bartels
- 7/27 Helen Mohr and Billie Jackson

### 4 & 5 Year Old Nursery

- 7/6 Joy Van Daele
- 7/13 LeAnne Greene and Corey Norris
- 7/20 Josh and Ally Young
- 7/27 Katherine Mostertz





# Announcements & Concerns



## Christian Sympathy is extended to:

- **Joan Alexander** and family in the death of Joan's stepfather, Irvin Jones
- **Mary Dusenberry** and family in the death of Mary's stepmother, Frances Henry Dunbar.
- **Baerta Graff** and family in the death of Baerta's father, Rev. Clayton Winn Graves.



Dear Fort Hill Family,

*Both Jim and I have always known that Fort Hill was a loving, caring, congregation. In this time of loss, I have experienced the compassion and comfort of this fellowship. Your cards, meals, phone calls, prayers, and visits have lifted my spirits and given me strength. Your kindness and hospitality to my family, during the time of Jim's memorial service was greatly appreciated by both me and my family. Thank you and God bless you.*

*Marchita Culpepper*



**VBS Registration is closed with the exception of children that have just completed 1st or 2nd grade.** Mark your calendar for **July 14-18** and plan to join us for a fun-filled week of faith and community through **Workshop of Wonders, Imagine and Build with God.** We would love to have baked goods to treat our volunteers daily. If you are interested in helping with this, please contact Jeannie Bailey at 864-654-8377 or [jeanniebailey@pickens.k12.sc.us](mailto:jeanniebailey@pickens.k12.sc.us).

"Ask and you shall receive", a **new church directory**, but only with your help! It is time for a new Fort Hill directory and we will be producing it "in house" this year. Look for more details coming soon.

If you are interested in taking a **Pediatric CPR and first aid** training class at the end of **August**, please contact our Preschool Director, Jane Hodgin ([preschool@forthillchurch.org](mailto:preschool@forthillchurch.org)).

# University Ministry News

## Summer Activities

This summer, local PSA students have been meeting for weekly morning devotions on reading by Christian authors. Last month, PSA and grad students came together for a Station Cove Falls hike. Many folks are out of town for the summer in locations as far away as Peru, Cambodia, and Costa Rica. We invite your prayers for students as they travel, work, study, and serve God.

## Looking Ahead: Signing up for PSA Meals

Meals are a delightful part of the PSA Sunday night experience. Nearly every week during the school year, students look forward to eating dinner together. As they break bread, they laugh, share stories from their weeks, and support one another. To help the future intern and I prepare for weekly meals, we invite you to consider signing up for one. You can sign up individually, in pairs, or in groups. Meals can be home-cooked or delivered from a local restaurant. Email [kelly.roman@forthillchurch.org](mailto:kelly.roman@forthillchurch.org) to sign up. Thank you for your support of this ministry!

# Welcome, Fort Hill New Members!



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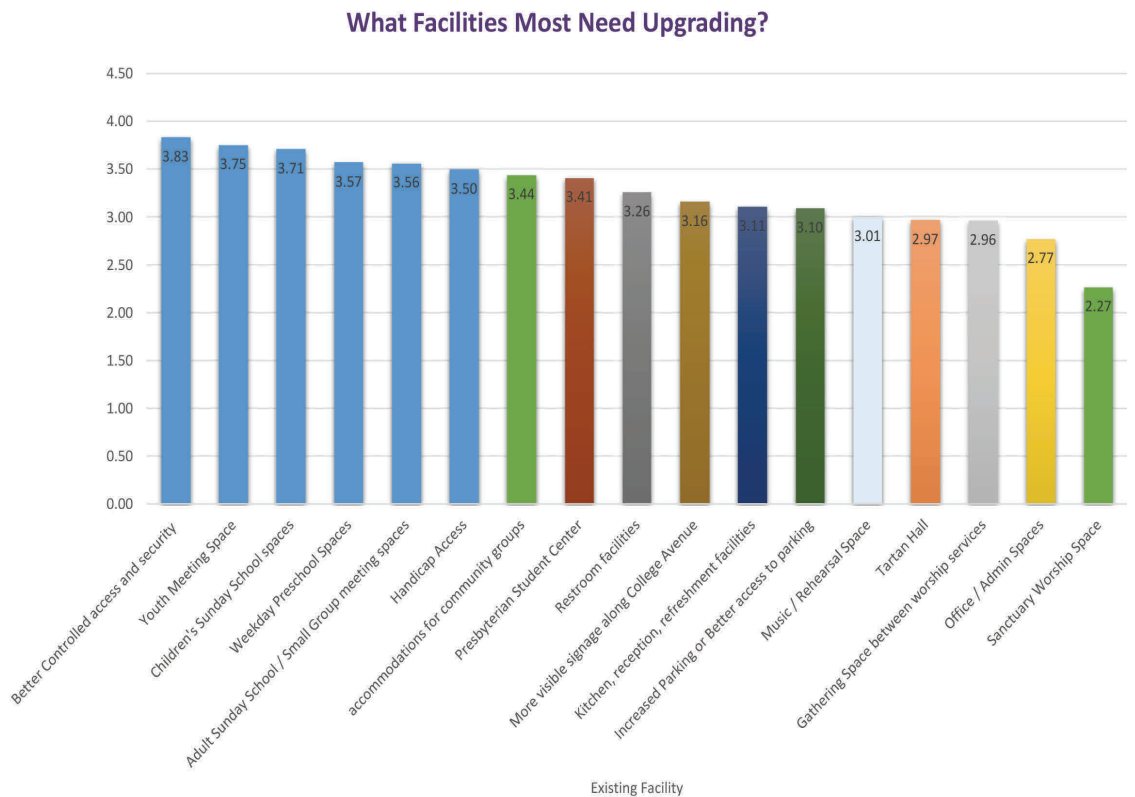
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# Bar Graphs from Update of the Master Planning Process

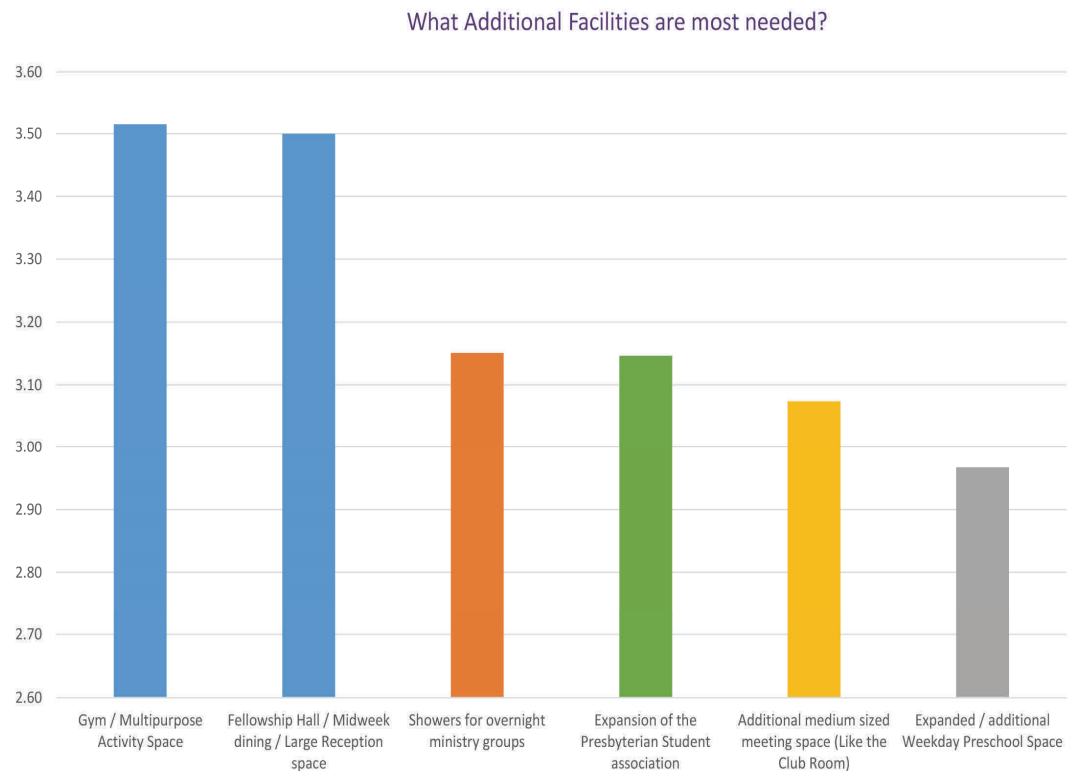
## MINISTRY GOALS

- Facilities in BLUE had an average score greater than 3.5 out of 5
- 62% of respondents would like to keep the traditional look of Tartan Hall



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# July 2014 Fort Hill Church Activities

## Tuesday, July 1

6:00 pm - Folk Dancing - Tartan Hall

## Friday, July 4

4th of July Holiday - Church Offices Closed

## Sunday, July 6

8:30 am - Worship - Sanctuary  
 9:15 am - Summer Sojourners Class - Club Room  
 9:30 am - Fellowship Breakfast - Tartan Hall  
 10:30 am - Worship - Sanctuary

## Monday, July 7

5:30 pm - Christian Action Meeting - Library

## Tuesday, July 8

6:00 pm - Folk Dancing - Tartan Hall  
 6:00 pm - Children's Ministry Meeting - Room 206  
 7:15 pm - Christian Education Meeting - Room 206

## Wednesday, July 9

5:30 pm - Christian Marriage Study - Club Room

## Sunday, July 13

8:30 am - Worship - Tartan Hall  
 9:15 am - Summer Sojourners Class - Club Room  
 9:30 am - Fellowship & Gathering - Tartan Hall  
 10:30 am - Worship - Sanctuary

## Monday, July 14

9:00 am - Fort Hill Vacation Bible School  
 5:00 pm - Safe Harbor Meeting - Club Room  
 5:30 pm - Nominating Committee Meeting - Conf. Rm.

## Tuesday, July 15

9:00 am - Fort Hill Vacation Bible School

6:00 pm - Folk Dancing - Tartan Hall

## Wednesday, July 16

9:00 am - Fort Hill Vacation Bible School  
 5:30 pm - Christian Marriage Study - Club Room

## Thursday, July 17

7:00 am - Middle School Rafting & Zip line trip  
 9:00 am - Fort Hill Vacation Bible School

## Friday, July 18

9:00 am - Fort Hill Vacation Bible School

## Sunday, July 20

9:30 am - Fellowship & Gathering - Tartan Hall

## Tuesday, July 22

6:00 pm - Folk Dancing - Tartan Hall

## Wednesday, July 23

5:30 pm - Christian Marriage Study - Club Room

## Saturday, July 26

9:00 am - NAMI - Cooper Room

## Sunday, July 27

8:30 am - Worship - Tartan Hall  
 9:15 am - Summer Sojourners Class - Club Room  
 10:30 am - Worship - Sanctuary  
 11:30 am - Deacon's Meeting - Club Room  
 3:00 pm - In Dwellings Concert - Sanctuary

## Tuesday, July 29

6:00 pm - Folk Dancing - Tartan Hall

**AA meets weekly on Sunday, Tuesday & Thursday at 8pm  
 and on Friday at 12:30pm.**



7/5	Rudy and Leanne Simpson	7/19	Jim and Jane Van Senus
7/6	Don and Joann Daugherty Louis and Nancy Stone	7/21	Devon and Leanne Broome Steve and Laura Hunter Ryan and Kristy MacRae
7/7	Chip and Diane Egan	7/24	Ben and Cindy Deaton Ron and Ann Rash
7/12	Mike and Courtney Money	7/27	Bill and Jan Kahle
7/14	Bob and Theresa Guy	7/29	Dusty and Nancy Oates
7/18	Dan and Denise Anderson David and Judi Cundiff		

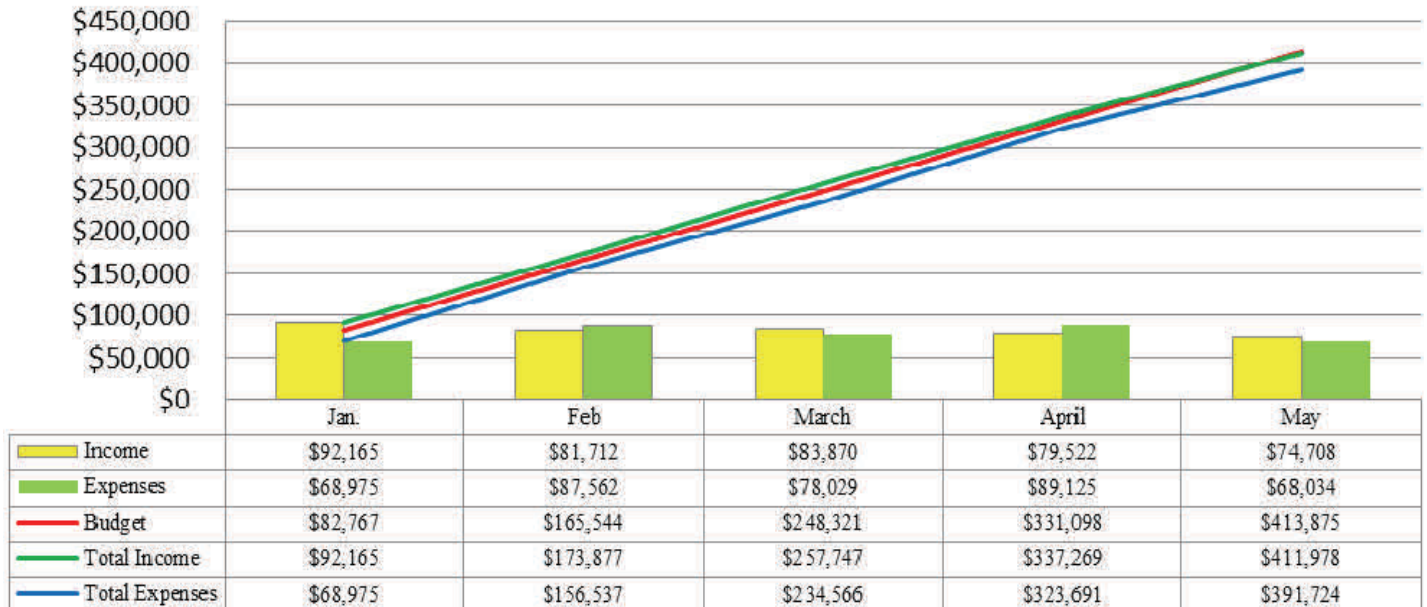
7/1	Becky DeWitt Will Hendricks
7/3	Tom Hunter Nan Jones Jim Prock

7/4	Ann Marie Hudak		Hugh Spitler		Ethan Ackerman
7/5	Ben Adams	7/13	Denise Anderson		Cathy Pollard
	Avery Conrad		Ken Chappell		Adam Scott
	Hallie Conrad		Elbert Horton	7/25	Larry Horne
	Bruce Salley		Marie Staedeli		Sasha Satzger
	Jane Van Senus	7/15	Mike Blackwell	7/26	Spencer Bryan
	Tom Wooten		Maegan Blackwell		Bob Folsom
7/6	Jerry Barton		Ethel Pettigrew	7/27	Lee Davis
	Jessica Goodwin	7/16	Lou Phillips		Jim McCubbin
	Greg Griffis	7/17	Patrick Adams		Doris Sponsler
7/7	Rinne Cannon		Barbara Fox		Johnnie Van de Sande
	Sherry Kantzler		Tom Waldrop		Barbara Westall
	Cooper LeCroy	7/18	Caroline Jarrett	7/28	J.T. Bandy
7/9	Lee Churchfield		Sandy McLeod		Sarah Morrison
7/10	Lauren Collie	7/20	Edmee Reel	7/29	Marlene Nicholas
	Edward Crader	7/21	Jack Jackson		Brady Tilson
	Shirley Muzii		Grant Jones		Jeremy Wright
	Evanne Theis	7/22	Sawyer Hays	7/30	George Dunkelberg
	Weston Ulbrich		Bill Nisonger		Caroline Rash
7/11	Craig Horton	7/23	Nancy Spitler	7/31	Nancy Hutson
7/12	Carl Hollingsworth	7/24	Ellen Ackerman		Gary Mohr, Sr.
	Corey McCubbin				John Sherman

## Finance Update

Through May, total income was \$411,978 while expenses for the first five months were \$391,724 for a surplus of \$20,254. Overall expenses are at 39.4% of budget, while income is at 41.5%. As you can see, income is almost on budget while expenses are approximately 2% below budget. Session ministry chairs are doing a great job of managing expenses, and thanks to your financial support, Fort Hill is able to continue its ministries to members, community and around the world.

### Fort Hill Income/Expenses 2014



## Faithful Servants

Many of our Fort Hill members who once actively participated in our congregational life through the years remain active in spirit when they can no longer make it to church at an early hour on Sunday mornings. Leo Bidez was one of these dear members. He died in April exactly six weeks shy of his 95th birthday. Leo always remained interested in hearing news of Fort Hill! He and his late wife, Sallie, moved to Seneca on his retirement from DuPont Corporation as a chemical engineer. He served as an Elder at Fort Hill, was a Rotarian, and at age 76 received a degree in Political Science from Clemson University — at that time Clemson's oldest undergraduate. Through the years Leo remained committed to his Sigma Chi fraternity serving as an advisor, mentor, and friend to many young men, and here at Clemson worked to grow the chapter and seek funding/ financing for Sigma Chi's first off-campus house. Seeing a large number of former and current Sigma Chi members turn out for his memorial service on a beautiful Saturday afternoon could only remind of "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."



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