



The Window

Newsletter of Fort Hill Presbyterian Church

A Message From Our Pastor

Looking Ahead!!

With the completion of our "Bridging Generations" project, our church leaders have wasted no time in getting excited about the ministry that takes place in and through Fort Hill Church. Late May your leaders gathered with Mark Tidsworth of Pinnacle Leadership to consider the SHIFTs that are happening in our world and in our churches. Now that we have wonderful renewed spaces, the task before us is serving Christ and his people to change lives. After all, that is why we did all this work. People of all ages need the good news of Jesus Christ, and we hear it through this community, as we worship, love, serve, and study together.

So it was fitting that Mark's message to us on May 22 was about "Looking Ahead." Not just our graduating seniors, but all us have good things to look forward to. As a way to prepare the ground, we will be spending May 29 and the Sundays in June considering how the Holy Spirit is at work in us and in the world. We will spend time in sermons on the theme "Sailing Lessons; Harnessing the Winds of the Spirit." I hope the fresh winds of the Spirit will blow through this place to renew our hearts for worship of God and service to Christ. Who knows what God has in store for us! We have to pay attention and listen as a first step.

Let's continue bridging generations as we enjoy a different rhythm that summer brings. Come to worship and rest in God's Spirit even as our programs slow down. Make a commitment to Sabbath worship and rest. God knew we needed it to be in a deep relationship with him. He even made it a top ten commandment (#4).

See you next Sunday!

Laura Smith Conrad

Pastor



June 2016

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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.

Announcements & Concerns



**Christian Sympathy is
extended to:**

Wade & Melanie Job and family in the death of Wade's mother, Grace Job on 5/8/16 in Rogers, MN.

Tom Hunter and Steve Hunter and families in the death of their sister in law, Lisa Hunter, on 5/9/16 in Seneca, SC.

Randy Moore and family in the death of Clint Moore, on 5/10/16, in Seneca, SC.

The family of **Doris Spensler** who passed away on May 17, 2017 in Clemson, SC.

The Window Deadline

The deadline for announcements, articles, and features for the **July issue** of *The Window* is **Wednesday, June 15th, 2016.**

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.

Children's Ministry Update

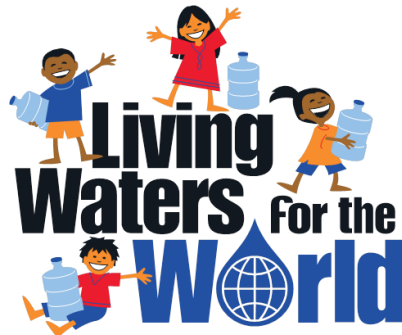
May brought us many joys and reasons to celebrate. I hope June brings everyone opportunities to relax and enjoy family.

Mid-week Mingle has been planned by the Children's Ministry Team for our church families to have the opportunity to gather, eat and play together. Each family is encouraged to bring a picnic supper and gather at chosen locations. We will gather at each location around 5:30 pm every other Wednesday. Reminders and location may be found in Sunday bulletins and The Weekly Update.

Mid-week Mingle begins June 15th around 5:30pm at Fort Hill with a water kickball game. June 29th we will meet at the Stillwater neighborhood pool. Other Mid-week Mingle dates are July 13th and 27th. August 10th will conclude Mid-week Mingle with a Back to School Bash. Plan to join the fellowship.

Vacation Bible School is June 20-23rd for ages four years through completed fifth grade. Registration ends June 10th or when maximum capacity is reached. Participants in grades 3-5 may participate in a Car Wash Mission project benefitting Water Missions on June 24th. Tickets for the car wash will be available beginning June 5th.

We are collecting Ice and Skinny Girl bottles. We also need Pringles and Stax containers, paper towel and tinfoil tubes. Donations can be left beside the Cooper Class.



Thank you for loving and supporting our children.

Mission Outreach: El Faro

"Well here it is, less than 6 months since my last Service Mission trip to El Faro and I'm on my way again. The people, the place, the projects, the CHILDREN just get in your blood and you want to go back over and over. . . .

Thank you to everyone that donated money and "love" gifts for us to take with us. Thank you Fort Hill Presbyterian Church for allowing me to lead these trips. Without this church and it's congregation, this would not be possible. GOD IS SO GOOD!"

Beth Chapman

Fort Hill Church Missionary

Beth and the entire mission team diary can be found on the Fort Hill website.



Choir Corner

Many years ago I became a fan of Daily Guideposts, a yearly devotional book which was given to me as a gift. Each day gives a scripture verse, a thoughtful personal story, and a sentence prayer. Some of the contributors are people on staff at Guideposts, but most are everyday people who share their faith and Christian journey through life experiences. In the back of the book are short biographies of each contributor. Whenever I receive my copy every year, I look immediately at the biographies to see who is still familiar and who is being introduced as a new writer. They have become like extended family to me, although I don't know them personally, only about their lives they share each year.

I was trying to decide what to share with you this month, and the devotional for May 16 (the date this article was due) said it for me. The scripture verse was Romans 8:14: "For all who are led by the spirit of God are the children of God" and Jim Hinch was the contributor. He shared about visiting his in-laws who were beginning to show their age and his concern for the changes he saw in them. There was a sense of dread in having to face this reality, that although they may have been aging, the child was still within them. They were moving a little slower but could still entertain the grandchildren in the playhouse out back and provide a favorite casserole around the table. They were still children at heart. I immediately had tears of joy in my eyes as I thought about the simple song that Beth Batson wrote a few months ago for her mom, Hazel Sparks - - - I am a child of God. *I am a child of God. Jesus came to love me. Jesus came to teach me. I am a child of God.* No matter our ages, with the spirit of God within us, we are and always will be children of God.

Smiling-n-Singing,



Don't forget. We are looking forward to hosting the Youth Choir from Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church in Rock Hill on Sunday, June 12 at 5:30 pm as they begin their choir tour. They will be presenting the musical *Celebrate Life* by Buryl Red, a talented musician who just passed away in April. Many of you may have heard and/or sung this musical over the years. It was premiered in 1972 celebrating the life of Jesus Christ through music and 44 years later it is still relevant. Plan to come and support these young people, their talented director, Tim Moe, and hear an age old message through music.

Join us for Father's Day and Men of the Church Sunday on June 19th



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Scriptures for Sunday Worship

- 6/5 3rd Sunday after Pentecost**
John 3:1-17;
Gal. 1:9-12
- 6/12 4th Sunday after Pentecost**
Acts 17:22-31;
Gal. 3:23-29
- 6/19 5th Sunday after Pentecost**
1 Kings 19:1-4 (5-7) 8-15a;
Ps. 42 & 43; Gal 3:23-29;
Luke 8:26-39
- 6/26 6th Sunday after Pentecost**
Gal. 5:1,13-26

Sunday Servants

Pastor on Call

- 6/5 Mary Morrison
6/12 Laura Conrad
6/19 Mary Morrison
6/26 Laura Conrad

Elder at the Font - 8:30 Service

- 6/5 Joanne Trenholm
6/12 Jim London
6/19 Leanne Greene
6/26 Ben Sawyer

Elder at the Font - 10:45 Service

- 6/5 Garland Gravely
6/12 Alyssa Howard
6/19 Gregg Morton
6/26 Dick Shick

Infant - Infant/Toddler

- 6/5 Annette & Elise Halbig
6/12 Judy Blackwell
6/19 Stella Hudak
6/26 Billie Jackson

2 & 3 Year Old Nursery

- 6/5 Heather Wright
6/12 Leanne Greene
6/19 Lisa Britt
6/26 Stephanie Scott

4 & 5 Year Old Nursery

- 6/5 Jackie Ellis
6/12 Erika & Mandy Hays
6/19 Elizabeth Bost
6/26 Claudette Bennett

June Fort Hill Church Activities

Sunday, June 5

- 8:30 am Worship - Tartan Hall
- 9:30 am First Sunday Breakfast - Tartan Hall
- 10:45 am Worship - Sanctuary
Home Communion

Monday, June 6

- 6:30 pm Boy Scouts - Club Room/Tartan Hall

Tuesday, June 7

- 8:00 am Men of the Church Breakfast - Paws Diner
- 4:00 pm Building & Grounds Meeting - Club Room
- 7:00 pm Personnel & Program Meeting - Conference Rm
- 7:00 pm Fellowship Meeting - Club Room

Wednesday, June 8

Wild Wednesday - Carowinds

Sunday, June 12

- 8:30 am Worship - Tartan Hall
- 10:45 am Worship - Sanctuary
Middle School Mission Trip (6/12/-6/17)
Asheville Youth Mission - Asheville, NC
- 4:00 pm Child Protection Training - Club Room
- 5:30 pm Oakland Avenue Youth Choir - Sanctuary

Monday, June 13

- 4:00 pm Children's Ministry Meeting - Cooper Room
- 6:30 pm Boy Scouts - Club Room/Tartan Hall

Tuesday, June 14

- 5:00 pm Christian Education Meeting - RoomE209
- 5:30 pm Christian Action - Library
- 6:30 pm Worship Ministry Meeting - Conference Room
- 7:00 pm PW Circle 2 - Library

Wednesday, June 15

- 6:00 pm Wild Wednesday - Peppino's
- 6:00 pm Mid-week Mingle - Water Kickball
- 12:00 pm Lunch with Foothills Residents

Sunday, June 19

- 8:30 am Worship - Tartan Hall
- 10:45 am Worship - Sanctuary

Monday, June 20

- 9:30 am Vacation Bible School
- 6:30 pm Boy Scout - Club Room/Tartan Hall

Tuesday, June 21

- 9:30 am Vacation Bible School
- 7:00 pm Session Meeting - Club Room

Wednesday, June 22

- 9:30 am Vacation Bible School

Thursday, June 23

- 9:30 am Vacation Bible School

Friday, June 24

- 9:30 am Vacation Bible School (3-5th grade only)

Sunday, June 26

- 8:30 am Worship - Tartan Hall
- 10:30 am **Worship - First Baptist Church Sanctuary**
Senior High Mission Trip (6/26-7/2)
Georgetown, SC
- 11:45 am Vacation Bible School Lunch - Tartan Hall

Monday, June 27

- 6:30 pm Boy Scouts - Club Room

Tuesday, June 28

- 5:00 pm Membership Meeting - Conference Room

Wednesday, June 29

- 6:00 pm Wild Wednesday - Peppino's
- 6:00 pm Mid-week Mingle - Stillwater Pool

Thursday, June 30

- 7:00 pm Youth Ministry Meeting - Conference Room

Recurring Weekly Activities

Sunday

- 8:30 am Worship Service - Tartan Hall
- 9:30 am The Bridge Faith Formation Groups
- 10:45 am Worship Service - Sanctuary

Tuesday

- 9:30 am Staff Meeting — Conference Room

Wednesday

- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir - Choir Room

Thursday

- 7:00 pm Young Adult Bible Study - Spitzlers' Home

June Birthdays & Anniversaries



6/1 Bo Crader
Julie DuBose
Joy Newton
6/2 Jessica Moyles
Brian Muller
Marge Olthoff
6/3 Betsy Mudge
Cody Satzger
6/4 Judson McKinney
Tony Rutland
6/5 Shelley Burchfield
Lochlan McLaurin
Marcia Sherman
6/6 Kip Bagley
6/7 June Davis
6/8 Victoria Artigliere
6/9 Rebecca Ackerman
Reid Smith, III
6/10 Andy Kwist
Betsy Mays
Cathy Olker
6/11 Chuck Cruickshank
Erika Hays
Meri Kate Marcum
Chryssa Rutland
6/12 Norma Malmgren
Cheryl Trammell
6/13 Grace Hawthorne
Putt Jacks
James Rash
Frank Van Lenten

6/14 Chuck Sisson
6/15 Jackie Martin
6/16 Helen Adams
Paige Durham
Virginia Ellis
Cynthia Gravely
Phyllis Guptill
Cooper Hays
Courtney Money
6/17 Eddie Chavis
Ellen Torrence
6/8 Joann Daugherty
Cyndi Davis
Larry McCullough
Cathy Spragins
6/19 Jean Greene
Ann Howard
6/20 Dylan Barker
Ron Hughes
6/21 Alex Massios
George Polk
6/22 Ben Smith
Jacquie Worley
6/24 Harrison Wetsel
Wes Worley
6/25 Lisbeth Crowther
Audrey Thompson
6/26 Leanne Broome
Marilyn Ingalls
Mario Muzii
6/27 Steve Martin
Amanda Stevenson
6/28 Robin Weeks
Sydney Weeks

6/29 Mac Bartels
Claire Caskey
6/30 Sarah DuBose
Robin Smith
Rob Key
6/30 Raymond Wooten

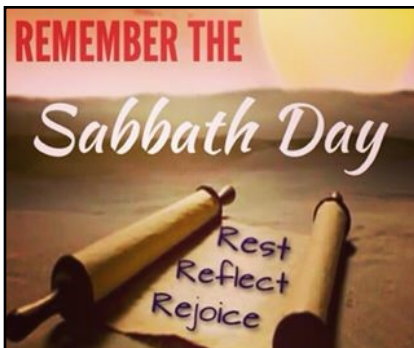


6/1 Adam & Victoria Artigliere
Bill & Joanne Nisonger
6/3 Craig & Camille Horton
6/4 Don & Janna McKale
6/5 Paul & Debbie Durland
6/6 Bill & Amelia Alexander
Claire & Frances Caskey
6/7 Fred & Karen Shepherd
6/9 Mark & Mary Morrison
6/10 Chuck & Laura Conrad
6/11 John & Marcia Sherman
Bruce & Harriett Salley
6/13 Frank & Rita Van Lenten
6/14 Jerry & Jean Greene
Elbert & Nancy Horton
Art & Gail Williams

6/15 Jerry & Joyce Christenberry
Guy & Mavis Sabin
6/18 Larry & Cindy Sloan
6/19 Bob & Nan Jones
Barry & Aleta Robinson
6/20 Jason and Sarah Allen
6/20 John & Sally Martin
Tom & Cathy McInnis
6/21 Gus & Clarice Gustafson
6/22 Carl & Teresa Hollingsworth
Todd & Catherine Latiff
Wes & Jacquie Worley
Josh & Ally Young
6/23 Jim & Mary Dusenberry
6/25 Jack & Cathy Olker
Bob & Beth Wilkinson
6/26 Hugh & Nancy Spitler
6/27 Bob & Susan Brown
Dave & Char Harvey
Bruce & Laurel Whisler
Bob & Eva Williamson
6/28 Ben & Lois Sill
6/29 Gaston & Lib Gage
Riley & Carol Johnson
6/30 Joe & Nancy Lamping
Ben & Linda Wofford
Mike & Amy Worley

Weekly AA Meetings

Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings at 8:00 pm and Friday at 12:30 pm in Room A104 of the Admin Building. Basement.



Deuteronomy 5:12-15

The **fourth commandment** charges: Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, as the Lord your God commanded you. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord your God.

News from Presbyterian Women

Thank you to Family Promise Volunteers!!

Thank you for sharing your Christian love with our Family Promise guests last May 22-29, 2016, when we hosted a mother and her 13 year-old-son. Thank you, volunteers, for encouraging our guests, and for showing them that they are not alone in this valley of their lives.

Your next opportunities to volunteer for this worthy endeavor are **August 22-29**, and **November 27-December 4, 2016**.

Magazine Collections for Campbell Veterans Hospital and Harris Psychiatric Hospital

Thank you to everyone who donated magazines, books and puzzles for **Campbell Veterans Hospital** and **Harris Psychiatric Hospital**. Your support for this worthwhile project is appreciated!

Coordinating Team Offices 2016-2017

Moderator: Nan Jones

Moderator-elect: Linda Gahan

Secretary: Lois Sill

Treasurer: Gail Williams

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Birthday Luncheon: Judi Cundiff and Barbara Madison

Cares and Concerns: Stephanie Scott

Christian Action Ministry: Eva Henry and Susan Brown

Clemson University Ministry and Ft. Hill College Student Program: Maggie Bandy

Columbia Friendship Circle: Cathy McInnis

Honorary Life Membership: Pansy Duke, Eva Henry, and Marcia Sherman

Mission Haven and Safe Harbor: Susan Beckwith, Joan Dixon, and Gensie Waldrop

New Membership: Cynthia Gravely

Publicity: Mary Barron

February 2017 Retreat: JoAnne Trenholm, Pam Waddle, Myra Cato

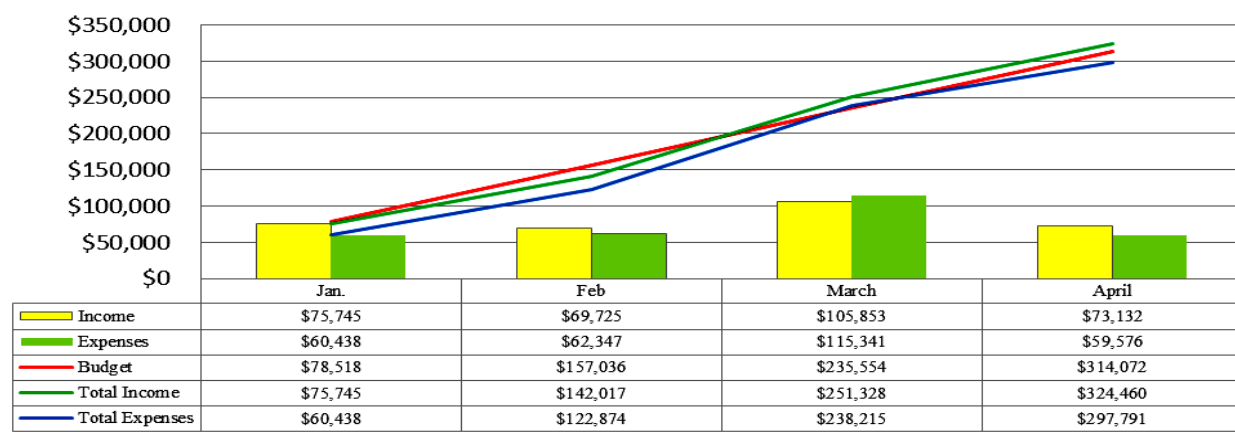
Officer Recruitment: Claudette Bennett

From the Finance Ministry

Through April, total income was \$324,360 while expenses for the first four months were \$297,791 for a surplus of \$26,569. Overall expenses are at 31.6% of budgeted, while income is at 34.4%. As you can see income is slightly above budget while expenses are about 1.4% 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.

Bridging Generations Update: Total income year to date: \$154,789. Total expenses year to date: \$633,433. Total renovation loan principle: \$1,531,695.

Fort Hill Income/Expenses 2016



Summer Activities for Young and Young at Heart.

Children's Summer Activities

- June 15th: Mid-week Mingle** (5th grade and younger)
- June 20-23rd: Vacation Bible School**
- June 24th: Service Project** (3rd through 5th grade)
- June 29th: Mid-week Mingle at Stillwater Neighborhood Pool**
- July 13th: Mid-week Mingle** (5th grade and younger)
- July 27th: Mid-week Mingle** (5th grade and younger)
- August 10th: Mid-week Mingle & Back to School Bash**



Details for activities will be sent by email to age specific groups. Contact Cyndi at cyndi.davis@forthillchurch.org with questions.

Activities for Senior High Youth

- June 8th: Carowinds** with Clemson area churches. Cost is \$35 plus lunch in the park and dinner on the road. Please let Amy Elrod know you / your child plan to attend.
- June 12th: Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church** in Rock Hill choir at 5:30 pm. Fort Hill Church Sanctuary
- June 26th: Inter-generational Mission Trip** from June 26 through July 2nd to Georgetown, SC.
- July 10th: Montreat Youth Conference.** July 10th through 16th. Leaving FHPC at 2 PM to travel together to Montreat and return at 12 PM on 16th. Bring snacks to share.
- August 7th: Youth Sunday.** Youth will lead the worship and share about summer mission trips and Montreat Youth Conference.

Activities for Middle School Youth

- June 8th: Carowinds** with Clemson area churches. Cost is \$35 plus lunch in the park and dinner on the road. Please let Church Conrad (chuckconrad@pickens.k12.sc.us) know if you plan to attend.
- June 12-18th: Mission Trip** to Asheville Youth Mission Trip
- June 26th: Inter-generational Mission Trip** from June 26 through July 2nd to Georgetown, SC.
- August 7th: Youth Sunday.** Youth will lead the worship and share about summer mission trips and Montreat Youth Conference.

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Staff Spotlight

Scott Thrailkill, Facilities Caretaker

I grew up in Morrow, GA—just south of Atlanta and a lot of my family from South Carolina thought we were city slickers since we lived “in Atlanta”, but we were not city slickers at all.

We moved to South Carolina to be closer to my family in 1986 and I have been in Oconee County since. I have worked at Fort Hill since June of 2015, and I am about to celebrate my one year anniversary.

I have had the opportunity to do what I enjoy most—working with my hands and taking care of things! I have worked in a commercial cleaning business and a cabinet shop. When I am not at work, I enjoy being outside, yard work, fishing and spending time at many of the rivers and lakes in the area.

I had my first grandson, Dallas, in May!

