

The Window

The Newsletter of Fort Hill Presbyterian Church

Message From the Pastor

October 2019

Why are we here?

As we approach Fort Hill's 125th anniversary, I want to remind you why we are here. We were created for a purpose. The apostle Paul wrote, "For those whom God foreknew, God also predestined to become conformed to the image of his Son, so that he would be the firstborn within a large family." (Romans 8:29). The Apostle Paul told the Galatians that he would labor like in childbirth, with them until Christ was formed in them (Galatians 4:19). God's purpose for us is nothing less than Christlikeness.

We are to love God fully. We are to love ourselves well. We are to love others, our neighbors, compassionately as Jesus does.

Lately, I have had several conversations with some of you who are perplexed by the label given to Presbyterians as "they believe in predestination." I was even watching a documentary recently where this was given a THE defining point of our theological tradition.¹ Even more importantly, we believe in the Lordship of Jesus Christ, the sovereignty of God, the authority of Scripture, and justification by grace. And yes, we are predestined to be Christ-like. We are his, the sheep of his pasture. And we are his Body on earth. We pray that Christ would be formed in us, that we would live Christ-shaped lives individually and as a community.

That is why we, Fort Hill church, are here. And we state our vision, "Joining together on a Christian Journey of Christian faith, we seek to be Disciples of Christ and to share God's love in our community and around the world." And we live out that vision with this mission: Glorify God, Grow Disciples, Meet Human Needs.

How are we doing with that after 125 years? Session as the church leadership continue to measure our faithfulness this way. And each of us is responsible as a part of this community. But, ultimately, we do all to the glory of God and in hopes that God is forming us into the image of Jesus Christ. Otherwise, we could just be another club, social group, or community agency. What makes us different is that we belong to the Good Shepherd, and we seek to follow him.

We are not only on this journey as a community. Each of us is on a journey. As pastors we are always ready to meet you to listen to how God is working in your life and context, and to pray with you. Please do not hesitate to reach out!

Together in Faith,

Laura Smith Conrad, Pastor

¹ To learn more about predestination and other theological beliefs go to <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/what-we-believe/theology/>

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Weekly Lectionary Scriptures

10/6 17th Sunday after Pentecost
Lam. 1:1-6; Lam. 3:19-26 or
Ps. 137; 2 Tim. 1:1-14;
Luke 17:5-10

10/13 18th Sunday after Pentecost
Jer. 29:1, 4-7; Ps. 66:1-12;
2 Tim 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19

10/20 19th Sunday after Pentecost
Jer. 31:27-34; Ps. 119:97-104;
2 Tim. 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8

10/27 20th Sunday after Pentecost
Joel 2:23-32; Ps. 65;
2 Tim. 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14

November 2019 *The Window* Deadline

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



Christian Sympathy is extended to:

Carol Pollock and Mitchell & Sarah Pollock on the death of **Tom Pollock** on August 31.

Ed & Shelley Burchfield and family on the death of Ed's mother Marian Burchfield on September 23 in Knoxville, TN.

Choir Corner

It has been good to be back in a fall routine with all the music programs in full swing. Children, ages 5-10, are singing each week in the Strong Praises and Singers of Christ choirs. The third-fifth graders in Singers of Christ are also working with choir chimes. Strong Praises use their bodies as instruments of movement in rehearsals. Adults are moving their bodies in various rhythms and movements, ringing bells and singing, just — maybe a little slower than the children!!



The wonderful part of music that I love is movement. We all do it! We tap our toes or tap our fingers on the back of the pews. When we sing "Glory to God whose goodness shines on me", the frozen chosen may thaw a bit and sway back and forth or move their bodies in some form or fashion.

How blessed we are that our bodies are God-given instruments! They sing, hum, clap, stomp, snap, dance, sway, listen, and enjoy musical rests of silence...all in some form of rhythm. I have heard people of all ages say they do not have any rhythm. Well, I think everyone has rhythm. You walk at a certain pace and that has rhythm. You may run, bike, or swim in a rhythm. You blink your eyes in a rhythm. You breathe in a rhythm.

Enjoy feeling music whether it is slow and melodic or has a toe-tapping pulse! And praise God that we are able to do that.

Keep smiling-n-singing,

Margaret

We welcomed new members to the Chancel Choir in August. All are from the Johnsonwall family. Dad Joe is in the tenor section, son Jeremy is in the baritone section, and daughter Julianne is in the second soprano section. We thank you all for sharing your gifts!!

And while we rejoice in welcoming new voices, we are sad to say goodbye to a dear friend, faithful singer and ringer, Marlene Nicholas. Marlene has been in the Chancel Choir and Chancel Bells for 29 years. She is a talented soprano and dear friend who will be missed by all. David, her husband, has shared his talents of playing piano from time to time. They are moving to Tennessee to be closer to family. Thank you for your love of music, your friendship, and your beautiful talents. May God open new doors where you can continue to serve Him.

Kirkin' o' the Tartans Worship Service On October 27, 2019

On October 27, we will have a "Kirkin' o' the Tartans" at the 10:45 worship service. This is a time to celebrate the heritage of Presbyterian Scots.

This celebration is primarily Scottish-American. It is a time to reflect on Fort Hill Presbyterian Church's heritage. It is a time for reflection and thankfulness.

Come join in a renewed commitment to our church's goals. Be a Scot for a day. This will also be a time to remember the Saints who have passed away this past year.





Discovering Faith Sunday, October 13

Interested in Learning More About Joining Fort Hill Church?

Our next Discovering Faith Lunch for those interested in exploring membership will be held after the 10:45 am worship service in the Club Room. Please contact Lori in the church office at lori.houck@forthillchurch.org if you would like to attend and if you need childcare.

How is God's Abundance Reflected in Your Life?

I have come that they might have life and have it in abundance.

— John 10:10b

Life is good.

This is the day God has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.

God's abundance is all around us.

All we have is a gift from God. And our lives are a gift back to God.

As people made in God's image, we cannot help but share.

Sharing God's abundance is a gift and privilege disciples of Jesus Christ practice.

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.

At Fort Hill Church, one way we do that is by making a promise, a pledge each year so we can further our mission to glorify God, grow disciples, and meet human needs.

Stewardship is giving in response to God's grace and love towards us. We give generously because God gave generously first.

Let's give thanks for God's abundance in our lives. Let's commit to grow in discipleship and live in faith, knowing God provides us with enough and more than enough to share.

Life is good.

Annual Community Trunk or Treat

October 27th from 4:00—6:00 pm

Located in the Parking lots around Fort Hill, First Baptist,
& St. Andrews Churches

"Trunk or Treat so Others Can Eat!"

We will be taking canned & non-perishable food donations for Clemson Community Care.

In addition to trunks, there will also be a variety of games, music, and food sales!
Fun for the whole family!



Sunday Servants

Pastor on Call

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| 10/6 | Mary Morrison |
| 10/13 | Laura Conrad |
| 10/20 | Laura Conrad |
| 10/27 | Mary Morrison |

Elder at the Font—8:30 Service

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| 10/6 | Tim Howard |
| 10/13 | Denise Anderson |
| 10/20 | Linda Parsons |
| 10/27 | Tom Shealy |

Elder at the Font—10:45 Service

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| 10/6 | Chuck Moede |
| 10/13 | Raymond MacKay |
| 10/20 | Todd Latiff |
| 10/27 | Ronda Ricks |



CU Singers Fall Concert October 24 at 7:30 pm FHPC Sanctuary

Fort Hill is glad to welcome back The Clemson University Singers and Cantorei for their fall concert on Thursday, October 24, at 7:30 pm. This is a ticketed event. Tickets can be purchased at the door beginning at 6:00 pm the night of the concert or go to the Brooks Center website for more information.

Anthony Bernarducci is the director. It is always a wonderful evening of music when they share their gifts.



Congratulations on the birth of:

Ann Kathryn Pollock on September 9. Ann Kathryn is the daughter of **Sara & Mitchell Pollock**. Proud grandparents are **Carol Pollock** and **Denny & Carol Walling**.

Barron Glenn Wilson on September 10. Barron Glenn is the son of Nolan & Jasmine Wilson of Lincolnton, NC. Proud grandfather is **Eddie Payne**.

Church Mouse

Oh my, so many things going on here at Fort Hill. Back last month we were treated to **David Nicholas** as he played the prelude for us.

Communion was served by **Terri Smith, Helen Wooten, Marlene Nicholas, Ronda Ricks, Raymond MacKay, Kenny Mohr, Paul Durland, Ellen Ackerman, Cindy Sloan, Eddie Chavis, Katherine Sosebee, Jim Thomas, and Tim Howard. Bill & Diane Carnes** and **Lauren Young** prepared the communion. The Officer Nominating Committee is composed of: **Donna Crader (chair), Jay Jones, Garland Gravely, Heather Wright, Cooper Hays, Cile Dunkelberg, Melanie Job, Aleta Robinson, and Susan Brown.** The Associate Pastor/Youth Director Nominating Committee has the following members: **Elizabeth Bost, Chip Egan, Mac Martin, Helen Mohr, Cody Satzger, Cathy Spragins, Sydney Weeks, Mike Worley, and Ally Young.** Dinners for Eight is coordinated by **Debbie Durland** and the Blood Drive has **Raenota Merrill** in charge. The youth have been involved in the worship services too — **Mason Young** and **Ellen Ackerman.**

The Youth Ministry team is hard at work and thank all of them for stepping up: **Carl Hollingsworth, Ed Halbig, Jenifer Griffis, Helen Mohr, Mike Nebesky, Cathy Olker, Adam Scott, Elise Halbig, and Katherine Whisler.** Mid-High Advisors: **Chuck Conrad, Laura Sosebee, Beth & Chris Griffin, and Reid Sutton.** Senior High Advisors: **Amy Elrod, Adam Scott, Katherine Sosebee, and Emily Martin.** Mid-High Sunday School: **Bill Cato, Tom Scott, and Cathy Olker.** Senior High Sunday School: **Carl Hollingsworth, John & Sally Martin.** Confirmation leaders: **Dick & Laura Shick.** Other trained youth leaders: **Judy Blackwell, Mary Dusenberry, Lisa Street, and Raenota Merrill.**

So many people to thank but let's make time for it.



News from Presbyterian Women

Family Promise

Thank you to all who helped to care for our Family Promise guests during our host week of September 22-29, 2019!

It takes a community to host each week that we are the “home base” for our guests. Your willingness to serve, and your contribution of time and resources contribute to the care of our neighbors-in-need! Working together, we not only enrich the lives of our guests, but we also experience the blessing of growing in our Christian faith. Thank you, volunteers!

Spring & Summer Clothing Drive for Safe Harbor

Fall is on its way! The cooler temperatures and the crisp days send us to our closets for warmer clothing. It is the perfect time to check your wardrobes for clothing that you no longer use, and collect and bring your selections to Fort Hill Church to give to **Safe Harbor.** There are cabinets downstairs in the old “dungeon” in the administration building available for your October donations. Please bring *new or gently-used* fall and winter clothing in good condition, for men, women, and children. The clothes you donate are for wearing for job interviews, for the workplace, and for attending school. Safe Harbor greatly appreciates your donations!

Please Note: Our storage area is limited. It would help us stay organized if you would please limit your donations to the month requested for drop-offs. Thanks!

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

Operation Christmas Child Boxes for Samaritan's Purse

Deadline November 7, 2019. Please include a \$9 donation per box for shipping. Use a standard-sized 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 requested items 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 at (864) 654-3737

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 Presbyterian Church. Nomination forms are due by **January 15, 2019.**

For more information, contact Committee Members:

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Fort Hill's Annual Mission Trip to El Faro, Guatemala

Thanks to the generous financial and spiritual support from FHPC's leadership and congregation, Beth Chapman's management (7th El Faro trip in 5 years), and El Faro's missionary Tommy Matthews' construction skills and focus for staying on task, our July 21-July 29, 2019 Mision El Faro trip was a resounding success! Fifteen awesome youth and adults comprised our inter-generational team (ages 9-75; 3 grandparents/3 grandchildren; 2 fathers and sons; and 1 father/daughter and son; in all—11 FHPC members, 2 members from Clemson's First Baptist Church, and 2 members from Cornwall-on-Hudson Presbyterian Church in New York).

Each hot (!) day we personified the phrase on our Clemson orange T-shirts — “Here I am Lord, as we applied skills that we had, and faith that we felt, to jobs needing to be done. Four members spent two days assisting a medical team perform 29 cataract



surgeries, and witnessing the miracle of better eyesight returning to patients. Birds, monkeys and farm animals were painted on walls in El Faro's children's school, and are now being named by the students from surrounding villages. We visited the National Children's Hospital in Puerto Barrios, site of several previous teams' beautification and construction efforts, and distributed to hospitalized children Beanie Babies, crayons and coloring books, and other treats, and handed out Mother's Bags containing personal hygiene items and snacks (and spent time coloring and reaching out to children, and parents who were sitting at bedside). We visited the orphanage in Puerto Barrios, where children from infancy to age 13 lived, and enjoyed giving out more coloring books and crayons, thousands of colored pencils, many jump ropes, sidewalk chalk, snack and treats, and hosted a pizza lunch and water balloon "fight." A visit to the nursery was poignant (and resulted in one of our 16-year olds wanting to take home a child she cradled on her shoulder during most of our stay!)

Finally, a great joy for the team was building a home for a local man named Don Tino. Starting with a bare concrete slab/foundation, by week's end we finished his home, moved him from a primitive shelter in the jungle — where he'd lived for several years, AND furnished the home with many items he'd never seen or used, all made possible through loving donations from our congregation, various team members, and El Faro (including a handmade stained glass cross from over his bed). Don Tino's emotional reactions/ comments (translated by Tommy) as we prayed and blessed his home, brought tears to us all, as we witnessed the deep meaning our work had for this humble man. Sunday, team members joined children's activities at El Faro and in a nearby village, as they met to worship and play. We also had time to relax, spending a day motorboating to the Belize keys for lunch and snorkeling [an 85 mile (!) boat ride out there, then to the town of Livingston, and finally back to El Faro], swimming from El Faro's picturesque dock, and hanging out on El Faro's beautiful grounds. After dinner we shared daily devotional time, guided by readings provided by Pastor Dana, and music performed by one of our talented youth. Our team found great joy in sharing God's love with those we met.



Ice Cream Social!!

Sunday, October 20 from 3:30—5:00 we will host an ice cream social in Tartan Hall. We will be showing **lots** of pictures from this trip and explaining why it meant so much to us. If you are thinking about going on our next trip, if you just want to see the wonderful pictures and hear the story about Don Tino **or** if you just like ice cream, **please** join us. We won't keep you long.

Volunteers Needed

FHPC Deacons are in the process of organizing transportation via the church bus for elderly members who live at Clemson Downs unable to get to worship on their own. **Bus Drivers** for Sunday mornings do not require a special license but must have Safe Place training and be between the ages of 25 and 65. **Bus Assistants** for Sunday mornings who can adjust mobile steps and assist riders on and off the bus.

Please contact the Church Office at 654-2061 to volunteer or if you have questions.

Safe Place Training

Training will be offered on the dates listed below for anyone who needs a renewal, for new elders and deacons who have not been trained, and anyone who seeks to drive the church bus or serve with our children and youth. Please register by October 4 by emailing mary.morrison@forthillchurch.org so Mary can send you the Safe Place Policy and Procedures to read in advance.

Sunday, October 6 — 12 noon-1 pm — Club Room
Wednesday, October 9 — 6-7 pm — Club Room

October Fort Hill Church Activities

Tuesday, October 1

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

October 4—October 6

PSA Fall Retreat — Montreat

Friday, October 4

- 5:00 pm Zeta Nu Initiation — Conf & Club Rm/Library/E205/E209

Saturday, October 5

- 10:30 am Children Bake Bread — Club Room

Sunday, October 6

- 12:00 pm Safe Place Training — Club Room
- 2:00 pm NAMI Family-to-Family — Club Room

Monday, October 7

- 12:00 pm PW Circle 1 — Club Room
- 3:00 pm PW Circle of Hope — Clemson Downs Corley Center
- 6:00 pm Discipleship Ministry Meeting — Conference Room

Tuesday, October 8

- 10:00 am Men's Bible Study — Library
- 3:00 pm Building & Grounds Meeting — Conference Room
- 6:30 pm Worship Ministry Meeting — Conference Room
- 6:30 pm Adult Ministry Meeting — E-209
- 7:30 pm PW TWOesday EVEning Circle — Library

Wednesday, October 9

- 12:00 pm Pastor's Lunch @ Foothills Community
- 6:00 pm Safe Place Training — Club Room

Sunday, October 13

- 11:45 am Discovering Faith — Club Room
- 12:00 pm Johnny & the Tulips Rehearsal — Nest

- 12:00 pm ONC Meeting — Conference Room
- 2:30 pm NAMI Family-to-Family — Club Room

Monday, October 14

- 9:30 am PW Trinity Circle — Club Room
- 6:30 pm Finance Ministry Meeting — Club Room

Tuesday, October 15

- 5:30 pm University Ministry Meeting — PSA Student Center
- 7:00 pm Session Meeting — Club Room

October 18—October 20

Bonclarken Middle School Retreat

Sunday, October 20

- 10:30 am New Member Reception — Tartan Hall
- 11:45 am Deacon Meeting — Club Room
- 12:00 pm ONC Meeting — Conference Room
- 2:30 pm NAMI Family-to-Family — Club Room
- 3:30 pm El Faro Ice Cream Social — Tartan Hall

Monday, October 21

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

Tuesday, October 22

- 10:00 am Men's Bible Study — Library
- 5:30 pm Membership Ministry Meeting — Conference Room
- 6:00 pm CU Singers Rehearsal — Sanctuary

Thursday, October 24

- 7:30 pm CU Singers Concert — Sanctuary

Sunday, October 27

- Kirkin' of the Tartans
- 12:00 pm Children's Ministry Meeting — Conference Room
- 12:00 pm Johnny & the Tulips Rehearsal — Nest
- 12:00 pm ONC Meeting — Conference Room
- 2:00 pm NAMI — Club Room
- 4:00 pm Trunk or Treat

Monday, October 28

- 6:00 pm CU Singers Recording — Sanctuary

Recurring Weekly Activities

Sunday

- 8:30 am Worship Service — Tartan Hall
- 9:30 am The Bridge — Faith Formation Classes
- 10:45 am Worship Service — Sanctuary
- 2:00 pm Cub Scouts — Ed. Building/Tartan Hall/Conference Rm (2nd & 4th Sundays)
- 5:00 pm Mid-High Youth — Nest / Senior High 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 Lydia's 9-5 Ladies — Library
- 7:00 pm College Bible Study — PSA 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 Wednesdays @ The Fort — Nest/E208/E107
- 5:30 pm Feasting on the Word — Conference Room
- 6:00 pm Singers of Christ Choir (Gr. 3-5) — E209
- 6:15 pm Chancel Bells — Choir Room
- 6:30 pm Strong Praises Choir (Gr. K-2) — E209
- 7:00 pm College Women's Small Group — PSA Student Center
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir
- 8:00 pm College Men's Small Group — PSA Student Center

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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| 10/1 | Curtis Arnold Jim Roberts MiMi Borick | 10/11 | Karen Lindenmeyer David Nicholas |
| 10/2 | Bill Lanier Hank McLaurin Wanda Glenn | 10/11 | John McGregor Emma Van Daele |
| 10/3 | Ben Wofford, Jr. Claudette Bennett Laurie Sherrod Ransom Broome | 10/12 | Nancy Horton Gregg Morton |
| 10/4 | Bill Beckwith Emma Job | 10/13 | Charlotte Neidenbach |
| 10/5 | Marv Dixon Hunter Crenshaw Tom Lawrence | 10/14 | Beth Weber Addie Harper |
| 10/7 | David Alexander | 10/15 | Beth Chapman |
| 10/8 | Jack Beckwith Emily Martin | 10/16 | Mike Worley Jerry Reel Jason Smith |
| 10/9 | Clarence Rogers Guy Sabin | 10/17 | Ben Wofford III Peggy Garner Mark McInnis |
| 10/10 | Gail Williams Katherine Mostertz Don Daugherty Salley Ouellette Jan Kenney | 10/18 | Ally Wilson Lib Gage Corey Greene Alan Torrence Deanna Ramey Ashley Burriss Barbara Curl |
| | | 10/19 | Andy Blondeau |

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| 10/20 | Fred Burgett Grace Cook Tatum Rose Bronson | 10/26 | Connie Lawrence Tripp Ross |
| 10/21 | Clarice Gustafson Whitney Money Kristen McCall | 10/27 | Nancy Lamping |
| 10/23 | Judy Bonham | 10/28 | Tina Mostertz |
| 10/24 | Don McKale | 10/29 | Elizabeth Bost |
| 10/25 | Hazel Pittendreigh Gary DuBose Sam Drummond | 10/30 | Bob Brown Ed McLaurin Chuck Moede |
| 10/26 | Evelyn Rabey | 10/31 | Jessica Aaron Gail Caley Pickens McCall |



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| 10/2 | Bill & Diane Carnes | 10/20 | Kevin & Bette Bronson |
| 10/3 | Patrick & Helen Adams | 10/22 | Ed & Nancy Hutson |
| 10/6 | Kyle & Robin Weeks | 10/23 | Michael & Hilarie Sehorn |
| 10/7 | Ed & Jillian McLaurin | 10/24 | Tyler & Kristen McCall |
| 10/8 | Chris & Maggie Bandy | 10/29 | Wade & Melanie Job |
| 10/10 | Mike & Judy Blackwell | 10/30 | Marv & Joan Dixon |
| 10/17 | Mario & Shirley Muzii | | |

From the Finance Ministry

Through August, total income was \$635,463 while expenses for the first eight months were \$633,111 providing a surplus of \$2,134. Overall expenses are at 65.7% of budget, while income is at 65.9%. As you can see, income and expenses are approximately 1% below budget. Session ministry chairs are doing a great job of managing expenses, and thanks to your financial support, Fort Hill is able to continue its ministries to members, community, and around the world.

Bridging Generations Update:

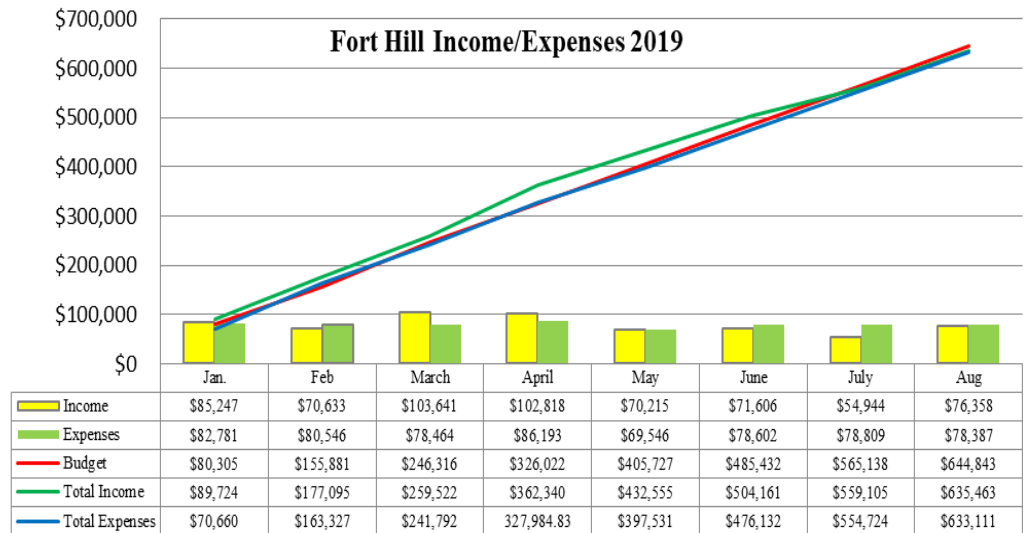
Pledged giving for the month was \$1,525. Non-pledged giving was \$275, undesignated memorial gifts were \$235, miscellaneous income was \$20,000, and interest income was \$0.36. All giving combined gave a total of 22,035.36 for the month.

Total income year to date:

\$152,979.84

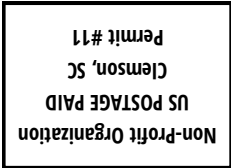
Loan Principal balance:

\$374,501.90.



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Remembering Molly Greene

by Cal Sawyer, CAM member

As most of you know, our planned inter-generational mission trip to Charleston was cancelled in late July because of the tragic drowning death of Water Missions beloved co-founder, Molly Greene. Molly lived an extraordinary life filled with passion, generosity and a loving Christian spirit that she freely shared with anyone fortunate enough to spend time with her. During a previous mission trip to Water Missions, I was blessed to stay with Molly and George, along with fellow FHPC members Cathy and John Spragins. To a total stranger, she opened her home and her heart.

Molly was born in Tupelo, Mississippi in 1947. Along with George, her cherished husband of 49 years, Molly learned about the global water crisis in 1998, when Hurricane Mitch hit Honduras. They responded by deploying water treatment systems that provided clean water to survivors of the storm. The experience opened their eyes to the 2.1 billion people around the world that do not have access to safe water. In 2001, the Greenses founded Water Mission, a Christian engineering nonprofit ministry that designs, builds, and implements safe water, sanitation, and hygiene solutions for people in rural communities and disaster areas.

Since its inception, Water Mission has shared God's love in 55 countries, providing safe water to more than four million people. Molly truly believed that her work with Water Mission was fulfilling a calling from God and was driven to do all things with love, excellence, and integrity. Molly wrote in a Water Mission blog post about the National Day of Prayer: "Without prayer, we wouldn't just be lost — we would be amiss. Our vision is to see all people have access to safe water and an opportunity to experience God's love. And our mission of ending the global water crisis — which affects 2.1 billion people — can seem insurmountable, but we face this work with the power of prayer." Molly will be remembered as a woman of prayer, beginning each prayer with Come Lord Jesus Abba Father. She was someone who lived and led with guidance from the Lord. Her many accomplishments were only surpassed by her undeniably strong faith. Molly's life was an embodiment of the Great Commandments to love the Lord our God with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind, and all our strength and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

In a letter to family and friends, her husband wrote, "Molly was a beautiful soul who lived a life full of purpose and calling, and her sudden departure has broken many hearts." Molly is survived by George; her daughter Jennifer, son George IV, and nine beautiful grandchildren.

FHPC has a rich history in partnership with Molly Greene and Water Missions; from monetary support made possible through annual stewardship dollars, to on-site volunteer involvement, to organizing local walks for water that generated over \$52,000 for deployment of Living Water Treatment Systems in Haiti and Kenya. While we continue to grieve, Molly's immediate family is comforted to know that a larger global family mourns with them and celebrates Molly's life, as she blessed so many around the world.

Portions of this remembrance are drawn from Molly's formal obituary published in the Charleston Post and Courier.



Bringing safe water to a village in Kenya, Molly Greene is shown here with former Fort Hill Church affiliate member James Nampushi.