

The Window

March 2019

Message From the Pastor

Lent; a Journey to the Cross

On Ash Wednesday, March 6 at 7:00pm we gather as followers of Jesus in the Sanctuary to be marked with the sign of ashes. Our new life in Christ begins with the work of repentance and the realization that we are mortal and fallible. We acknowledge that all have sinned and fallen short of God's glory. Acutely aware of our failure and frailty, we express our utter reliance on God's saving grace alone.

We walk with Jesus in the weeks ahead to once again take the difficult steps toward his own betrayal, death, and resurrection.

Along the way we will take time to examine ourselves, pray, and prepare for the holiest of times as Jesus faces the cross and does so in our stead. This year Lenten devotionals will be available each Sunday for the week ahead so you may pray daily in the spirit of this season.

Our Book of Common Worship describes Lent and the period of forty days as significant. "Lent is a period of forty days—like the flood of Genesis, Moses' sojourn at Sinai, Elijah's journey to Mount Horeb, Jonah's call to repentance to Ninevah, and Jesus' time of testing in the wilderness."

Lent is a time for us to all reflect deeply on our identity as baptized disciples. And it is a time for reconciliation—our reconciliation with God and one another through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

So join in on the journey with other pilgrims in the faith. And just for fun, come celebrate with a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on March 5 at 5:30pm. Our own little Mardi Gras, fat Tuesday, to experience joy, before entering the somber season of Lent.

God Blessings be Yours,

Rev. Laura Conrad, Pastor



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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.

Weekly Lectionary Scriptures

3/3 Transfiguration of the Lord

Exod. 34:29-35; Ps. 99;
2 Cor. 3:12-4:2;
Luke 9:28-36 (37-43)

3/10 1st Sunday in Lent

Deut. 26:1-11; Ps. 91:1-2, 9-16;
Rom. 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13

3/17 2nd Sunday in Lent

Gen. 15:1-12, 17-18; Ps. 27;
Phil. 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35

3/24 3rd Sunday in Lent

Isa. 55:1-9; Ps. 63:1-8;
1 Cor. 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

3/31 4th Sunday in Lent

Josh. 5:9-12; Ps. 32; 2 Cor. 5:16-21;
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32



April 2019

The Window Deadline

The deadline for articles, announcements, and features for the April issue of *The Window* is Friday, March 15th.

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.

Choir Corner

Many of you have probably played with a Bop It at some time in your life. It is an audio toy/game where play consists of following a series of commands issued through speakers on the toy. The one I have has a "twist it" on one end, a "pull it" on the other, and a "bop it" in the middle. You start it and you hear a sound for the bop, one for the pull, and another for the twist. Whatever you hear is what you do. If you are too slow (like me) or perform the incorrect task, it basically says "AWWWW"! Once you have practiced a bit, you do begin to get the hang of it. The better you respond, the faster it goes. It is challenging and fun. Our young folks can master it fairly easily and quickly!



Sometimes as the year progresses, it feels as if I am "bopping" at everything, trying to get it all done correctly and in the order given. It can be exhilarating or it can be frustrating. And yes, I do hear that "AWWWW" many times. It could be because I allow too many other voices to get in the way of God's voice. But when I take time to reflect and listen for God's voice, I can hear a hushed "AHHH".

As we enter the season of Lent this month with our Ash Wednesday service on March 6, I hope to be a better listener in preparing my heart and mind for this season. Hopefully, the bops, twists, and pulls of life will be managed better and I will welcome time for calm and reflection in the journey with Christ to the cross. As we sing hymns, listen to anthems or organ pieces, may we remember all Christ has done for us, and the unconditional love he has for us. And may we hear that still and calm "AHHH".

Smiling-n-singing,

Margaret

Fort Hill Presbyterian Spring Children's Events

All events located in the Nest unless otherwise noted

- 2019 Parent Meeting: Sunday, March 3rd 2pm Tartan Hall
- March 17th: Family Movie Night! "Prince of Egypt" 5-7pm
- Parents' Night Out! March 29th 5:30-8pm (\$15 ea. or \$30 per family) (Ages 3-12)
- Spring Social at Clemson Downs: April 7th 2-3:30pm at Corley Room at Clemson Downs
- Children's Worship Service: April 28th
- Vacation Bible School: Week of June 24th

Weekly Activities include W.O.W. (Worship on Wednesday) at 5pm & S.O.S (Sharing on Sunday) at 9:30am both in the Nest



Inside the “Den”

When Home is the Mouth of a Shark

When the magi had departed, an angel from the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Get up. Take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod will soon search for the child in order to kill him.” Joseph got up and, during the night, took the child and his mother to Egypt. — Matthew 2:13-14

One of the most powerful stories of Jesus’ life is perhaps one he does not remember. His mother pulls him close to protect his face from the cold night air as they leave Bethlehem under cover of darkness. They flee with only what they can carry on their backs. Home is now a shattered mirror. Judah is now a place that leaves a bitter taste in their mouths.

I can’t help but wonder if Jesus’ first memory, first steps, first word took place in Egypt while his parents did everything in their power to keep him out of the reach of a maniacal Herod. This holy refugee family had the unimaginable task of raising the Messiah in exile.

Recently I heard someone read a poem entitled “Home” by Warsan Shire, a British-Somali poet. Drawing from her own experience, she explores the trauma of exile with these moving words:

no one leaves home unless
home is the mouth of a shark.
you only run for the border
when you see the whole city
running as well.

As I heard these words, I felt an immediate connection to Jesus’ own story. These could easily have been the words of Mary, the lament of Joseph. I invite you to join me in praying for all the people around the world and those right here in our backyard for whom “home is the mouth of a shark.” And may we continue to make a difference in this community through our work with organizations like Safe Harbor, Our Daily Rest, Family Promise and others who work to create a safe place for people to call “home.”

Joyfully,

Dana

Sunday Servants

Pastor on Call

3/3	Dana Waters
3/10	Mary Morrison
3/17	Dana Waters
3/24	Laura Conrad
3/31	Mary Morrison

Elder at the Font—8:30 Service

3/3	Joan Borick
3/10	Tim Howard
3/17	Kenny Mohr
3/24	Linda Parsons
3/31	Dusty Oates

Elder at the Font—10:45 Service

3/3	Paul Durland
3/10	Chuck Moede
3/17	Raymond MacKay
3/24	Todd Latiff
3/31	Ronda Ricks



The Clemson Free Clinic— An Opportunity to Volunteer and Give

The Clemson Free Clinic was established by concerned citizens and medical professionals to meet the needs of the medically under-served in Clemson, Central, Six Mile & Pendleton. Clemson Free Clinic’s mission is to provide quality free medical care and pharmaceuticals with compassion and dignity to individuals between the ages of 12 and 64:

- Who are not eligible for Medicaid, Medicare or any other health insurance.
- Who are residents of Clemson, Pendleton, Central or Six Mile, and
- Whose total household income is at or below the federal poverty level.

The Clinic is located at 1200 Tiger Boulevard, between Clemson City Hall and the City of Clemson Police Department. To reach the Clinic by phone, call 864-654-8277. Free clinic hours are from 5pm to 8pm Wednesdays, by appointment only. The clinic depends on public donations and volunteers to continue its medical mission. If you would like to consider donating to this worthy cause, please visit:

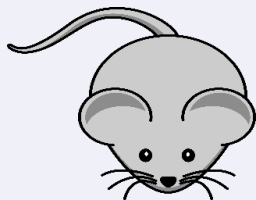
<https://clemsonfreeclinic.org/donate/>

or contact the Clinic directly to see how you might support its public outreach.

Meeting human needs is something that the Fort Hill family does so well. Thanks to all who have helped me as I continue to recover from recent surgery. The cards, emails, visits, and your prayers.... I can’t tell you how much they have helped Chip and me get through a difficult time, a time that included the death of our brother-in-law, Ron Dean. We are so grateful to be a part of our church family!

Diane Egan

Church Mouse



Oh my, SO much went on around at Christmas. One of my favorite times is The Service of Lessons and Carols. So, the **Chancel Choir (29 members), Chancel Bells (13 members), Strong Praises And Singers (17) plus Andrew Knauer & Clay Mohr (percussion), Mandy Hayes (violin), & Marion Sieffert (piano)** all helped to provide the wonderful music that I love to hear. At the early Christmas Eve Service, the storytellers were **Hallie Conrad, Clay Mohr, & Katherine Whisler**.

94 Christ Child Boxes (2,051 lbs. & \$677.26) were filled and donated to the Clemson Community Care – I was so impressed watching all those boxes leaving that would help to provide food for the needy. Wow what a wonderful Christmas season with so much to be thankful for.

Art Williams, Nancy Spitler, Greg & Cathy Morton, Lin Dearing, Rose Ross, Jay Jones, Hack Trammell, Dusty Oates, Larry Sloan, Ben Sill, Lori Houck, Marcia Barker, Tom H. and Rev. Michael Sanchez are all on the Crucial Calling Committee to help raise financial support the efforts of PSA.

Communion in January preparation was done by **Robin Denny** and served by **Marlene Nicholas, Susan Brown, Helen Wooten, Chuck & Nina Moede, Melanie Job, Todd Latiff, Katherine Sosebee, Gregg & Cathy Morton, LeAnne Greene, & Joan Borick**. But in February preparation was done by **Jerry & Pam Waddle** and served by **Mac Martin, Rhonda Ricks, Katherine Whisler, Amy Elrod, Josh Young, Laura & Dick Shick, Elyse Hollingsworth, Sydney & Robin Weeks, Lisa Britt, & Greg Bearden**.

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News from Presbyterian Women

Family Promise

We need lots of volunteers to care for our Family Promise families from March 3-10! PW volunteers are the backbone of this very successful and much needed local ministry here at our own church! Please sign up to: prepare meals, shop for food, be hospitality & activity hosts, prepare Saturday breakfast, help set-up the bedrooms, restore the classrooms when our guests depart, spend the night, or do the laundry! There is a job that is just perfect for you! Contact Mary Barron (864)885-9342 or Linda Gahan (864)654-2953 for more information.

Spring & Summer Clothing Drive for Mission Haven

Ladies, spring & summer will be here soon! PW is collecting gently-used clothing for women, men, & children beginning March 1, 2019. You may bring the bags of your clothing to the PW Collection Room in the Dungeon. Please do not leave clothing in the FHOG office.

Contact persons: Susan Beckwith (864) 654-3337, **Joan Dixon** (864) 654-1065, and **Gensie Waldrop** (864) 888-7954.

Presbyterian Women's Birthday Luncheon

Come one and all to the Annual PW Birthday Luncheon / Celebration to be held at FHPC on Saturday, May 4, 2019! All are invited to this special gathering. Our speaker, Laura Conrad, will share highlights from her 2018 Sabbatical. Also, please come prepared to contribute to the **Birthday Luncheon Offering**. Donations will go towards projects chosen by PW, fulfilling our mission to improve the lives of others.

Contact persons: Pam Waddle pam.waddle@yahoo.com; **Donna Crader** dbcraider@bellsouth.net; or **Barbara Madison** barbara.madison@mindspring.com.

Valentines for FHPC College Students

Thank you to all of the Fort Hill Presbyterian volunteers who brought donations of gift cards to put into the Valentines for our six FHPC college students! These cards were either mailed or hand-delivered to brighten their lives on Valentine's Day with a sentiment of affection from our church. We also send a big THANK YOU to Rebecca Ackerman for heading up the **Valentine's For College Students Project**, the youth for making the Valentine's cards, & Dana Waters for his supervision. Thanks for sharing your love!

PW Women's Retreat a Big Success!

The PW retreat was held on Saturday, February 2, 2019 at the historic old Richland Presbyterian Church. We were joined with women from Westminster Presbyterian & Richland Presbyterian churches. Our Speaker, Rev. Dr. Charles Dougherty, brightened our day with his humorous stories and "good, clean humor." The participants enjoyed baked goods, a delicious catered meal, fellowship, and spiritual nourishment.

Upcoming Events

March 3-10, 2019
May 4, 2019
April 26, 2019

Family Promise at FHPC
PW Birthday Luncheon
Columbia Friendship Circle
(coordinator: Nan Jones 864-654-1539 or jones4927@bellsouth.net)

Mary Barron, PW Publicity Chairman

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

The Fellowship Ministry invites you to a Shrove Tuesday Pancake dinner on **Tuesday, March 5th at 5:30pm in Tartan Hall**. Shrove Tuesday is the day before Lent starts on Ash Wednesday. The name Shrove comes from the old middle English word "Shriven", meaning to go to confession to say sorry for the wrong things you've done. Lent always starts on a Wednesday, so people went to confessions the day before. This became known as Shriven Tuesday and then Shrove Tuesday.



The other name for this day, Pancake Day, comes from the old English custom of using up all the fattening ingredients in the house before Lent, so that people were ready to fast during Lent. The fattening ingredients that most people had in their homes in those days were eggs and milk. A very simple recipe to use up these ingredients was to combine them with some flour and make pancakes!

In other countries Shrove Tuesday is known as "Mardi Gras". This means "Fat Tuesday" in French and also comes from the idea of using up food before Lent. Many countries round the world have Mardi Gras celebrations and carnivals. Some of the most famous are in Rio de Janeiro in Brazil, New Orleans in the US, Venice in Italy, and Sydney in Australia.

Please RSVP with the number of your party to camille.schatzle@forthillchurch.org by noon on Monday, March 4th.

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In January **Michael A. Sanchez** was ordained as a Minister of the Word and Sacrament with **Johnny & the Tulips** playing the Prelude. **Rev. Katie, Hicks (Guest of Commission and Preacher), Beth Neidenbach, Tim Wayman, Rev. Erin Farry, Andy Ackerman & Rev. Dr. Al Masters** were the Commission from Foothills Presbytery.

So many servants to thank for all they do at Fort Hill.

Off to see what the PW left behind in the kitchen after
Circle this week....



The Koonce family on the death of **JoAnn Koonce** on January 30th.

Chip & Diane Egan on the death of Diane's brother-in-law, Ron Dean, on February 1st.

Charlotte Grusso on the death of her sister-in-law, Barbara Grusso, on February 5th.

Steve & Ethel Pettigrew on the death of Steve's uncle, Billy Frank Willis, on February 5th.

Mark & Robbie Stokes and **Tripp & Necia Ross** on the death of Mark's father and Necia's grandfather, James Stokes, on February 7th.

Robin Denny on the death of her father, Sheridan Denny, on Feb. 15th.

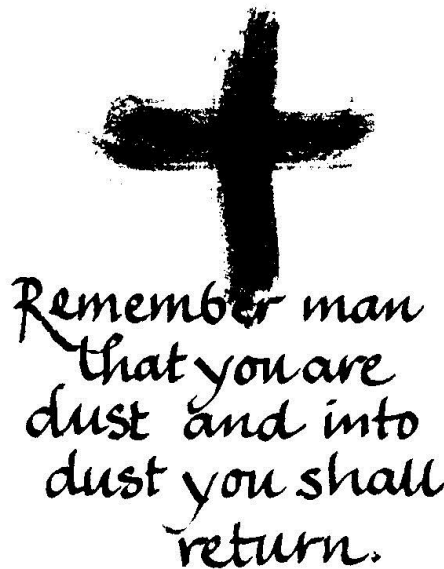
Beth Wilkinson on the death of her husband, Bob, on February 19th.

Ash Wednesday Worship

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent. The name comes from the tradition of putting a small cross of ash on peoples' foreheads at Ash Wednesday church services. This is a sign of confession and helps people remember that they rely on God for forgiveness from their sins. It is still done in some churches today. The Ash sometimes comes from palm branches that were burned after the Palm Sunday service the previous year.

Ash is used because it is a symbol of death, because all bodies turn to ash or dust in the end. It helps Christians remember that Lent is about preparing to remember that Jesus died.

<https://www.whyehaster.com/customs/ashwednesday.shtml>



2019 Scholar in Residence is The Reverend Dr. Robert Williamson, Jr.



Plan now to expand your understanding of these five books of the Bible: Song of Songs, Ruth, Lamentations, Ecclesiastes, and Esther with our **2019 Scholar in Residence, the Rev. Dr. Robert Williamson, Jr.** Come and learn as Dr. Williamson shares his new book, *The Forgotten Books of the Bible: Recovering the Five Scrolls for Today*.

On **Saturday and Sunday, March 16-17**, Dr. Williamson will lead us through historical and contemporary implications of these Scriptures. In preparation for his visit several groups will begin studying his book so that engaging discussion will ensue when he is here. Book studies will be offered through the Wednesday Morning Bible Study beginning, March 6 at 10:00 AM in the Club Room, and with the Sojourners on Sunday morning at 9:30 in the Club Room beginning March 3.

Mark your calendar to attend on Saturday, March 16 and Sunday, March 17. **Please also RSVP by March 13 for meals and sessions you plan to attend.** The RSVP date for childcare is March 10. See the accompanying box with schedule for the weekend and instructions on how to RSVP. This year the schedule includes all daytime presentations and lunch on both days. The Adult Ministry Team of the Discipleship Ministry hosts this special opportunity for all of Fort Hill and the surrounding community.

Dr. Williamson is better known as Bobby to Fort Hill and the Clemson community, since he is the son of Bob and Eva Williamson and was raised in the church and PSA here. After completing his bachelors degree at Clemson University, Bobby received a Masters of Divinity from Columbia Theological Seminary in Atlanta, a post-graduate diploma in Jewish Studies from Oxford University (UK), and a Ph.D. in Hebrew Bible with distinction from Emory University in Atlanta.

In a recent interview Bobby shared more details about his experiences in writing *The Forgotten Books of the Bible*. Enjoy learning more about our 2019 Scholar in Residence.

Q: What circumstances led you to write *The Forgotten Books of the Bible—Recovering the Five Scrolls for Today*?

A: Since I was in seminary I have had an interest in these five books. I first studied Lamentations with Dr. Kathleen O'Connor, who was working on what she calls a "theology of witness" in Lamentations—that sometimes what people need most in times of trauma or loss is simply for someone to recognize their pain and acknowledge it. While Lamentations doesn't give lots of easy answers, I've found that it does open up important conversations about life and death, about pain and loss, and about God's role in all that. But rather than rushing us to conclusions, Lamentations encourages us to struggle together with things we often have trouble talking about in church.

That's one thing I love about all of these books. They touch on some of the core issues of what it means to be human, and they offer perspectives that may be in tension with what we tend to think the Bible "ought to say." My teacher Walter Brueggemann says that the Bible is a collection of often-conflicting testimonies about who God is. If we aren't reading and engaging these books, then we are leaving important voices out of the conversation.

Q: How does all of that interface with your ministry at Mercy Community Church in Little Rock?

A: Mercy Church is a worshiping community that welcomes all people, but especially those who live on the streets. Like these five books of the Bible, the people who come to Mercy often find their voices pushed to the side and ignored by those of us at the center. I think that's the connection, as I try to show in the the introduction to the book. God consistently calls me to value the voices on the margins, whether the voices of homeless people or of biblical books at the edge of the canon. I'm not sure why God has placed that call on me, but it is a consistent theme in my life and work.

Q: Which of the five scrolls do you think is hardest for the Church to hear today?

A: The one I've had the most push back about is the Song of Songs—and in some ways that has surprised me. I suggest in the book that the Song of Songs is a biblical voice that celebrates human sexuality, and that seems to make some people pretty nervous! In my experience, our society tends to approach sexuality either by objectifying it or by being ashamed of it. It's hard for us to think about sexuality as a good gift of a good Creator, meant to be celebrated

and enjoyed. But the Song of Songs wants us to do exactly that. It invites us to talk about sex and sexuality and human bodies in positive, appreciative ways. For some of us in the church, that can be quite a struggle.

Q: What book was most surprising to you in writing *The Forgotten Books of the Bible*?

A: *Ecclesiastes* was probably the most surprising—not the book itself, but that I came to a different understanding than I had previously. I worked on *Ecclesiastes* in my dissertation, and I always found it pretty depressing. Basically, the book points out that we all die and will eventually be forgotten, so in the big picture our lives don't add up to much. But writing this book, I realized that what *Ecclesiastes* is trying to show us is that "What has my life added up to?" is the wrong question. The famous poem in *Ecclesiastes* 3 says that life moves in opposite seasons—a time to be born and a time to die, a time to laugh and a time to weep, a time to mourn and a time to dance, and so on. If you try to add that up those experiences, they cancel each other out and you end up with zero. But birth and death, laughter and tears, dancing and mourning—that's not nothing. That's everything. That's the stuff that life is made of. So "What does it add up to" is the wrong question. The better question is "How can I find the joy in whatever season of life I am in right now?" You know it can't last forever. You know another season will come. But you can learn to appreciate the moments as they come.

Q: What is the next project you are working on?

A: Right now I'm working on a book for Abilene Christian University Press that tries to explain the theology of Walter Brueggemann to a lay audience.

Q: That will be an interesting read, but what do you want to write about next?

A: The book that seems to want to come out of me next is related to the work on the book *Revelation* that I presented at Fort Hill several years ago. That work feels really urgent right now. That may seem odd since my field is really Hebrew Bible [Old Testament], but I enjoy thinking and writing about the whole Bible. One of the nice things about teaching at a liberal arts college instead of in a more specialized program is that there's a lot of freedom to write about what I want to write about. So I'll write about what inspires me.

Robert Williamson, Jr. (PhD, Emory University) is associate professor of religious studies at Hendrix College and founding pastor of Mercy Community Church of Little Rock, a multi-denominational worshipping community that welcomes all people, especially those living on the streets. www.robertwilliamsonjr.com

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Praise for *The Forgotten Books of the Bible: Recovering the Five Scrolls for Today* by Robert Williamson, Jr.

"This book is at the same time a summons, an invitation, and an aid to remembering what we have forgotten about the biblical text. Williamson's work teems with compelling contemporaneity!"

Walter Brueggemann
COLUMBIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

"Reading the five scrolls in the company of human suffering, doubt, and protest, Williamson shows why the ancient writings continue to console, to question, and to cry; their words, and his, deserve to be heard."

Amy-Jill Levine
VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

"In *Forgotten Books of the Bible*, Robert Williamson Jr. calls out to those who have been displaced into the shadowy margins of our narratives and makes their voices come alive. While our commentaries often ignore, wash out, or flatten texts and characters, Williamson listens to their perspectives, recognizes their color, and introduces their three-dimensional personalities."

Carol Howard Merritt
AUTHOR OF HEALING SPIRITUAL WOUNDS: RECONNECTING WITH A LOVING GOD AFTER
EXPERIENCING A HURTFUL CHURCH

The Adult Ministry Team

Vernon Burton, Beth Griffin, Ronda Ricks, Sally Martin, Linda Parsons, Jacquie Worley, Mary Morrison-staff

2019 Scholar in Residence Schedule

The Forgotten Books of the Bible: Recovering the Five Scrolls for Today

Saturday, March 16

10:30 AM-10:45	Welcome / Overview
10:45 AM-12:00 noon	(1) Song of Songs: The Gift of Human Sexuality
12:00 noon-12:45 PM	Lunch
12:45-2:00 PM	(2) Ruth: Welcoming the Stranger in our Midst

Sunday, March 17

9:30 AM-10:30 AM	(3) Lamentations: Trauma Has Many Voices
Noon-12:30 PM	Lunch
12:30-1:45 PM	(4) Ecclesiastes: Mortality and the Meaning of Life
1:45-3:00 PM	(5) Esther: Resisting Ethnic Nationalism

All sessions and meals take place in Tartan Hall on both days.

2019 Scholar in Residence Reservation Form

Please place the number (#) of people in the blanks beside those portions you plan to attend. By noting a number next to the lunches, you commit to paying \$5 per person per meal. **Please RSVP for childcare by March 10 and lunches and sessions by March 13.** Return your Reservation Form to the church office or send via email to Camille.schatzle@forthillchurch.org.

Name(s) _____

Email _____ Phone _____

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Sunday, March 17

9:30 AM-10:30 AM	_____ (3) Lamentations: Trauma Has Many Voices
Noon-12:30 PM	_____ Lunch
12:30-1:45 PM	_____ (4) Ecclesiastes: Mortality and the Meaning of Life
1:45-3:00 PM	_____ (5) Esther: Resisting Ethnic Nationalism

Childcare RSVP: Please list names and ages of children and write in which sessions they will be present.

Child 1 _____

Child 2 _____

Child 3 _____

Child 4 _____

A Note from the Finance Ministry

Here is a summary of the 2019 budget passed by Session.

A copy of the line item budget is available upon request from Lori Houck at lori.houck@forthillchurch.org.

Bridging Generations Update:

Pledged giving for January was \$1,571.66. Non-pledged giving was \$1,878, memorial giving was \$20,480, and interest income of \$2.47 for a total of \$23,932.53. Loan principle: \$564,502.

General Fund Income

General Fund Contributions	\$831,765
Non-Pledged General Fund Contributions	\$111,700
Building Usage Fees	\$13,000
Transfers from Campaign Special Funds	\$7,200
Total Income	\$963,665

General Fund Expenses

Board of Deacons	\$1,575
Buildings & Grounds	\$105,182
Mission Outreach (includes Christian Action & University Ministry)	\$106,384
Discipleship	\$22,175
Congregational Fellowship	\$6,800
Finance (includes renovation loan payments)	\$34,550
Membership	\$1,550
Personnel (includes salaries / benefits all staff)	\$606,898
Program Support	\$52,391
Planning (includes Crucial Calling Campaign expenses)	\$12,950
Worship	\$13,210
Total Expenses	\$963,665

February Fort Hill Church Activities

Friday, March 1

6:30 pm Coffee House & Variety Show—Tartan Hall

Saturday, March 2

11:00 am Funeral for JoAnn Koonce—Sanctuary

Sunday, March 3– Sunday, March 10

Family Promise

Sunday, March 3

2:00 pm Children's Ministry Parent Meeting—Tartan Hall
3:00 pm Confirmation Class—Nest

Monday, March 4

12:00 pm PW Circle 1—Club Room
3:00 pm PW Circle of Hope—Clemson Downs Corley Center
5:30 pm Disaster / Emergency Task Force—Conference Room

Tuesday, March 5

8:00 am Men of the Church Breakfast—Sunnyside Café
11:00 am Funeral for Bob Wilkinson—Sanctuary
4:00 pm Planning Meeting—Conference Room
5:30 pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper—Tartan Hall
6:00 pm Christian Action Ministry—Library
7:00 pm Youth Ministry—Den
Personnel & Program Support Meeting—Conference Rm

Wednesday, March 6

7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Worship Service—Sanctuary

Thursday, March 7

12:00 pm Blue Ridge Council Scouting Kick-Off Lunch—Club Room

Saturday, March 9

9:00 am Session Retreat—Club Room

Sunday, March 10

PSA Sunday & First Sunday of Lent

12:00 pm Children's Ministry Team—Conference Room
3:00 pm Confirmation Class—Nest

Sunday, March 10–Saturday, March 16

Laura will attend a Continuing Education Roundtable in Seattle, WA

Monday, March 11

9:30 am PW Trinity Circle—Club Room

Tuesday, March 12

12:00 pm Discipleship Ministry—Conference Room
3:00 pm Building & Grounds—Club Room
5:45 pm Music Committee—Conference Room
6:30 pm Worship Ministry—Conference Room
Finance Meeting—Club Room
Adult Ministry—E209
7:30 pm Circle 2 (TWOesday EVEning Circle) - Library

Friday, March 15–Sunday, March 17

Mini Montreat—Senior High Youth Trip

Saturday, March 16–Sunday, March 17

Scholar in Residence—Bobby Williamson—Tartan Hall

Sunday, March 17

3:00 pm Confirmation Class—Nest

Sunday, March 17–Friday, March 22

PSA Spring Mission Trip—New Orleans

Monday, March 18

10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry—Home of Hazel Sparks

Tuesday, March 19

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

Wednesday, March 20

12:00 pm Pastor Lunch at Foothills Retirement Community

Friday, March 22

4:00 pm Boy Scouts BBQ—Parking Lot / Porte cochere

Sunday, March 24

3:00 pm Confirmation Class—Nest

Tuesday, March 26

4:00 pm Crucial Calling Campaign Team Meeting—Club Room
5:30 pm Membership Ministry—Conference Room

Friday, March 29

5:30 pm Parents' Night Out—Nest

Sunday, March 31

6:30 pm Crucial Calling Capital Campaign Congregational Dinner

Recurring Weekly Activities

Sunday

8:30 am Worship Service — Tartan Hall
9:30 am Bridge Classes
10:45 am Worship Service — Sanctuary
12:00 pm Johnny & The Tulips Rehearsal—Nest (2nd & 4th Sundays)
2:00 pm NAMI—Club Room
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 — Student Center

Monday

4:00 pm Girl Scouts — Education Building

6:30 pm Boy Scouts — Club Room/Tartan Hall
6:45 pm Lydia's 9-5 Ladies—The Gathering Place
7:00 pm College Bible Study—Student Center

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
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 (Gr. K-3) — E209
6:45 pm Singers of Christ Choir (Gr. 4-8) — E209

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.

March

Birthdays



3/1	Jake Alexander Amy Elrod Andrew Latiff	3/14	Julianna Ellis Garland Gravely Christine Hughes Kathy Hughes
3/2	Bridget Trogden Margaret Thompson Katherine Whisler	3/17	Philip Marcum
3/3	Caroline Dawson Peggy Mowrey	3/18	Elizabeth Reimer
3/4	Caroline Hunter Dewayne Lawson	3/19	Raymond MacKay Necia Ross Katie Wilson
3/5	Luke Artigliere Mike Moore George Rodgers	3/20	Rita Greagan Kira Waters
3/6	Bitsy Barkley Mary Elizabeth McDaniel Dusty Oates Bob Wilkinson	3/21	Larry Gahan
3/7	Chase Aaron	3/22	Wayne Madison
3/8	Leland Hawthorne Todd Latiff Maggie Wilson	3/23	David Cundiff Billie Jackson
3/9	John Brown	3/24	Caleb Bailey Turner Hill Hudson Money Emily Poetz Ben Sawyer
3/10	Dylan Bolger Shirley Chappell Nina Moede Barry Robinson	3/26	Elizabeth Crader
3/11	Tom McInnis	3/29	Finley Wiles
3/13	Evelyn Cureton Dulcie Mohr Denny Walling	3/30	Maggie Bandy Sally Martin Gayle McGregor
		3/31	Frances Caskey Beth Fland Scott Thrailkill



March Anniversaries

3/5	Raymond & Margaret MacKay Dana & Kira Waters	3/17	Laurence & Betsy Mudge
3/9	Ed & Shelley Burchfield	3/22	Chuck & Elizabeth Sisson
3/12	Bo Crader & Debbie Vaughn	3/27	Ed & Annette Halbig
		3/31	Don & Cyndi Davis Bob & Becky Fant

Easter Lily Donations

During the season of Easter, lilies will be placed in the church to honor and remember those loved ones. If you would like to contribute to this celebration of the resurrection, please complete the Easter Lily Donation Form in "honor" or "memory" by April 10th, along with a check for \$20 payable to Fort Hill Presbyterian Church.

Any additional funds will be shared with One Great Hour of Sharing PC(USA) program that serves disadvantaged groups who have experienced natural disasters.



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DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH 10
PSA Sunday

MARCH 24
Town Hall Q & A Session
Tartan Hall (following both services)

MARCH 31
Congregational Celebration Dinner
6 p.m., Daniel High School

APRIL 7
Commitment Sunday
Both Services

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