



# The Window

June 2019

## Message From the Pastor

### Thank you! Our Welcome Mat is Out

A couple of weekends ago, I was in the church building and realized that in the course of two days we hosted a wedding and rehearsal, a children’s worship service and rehearsal, a funeral and reception, Sunday classes, and to top it all off, a Foothills Chorale concert and rehearsal.

I was so pleased that so many people’s lives were touched and impacted through the ministry of this church. All of those gatherings took many hours of set up, coordination, preparation, and you made that happen with God’s help. You all gave time, talents, and treasure to God’s work in this place.

A big thank you to Scott Thraikill who, like a church mouse, is unseen but his presence is known. We would really notice if he did not slip in and out to set up and prepare our buildings. Our ministries helped support and organize those meaningful experiences. Our young disciples gave their hearts and minds to prepare worship. Our parents made involvement in the church a priority, fulfilling those baptismal vows. Our Wedding Guild faithfully provided for a celebration that that family will always treasure. Our Worship support, whether ushers or sound technicians or staff leaders, happens weekly and without a hitch—well, usually! People new to town were warmly welcomed by you in the pews in worship. I always hear how friendly our church family is to guests. Our classes are led by devoted leaders and attended by people wanting to grow in their faith and discipleship. Our funeral reception and bereavement support means so much to a family when they have to commend their dear ones to God forever.

And all of that was just one weekend—one snapshot of the Body of Christ, living and serving together in this place. I hope you can appreciate how wonderful that is. I do. In a world where we are less-connected in person and over-connected digitally, how refreshing it is to be in Christian Community. You have open hearts, open minds, and open doors.

Thank you, Fort Hill Family, for inspiring this fellow disciple with your love of Christ and his people.

Together in Faith,

*Laura Smith 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

### 6/2 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:16-34; Ps. 97;  
Rev. 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21;  
John 17:20-26

### 6/9 Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21 or Gen. 11:1-9;  
Ps. 104:24-34, 35b;  
Rom. 8:14-17 or Acts 2:1-21;  
John 14:8-17 (25-27)

### 6/16 Trinity Sunday

Prov. 8:1-4, 22-31; Ps. 8;  
Rom. 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

### 6/23 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 19:1-4 (5-7) 8-15a;  
Ps. 42 and 43; Gal. 3:23-29;  
Luke 8:26-39

### 6/30 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14;  
Ps. 77:1-2, 11-20;  
Gal. 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62

July 2018

### The Window Deadline

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

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.



**Libba Shelton** on the death of her husband, **Jeral Shelton**, on April 20th.

**Amelia Alexander** and **David & Joan Alexander** on the death of Amelia's husband and David's father, **Bill Alexander**, on April 28th.

**Dick & Laura Shick** on the death of Dick's brother, **Chuck Shick**, on April 28th.

**Bob Littleton** on the death of his wife, **Nancy Littleton**, on May 6th.

## Choir Corner

As I write this, I am looking out my office window at the incredible blue sky, the sunshine, and the leaves of the trees blowing gently in the wind. I love nature. It gives me calm, peace, comfort, awe, and assurance of God's presence.

Music is in the midst of God's creations. The wind whistling, the waves roaring, rain tapping on the windows, thunder rumbling, birds singing, children laughing, people crying, the crunch of dry leaves under our feet, and the list goes on.

So many hymns describe nature, and the words stir our souls and remind us of all the blessings around us. One of the places that I experience music in this way is the Montreat Worship & Music Conference. I am thankful to you for allowing me the opportunity to be refreshed and renewed in that place. June 16-22 will be a glorious week there.

It is a joy to walk the grounds around the stream, Lake Susan, Assembly Inn, and the auditorium. From those places you hear the music in games being played by elementary ages, the water of the stream moving along in rhythm, the rehearsals of voices, handbells, and instruments by all ages. Sometimes in between classes, I sit somewhere around Montreat, and I can't help but hum the tunes of hymns like: *This is My Father's World, All Creatures of Our God and King, I Danced in the Morning, Fairest Lord Jesus, I Sing the Mighty Power of God, or How Great Thou Art* (an appropriate one since Billy Graham and George Beverly Shea lived in Montreat).

Some Sunday morning when Judy, Becky, or another individual is playing a prelude, open your hymnal and read the words of a hymn describing God's creation. I am sure your heart will be warmed and made ready for worship. Music is God's gift to us all. Thanks be to God.

Smiling-n-Singing

The Chancel Choir has a well-deserved break from June 30-July 31. This is a wonderful time for others to share their gifts. Please let me know if you are interested.

## Inside the "Den"

### Mondays are MARVELOUS and Wednesdays are WILD this summer!

Now that school is out and summer has begun, we are excited to offer two weekly events for youth (rising 6th grade through graduated 12th grade) all summer long!

Join us for lunch at a Clemson-area restaurant each week on Marvelous Mondays. This will be an opportunity for Fort Hill youth to have a time of fellowship together around a meal. We'll announce locations each week, so stay tuned for more info throughout the summer!

We are also excited to be partnering with other Clemson-area churches to put on Wild Wednesdays again this summer. We will meet at the First Baptist Church gym at 6:00pm for dinner, games, and prayer, and wrap up at 8:00pm.

And, of course, we are looking forward to our big trips this summer, too! We'll be taking a youth trip to Frankie's Fun Park on Wednesday, June 5 to kick off Wild Wednesdays. We're also sending groups to Asheville, Charleston, and El Faro for mission work and our senior highs to the Montreat Youth Conference.

This summer will be wild, marvelous, and full of adventure!

Joyfully,

# Children's Ministry News



This month our Children's Ministry will be joining with First Baptist Church of Clemson to host our 4th annual joint Vacation Bible School.

This year our theme is God is our Shelter, following previous years' themes of water and food. We will be exploring Bible stories including: The Garden of Eden, Noah's Ark, Jesus' Birth, and the Parable of the House on the Rock.

Through community partners like Family Promise and Habitat for Humanity we will look at how God provides shelter for others, often through servants like us, and how God is a shelter to us. We will also have visits from our local Humane Society and Department of Natural Resources to learn how God provides shelter for animals too!

We will take donations throughout the week for each of our partners. The week will be filled with music, crafts, games, hands-on exploration, and lots of learning.

Vacation Bible School will be held Monday, June 24th—Thursday, June 27th. On Friday, June 28th, our 3rd-5th graders will have the opportunity to work on a project for Family Promise, while our K5-2nd graders work on a mission project for some of our local creatures.

*Miss Katie*

## Presbyterian Student Association

### PSA Beach Week

This last month the students of PSA got the chance to take a break and relax after a long and stressful year. A group of 12 wonderful students and I packed up and headed out for PSA's annual Beach Week!

The week consisted of cooking and eating meals together, volleyball, soccer, sun tanning, mini golf, a few laughs, and lots of quality time together. Over the week many students had to head home early for a variety of reasons, including graduation.



We had 6 seniors graduate and join the ranks of the PSA alums. We are so thankful for their time in PSA as well as at the beach week this year!

It is sad to see all the students head out from Clemson for the summer and disperse across the country, but it is going to be amazing to hear about all the cool stuff the students will be doing this summer.

*Michael*

## Sunday Servants

### Pastor on Call

6/2 Mary Morrison  
6/9 Laura Conrad  
6/16 Mary Morrison  
6/23 Dana Waters  
6/30 Mary Morrison

### Elder at the Font—8:30 Service

6/2 Art Williams  
6/9 Ellen Ackerman  
6/16 Beth Durham  
6/23 Mark Kwist  
6/30 Caroline Thomas

### Elder at the Font—10:45 Service

6/2 Josh Young  
6/9 Denise Anderson  
6/16 Annette Halbig  
6/23 Tom Shealy  
6/30 Robin Weeks



## Celebrating 90 Years or More!

Congregation, please join the Deacons immediately after the 10:45 worship service on June 2nd in the Arcade to celebrate those members who will turn 90 years old, or more, this year.

There will be punch and cookies, and you will have the opportunity to meet and congratulate them on their long lives.

If you are in the "90+ Club," please let us know that you will attend by contacting Camille Schatzle at the church.

# Crucial Calling



Endowing  
the Future of  
Presbyterian  
Campus  
Ministry  
at Clemson

**Following is a snapshot of the Crucial Calling Campaign as of May 14.**  
*Pledges and Gifts from the congregation and outside the church in support of the Crucial Calling Campaign and the PSA Endowment now total \$1,277,155!*

General Campaign Proceeds to Date	\$ 1,190,730
Less Campaign Expenses	<u>46,104</u>
Net Proceeds	\$ 1,144,626
<b>Less PSA Operating Expenses for up to 5 years</b>	<b><u>200,000</u></b>
	\$ 944,626
Less 10% for Bridging Generations Campaign <b>Debt Reduction</b>	<b><u>94,463</u></b>
Endowment Proceeds pledged to Date	\$ 850,163
Contributions from PSA Alums to Endowment	38,900
Memorials & Gifts to Endowment	<u>47,525</u>
<b>PSA Endowment Proceeds pledged to Date</b>	<b>\$ 936,588</b>

- The Campaign now shifts to Phase II which will continue outreach activities outside the walls of Fort Hill Church and include follow up initiatives within the congregation.
- It is important to note three major accomplishments thus far:
  1. \$200,000 will now be available to support PSA annual operating expenses for the next five years;
  2. \$94,463 in proceeds will be applied to reduce debt from the *Bridging Generations Campaign*;
  3. \$936,588 of our \$1.6 million goal has been pledged so far to create an endowment to support PSA. Fundraising to support an endowment like this never ends!
- Additional updates will be provided as significant campaign milestones are met.

# News from Presbyterian Women

## May Magazine Collections for Campbell Veterans Hospital and Harris Psychiatric Hospital

Thank you to everyone who donated magazines, books, and puzzles for **Campbell Veterans Hospital** and **Harris Psychiatric Hospital**. We will continue taking contributions through June. Your support for this worthwhile project is appreciated!

## Box Tops for Education and Paper Projects for Helping Hands

Please continue to collect Box Tops for Education for Thornwell. Place your labels in the basket provided in the kitchen opposite the FHOG Office.

Bring paper goods to donate to **Helping Hands** to the Collections Room in the "dungeon" at the base of the stairs opposite the Club Room.

## PW Spring Birthday Luncheon

Our PW Spring Birthday Luncheon on Saturday, May 4, 2019, was a big success! Many thanks to Barbara Madison, Pam Waddle, Donna Crader, and their team of volunteers for their leadership in organizing and implementing the arrangements for this much anticipated spring event! We shared many delicious salads prepared by the women of the church, and enjoyed the fellowship with our PW sisters.

Reverend Laura Conrad, our lovely & cherished Pastor, shared her 2018 sabbatical experiences, highlighting her study of the history of Christianity throughout Ireland and Europe, and pictures of the sacred places she visited. We really enjoyed the movie Laura put together that allowed us to see her with her family while they traveled in Europe. Laura, we missed you when you were away, but are so glad to have you back with us!

A tradition begun in 1957, and one of the highlights of our PW Birthday Luncheon, is to present our cherished **PW Honorary Life Membership Award** to an outstanding woman or man from our church who demonstrates through word and deed the characteristics of Christian service. The selection process begins with nominations collected throughout the year, the committee meets, makes a choice, and the selection is always shrouded in secrecy until the end of the luncheon. It is always a big surprise! This year our recipient is **Myra Cato! Congratulations, Myra!**

## Clothing Drive for Columbia Theological Seminary

We would like to send a **BIG THANK YOU** to **Joan Dixon, Susan Beckwith, and Gensie Waldrop** for their hours spent sorting and packing clothing for Mission Haven, the resale store for students of Columbia Theological Seminary and their families. Each October and March, PW Women collects in-season clothing to provide tasteful, low-cost clothing for thrifty shoppers. In October, the clothing goes to the Safe Harbor Thrift Store, and in April, the clothing goes to Mission Haven Thrift Store for missionaries home on furlough, and for the seminary students. Thank you for your generous contributions!

*Have a safe and God-filled summer filled with bountiful blessings!*

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## Church Mouse

Oh, my... So much activity has gone on at the church!

Give a shout out (Pastor Dana's sermon in April) to all those who teach in our preschool under the direction of **Dana Armstrong!** Teachers & Assistants are **Jory Feltus, Janet Harrell, Meredith Lecroy, Sharon Match, Kelly McRoberts, Ellison Reid, Natasha Revis, Rebecca Manson-Slater, Jenn Swain, Christy Williamson, & Amy Worley.**

I was so lucky to hitch a ride in Pastor Dana's guitar case for the church picnic at the Clemson Outdoor Lab. Wow, got to hear **Johnny & The Tulips:** Pastor Dana, Ethan Ackerman, Clay Mohr, Caila Worley, Benton Halbig, & guest performer Bill Carnes.

The best Sunday ever was when the young ones did the service on the **Knights of the King & Christ Crusaders** under the direction of **Katie Wilson, Nina & Chuck Moede, Margaret MacKay, Debbie Collins, Elizabeth Bost, Debbie Vaughn, Meredith LeCroy, Julian McLaurin, Laura Sosebee, Bo Crader, & Ally Young.** So many children: Whitney, Hudson, & Lucas Money; Pierce & Addie Harper; Eliza & Grace Bost; Hunter Crenshaw; Adelyn Hudak; Lochlan & Hank McLaurin; Luke & Jacob Poetz; Shuler Wilson; Harrison Steele; Andy Kwist; Miller Gregory; Emily Miller; Kate Hollingsworth; Helen, Henry, & Edward Crader; and Grace Collins.

I do love to hear the chancel bell choir: Linda Davis, Karen Johnson, Nina Moede, Mark Kwist, Rosemary Ross, Caroline Thomas, Beth Weber, Tom & Gensie Waldrop, Jacquie Worley, Marie Turner, & Bridget Trogden.

Laura & Dick Shick coordinated the **Confirmation Classes** with the 8th graders and their covenant partners: Elizabeth Artigliere with Lisa Britt, Sarah DuBose with Audrey Thompson, Mary Limber with Joan Borick, Ransom Broome with Gary Mohr, Sr., Sawyer Hays with Tom Waldrop, Jeb Martin with Bob Stout, Bryce Smith with Ralph Ricks, Alena Nebesky with Suzan Simmons, Mary Kate Turner with Nancy Oates, and Coleman Wright with Bill Cato.

# June Fort Hill Church Activities

## Saturday, June 1

4:00 pm Wedding of Cason/McCraw—Sanctuary

## Sunday, June 2

9:30 am First Sunday Breakfast—Tartan Hall  
11:45 am 90th Birthday Party—Arcade  
Deacon Meeting (following party)—Club Room

## Monday, June 3

6:00 pm Discipleship Ministry—Conference Room

## Tuesday, June 4

8:00 am Men of the Church Breakfast—Village Café in Pendleton  
4:00 pm Planning Meeting—Conference Room  
6:00 pm Christian Action—Library  
7:00 pm Personnel & Program Support—Conference Room  
Fellowship Ministry—Club Room  
Youth Ministry—Den

## Wednesday, June 5

6:00 pm "Life of Paul"—Club Room

## Sunday, June 9–Sunday, June 16

Family Promise

## Tuesday, June 11

3:00 pm Building & Grounds Committee—Club Room  
6:30 pm Worship Ministry—Conference Room;  
Finance Ministry—Club Room; Adult Ministry—E205

## Wednesday, June 12

6:00 pm "Life of Paul"—Club Room

## Sunday, June 16–Friday, June 21

Youth Mission Trip—Asheville, NC

## Sunday, June 16

5:00 pm Family Night—Handicapped Parking Lot

## Monday, June 17

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

## Tuesday, June 18–Saturday, June 29

Life of Paul Pilgrimage to Greece

## Tuesday, June 18

7:00 pm Session Meeting—Club Room

## Monday, June 24–Thursday, June 27

8:00 am Vacation Bible School—First Baptist Church

## Tuesday, June 25

5:30 pm Membership Ministry—Conference Room

## Wednesday, June 26

Wild Wednesday

## Friday, June 28

9:00 am VBS Service Day

## Recurring Weekly Activities

### Sunday

8:30 am Worship Service — Tartan Hall  
9:30 am Sojourners' Class—Club Room  
10:45 am Worship Service — Sanctuary  
2:30 pm Cub Scouts—Ed Bldg (2nd & 4th Sundays)

### Monday

12:00 pm Marvelous Mondays (Youth)  
4:30 pm Girl Scouts—Ed Bldg  
6:30 pm Boy Scouts — Club Room/Tartan Hall  
6:45 pm Lydia's 9-5 Ladies Small Group—Library

### Tuesday

9:45 am Staff Meeting — Conference Room  
5:30 pm Folk Dancing — Tartan Hall

### Wednesday

10:00 am Bible Study—Club Room  
5:00 pm Meet Me @ The Fort—Nest  
6:00 pm Wild Wednesdays (Youth)—1st Baptist Church Gym  
7:30 pm Chancel Choir — Choir Room

## 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.



6/1 Adam & Victoria Artigliere Bill & Joanne Nisonger	6/6 Bill & Amelia Alexander Heath & Lauren Fields	6/18 Larry & Cindy Sloan	6/23 Jim & Mary Dusenberry
6/4 Don & Janna McKale	6/9 Mark & Mary Morrison	6/19 Bob & Nan Jones Barry & Aleta Robinson	6/26 Hugh & Nancy Spitler
6/5 Paul & Debbie Durland	6/10 Chuck & Laura Conrad	6/20 Jason & Sarah Allen Tom & Connie Lawrence John & Sally Martin Tom & Cathy McInnis	6/27 Bob & Susan Brown Dave & Char Harvey Bruce & Laurel Whisler Bob & Eva Williamson
	6/11 Bruce & Harriett Salley John & Marcia Sherman	6/21 Gus & Clarice Gustafson	6/28 Ben & Lois Sill
	6/13 Frank & Rita Van Lenten	6/22 Carl & Theresa Hollingsworth Todd & Catherine Latiff Wes & Jacquie Worley Josh & Ally Young	6/29 Riley & Carol Johnson
	6/14 Jerry & Jean Greene Elbert & Nancy Horton Art & Gail Williams		6/30 Ben & Linda Wofford Mike & Amy Worley
	6/15 Jerry & Joyce Christenbury Guy & Mavis Sabin		



6/1 Bo Crader Julie DuBose Joy Newton	6/5 Shelley Burchfield Marcia Sherman	6/14 Chuck Sisson	6/24 Harrison Wetsel Wes Worley
6/2 Margee Menin Jessica Moyles Brian Mueller Marge Olthoff	6/6 Kip Bagley	6/16 Helen Adams Virginia Ellis Cynthia Gravely Phyllis Guptill Cooper Hays Courtney Money	6/25 Lisbeth Crowther Audrey Thompson
6/3 Betsy Mudge Cody Satzger	6/7 Jim Thomas	6/17 Eddie Chavis Ellen Torrence	6/26 Leanne Broome Mario Muzii
6/4 Tony Rutland	6/8 Victoria Artigliere	6/18 Joann Daugherty Cyndi Davis Larry McCullough Cathy Spragins	6/27 Steve Martin Amanda Stevenson
	6/9 Rebecca Ackerman	6/19 Jean Greene Ann Howard	6/28 Robin Weeks Sydney Weeks
	6/10 Betsy Mays Cathy Olker	6/20 Bette Bronson	6/30 Rob Key Raymond Wooten
	6/11 Paul Borick III Chuck Cruickshank Erika Hays Chryssa Rutland	6/22 Benjamin Smith Jacquie Worley	
	6/12 Cheryl Trammell		
	6/13 Grace Hawthorne James Rash Frank Van Lenten Dana Waters		

## Christian Action Ministry

### Fort Hill is Hosting Family Promise June 9-16

Family Promise helps equip local families experiencing homelessness with counseling, educational programs, life skill classes, and encouragement while they strive to find housing and independence. Fort Hill provides a safe, comforting place to stay in their time of need.

**We need about 50 volunteers.** You can help by working behind the scenes: set up guest rooms and restore classrooms, purchase food, launder bedding, or be accessible and interact with our guests: prepare and share a meal, stay overnight, plan an outing, watch a movie, play a game. EVERY role is critical and every job must get done.

Online sign-ups are open NOW at **Sign Up Genius** <https://bit.ly/301vnye> and a white **sign-up board is near the FHOG office during the week and in the Narthex on Sundays.** You may volunteer using either method.

When Fort Hill hosts Family Promise we are fulfilling our church's mission to meet human needs. We are called to be the hands and feet of Christ to a hurting world. Here is a wonderful opportunity to share God's love in our community with those in need. Please consider taking part in this important mission with friends, family, or individually.

For questions, please contact Mary Barron at [mb1cb1@bellsouth.net](mailto:mb1cb1@bellsouth.net) or Linda Gahan at [glinda1942@gmail.com](mailto:glinda1942@gmail.com).

Thank you,

Annette Halbig, Christian Action Ministry Committee

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## **FHPC 2019 PW Honorary Life Membership Award Recipient: Myra Cato**

Each year at the PW Birthday Luncheon, we honor a member of Fort Hill with an Honorary Life Membership in Presbyterian Women. The Honorary Life Membership is conferred upon an individual based on the person's role of servanthood and leadership in the name of Christ, not only in the church, but in the community as well.

Throughout the years at Fort Hill, Myra has served as Moderator of PW, Leader of the Trinity Circle, served 2 terms as a Deacon, been a faithful member of the Sojourners Sunday School Class. She has served as a member of many committees at Fort Hill, including: Building Committee, Pastoral Search Committee, Officer Nominating Committee, and PW Retreat Committee. Myra has also served as an advisor to PSA, been a Youth Sunday School Teacher, and a Youth Prayer Partner.

In her spare time, Myra has traveled twice to El Faro as a medical team member. She has been a long-time volunteer for Our Daily Bread, Meals on Wheels, and a Board Member for Meals on Wheels.

Myra continues to serve in the life of the Church. On behalf of PW, and with thankful hearts for the blessing she has been to all of us, we recognize her with the 2019 Honorary Life Membership in PW Award!