# **Message From the Pastor**

As we turn the page to November, we focus our hearts this month on Thanksgiving. Science tells us that gratitude is not just a faith practice, but a health benefit, too. For Christians, gratitude is our joyful response to the goodness, mercy, and love of God in Jesus Christ. All that we have, all that we are is a gift, grace revealed.

So as you enter this time of thanksgiving, pause to count blessings, give thanks, recommit to praying over every meal. Some meal prayers are open-eyed. In restaurants our family just goes around the circle naming something for which we are thankful before we eat.

Author Anne Lamott, who grew up in an atheist household, but now is a Presbyteriantype Christian, writes that now her family always says grace. She writes,

So now someone at our holiday tables always ends up saying grace. I think we're in it for the pause, the quiet thanks for love and for our blessings, before the shoveling begins. For a minute, our stations are tuned to a broader, richer radius. We're acknowledging that this food didn't just magically appear: Someone grew it, ground it, bought it, baked it; wow.

We say thank you for the miracle that we have stuck together all these years, in spite of it all; that we have each other's backs, and hilarious companionship. We say thank you for the plentiful and outrageous food: Kathy's lox, Robby's bûche de Noël. We pray to be mindful of the needs of others. We savor these moments out of time, when we are conscious of love's presence, of Someone's great abiding generosity to our dear and motley family, these holy moments of gratitude. And that is grace.

Thanksgiving is not just a day, it is a way of life for disciples. It is not just the way we pray, but also the ways we serve, worship, study, give, and share the good news joyfully. Our Fort Hill Faith Practices all flow from grace. We live as a joyful response to God's grace.

However, on Thanksgiving Day we pilgrims will gather to give thanks as a community in worship at Old Stone Church, Thursday, November 22, at 10:00 am. So I hope you will join us as we gather in our "grandmother church" on the corner of Hwy. 76 and Old Stone Church Road, Clemson. Dress warmly and bring a thankful heart.

Grace and Peace,

Laura Courad, Pastor

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.

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# Weekly Lectionary Scriptures

**11/4 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost** Ruth 1:1-18; Ps. 146; Hebrews 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34

**11/11 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17; Ps. 127;
Heb. 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

11/18 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 1 Sam. 1:4-20; 1 Sam. 2:1-10; Heb. 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25; Mark 13:1-8

11/25 Christ the King Sunday 2 Sam. 23:1-7; Ps. 132:1-12 (13-18); Rev. 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37



#### Pastor on Call

11/4 Laura Conrad11/11 Mary Morrison11/18 Dana Waters11/25 Laura Conrad

#### Elder at the Font—8:30 Service

11/4 Todd Latiff11/11 Ronda Ricks11/18 Hack Trammell11/25 Josh Young

#### Elder at the Font—10:45 Service

11/4 Dusty Oates11/11 Michael Steele11/18 Sydney Weeks11/25 Elyse Hollingsworth

# December The Window Deadline

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

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.



Join your neighbors in giving thanks. Old Stone Church meeting house is on the corner of Hwy. 76 and Old Stone Church Road. Together we will worship and praise God for the abundance of gifts God has shared with us. Remember the stone building is not heated and often does not warm up until the afternoon, so bring a coat and/or a blanket.



Fort Hill Presbyterian Church's Great Cloud of Witnesses

Stewardship Dedication Sunday November 11, 2018

Fort Hill is a generous group of witnesses that both cares for one another and helps our community find the way that leads to life. So as you consider who is a faithful witness to you, consider how you support the mission of the church of Jesus Christ in this place. Please commit to the 2019 General Fund that enables our ministries. Giving generously is a joyful sacrifice and gift to those who follow Christ.

Please prayerfully and thoughtfully fill out the Pledge Card and bring it to our Dedication Sunday. If you have unable to be present, you may mail your card to Lori Houck, Office Administrator, or pledge online at:

https://forthillchurch.org/worship/stewardship/online-pledge-card/

# **Choir Corner**

In the Lord, I'll be ever thankful; in the Lord I will rejoice! Look to God; do not be afraid. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near. This is the text of hymn 654 in our GLORY TO GOD hymnal. It contains 36 words — simple, powerful words that give strong statements and commands:

I'll be ever thankful (always and consistently grateful)
I will rejoice (celebrate and be full of joy)
Look to God (one specific place to focus our eyes)
Do not be afraid (trust and believe without fear)
Lift up your voices (speak, sing, and proclaim)
The Lord is near (ever present, ever faithful)

During this Thanksgiving season and every day of the year, these 36 words give me all the assurances to say THANK YOU, GOD!!

Smiling-n-Singing,

Margaret

Welcome to new Chancel Choir members: Karen Ware, Macey Coulter, and Rachel Davis in the soprano section. Karen and husband Ric have lived all over the states and beyond and have been visiting Fort Hill for a while. Macey is a freshman from Columbia. She is a Tiger Band member and sister to David in the bass section. Rachel is originally from Ohio, a senior at Clemson, and also a Tiger Band member.

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# **Christmas Decoration Memorials**



The season of Advent is a wonderful time to remember family and friends who have impacted our lives in a special way. As we prepare for this Christmas season, you can contribute to the beauty of our church **and** honor those loved ones through contributions. During the month of November, Fort Hill Presbyterian Church will be accepting donations in any amount for wreath and poinsettia purchases. Any additional funds will be given to the JOY offering. Your gift honors and remembers loved ones during this Advent season while serving those in need. Please complete the form that will be available in the Narthex and at the FHOG office by November 30; checks should be made payable to Fort Hill Presbyterian Church. Memorials and honorariums will be recognized in the bulletin and The Window.



# **Advent Decorating Date**

The season of Advent is almost upon us and you are invited to join us in "Decking the Halls" of Fort Hill on Sunday, November 25, from 2-4 pm. If you are interested in fun and festive fellowship while decorating our church, please contact Caroline Thomas at thomascb160@att.net.



# **Fort Hill Preschool Update**

Greetings church family! We have had a wonderful start to our year. We have welcomed 2 new staff members: Christy Lafrance-Williamson is our new music teacher and Olivia Williams is our new Early Morning Care teacher. Olivia replaces Rebecca Slater who has taken over as our 2-day, 3-year-old assistant teacher. Once again we feel very blessed to have a wonderful team of people with a passion to love and care for our children while providing experiences for learning and growth. This year we welcomed 62 children to our program. We thank the Fort Hill Presbyterian Church body for playing an important role in this ministry. We covet your prayers, as we minister to these children and their families this year.



Tommi Jones and family in the death of Tommi's father, Tommy Jackson, on October 1, and uncle, Billy Wishert, on September 30.

Kathy Hughes and the family of Ron Hughes who passed away on October 13.

Cindy Sloan and family in the death of Cindy's father, Clarence Campbell, on October 16.







#### Announcements

2019 Flower Calendar — If you would like to honor or remember someone special with a flower arrangement in the sanctuary, please choose a Sunday and sign up in the Narthex. Tiger Lily Florist automatically creates and delivers the arrangements and bills you directly (\$50). If you have any questions, please contact Maggie Bandy at mbandy@charter.net.



Bring your appetite to the Christian Life Center of Clemson United Methodist on Thursday, November 1 (5:30-7:00 pm) and join your neighbors for the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Clemson Area Minsters' Cook-Off. Ministers from 14 area congregations will be showing off their culinary skills in support of Safe Harbor shelter for victims of domestic violence. Weather permitting, WYFF weatherman John Cessarich will broadcast "John On The Road" from the cook-off. Taste tickets at \$1 each will be available at the door.

All proceeds from the Cook-Off will be shared between the Oconee and Anderson County Safe Harbor shelters.



Sunday, November 4, 2019

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# **Church Mouse**



Ok, so as you can see I am getting a little wider as the season goes on. Not only do I get to eat the crumbs left by the preschoolers but by the Wee Kirk children who made the bread for communion in October: Shuler Wilson, Eliza & Grace Bost, and Edward & Henry Crader with the help of Katie Wilson and Nancy Spitler. These sweet ones even brought the bread into the service. The adults who prepared communion were Beth & Jerry Chapman while those serving communion were: Dusty Oates, Ronda Ricks, Heather Wright, Katherine Sosebee, Sue Limber, Greg Bearden, Michael Steele, Robin Weeks, Susan Brown, Raymond MacKay, LeAnne Greene, and Melanie Job.

Did you know that, under the direction of Maggie Bandy, the flower ladies of Cindy Sloan, Rose Ross, Eva Henry, Tommi Jones, and Cathy Morton take the flowers from the service every Sunday and deliver them to the shut ins or those who are experiencing illness? Some call them our flower deacons. It is good to know the flowers are enjoyed by more than just those who are able to come to church.

Oh, it was Family Promise Time again. So many people helped to make a home for this family September 23-30: **Heather Wright & family, Cathy** Spragins, Greg Bearden, Claudette Bennett, Judy Bonham, Allison Young, Tim Heist, Andy Ackerman, Rita Van Lenten, Helen Mohr & family, Arlene Cheatham, Beth Chapman, Pam Waddle, Barbara Madison, Cindy Sloan, Robbi Stokes, Myra Cato, Lisa Street, Melanie Job, Donna Crader, Carolyn Stroup, Owen & Johnnie Van de Sande, Charles & Mary Barron, Cathy Olker, Sue Limber, Judy Blackwell, and so many others worked under the guidance

Now remember to thank all these great people!

of Linda Gahan and

Mary Barron.



# News from Presbyterian Women

Fort Hill Church Hosted Family Promise Guests October 23-30

Heartfelt thanks go out to all of the many volunteers who signed up and served Oct 23-30 to feed and care for our Family Promise guests. Without you stepping up to volunteer, we would be unable to participate in this life-changing program. **FHPC had 51 different volunteers to fill 60 volunteer slots totaling 234.35 hours of volunteer service!** If you would like to become more involved with this program, we welcome you to contact our coordinators: Linda Gahan (<a href="mailto:glinda1942@gmail.com">glinda1942@gmail.com</a> or 864-654-2953) or Mary Barron (<a href="mailto:mb1cb1@bellsouth.net">mb1cb1@bellsouth.net</a> or 864-885-9342).

Presbyterian Women Collect Magazines, Books, & Puzzles

In November, Presbyterian Women collect magazines, books, and puzzles for the Richard Campbell Veterans Home and Harris Psychiatric Hospital. Please place these items in the cabinets in the "Dungeon" room (at the foot of the lower stairs opposite the Club Room in the Administration Building) November 5 to November 27. Thank you!

#### 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Clemson Area Minister's Cook-Off

Thursday, November 1 from 5:30-7:00 pm Clemson United Methodist Church Christian Life Center 300 Frontage Road, Clemson

Ministers from 15 area congregations will be showing off their culinary skills. You will want to sample each delicious offering! Tickets are \$10.00 for 10 sample tastings and will be available at the door. **Proceeds to benefit Safe Harbor.** 

#### **Honorary Life Membership Nominating Forms**

Each year we honor a member of our church with the **Honorary Life Membership Award** at our annual PW Birthday Luncheon. This award is given to a dedicated Christian whose witness, long and dedicated service, and spiritual influence in our community reflect the love of God and His church. Prayerfully consider the Presbyterian woman (or man) you would like to nominate for her (his) outstanding lifetime contributions to Fort Hill Church. **Nomination forms are due by January 15. Please give your nominations to Gail Williams** (gswilliams@bellsouth.net or 864-287-0212). Other committee members are **Rose Ross, Mary Barron, Claudette Bennett** and **Cathy McInnis**.

\*\*\*Please tell us more about yourself! Regularly update your Fort Hill Presbyterian Church Presbyterian Women Data Sheet for future reference. That sheet is invaluable when preparing a write-up for our nominee. Ask your Circle leader to get a copy.

#### Operation Christmas Child Boxes for Samaritan's Purse

**Deadline November 7, 2018. Please include a \$7 donation for shipping.** Use a standard-size shoebox (no oversized shoe boxes for efficient packing, please) or a similarly-sized plastic box. **Indicate whether the gift is for a girl or boy and include the appropriate age for which the gift is appropriate (2-4, 5-9, 10-14).** Fill the box with gifts that may include small toys, school supplies, hygiene items, mild soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, comb, etc.) and personal items (sunglasses, t-shirts, socks, watch, ball cap, and solar flashlights). Soccer balls are a longed-for item for boys. A deflated ball and small pump, or a small ball to fit the box is ideal. Due to some cultural concerns and beliefs, please avoid stuffed animals.

If you wish, add a personal greeting in a separate envelope. Eva Henry will place pamphlets listing the items requested in the Collection Room. Please deliver the unsealed boxes, or bring gift items to the FHOG Office at the Administration entrance on Edgewood Avenue beginning October 17. Again, the **deadline is November 7**. Thank you!

Contact person: Eva Henry, 864-654-3737

Submitted by Mary Barron, PW Publicity Chairman <u>mb1cb1@bellsouth.net</u> or (864) 885-9342



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# From the Finance Ministry

Through September, total income was \$665,946 while expenses for the first 9 months were \$706,004 leaving a deficit of \$40,058. Overall expenses are at 73% of budget while income is at 68.7%. As you can see, income is 6.3% below budget while expenses are 3% below budget. Please review your giving for the year, so we can erase the budget deficit and Fort Hill can continue its ministries to members, community, and around the world.

#### **Bridging Generations Update:**

Building Fund pledge giving for the month was \$9,532.66. Non-pledged giving was \$2,092, undesignated memorial gifts were \$890, and interest income was \$8.98 adding up to a total of \$12,523.64 for the month. Total income year to date is \$124,507.45. The loan principle balance is \$654,929.10.

#### Fort Hill Income/Expenses 2018



# An Invitation to All Family Promise Volunteers

You are invited to attend:

# Family Promise Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon Sunday, November 4 At Noon in Tartan Hall

Armilla Moore, the Director of Family Promise of Pickens County will be on hand to talk briefly about the program and answer questions. Please RSVP by November 1 to Mary Barron (<u>mb1cb1@bellsouth.net</u>) or Linda Gahan (<u>glinda1942@gmail.com</u>).

#### Family Promise Volunteers — September 23-30, 2018

Linda Gahan and Mary Barron wish to extend a warm "Thank You!" to all of the volunteers from Fort Hill Presbyterian Church who helped care for our Family Promise guests this September 23-30. Our volunteers logged 234.35 hours of volunteer service that week!

Each of you helped to make our family's stay with us as pleasant as possible! Each job was necessary and important, and without your able assistance, we would be unable to be a part of this worthwhile home mission!

#### Thank you, Volunteers!!

Transport trailer: Barry & Aleta Robinson

Set-up & Take-down Bedrooms: Heather Wright & family, Linda & Larry Gahan, Cathy Spragins, Greg Bearden

Hospitality/Activity Hosts: Barbara Westall, Garland & Cynthia Gravely, Aleta Robinson, Cathy Spragins, Arlene

Cheatham, Barbara Madison, Allison Young & family, Cathy Olker, Mary Barron, Linda

Gahan, Vernie & Jim Roberts, and Marlene Nicholas

Purchase and/or Prepare Food: Helen Wooten, Claudette Bennett, Judy Bonham, Billie & Jack Jackson, Rita Van Lenten,

Beth Chapman, Pam Waddle, Carolyn Stroup, Donna Crader, Sue Limber, Ellen

Torrence, Linda Gahan, and Helen Mohr & family

Overnight Hosts: Tim Heist, Andy Ackerman, Mary & Charles Barron, Johnnie & Owen Van de Sande,

Judy & Mike Blackwell, and Ed & Benton Halbig

Laundry: Melanie Job, Myra Cato, Robbi Stokes, Cindy Sloan

Thank you, Volunteers!! Thank you, Volunteers!

# **November Fort Hill Church Activities**

# Thursday, November 1

Minister's Cookoff — Clemson Methodist Church

# Sunday, November 4

9:30 am First Sunday Breakfast — Tartan Hall

11:45 pm Family Promise Volunteer Luncheon — Tartan Hall

2:00 pm NAMI — Club Room

2:00 pm Children's Ministry Meeting — Conference Room 3:30 pm Officer Nominating Committee Meeting — Conf. Rm.

#### Monday, November 5

12:15 pm PW Circle 1 — Club Room

3:00 pm PW Circle of Hope — Club Room

7:00 pm BSA Troop 235 Eagle Court of Honor — Sanctuary

#### Tuesday, November 6

8:00 am Men of the Church Breakfast — Sunnyside Café

5:00 pm Planning Ministry Meeting — Conference Room

5:30 pm University Ministry Meeting — PSA Student Center

6:00 pm Christian Action Ministry Meeting — Library

6:30 pm Safety Committee Meeting — E-209

7:00 pm Youth Ministry Team Meeting — Den

7:00 pm Fellowship Ministry Meeting — Club Room

7:00 pm Personnel & Program Ministry Meeting — Conf. Room

#### Wednesday, November 7

Bible Study/Choirs — See Recurring Weekly Schedule below

# Sunday, November 11

11:45 am New Member Luncheon — Tartan Hall

12:00 pm Children's Ministry Team Meeting — Conference Rm.

# Monday, November 12

9:30 am PW Trinity Circle — Club Room

# Tuesday, November 13

12:00 pm Discipleship Ministry Meeting — Conference Room3:00 pm Building & Grounds Meeting — Conference Room

5:45 pm Music Ministry Meeting — Conference Room

6:30 pm Worship Ministry Meeting — Conference Room

6:30 pm Finance Ministry Meeting — Club Room

6:30 pm Adult Ministry Team Meeting — E-209 7:30 pm Tuesday EVEning Circle Meeting — Library

#### Wednesday, November 14

Bible Study/Choirs — See Recurring Weekly Schedule below

#### Thursday, November 15

5:00 pm Greece Trip Meeting — Club Room

#### Sunday, November 18

4:30 pm Family Fun Night — Tartan Hall

6:00 pm Youth & PSA — Den & Nest

#### Monday, November 19

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

# Tuesday, November 20

9:30 am PW Coordinating Team Meeting — Club Room

7:00 pm Session Meeting — Club Room

# Wednesday, November 21

No Bible Study or Choirs

11:45 pm Pastors' Luncheon at Foothills Community

#### Thursday, November 22

Thanksgiving Day — Church Offices Closed

10:00 am Thanksgiving Worship at Old Stone Church

# Friday, November 23

Church Offices Closed

# Sunday, November 25

4:30 pm Family Fun Night — The Nest

# Monday, November 26

7:00 pm Troop 235 Eagle Scout Court of Honor — Sanctuary

# Wednesday, November 28

Bible Study/Choirs — See Recurring Weekly Schedule below

# Friday, November 30

6:00 pm Clemson Singers Rehearsal — Sanctuary

# **Recurring Weekly Activities**

#### Sunday

8:30 am Worship Service — Tartan Hall

9:30 am LIFT — 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 Nest

5:00 pm Senior High Youth — Youth Den

6:00 pm College Dinner, Worship & Discussion — PSA Center

#### 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

5:30 pm Folk Dancing — Tartan Hall

#### Tuesday (continued)

6:45 pm Christians Connecting Small Group —

Lydia's 9 to 5 Ladies — The Gathering Place

#### Wednesday

10:00 am Wed. Morning Bible Study — Club Room

5:00 pm Meet Me @ The Fort — The Nest, E-209, Honey Bee Rm.

6:15 pm Chancel Bells — Choir Room

6:15 pm Strong Praises Choir (Grades K-3) — E209

6:45 pm Singers of Christ Choir (Grades 4-8) — E209

7:30 pm Chancel Choir

# 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.

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# Birthdays & Anniversaries



Janet Johnson Marie Nebesky Bruce Whisler Harold Harris 11/2 Samantha Young 11/3 Cortland Young 11/5 Henry Crader Nancy Hawkes 11/6 Ette Ruppert 11/7 Evan Hicklin Elyse Hollingsworth 11/8 Bill Cato

Bob Williamson

Anne Dickey

11/10 Walton Bost

Tyler McCall 11/12 Mary Hughes Lisa Street Andrew Trammell Kyle Winchester Bryan Young Mason Young 11/13 Adam Artigliere Trent Fagan Gary Gardner Rose Marie McDonald Mary Morrison 11/14 Lin Dearing Alex DuBose Sue Hunter William Spitler Anndie Young 11/15 Mik Fredman 11/16 Ben Martin

11/11 Jake Crowther

11/17 Jim Eidson
11/18 Savannah Aaron
Austin Adams
11/20 Teresa Hollingsworth
11/21 Sally Alexander
Jo Jo Martin
11/22 Steve Miller
Larry Sloan
11/23 Danny Winchester
11/24 Noelle London
11/25 Jan Fredman
Kerri Kwist
Barbara Sebenick
11/26 Mary Barron

11/26 Mary Barron Greg Bearden11/29 Carter Bandy Amelia Hedrick

11/30 Dan Anderson John Bennett 11/30 Kenny Mohr Ann Wetsel Savannah Worley



11/3 Jerry & Pam Waddle
11/6 Paul & Gail Caley
11/9 Jody & Mollie Faithful
11/20 Troy & Susan Nunamaker
11/21 Bud & Leslie Hicklin
11/22 Charles & Peggy Rutland Danny & Angie Winchester
11/23 Jan & Anita Fredman

11/29 Steve & Ethel Pettigrew

# **Welcome Fort Hill New Members**



#### Larry & Wanda Glenn

**Address**: 301 Anna Maria Blvd., Clemson, SC 29631 **Phone:** (480) 694-0131 (Larry); (480) 694-0454 (Wanda)

mail: wcglmg@gmail.com (Larry); susiewcg@gmail.com (Wanda)

Larry and Wanda are retired and are transferring by letter from Valley Presbyterian Church in Scottsdale, AZ. Larry is an ordained Elder in the PC(USA) and Wanda is an ordained Deacon in the PC(USA).



#### **Kate Mills**

Address: 1108 Tiger Blvd., Apt. 133, Clemson, SC 29631

Phone: (729) 759-8025 Email: khmills@clemson.edu

Kate is joining by transfer of letter from Hampton Presbyterian Church in Pennsylvania. Kate is a Clemson student and member of PSA. She is a member of the Chancel choir and has experience working with youth groups and as summer camp counselor.



# Rodney & Julie Johnson

**Address**: 119 Cane Creek Harbor Rd., Seneca, SC 29672 **Phone**: (336) 403-0203 (Rodney's work); (704) 516-4651 (Julie)

Email: Rodney\_5999@msn.com

Rodney & Julie are transferring by letter from Weddington United Methodist Church. Rodney is a National Account Manager for Caraustar. Julie is a teacher for the Oconee County School District. They have three children: Katie Cardoze, Hannah, and Hayleigh.



#### **Charlotte Neidenbach**

Address: 250 Elm Street, Apt. 406, Clemson, SC 29631

Phone: (864) 504-9882

Email: charlon@g.clemson.edu

Charlotte is joining as an affiliate member. She is a member of First Presbyterian Church Spartanburg. She is a Clemson student and student moderator of PSA. She has served in youth group, Christmas choir, and VBS. She serves in our Children's Ministry.

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# FHPC Disaster/Emergency Assistance Survey Results

Thank you to all who participated in the recent survey that came on the heels of Hurricane Florence. In all, 54 family units completed all or part of the survey. While the survey results are likely not representative as those family units/individuals responding were more likely to support more active assistance efforts, they do suggest there is a core group within the Congregation that would like to be more supportive. The general consensus among respondents was that yes FHPC should be more involved in providing emergency/disaster assistance (8.28 on a 10-point scale). Slightly less favored increased church funding given other budget priorities (7.13), while respondents indicated that they would be willing to support more activity from personal finances (7.98). Roughly half of the respondents said they would be willing to assist as part of a disaster assistance team (48.98%). On the issue of establishing an emergency response network to community and assist Church members impacted by a power outage or other emergencies, 78.43% favored such an effort. 98.0% of respondents indicated that we should coordinate assistance programs with other churches in the community. If we were to provide short-term housing, 82.61% of respondents indicated that they would be willing to assist in some way cooking, cleaning, serving as greeters, and/or providing financial support. The open-ended questions reflect enthusiasm as well as caution to target what we can support. The survey will inform the Task Force on Disaster/Emergency Assistance that will in turn report to Session. A full report of survey results can be found at:

http://forthillchurch.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/FHPC Disaster-Assistance-Survey-Results.pdf/

Copies will be available in the FHOG Office if you can't access the link.