

# The Window

The Newsletter of Fort Hill Presbyterian Church

July 2017

## Message From the Pastor

### Christian Unity

Disunity seems to be running rampant in our world. Scriptures speak to Christian unity many times in the New Testament. What is interesting to note is that most of Paul's letters speak to this as a part of his addressing conflict in these faith communities. Almost immediately after Pentecost when the Spirit descended upon and filled the diverse group of people, conflict arose. That moment when they all understood one another did not last forever. God was doing a new thing. Things were changing. Change always is accompanied by conflict.

After reading Isaiah 53:7-8 and having Philip tell him the good news of Jesus, the Ethiopian Eunuch, a sexual minority, wanted to be baptized along the roadside. Philip had to discern the Spirit and went with him into the water (Acts 8:26-40). Eunuchs were not included in the faith community before, but God was doing a new thing. There was the argument over eating clean and unclean animals, then Peter had a vision that helped redefine who is included in God's covenant (Acts 10). Now Gentiles were included. God was doing a new thing. The Corinthians were enjoying their new found freedom in Christ and taking it too far. The Galatians argued over whether one had to become a Jew first before becoming a follower of Jesus. You get the picture.

Paul writes responses like this, "for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." Galatians 3:27-28. The church of the Pentecost would include, not exclude, all who come to Christ by faith through grace.

I weep for churches in conflict even as I pray for our United Methodist brothers and sisters. I have wept over the conflicts I have experienced in my own church, the PC (USA). Since I was a child I have seen the church fragment and argue. My family's church, Beersheba Presbyterian (est. 1775) split in the late 1970s over joining with the United Presbyterian Church which included African Americans and ordained women as officers. I learned at an early age the pain of conflict and broken relationships in church. I have served the church for 24 years and conflicts continue to arise. So I have made a commitment to work for Christian Unity. It is our calling in Scripture. A fractured church weakens the witness to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. That is more important than our preferences and what suits me. Seeking God's will first under the Lordship of Jesus Christ is the goal.

Living in community is hard work though. So I aspire to live this motto attribute to St. Augustine of Hippo, "In essentials, unity; in nonessentials, freedom; in all things love."

Love is the bottom line. I invite you to consider this motto as one of your own.

With Christian Love for You,

*Laura Smith Conrad, Pastor*

*"In essentials, unity;  
in nonessentials,  
freedom;  
in all things love.*

**St. Augustine of Hippo**

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## Scriptures for Sunday Worship

### 7/2 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Gen. 22:1-4; Ps. 13;  
Rom. 6:12-23; Matt. 10:40-42

### 7/9 5<sup>th</sup> 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

### 7/16 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Gen. 25:19-34; Ps. 119:105-112;  
Rom. 8:1-11; Matt. 13:1-9, 18-23

### 7/23 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Gen. 28:10-19a; Ps. 139:1-12,  
Ps. 139:23-24; Rom. 8:12-25;  
Matt. 13:24-30, 36-43

### 7/30 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Gen. 29:15-28; Ps. 105:1-11, 45b;  
Rom. 8:26-39; Matt. 13:31-33,  
Matt. 13:44-52

## August

### The Window Deadline

The deadline for articles, announcements, and features for the July issue of *The Window* is **Thursday, June 15, 2017**.

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.



Family of **Pat Cowden** who died on May 26 in Clemson.

Family of **Diane Haselton** who died on May 28 in Anderson, SC.

**Pete and Beth Smith** in the death of their son, Kirk Smith, on June 1 in Knoxville, TN. Kirk is the brother of **Mary Stuart Turner**.

**David and Will Hendricks** in the death of **Libby Hendricks** on June 2 in Charleston, SC.

**Lin and Kay Dearing** in the death of Kay's brother, Tim Ledgerwood, on June 3.

## Choir Corner

A shout out to all of our Fort Hill musicians! They spend many hours in rehearsals preparing to share God's word and message through notes, texts, rhythms, and harmonies. You can hear this in children, youth, and adult voices; handbells and choir chimes; and other instruments of all kinds — organ, piano, violin, flute, oboe, drums, guitar, trumpet, etc.

Our Chancel Choir works around except for the month of July when they enjoy a time of respite and renewal from rehearsals and the loft! The special music is provided on those Sundays by soloists and small groups. And, of course, our wonderful organist, Judy Bonham, is on the bench leading us each week at 10:45. And our incredible pianist, Becky Bowman, provides worshipful music at 8:30.

How blessed we are!! I think two verses of the hymn "When in Our Music, God is Glorified" say it best:

*Let every instrument be tuned for praise! Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!*

*And may God give us faith to sing always: ALLULUIA!*

*How often making music, we have found a new dimension in the world of sound as worship moved us to a more profound ALLELUIA!*

Smiling-n-Singing,

*Margaret*



## July 2, 2017

11:45 after worship

First Baptist Family Life Center

Sunday, July 2 is a great opportunity to kick off the week of July 4 with our neighbors at First Baptist.

Join us and our First Baptist neighbors as we celebrate with a BBQ lunch and all the trimmings provided by the chef at FBC and great bluegrass music by the Sweetgrass Trio in the FBC Family Life Center.

After the 10:45 worship service, come to the back entrance at FBC next door and offer a small donation to cover the cost of the meal. (\$5 per adult and \$10 per family is suggested)

## One Worship Service This Week at 10:45

# Abundance

In June, an ABUNDANCE of enthusiasm and energy was experienced in Bible School as we worked together with First Baptist to learn how to fill both physical and spiritual hunger. Some of you experienced the sweet voices of our VBS singers on June 18. The children enjoyed singing, and grew together as a community of believers, as they shared in worship at both churches.

We had an ABUNDANCE of children from the two churches and community working to make blessing bags, prepare for gleaning and create bowls to auction this month at an ice cream fellowship. We are on a year's journey together to raise awareness of ways we can quell hunger around us as we raise funds for a food supply truck for the 2018 VBS. On **July 30**, we will join again with First Baptist for an ice cream social and to purchase bowls decorated by our children's hands. You are encouraged to join in the fellowship. *We need ice cream enthusiasts and churns of ice cream.* There was mention of friendly competition among the churners.



Third through fifth grade children gleaned at Beechwood Farm on Friday. In a short time, twenty children collected 250 pounds of turnips and 60 pounds of strawberries for Clemson Community Care. This food potentially could have wasted in the fields. Each pound of food provides servings for four people. In just four days, Hank the Farmer

Bank, was fed over \$230 in offering which will cover 690 meals toward our goal of 10,000 meals for the food truck.

We also had an ABUNDANCE of love and leadership from our two churches. Thank you to Marcia Barker, Leanne Broome, Ransom Broome, Laura Conrad, Donna Crader, Becky DeWitt, Al Masters, Donna McCubbin, Don McKale (Nothin' But Net), Margaret MacKay, Nina Moede, Mary Morrison, Marlene Nicholas, Aleta Robinson, Suzan Simmons, Beth Tanner, Amy Worley, and Caila Worley. Thank you all, for your love, interest, prayers, and support.

It is with deep appreciation to our extended family in Christ at Clemson First Baptist Church, I say, "THANK YOU" for partnering with Fort Hill in this shared ministry; such an ABUNDANT Blessing!

Praying you discover the ABUNDANT Blessings in your life.

*Aynali*

**Save the Dates:** July 30 at 6:00 pm  
August 13  
August 26

Ice Cream Social  
Blessing of the Backpacks  
Car Wash



# Sunday Servants

## Pastor on Call

7/2 Dana Waters  
7/9 Mary Morrison  
7/16 Laura Conrad  
7/23 Dana Waters  
7/30 Mary Morrison

## Elder at the Font—8:30 Service

7/2 Gary Mohr, Sr.  
7/9 Donna McCubbin  
7/16 Joanne Trenholm  
7/23 LeAnne Greene  
7/30 Rose Marie McDonald

## Elder at the Font—10:45 Service

7/2 Mike Money  
7/9 Gregg Morton  
7/16 Katherine Whisler  
7/23 Jim London  
7/30 Dick Shick

## Infant - Infant/Toddler

7/2 Marcia Barker  
7/9 Audrey Thompson  
7/16 Lisa Britt  
7/23 Ellen Torrence  
7/30

## 2 & 3 Year Old Nursery

7/2 Amy Worley  
7/9  
7/16 Tommy & Tracy Bolger  
7/23 David & Debbie Collins  
7/30 Ed & Jill McLaurin

## 4 & 5 Year Old Nursery

7/2 Ally Young  
7/9 Katie Wilson  
7/16 Jackie Ellis  
7/23 Janet Johnson  
7/30 Eddie & Megan Chavis

*Thanks So Much!*

Mary Morrison & Fort Hill Church,

Thank you for a wonderful lunch.

We appreciate the hard work and effort that went into preparing the meal for our team. Please extend our thanks to the children for making such great goodie bags and the women who served us lunch.

With appreciation,  
New South Construction



## Inside the “Den” — Mid-High Mission Trip



### Church Yard Sale

With so much need in the world, we sometimes find ourselves with an overload of “stuff.” Here’s a solution to address this disconnect. On August 18-19, the Church will hold a yard sale to dispose of some of that clutter. The dates correspond to “Move-in” weekend at the university so there will be plenty of students looking for furniture, kitchen supplies and other items. The yard sale was very successful last year, and we hope this one is as well.

Proceeds will go to FHPC’s Mission Outreach Fund that is supporting expanded mission activity through the church. Start pulling things together over the summer. Like last year, storage facilities will be forthcoming. Come volunteer to help and walk through yourself. There will be a bake sale, hot dogs, and cold drinks. See you then.

Jim London, Christian Action Ministry



# News from Presbyterian Women

## Family Promise at Fort Hill Presbyterian

We will again have the privilege to host our Family Promise guests beginning on July 23. If you have been a volunteer in the past, you know what a blessing it is to be a caregiver for those in our community who really need a helping hand to get back on their feet. Please consider taking the time to volunteer, whether it be your first time or fifth. Your presence is most definitely wanted and needed. Working together with others in our church builds community and lasting friendships, but also helps to put smiles on the faces of our guests who need your help!

## Mission Outreach Yard Sale

Have you finished your spring-cleaning or have you decided to wait until summer? In any case, you will no doubt come across useful items in good shape that you no longer want or need. Please consider saving them for our Mission Outreach Yard Sale, August 18-19. You will be hearing more about this big event in the near future.

Mary Barron, PW Publicity  
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## Lost & Found (in FHOOG Office)

1. Child's pair of prescription eye glasses.
2. Man's pair of prescription eye glasses.
3. Key fob with car/truck key and house key.
4. 2 miscellaneous keys.
5. Lug nut for tire.

## Ice Cream Social with First Baptist Church July 30 at 6:00 pm in the FBC Family Life Center

Everyone is invited to join us and our First Baptist neighbors for an ice cream social for fellowship.

Ice cream enthusiasts and churns of ice cream are needed. If you have a churn and are willing to share your ice cream making skills, you are encouraged to bring a churn of ice cream along with you. For more information, contact Cyndi Davis ([cyndi.davis@forthillchurch.org](mailto:cyndi.davis@forthillchurch.org)).

The ice cream bowls decorated by our children's hands in VBS will be available for purchase. All money raised will go to bring a food packing truck to VBS next year.

Come out for an evening of fun fellowship and delicious ice cream. We look forward to seeing you there!



## Family Promise — July 23-30, 2017

Fort Hill Presbyterian will host Family Promise, a program for homeless families, the week of July 23. There are many ways to serve even for the busiest of families. Mary Barron and Linda Gahan have served as co-coordinators since the program started in Pickens County in August 2014. We are still growing by increasing volunteer participation. We need younger families with children since we are supporting families with children. We also need young people who want to serve others. We can provide training in the form of a DVD that you can view on your own schedule. Some ways to help include: hospitality hosts, meal preparation hosts, overnight hosts, share a meal, shop, do laundry, prepare a hot Saturday morning breakfast, play games, plan a Saturday activity, or set up and take down the bedrooms at the end of the week. If you are super busy, you still need to eat dinner. Come and dine with the guests and engage with them in conversation. Or come after dinner and play a game for 30 to 60 minutes. You will be enriching the lives of families who need a smile and a friend who cares. A sign-up board will appear early in July in front of the FHOOG office on weekdays and the Narthex on Sunday mornings. If you need more information, please contact Mary Barron at [mb1cb1@bellsouth.net](mailto:mb1cb1@bellsouth.net) or Linda Gahan at [glinda1942@gmail.com](mailto:glinda1942@gmail.com).

# July Fort Hill Church Activities

## Sunday, July 2

- 9:30 am The Bridge — Faith Formation Classes
- 10:45 am Worship Service — Sanctuary
- 11:45 am BBQ & Bluegrass — First Baptist Church  
Home Communion

## Monday, July 3

Church Offices Closed

- 7:00 pm Habitat Meeting — Conference Room

## Tuesday, July 4

Church Offices Closed

## Wednesday, July 5

- 10:00 am Bible Study — Club Room
- 6:30 pm Wild Wednesday — Peppino's

## Sunday, July 9

- 8:30 am Worship — Tartan Hall
- 9:30 am The Bridge — Faith Formation Classes
- 10:45 am Worship Service — Sanctuary  
Senior High — Montreat

## Tuesday, July 11

- 9:30 am Staff Meeting — Conference Room
- 3:00 pm Building & Grounds Meeting — Conference Room
- 5:30 pm Folk Dancing — Tartan Hall

## Wednesday, July 12

- 10:00 am Bible Study — Club Room
- 6:30 pm Wild Wednesday — Peppino's

## Thursday, July 13

- 11:00 am Olli Dance Class — Tartan Hall

## Sunday, July 16

- 8:30 am Worship Service — Tartan Hall
- 9:30 am The Bridge — Faith Formation Classes
- 10:45 am Worship Service — Sanctuary
- 11:45 am Discovering Faith Class — Club Room

## Monday, July 17

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

## Tuesday, July 18

- 9:30 am Staff Meeting — Conference Room
- 5:30 pm Folk Dancing — Tartan Hall

## Wednesday, July 19

- 10:00 am Bible Study — Club Room
- 12:15 pm Pastors' Lunch — Foothills Community
- 6:30 am Wild Wednesday — Peppino's

## Thursday, July 20

- 11:00 am Olli Dance Class — Tartan Hall

## Sunday, July 23

- 8:30 am Worship Service — Tartan Hall
- 9:30 am The Bridge — Faith Formation Classes
- 10:30 am Special Session — Tartan Hall
- 10:45 am Worship Service — Sanctuary
- 11:45 am Deacon Meeting — Conference Room  
Senior High Mission Trip — Chicago, IL
- 5:00 pm Family Promise

## Monday, July 24

- 5:00 pm Family Promise

## Tuesday, July 25

- 9:30 am Staff Meeting — Conference Room
- 5:00 pm Family Promise
- 5:30 pm Folk Dancing — Tartan Hall
- 5:30 pm Membership Meeting — Conference Room

## Wednesday, July 26

- 10:00 am Bible Study — Club Room
- 5:00 pm Family Promise
- 6:30 pm Wild Wednesday — Peppino's

## Thursday, July 27

- 11:00 am Olli Dance
- 5:00 pm Family Promise

## Friday, July 28

- 5:00 pm Family Promise

## Saturday, July 29

- 5:00 pm Family Promise

## Sunday, July 30

- 8:30 am Worship — Tartan Hall
- 9:30 am The Bridge — Faith Formation Classes
- 10:45 am Worship Service — Sanctuary
- 6:00 pm Ice Cream Social Fundraiser — First Baptist Church

## 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



# July Birthdays & Anniversaries



7/1	Becky DeWitt
7/2	Catherine Latiff
7/3	Tom Hunter Nan Jones
7/4	Katherine Cason
7/5	Ben Adams Avery Conrad Hallie Conrad Bruce Salley Jim Van Senu
7/6	Greg Griffis
7/7	Sherry Kantzler Cooper Lecroy
7/9	Lee Churchfield
7/10	Edward Crader Shirley Muzii Ronda Ricks Audrey Schoonover

7/11	Will Hendricks
7/12	Carl Hollingsworth Corey McCubbin Hugh Spitler
7/13	Denise Anderson Ken Chappell Elbert Horton Marie Staedeli
7/15	Mike Blackwell Maegan Blackwell Johnson Ethel Pettigrew
7/17	Patrick Adams Barbara Fox Tom Waldrop
7/18	Caroline Jarrett
7/19	Tammy Fagan
7/20	Edmee Reel
7/21	Jack Jackson Grant Jones
7/22	Sawyer Hays Bill Nisonger
7/23	Nancy Spitler

7/24	Ethan Ackerman Ellen Ackerman Jason Allen Cathy Pollard
7/25	Lanie Hedrick Larry Horne Sasha Satzger
7/26	Spencer Bryan
7/27	Lee Davis Jim McCubbin Johnnie Van de Sande Barbara Westall
7/28	J.T. Bandy Sarah Morrison
7/29	Marlene Nicholas Jeremy Wright
7/30	George Dunkelberg Caroline Rash
7/31	John Gilreath Nancy Hutson Gary Mohr, Sr. John Sherman Harrison Steele



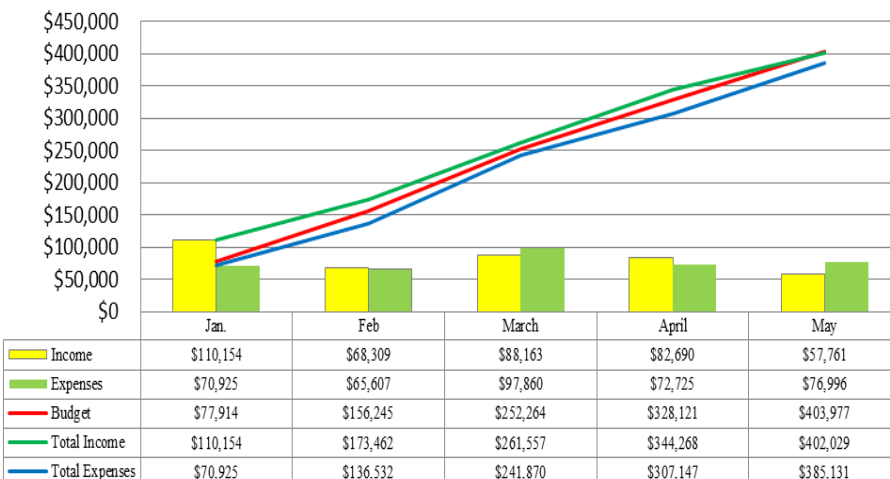
7/6	Don & Joann Daughterty Louis & Nancy Stone
7/7	Chip & Diane Egan
7/12	Mike & Courtney Money
7/17	Chris & Beth Griffin
7/18	Dan & Denise Anderson David & Judy Cundiff
7/21	Devon & Leanne Broome Steve & Laura Hunter
7/24	Ben & Cindy Deaton Ron & Ann Rash
7/27	Bill & Jan Kahle
7/28	Chuck & Nina Moede
7/29	Dusty & Nancy Oates

## From the Finance Ministry

Through May, total income was \$402,029 while expenses for the first five months were \$385,131 leaving a surplus of \$16,898. Overall expenses are at 41% of budget, while income is virtually on budget despite a significant deficit for the month of May. Summer is typically low income, so please continue your pledges and offerings during these summer months.

**Bridging Generations Update:** Pledged giving for the month was \$13,596.44. Non-pledged giving was \$675, undesignated memorial gifts were \$175 and interest income of \$1.75 for a total of \$14,441.01. Total income year to date: \$208,518.45. Total expenses year to date: \$184,058.79. Loan principle: \$1,148,264.41.

Fort Hill Income/Expenses 2017



It's Summer.

Don't let your checkbook go on vacation with you!

Please remember your pledge as you travel this summer.

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