

The Window

The Newsletter of Fort Hill Presbyterian Church

December 2018

Message From the Pastor

Clemson Campus Ministry (PSA) Needs Our Help!

For a couple of years you have been hearing that change is coming to Campus Ministry. That time is now, and it is a crucial time for us to respond. It is a crucial ministry that supports young adults at a critical time of life in owning faith, living as disciples, and making choices that glorify God. Our church has a crucial calling to invite college students and the University community into a life of faith.

Fort Hill Presbyterian Church was founded in 1895 to minister to Clemson University students. Ministering to those students is at the core of our DNA. Until recent years, Foothills Presbytery provided 75 percent of the mission budget for PC(USA) campus ministry at Clemson as part of a covenant relationship. That support has now ended.

To provide a long-term sustainable funding source for PC(USA) campus ministry at Clemson University, Fort Hill is leading a capital campaign in 2019 to establish a University Ministry Endowment. Our goal is a \$1.6 million endowment principal, and the funds generated in coming years will provide for staff leadership (currently \$66,500 of a \$96,000 budget). The annual program budget will be supported through giving sources that may include partner churches, alumni, and Fort Hill church.

I want to make you aware of the upcoming plans so that rather than be anxious about the future, we can step out in faith and trust that God will sustain this ministry for many years to come. Personally, as someone who has served in college ministry, I am so grateful that our Campus Minister Michael Sanchez can keep focusing on student ministry rather than become a fundraiser. And the endowment allows friends outside of Fort Hill church to participate in this meaningful ministry. So many men and women have come to faith, made deep friendships, and for some individuals I know, PSA helped save their lives. My friend Brian (Class of 1995) wrote that he was saved twice, once by Jesus Christ, and secondly by the community of faith at Fort Hill church while he was a student at Clemson University.

What a privilege to be a part of his story!

It's a crucial time...it's a crucial ministry...it's a crucial calling.

Together in Faith,

Laura Conrad, 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

12/2 1st Sunday of Advent

Jer. 33:14-16; Ps. 25:1-10;
1 Thess. 3:9-13; Luke 21:35-36

12/9 2nd Sunday of Advent

Mal. 3:1-4; Luke 1:68-79;
Phil. 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6

12/16 3rd Sunday of Advent

Zeph. 3:14-20; Isa. 12:2-6;
Phil. 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18

12/23 4th Sunday of Advent

Micah 4:2-5a; Luke 1:47-55 or
Ps. 80:1-7; Heb. 10:5-10;
Luke 1:39-45 (46-55)

12/30 1st Sunday after Christmas

1 Sam. 2:18-20, 26; Ps. 148;
Col. 3:12-17; Luke 2:41-52



Sunday Servants

Pastor on Call

12/2-12/8	Mary Morrison
12/9-12/15	Dana Waters
12/16-12/22	Laura Conrad
12/23-12/29	Mary Morrison
12/30-1/5	Dana Waters

Elder at the Font—8:30 Service

12/2	LeAnne Greene
12/9	Gregg Morton
12/16	Helen Wooten
12/23	TBD
12/30	No Early Service

Elder at the Font—10:45 Service

12/2	Jim London
12/9	Dick Shick
12/16	Sydney Weeks
12/23	Mike Worley
12/30	Joan Borick

January

The Window Deadline

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

Fort Hill Presbyterian Church

Lessons & Carols

Sunday, 12.9.2018

8:30 & 10:45 Worship Services

The Christmas Story in word and music.



Fort Hill Presbyterian Church

Christmas Eve Candlelight

5:00 Family Service • 9:00 Communion

Monday, 12.24.2018



December Special Worship Schedule

Sunday, December 9

- 8:30 am Lessons & Carols featuring Joyful Noise
- 10:45 am Lessons & Carols featuring Chancel Bells & Choir and instrumentalists
- 7:00 pm Clemson University Singers Concert in the Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 12 — 6:30 pm

Angel Vespers in the Sanctuary (Dinner at 5:45 in Tartan Hall)

Monday, December 24, 5:00 & 9:00 pm

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

Sunday, December 30 — 10:45 am Worship Service

One Worship Service only — No Bridge classes

YOUTH GROUP

LET'S CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS!

Sr. High Christmas Party | Sunday, Dec. 2
Mid-High Christmas Party | Sunday, Dec. 9
Bring a wrapped gift worth \$5 or less!

Choir Corner

The Christmas Story through Hymns and Carols

It came upon the midnight clear in royal David's city, the little town of Bethlehem. It was on a silent night, a holy night. All was calm and all was bright.

There was a star in the East that three kings from the Orient saw and followed. Angels from the realms of glory sang. Hark! The shepherds heard them while they watched their flocks.

And then they found him in a stable, away in a manger with his mother, Mary, and Joseph. What child is this? They all marveled and wondered — could it be the newborn king they had awaited?

Nowell, Nowell, the angels sang! Born is the king of Israel. So come all ye faithful!! Sing joy to the world for the Lord is come.

May we receive him again this Christmas season. Glory to God in the highest and on earth, peace and good will to all.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!

Thanks to **all** of our talented musicians who provide beautiful and special music throughout the year — our children and youth in Strong Praises and Singers of Christ; our adults in Joyful Noise, the Chancel Choir, and Chancel Bells. And to our fine accompanists: Becky Bowman, pianist, and Judy Bonham, organist.

Smiling-n-Singing,

Margaret



Advent Program



The theme of this year's Advent Program is *Draw Near* as we prepare for the coming of the Christ Child. *Draw Near* booklets have been prepared with daily devotionals for the four weeks of Advent as well as the remaining days of the month leading up to the New Year. Accompanying the Devotionals are Advent Calendars and Christ Child Boxes. Distribution of materials began over the last two Sundays of November and will continue into early December. Families and individual church members are encouraged to make use of the daily devotionals and fill the Christ Child Boxes each day with suggested items to be donated to Clemson Community Care for distribution to needy families in the community. Boxes will be gathered at the two Christmas Eve services placing them around the Christmas tree in the Narthex. Drop-offs before then can be made for those traveling over the holidays. Merry Christmas to all.

Children & Family Advent Opportunities 2018

- ★ GIFT DAY: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8TH 9AM-12PM IN TARTAN HALL (PIZZA LUNCH PROVIDED) DROP OFF AT SANCTUARY DOORS BETWEEN 8:30 AND 9:00AM. CHILDREN WILL CREATE GIFTS FOR FAMILY MEMBERS & PARTICIPATE IN CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES.
- ★ ANGEL VESPERS: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12TH 5:45 DINNER IN TARTAN HALL & 6:30 PROGRAM IN SANCTUARY DINNER FOLLOWED BY THE NATIVITY PLAY PUT ON BY OUR CHILDREN AND CHILDREN'S CHOIR.
- ★ CAROLING AT CLEMSON DOWNS: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16TH 3PM CARPOOL TO CLEMSON DOWNS TO SING CAROLS, THEN RETURN TO THE NEST FOR COOKIES AND COCOA.
- ★ MOVIE NIGHT: THE STAR: DECEMBER 20 6-8PM IN THE NEST POPCORN & SNACKS WILL BE SERVED. CHILDREN ARE ENCOURAGED TO WEAR THEIR PAJAMAS AND BRING A PILLOW AND BLANKET.
- ★ FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE: 5-6PM IN THE SANCTUARY



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<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/57-6004172>

Happy shopping!

Church Mouse



Oh, fall is here and it is so much fun running through all the leaves! Be sure to thank the three ladies (**Diane Egan, Mary Dusenberry, and Nan Jones**) who filled in for **Rose Ross** in hosting the reception after the funeral for Ron Hughes. Plus Communion Sunday had lots of people to thank from the children who participated in the Lord's Supper (**Eliza & Grace Bost, Jacob Chavis, Addie Harper, Cooper & Crew LeCroy, Hudson Money, Shuler Wilson, and Anddie Young**), **Robin Denny** who prepared the communion, and **Chip Egan, Marlene Nicholas, Joan Borick, Josh Young, Tom McInnis, Gregg & Cathy Morton, Todd Latiff, Lisa Britt, Helen Wooten, Terri Smith, and Elyse Hollingsworth** for serving communion at the two services. Plus, at the same service our Family Promise Coordinators, **Linda Gahan** and **Mary Barron** had **Armillia Moore, Director of Family Promise**, give the Minute for Mission. Then we had two of our youth read the Old Testament — **Helen Crader** and **Bennett Bost**.

I love to explore, and lo and behold, I found women working in the "dungeon" my very favorite place. **Susan Beckwith, Gensie Waldrop, and Joan Dixon** were bagging all those clothes that the people brought in to donate for the thrift stores at Salvation Army, Safe Harbor, and Tamasee DAR School. Be sure to thank them and **Linda Gahan** and **Nan Jones** for delivering them. I no sooner had settled down for my afternoon nap when I heard **Eva Henry** and **Scott Thrailkill** talking. He was helping to carry all the shoe boxes for Samaritan's Purse out to her car. But the very best part of fall is the Kirking of the Tartans coordinated by **Donna McCubbin** (helping **Chuck Cruickshank** who started this).



News from Presbyterian Women

Thank You!

We would like to extend a big **thank you** for all of you who donated boxes for **Samaritan's Purse**, an organization benefitting underprivileged children. Your generosity means so much to so many! Thank you, also, to those who cooked and cleaned up for the **Minister's Cook-Off on November 1! The Cook-Off was a big success, raising money for 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.**

For more information, please contact the **Honorary Life Membership Committee Co-Chairmen: Gail Williams** (864.287.0212) and **Rose Ross** (864.654.3218). You may also contact committee members are Claudette Bennett (864.654.4820), Mary Barron (864.247.1322), or Cathy McInnis (864.654.4003).

Christmas Gifts for Clinton Presbyterian Community

We will again be delivering Christmas gifts to the residents of Clinton Presbyterian Community on December 2. We request that you donate the following gift items: postage stamps, post-it notes, scratch pads, **large print** word search puzzle books, 2019 calendars, picture frames, **large print** paperback books, pens, pencils, small umbrellas, men's handkerchiefs, shower caps, hair brushes, laundry bags, combs, lip stick, nail polish, emery boards, nail clippers, toothpaste and brushes, soap, lotion, Kleenex, greeting cards, socks, knee highs, batteries, mouthwash, deodorant, mesh laundry bags, flashlight with batteries and rain hats. **Please DO NOT wrap these gifts.** It will be much easier to distribute them to the appropriate resident.

All Day Winter Retreat

Attention ALL WOMEN of Fort Hill Presbyterian Church

Mark your calendars now for our

All-Day Winter Retreat on

Saturday, February 2, 2019

10:00 am — 3:00 pm

at Richland Presbyterian Church

Speaker: Dr. Charles Dougherty

Dr. Dougherty is a Christian humorist, bringing the healing power of "clean humor" back into our American culture.

This retreat is open to **ALL WOMEN** of our church. You do not need to be a member of a circle to attend. We want every woman hungry for fellowship and spiritual renewal to come and join us for this soul-nourishing event!

Get your name on the list by contacting a member of our PW Retreat Committee:

Laura LeFevre (lefevelaura@hotmail.com, 864.442.5199)

Myra Cato (myracato@bellsouth.net, 864.207.8765)

Claudette Bennett (johnneb@mindspring.com, 864.654.4820)

Dates to Remember

January 15 Deadline for Honorary Life Membership Applications

February 2 PW All-Day Winter Retreat

Submitted by Mary Barron, PW Publicity Chairman
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From the Finance Ministry

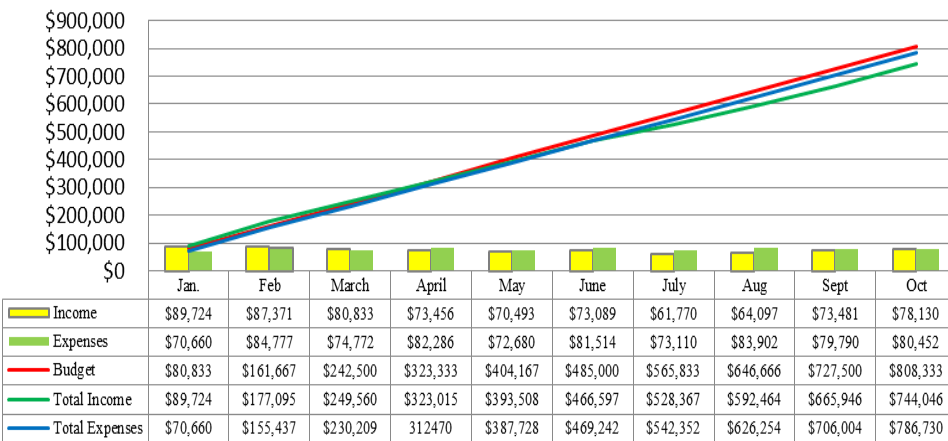
Through November, total income was \$744,046 while expenses for the first 10 months were \$786,729 reflecting a deficit of \$42,684. Overall expenses were at 81% of budget, while income was 76.7% of budget. As you can see, income is 6.6% below budget while expenses are 2% below budget. Please review your pledged giving for the year, so we can erase this budget deficit and Fort Hill can continue its ministry to members, community, and around the world.

Bridging Generations Update:

Building Fund pledge giving for the month was \$31,450.66. Building fund non-pledge giving of \$1,517, undesignated memorial gifts of \$595, and building fund interest income of \$0.54 combined with Building Fund pledge giving reflect a total of \$33,563.20 building fund giving for the month.

Total Building Fund Income YTD: \$158,070.65
 Building Fund Loan Principal Balance: \$641,332.76

Fort Hill Income/Expenses 2018



The Gift That Keeps On Giving

This is the season when our thoughts turn to gift giving. How many of us are stumped when trying to figure out what to give someone who really has everything? May we suggest giving something that will not only be a perfect gift, but will be easy for you to give and guaranteed to be a blessing to the recipient and giver alike.

Consider an honor gift to the church's endowments. Fort Hill has three: 1) Mission Endowment (Session determines which mission projects may utilize the spendable return), 2) General Endowment (use of spendable return to be determined by Session annually), and 3) The Pansy Duke Scholarship Fund Endowment (used for scholarships or internships for individuals who are considering careers in full-time church service and seeking God's will in their lives). The principal of the gift is never spent and continues in perpetuity. The income will be used for the endowment specific purpose. Anyone can give an endowment gift. Any size gift may go to support one of Fort Hill's endowments — and it will continue to "do good" for generations! You may do this now or as part of your estate.

Think of how you can play a part in our church's future and support its ministry in a number of ways. In this season of giving, please consider making such a gift — simply make out your check to FHPC, denote which endowment you would like to support and direct it to Lori Houck in the church office. Fort Hill can provide an honor card for you to provide to the individual(s) you are honoring. And if you would like to remember the church in your estate plans, please contact Jim Thomas, Hack Trammell or Steve LeFevre of the Endowment Committee or call Lori Houck at 864.654.2061, and she can have someone contact you to assist in making your gift.



Robin Weeks and family on the loss of Robin's father, Bob Burwell, on October 30 in Balsalm, NC.

Jillian & Ed McLaurin and family on the loss of Jillian's grandmother "Candy" Ethel Ann Laney Streater on November 11 in Cherow, SC.

The family of **Joy Newton** who passed on November 10 in Greenville, SC.

Announcements

PW Circle of Hope Meeting Change: The PW Circle of Hope will meet in the Corley Center on the ground level at 3:00 pm on the 1st Monday each month.

Community Fundraiser for Clemson Free Clinic & Clemson Community Care: The 10th annual Trio will be held **December 6** from 6-9 pm at Holy Trinity Church in Clemson. Funds from the event will go to support these two vital non-profits. Both organizations are Mission Partners for FHPC serving important needs in the Clemson Community. Beer, wine, and heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served. Tickets can be purchased in advance at Hubbard Young Pharmacy, Clemson Free Clinic, and Clemson Community Care. Tickets are priced at \$40/person and \$150/group of four.



December Fort Hill Church Activities

Sunday, December 2

9:30 am First Sunday Breakfast — Tartan Hall

Monday, December 3

12:00 pm PW Circle 1 — Club Room
3:00 pm PW Circle of Hope — Corley Center @ The Downs
5:30 pm Disaster/Emergency Task Force Mtng. — Conf. Rm.

Tuesday, December 4

8:00 am Men of the Church Breakfast — Sunnyside Café
5:00 pm Planning Ministry Meeting — Conference Room
Mission Outreach Meeting — Club Room
5:30 pm University Ministry Meeting — PSA Student Center
6:00 pm Christian Action Ministry Meeting — Library
Youth Ministry Team Meeting — Den
6:30 pm Safety Committee Meeting — E-209
7:00 pm Fellowship Ministry Meeting — Club Room
Personnel & Program Ministry Mtng. — Conf. Rm.

Wednesday, December 5

Bible Study/Choirs — See Recurring Weekly Schedule below

Friday, December 7

6:00 pm Clemson University Singers Rehearsal — Sanctuary

Sunday, December 9

10:45 am Lessons & Carols
12:00 pm Children's Ministry Team Meeting — Nest
5:00 pm Mid-High Youth Tacky Sweater Party
7:00 pm Clemson University Singers Concert — Sanctuary

Monday, December 10

9:30 am PW Trinity Circle — Club Room

Tuesday, December 11

7:30 pm PW TWOesday EVEning Circle Meeting — Library

Wednesday, December 12

5:45 pm Dinner before Angel Vespers — Tartan Hall
6:30 pm Angel Vespers — Sanctuary

Sunday, December 16

3:00 pm Christmas Caroling — Clemson Downs
(return to FHPC for snack)

Tuesday, December 18

9:30 am Preschool Christmas Program & Reception —
Sanctuary / Tartan Hall

Wednesday, December 19

11:45 pm Pastors' Luncheon at the Downs
Home Communion

Sunday, December 23

No LIFT! classes
Home Communion

Monday, December 24

Christmas Eve — Church Offices Closed

5:00 pm Family Candlelight Worship Service
9:00 pm Communion Candlelight Worship Service

Tuesday, December 25

Christmas Day — Church Offices Closed

Sunday, December 30

No LIFT! classes
10:45 am One Worship Service — 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
6:45 pm Christians Connecting Small Group —
Lydia's 9 to 5 Ladies — The Gathering Place

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

10:00 am Wed. Morning Bible Study — Club Room (5th, 12th &
19th)
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



December

BIRTHDAYS

12/1	Oron Broome	12/8	Blackie Cook Keller Rodgers	12/16	Crew LeCroy Allen Smith	12/23	Debbie Collins
12/2	Vernie Roberts	12/9	Olivia Mueller Addie Nebesky Elizabeth Sisson	12/17	Cleo Gregg Jillian McLaurin Nickie Mueller	12/24	Linda Gahan Jan Kahle
12/3	Donald Spitzer	12/10	David Collins Meredith LeCroy	12/18	Lee D'Andrea Tina Sitton	12/25	Anita Fredman Hilarie Sehorn
12/4	Elise Halbig Linda Newmark	12/11	Lori Houck Helen Wooten	12/19	Eric Mueller	12/26	Bob Stout
12/5	Lynn Carlson Chip Egan Alice Kennedy Jensen McInnis Hazel Sparks	12/12	Amelia Alexander Leslie Hicklin	12/20	Chuck Conrad Geoffrey Wilson	12/27	Marcia Barker Judy Koch Stephen Sefick Dorothy Vedder
12/6	Laura Hunter Emily Miller	12/15	Danny Gregg Melanie Job Carter McInnis Mike Money	12/21	Will Hiott Mike Nebesky Tipton Wright	12/28	Alice Dorn Terri Smith Heather Wright
12/7	Melissa Cason Marchita Culpepper Joanna Walling			12/22	Bryce Smith Jason Wilson	12/30	Cheryl Aaron
						12/31	Calia Worley



December

ANNIVERSARIES

12/1	Jimmy & Jill Weir	12/14	Bryan & Lauren Young	12/20	Mark & Robbi Stokes
12/5	Greg & Jane Sosebee	12/17	Jay & Alice Kennedy Wes & Judy Koch	12/22	Eric & Elizabeth Bost Darrel & Lanie Hedrick
12/8	Jason & Stella Hudak	12/18	Andy & Reagan Blondeau Michael & Helen Steele Pat & Lisa Street	12/23	Michael & Jeannie Bailey
12/10	Eddie & Megan Chavis			12/26	John & Claudette Bennett Hugh & Peggy Garner
12/14	Philip & Meri Kate Marcum				



Fort Hill Presbyterian Church's

Great Cloud of Witnesses

It is not too late to submit your stewardship pledge for 2019, if you have not already done so. You can either place your pledge card in the offering plate on Sunday, mail it to Lori Houck, or pledge online.

To pledge online, go to the following web address:

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

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A green poster with a white snowflake border. The background has a subtle pattern of white swirls and snowflakes. The text is in white. The main title is "Caroling at Clemson Downs" in a large, serif font. Below it is "Sunday, 12.16.2018 at 3:00 pm" in a bold, sans-serif font. At the bottom, there are two lines of smaller text: "Carpool to Clemson Downs to sing carols." and "Then return to The Nest for cookies and cocoa."/>

Caroling at Clemson Downs

Sunday, 12.16.2018 at 3:00 pm

Carpool to Clemson Downs to sing carols.
Then return to The Nest for cookies and cocoa.