

The Window

A Message From Our Pastor

Important Steps in Ministry to Celebrate!

Four Fort Hill people are making transitions in ministry that we can celebrate. At the August 14 meeting of Foothills Presbytery,

Dana Waters preached and was examined before the Presbytery. He passed with flying colors! His service for Ordination and Installation as a Minister of Word and Sacrament will be on **Sunday, September 25 at 10:45 AM**. We will have ONE service only to be a unified church family. It will be extra special to hear Dana's grandfather, a retired Presbyterian minister, preach his ordination.

Art Williams has been in the process of preparation as a "Commissioned Ruling Elder," a role that can include preaching and caring for congregations. Again, Art was warmly received by the Presbytery and was commissioned to serve the Richland Church in Oconee County. Art will preach and lead the flock there some Sundays, but remains an active member of Fort Hill where he has faithfully helped lead our Bridging Generations Campaign and Building Project. Art has been called to Ruling Elder ministry and served in a variety of ways. We are excited to be a part of this phase of his ministry.

Colin Pettigrew came before the Session to be approved to become a Candidate for Ministry as an ordained Teaching Elder. We loved hearing how Colin has been nurtured in the congregation, equipped over many years, and now entering his third year of Seminary is preparing for full-time ordained ministry. Colin gave Fort Hill credit for being that great foundation to launch him into new and broader ways of serving Christ in the world. Colin sees himself possibly seeking a call in youth or college ministry in the future.

Jake Crowther visited with us this August as well. After graduating Clemson, studying Public Health and Spanish, and serving on the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee for the University Pastor, Jake felt called to serve Christ and His people in a new context. He shared how God has challenged and helped him grow while serving of the US/Mexico border in a very complicated place, yet seeing Christ in his neighbors and relationships. Jake will enter into a second year of service, this year in Austin, Texas working with prison systems and those living in them.

Art, Colin, and Jake are Ruling Elders who continue to live into that calling on their lives keeping the vows they made. All disciples of Jesus Christ have a ministry, and these are some wonderful ways these men have lived out God's call.

Laura Smith Conrad

Pastor

September 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



Mark and Chris Torres and family in the death of Mark's mother, Patricia Torres on July 22, 2016 in Michigan.

June Davis and family in the death of June's daughter, Diane Holmes, on August 4, 2016 in Colorado Springs, CO. Diane is the aunt of **Jesse and Jason Hudak**.

The family of **Cita Ferguson**. Cita passed away August 29, 2016 in Columbia, SC.

Marge Olthoff and family in the death of Marge's husband, Bob Olthoff, August 23, 2016.

Thank you!

The **Mission Outreach Committee** would like to thank everyone that worked so hard to make the Service Mission Yard Sale a huge success.

Also, thank you to the wonderful support of our congregation and staff.

The Window Deadline

The deadline for announcements, articles, and features for the **October issue** of *The Window* is **Thursday, September 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

"I Will Help You Out"

Recently I was on the playground enjoying a very pleasant evening with several children from our church family. They were having a marvelous time playing with one another and decided to invite the adults to play in their newly created shopping area. The shops included an ice cream/cake shop, a shoe/ hat shop, and a grocery store that delivers to your home. The final phase included a Moe's. I was fortunate enough to be among the first to be "Welcome to Moe's." After climbing into the order area and placing my order, I was surprised to find out I had to take the slide downstairs in order to be served. You might imagine I was slightly anxious about my route. I expressed my concern to my not quite four year old server. With complete confidence he assured me by saying, "I will help you out!" Would we expect anything else from family?

I am so glad this child, and many others, are a constant part of church family activities. Choose to be an active part of the Fort Hill Family by joining in Sunday Bridge Groups, Wednesday Night activities and special events. There will always be someone willing 'to help you out.'"

Bridge Groups: Grades 3-5 room E209, Grades 1&2 room E208, ages 2-5 room E107 and Nursery E117.

Wednesday night activities begin September 7th.

Mission activities for Elementary children and younger will be in room E208.

Welcome PSA Intern, Linda Kofler

Linda is originally from North Carolina, and graduated among the mountains of NC with a degree in Health and Wellness.

Her love for adventure and desire to meet new people has led her to live in many places both in and outside the United States, most recently spending a year in South Korea teaching English, fitness classes, and building cross-cultural relationships.

She enjoys being active, most recently practicing Brazilian martial arts, yoga, and mountain biking. She is looking forward to returning to the U.S. and getting to know the wonderful community at Clemson!



Choir Corner

'Try to remember the kind of September when'much of our education building was in storage, the sanctuary was closed off for a few weeks, the courtyard was muddy, dust was in the air, lots of noisy banging and drilling, the list goes on. And look at it now. God is so very good and the Fort Hill family is faithful and trusting that all has been accomplished!!!! What a wonderful way to kick off our fall programs with Tartan Hall more roomy for Wednesday night dinners, choir areas bright and welcoming, rooms for our children to gather, and the Den inviting youth to their space with comfy furniture and lots of light.

And in the midst of all this abundance and blessing, we have the opportunity to come together and remember a tragic day in the life of our country – September 11, 2001 or 9/11 as it is most often referenced. This is the 15th anniversary year of that day and there is a wonderful opportunity for all to remember 9/11 with a beautiful program of music and worship provided by the combined choirs of Clemson United Methodist, Saint Mark United Methodist from Seneca, and Fort Hill. What an honor for us to host this event! Fellow directors Trevis Young, David Wilcox and I are preparing the choirs. There will be brass, organ, violin, special soloists, and our clergy leading us in worship and remembrance. You don't want to miss it!!!

Cheer for your favorite team on Saturday. Then come and be reminded of how blessed we are to have opportunities to enjoy our lives with family and friends and have the freedom to worship God and celebrate life without fear.

ATTENTION ALL CHILDREN AND MID-HIGHS

Wednesday, September 7, 2016

Choir Kick-Off

K-3rd graders at 6:15 and 4th-8th graders at 6:45. Plan to be part of a wonderful opportunity to learn and grow through music. Please contact me at margaret.mackay@forthillchurch.org or my cell (864) 617-1442 for more info or with any questions. I will look forward to seeing you in **Room E209!**

Smiling-n-Singing,



The choirs and clergy of **Clemson United Methodist, Fort Hill Presbyterian, and Saint Mark United Methodist** churches

Present a worship service to commemorate the 15th anniversary of 9/11 on
September 11, 2016 at 4:00 pm

Fort Hill Presbyterian
101 Edgewood Avenue, Clemson, SC

Featuring Soloists Sean Anderson and Jenny Lanier with guest instrumentalists

Offering to benefit Clemson Community Care and Our Daily Rest, Seneca



Scriptures for Sunday Worship

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| 9/4 | 16th Sunday after Pentecost
Jer. 18:1-11; Ps. 139: 1-6, 13-18;
Philem. 1-21; Luke 14:25-33 |
| 9/11 | 17th Sunday after Pentecost
Jer. 4:11-12, 22-28; Ps. 14; I Tim.
12-17; Luke 15:1-10 |
| 9/18 | 18th Sunday after Pentecost
Jer. 8:18-9:1; Ps. 79:1-9; 1 Tim.
2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13 |
| 9/25 | 19th Sunday after Pentecost
Jer. 32:1-3a, 6-15; Ps. 91:1-16,
14-16; 1 Tim., 6:6-19; Luke 16:
19-31 |

Sunday Servants

Pastor on Call

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| 9/4 | Mary Morrison |
| 9/11 | Dana Waters |
| 9/18 | Laura Conrad |
| 9/25 | Dana Waters |

Elder at the Font - 8:30 Service

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| 9/4 | Alyssa Howard |
| 9/11 | Gregg Morton |
| 9/18 | Dick Shick |
| 9/25 | Mike Worley |

Elder at the Font - 10:45 Service

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| 9/4 | Jim London |
| 9/11 | Ben Sawyer |
| 9/18 | Helen Wooten |
| 9/25 | Bill Cato |

Infant - Infant/Toddler

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| 9/4 | Aleta Robinson |
| 9/11 | Annette & Elise Halbig |
| 9/18 | Judy Blackwell |
| 9/25 | Stella Hudak |

2 & 3 Year Old Nursery

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| 9/4 | Beth Durham |
| 9/11 | Heather Wright |
| 9/18 | Leanne Greene |
| 9/25 | Lisa Britt |

4 & 5 Year Old Nursery

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| 9/4 | Jackie Ellis |
| 9/11 | Erika & Mandy Hays |
| 9/18 | Elizabeth Bost |
| 9/25 | Claudette Bennett |

Inside “The Den”

Friends,

Thank you for the affirmations, support, and kind words you shared with our youth for Youth Sunday on August 7. I am so grateful for a congregation that wraps our young people with love and creates a space for them to worship God. This experience has inspired me to begin a time of monthly worship with our youth group on Sunday nights that will build on what we have learned and shared through Youth Sunday.

We're also trying out something else new in the next few weeks. Starting September 7, three small groups will begin on Wednesday nights that are designed for our Mid-High girls, Mid-High guys, and Senior Highs. MH girls will be discovering the stories of rock star women of the Bible. MH guys will take a look at some of the greatest superheroes and villains of the Bible and compare them to modern-day comic book characters. Our Senior Highs will be diving into an in-depth conversation about one book of the Bible that we will read together from start to finish.

There are so many new opportunities for our youth to connect with God, with one another, and with each of you. I look forward to being part of these new adventures with you in the weeks ahead!

Joyfully,

Dana



September Youth Events:

September 4 - Youth Group

September 11 - Sweet Retreats

September 18 - Lake Party at Y Beach

September 25 - Youth Worship & Lesson

Yes you CAM!

Wait a minute! You've got a typo there.

Don't you mean, "Yes you can?"

Nope, welcome to the **Christian Action Ministry**, affectionately known by the acronym "**CAM**".

All of Fort Hill Church's activities fall under a ministry. For example, Christian Education has Sunday School, Worship has Advent Services, Personnel and Program Support manages wages and benefits for the staff.

CAM handles a vast assortment of projects that have to do with mission work. You might think we are just talking about foreign missions is in the work in Haiti, Guatemala, or the eye surgeries done worldwide but this is a small percentage of what we do. In addition to sending our own team to Haiti, we send financial support to missionaries there in TWO LOCATIONS. Did you know that the Mother's Day offering, Boy Scouts, and Christmas Baskets fall under CAM? Think of it this way: if project resources come in to Fort Hill Church and then go out to a needy cause, it's likely going to be managed through CAM.

As of today 41 separate items are identified as being under the umbrella of CAM. We're going to take this small space in The Window each month to highlight some of CAM's activities hoping to better inform the congregation of the many ways we go about helping others in this world.

If you have interest in knowing more or participating in any of the many CAM projects, please contact Rose Marie McDonald mrose@clemsun.edu or 864-710-0323.

And remember, "Yes you CAM."

News from Presbyterian Women

Thank you for all of your donations, time and hours of working in the hot sun on Friday, August 5 and Saturday, August 6, 2016 to make our yard sale for Fort Hill Service Missions a BIG success! We raised \$9,145.50! Your thoughtfully selected donations and hours of service made it all possible! THANK YOU!

Still more to share? Save your treasures for our next yard sale in mid-August 2018!

FAMILY PROMISE NEWS

Fort Hill Church and the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Clemson hosted two families from Family Promise the week of July 31-August 7, 2016. We had 62 volunteers who totaled 298 hours of service! What a generous outpouring of Christian love! We could use your help, especially preparing breakfast and planning enrichment activities for our families *for only four Saturdays a year*. Parents, what a wonderful way to teach your children how to care for those less fortunate! Please talk up this opportunity for service with your Bridge Classes and Circles. Your circle or class would rotate with other classes and have only *one* Saturday a year! Please consider this worthwhile opportunity to serve!

Our next Family Promise Week to host is November 27-December 4, 2016! Are you interested in learning more about our program to house homeless families in our church on a rotating basis with 16 other area churches? Contact Mary Barron at (864) 885-9342, or Linda Gahan at (864) 654-2953 for ways you can help!



The Reverend G. Dana Waters III (pictured above) is a retired PC(USA) minister who served five congregations in Georgia, South Carolina, and Alabama during his more than forty years in ministry. He currently lives in Birmingham, Alabama.

Dana is an avid racquetball player, die-hard Alabama fan, and is currently taking Spanish lessons.

You are invited to a
Service of Worship
for the
Ordination and Installation of

G. Dana Waters V
as
Teaching Elder in the Presbyterian
Church (USA)

Sunday, September 25
10:45 AM
Fort Hill Presbyterian Church

Followed by a Reception
Tartan Hall

Special Guest Preacher:
The Rev. G. Dana Waters III

September Fort Hill Church Activities

Sunday, September 4

2:00 pm NAMI - Club Room

Monday, September 5

Labor Day Holiday - Church Office Closed

Tuesday, September 6

8:00 am Men of the Church Breakfast - Paws Diner
3:00 pm Building & Grounds Meeting - Club Room
5:00 pm Mission Outreach - Conference Room
6:30 pm University Ministry Meeting - PSA Student Center
7:00 pm Fellowship Ministry Meeting - Library
7:00 pm Foothills Chorale Auditions - Choir Room
7:00 pm Personnel & Program Meeting - Conference Room

Wednesday, September 7

(See Wednesday schedule below)

Thursday, September 8

First Day of Fort Hill Preschool

Sunday, September 11

Home Communion

2:00 pm NAMI - Cooper Room
3:00 pm Safe Place Training - E209 & Club Room
4:00 pm 9/11 Service of Remembrance - Sanctuary

Monday, September 12

9:30 am PW Trinity Circle - Club Room
12:15 pm PW Circle 1 - Club Room
3:00 pm PW Circle of Hope - Club Room
6:00 pm Children's Ministry Meeting - Cooper Room

Tuesday, September 13

6:00 pm Christian Education Meeting - Library

Tuesday, September 13 (continued)

5:45 pm Music Committee Meeting - Conference Room
6:00 pm Christian Action - Library
6:30 pm Worship Ministry Meeting - Conference Room
6:30 pm Finance Meeting - Club Room
7:30 pm PW Circle 2 - Library

Wednesday, September 14

3:00 pm Fort Hill Blood Drive
(See Wednesday schedule below)

Thursday, September 15

4:00 pm Endowment Meeting - Conference Room
7:00 pm Youth Ministry Team Meeting - Youth Den

Sunday, September 18

2:00 pm NAMI - Club Room

Tuesday, September 20

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

Wednesday, September 21

12:00 pm Staff lunch at Presbyterian Community
(See Wednesday schedule below)

Sunday, September 25

8:30 am NO 8:30 Service
10:45 am Worship Service - Ordination of Dana Waters
11:45 am Reception for Dana Waters - Tartan Hall
2:00 pm NAMI - Club Room
2:30 pm Cub Scouts - Education Building

Tuesday, September 27

5:00 pm Membership Meeting - Conference Room

Recurring Weekly Activities

Sunday

8:30 am Worship Service - Tartan Hall
9:30 am The Bridge - Faith Formation Classes
10:45 am Worship Service - Sanctuary
2:30 pm Cub Scouts - Ed. Building (2nd & 4th Sunday)
4:30 pm Mid-High Youth - Youth Den
6:00 pm Senior High Youth - Youth Den
6:00 pm College Dinner, Worship and Discussion
(PSA Student Center)

Monday

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

Tuesday

9:30 am Staff Meeting - Conference Room
5:30 pm Folk Dancing - Tartan Hall
7:00 pm Foothills Chorale—Choir Room

Wednesday

10:00 am Wednesday Morning Bible Study - Club Room
9/14, 9/21, 9/28)
5:45-6:15 pm Wednesday Night Supper (9/7—10/26)
5:45-7:15 pm Supper & Mid-High—Youth Den
6:15-6:45 pm Children's Choice (Grades K-3rd) E209
6:15-7:15 pm Mission Activities (Grades 4 & 5)
Chancel Bells - Choir Room
Small Groups for Adults
(Shift & other options)
6:45-7:15 pm Children/Mid High Choir (Grades 4-8) E209
Mission Activities (Grades K-3rd) E208
7:00-8:00 pm College Bible Study - PSA Student Center
7:30-8:30 pm Chancel Choir - Choir Room
7:30-8:45 pm Sr. High Bible Study

Thursday

7:00 pm Young Adult Bible Study - Spitler's

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.

September Birthdays & Anniversaries



9/1	Katie Blondeau Mary Rutter Anna Wofford
9/2	Emily Burchfield Angela Littlejohn Bridget Sehorn
9/3	Martha Grisby Libba Shelton Josh Young
9/4	Susan Nunamaker Luke Turner Diana Walter Emma Worley
9/5	Jayne Horne James Kwist Lydia Marcum Joanne Nisonger Lou Ann Pursley Tom Shealy
9/6	Lelia Stevenson John Weir
9/8	Bob Mixon Eldon Voigt

9/9	Rebecca Dalhouse Adelyn Hudak Walt Ownes
9/10	Debbie Durland Jody Faithful Jeral Shelton Joy Van Daele
9/11	Jere Ross Louis Stone
9/12	Lee Rice
9/13	Reagan Blondeau Wes Koch
9/14	Lisa Britt Mark Morrison
9/15	Emily Bartels Al Littlejohn
9/16	Jordon Bolger Clay Mohr Jim Van Sensus
9/17	Andy Ackerman Mark Kwist Mary Stuart Turner
9/18	Betty Shealy
9/19	Carter Russell
9/20	Robin Denny

9/21	Jay Jones Denny Sherrod Jodie Thomas
9/22	Carol Pollock Michael Sehorn
9/24	George Alexander Gabby Bailey Abigail Martin Mary Kate Turner
9/25	Cile Dukelberg
9/26	Mary Dusenberry
9/27	Mark Danhill Bruce Jarrett Cal Sawyer
9/28	Susan Best Ashley Latiff
9/29	Alyssa Howard
9/30	Gerald Bitzer Craig Homan Emma Ouellette Adair Stevenson Vivian Stevenson



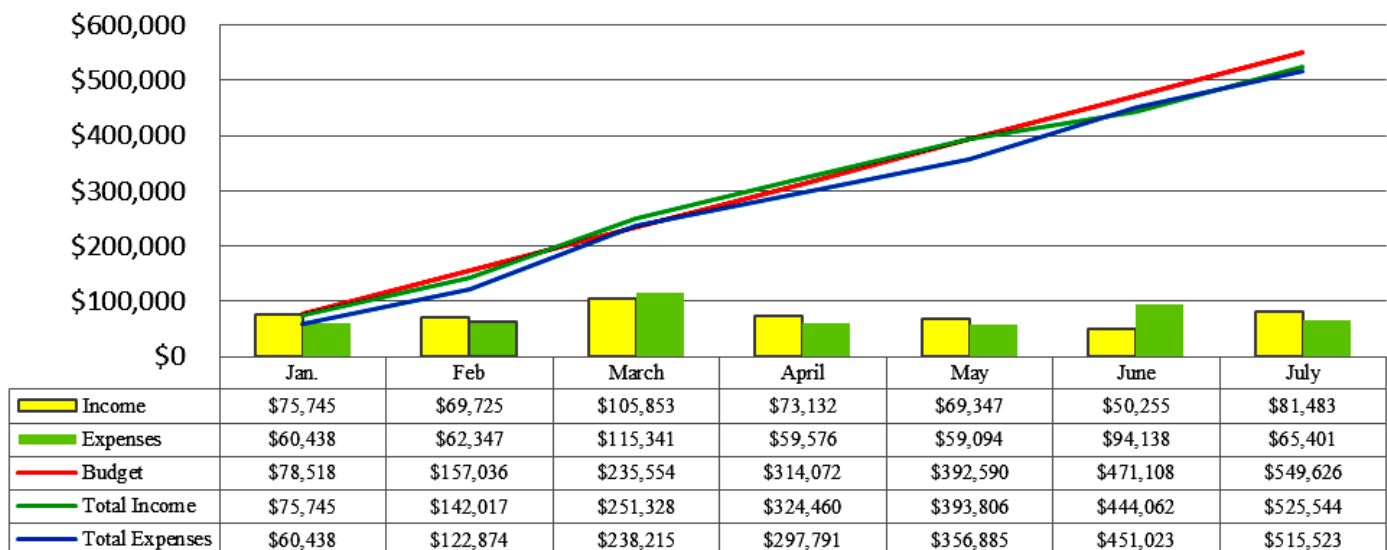
9/1	George & Cile Dunkelberg
9/2	Jerry & Edmee Reel
9/3	John & Carolyn Ferguson Lanny & Linda Parsons
9/5	Bill & Jan Beckwith Derick & Beth Durham Mark & Kristen McInnis
9/10	Jesse & Jacqui Hudak George & Sally Mitchell
9/13	Bob & Carol Stout
9/15	Walt & Rameth Owens
9/16	Leland & Grace Hawthorne
9/24	Owen & Johnnie Van de Sande
9/25	Lin & Kay Dearing
9/26	Tom & Carol Pollock Tom & Betty Shealy
9/27	Bruce & Terrie Jarrett
9/30	Mark & Kerri Kwist Jeral & Libba Shelton

From the Finance Ministry

From the Finance Ministry – Through July, total income was \$525,544 while expenses for the first seven months were \$515,523 for a surplus of \$10,021. Overall expenses are at 54.7% of budgeted, while income is at 55.8%. As you can see, income is approximately 3% below budget while expenses are 3.7% 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: Pledge giving for month was \$18,817. Non-pledge giving was \$875 and interest income of \$4.05 for a total of \$19,696. Renovation loan principle as of 7/31/16 \$1,611,054.16.

Fort Hill Income/Expenses 2016



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Join us for World Communion Sunday - Bring a neighbor and enjoy a barbecue lunch on

Sunday October 2

**CELEBRATING OUR TIES
AS A FAMILY OF FAITH
ROOM AT THE
TABLE**