

# The Window

The Newsletter of Fort Hill Presbyterian Church

January 2020

## Message From the Pastor

### Sustenance and Strength through Suicide

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

Talk: 1-800-273-TALK (8255)

Coming Soon: 988

I want to thank you, Fort Hill Church, for being God's presence, comfort, and strength for our family this December. My brother Andy died by suicide on December 8, something none of us ever imagined could happen. He was driven, brilliant, and a helper and friend to anyone in need. He also struggled with depression over the years. But his circumstances changed, and he decided he did not want to be a burden, he wrote in a note to his boys. He was used to being the one to take care of everything, not of receiving help.

We say, "It is more blessed to give than receive." Sometimes we take this too far and do not allow ourselves to receive, too. Even Jesus allowed Thomas to touch his wounds, to come close and see for himself that Jesus was the same one crucified and now risen. To touch the wounds of those hurting is a holy thing. God enters in and ministers in and through the pain, and we know we are not alone. We are companions in Christ, who are not afraid to walk in the darkness trusting that Christ is the light of the world that overcomes darkness. We can be wounded healers to one another.

Many of you have shared how suicide has impacted your life. For that struggle, loss, and grief, I am so very sorry. I think the most disturbing thing for my community back home was the realization, "If it can happen to Andy, the strongest person I know, it can happen to anyone." In fact, the CDC reports that suicide is on the rise in almost every state. And it is a leading cause of death in young adults. South Carolina had an increase of 38-58% from 1999-2016. What a wake-up call!

Chuck and I are in discernment about what we are called to do as both Andy and our nephew Hunt died by suicide 16 months apart. Both died using a firearm which has a very low survival rate. *Alliance of Hope; Support for Survivors* has been a help to us (<https://allianceofhope.org/>). Please pray with us for all those who suffer the effects of suicide and those struggling to keep at it one more day, one more hour. It is a complex issue, but our faith teaches us that we can be Christ-like for one another in our darkest moments. Thank you for your comforting words, showing up, sending notes, and praying for us. Thank you for being the priesthood of all believers.

Together in Christ,

*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

- 1/5 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas**  
Jer. 31:7-14; Ps. 147:12-20;  
Eph. 1:3-14; John 1:(1-9) 10-18
- 1/12 Baptism of the Lord**  
Isa. 42:1-9; Ps. 29;  
Acts 10:34-43; Matt. 3:13-17
- 1/19 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**  
Isa. 49:1-7; Ps. 40:1-11;  
1 Cor. 1:1-9; John 1:29-42
- 1/26 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**  
Isa. 9:1-4; Ps. 27:1, 4-9;  
1 Cor. 1:10-18; Matt. 4:12-23

### February 2020

#### *The Window* Deadline

The deadline for articles, announcements, and features for the February issue of *The Window* is **Wednesday, January 15.**

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.

## Sunday Servants

### Pastor on Call

- 1/5 Laura Conrad  
1/12 Mary Morrison  
1/19 Laura Conrad  
1/2 Laura Conrad

### Elder at the Font — 8:30 Service

- 1/5 Raymond MacKay  
1/12 Todd Latiff  
1/19 Ronda Ricks  
1/26 Hack Trammell

### Elder at the Font — 10:45 Service

- 1/5 Linda Parsons  
1/12 Dusty Oates  
1/19 Michael Steele  
1/26 Art Williams

## Choir Corner

WOW!! 2020...sounds like a good name for a TV show in the new year!! Seriously, it is hard to believe we are embarking on a new decade. It is a joy to start fresh. I am always excited to plan new music for the Chancel Choir, Joyful Noise, and the Children's Choirs. Judy Bonham is planning new musical opportunities for the Chancel Bells. The door is open to have new people of all ages join in to share their gifts. Just let the music staff know of your interest.



The end of January, 20 members of the Chancel Choir will head to Charleston to attend Festival by the Sea. This is the 10th year of supporting this wonderful event. Choir members who will be going are Charles and Mary Barron, Chip and Diane Egan, Charlotte Grusso, Tom and Connie Lawrence, Jim and Jenny Leisinger, Raymond and Margaret MacKay, Mark Morrison, Ronda Ricks, John Sherman, Cindy Sloan, Keith and Risse Snelgrove, Mark and Robbi Stokes, and Karen Ware.

***Make a joyful noise all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before his presence with singing.*** What better ways are there to begin the new year!!

Happy New Year, Fort Hill!!!

Keep smiling-n-Singing,

*Margaret*



## Wednesday Morning Bible Study

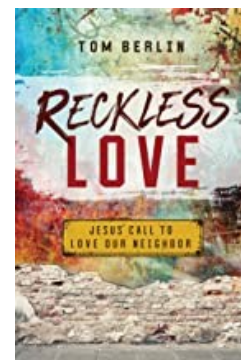
How did Jesus teach the Greatest Commandment to his disciples?

In his latest book *Reckless Love*, author and Pastor Tom Berlin writes that Jesus taught them to love neighbor first as a way to more deeply love God.

In his exploration of Jesus' teaching and travels with his disciples, Berlin suggests that Jesus teaches us how to love God with heart, soul, mind, and strength by showing us how to love our neighbor. While many hope to learn to be better family, friends, and neighbors by finding a deeper relationship with God, what if becoming a better neighbor leads you to that deeper love of God?

In *Reckless Love: Jesus' Call to Love Our Neighbor*, you will consider your life, and learn how loving the people around you will completely renew your faith and give you a new experience of loving God. Sessions will include:

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|-------------|-----------------------------|
| January 8   | <b>Begin with Love</b>      |
| January 15  | <b>Expand the Circle</b>    |
| January 22  | <b>Lavish Love</b>          |
| January 29  | — Break —                   |
| February 5  | <b>Openhearted Love</b>     |
| February 12 | <b>Value the Vulnerable</b> |
| February 19 | <b>Emulate Christ</b>       |



This six-session study will run on Wednesdays at 10:00 am in the Club Room from January 8—February 19 with a break on January 29. The study is open to all college students and adults. *Reckless Love: Jesus' Call to Love Our Neighbor* is available through Amazon in paperback (\$10.74) or Kindle (\$9.99). Please sign up with Mary Morrison at [mary.morrison@forthillchurch.org](mailto:mary.morrison@forthillchurch.org) by January 3.

## Reflections as a New Confirmation Season Begins

As we enter the start of Confirmation Season for current 8th graders, I was asked by the confirmation leadership team to look back on my time as a confirmand in Spring 2017.

What immediately came to mind was my amazing confirmation partner, Mrs. Diane Egan. Before confirmation, I had known Mrs. Egan as a choir member and a loyal Girl Scout Cookie customer, but not much more. However, through confirmation we built a much stronger relationship as she helped me grow as a Christian and form a better understanding of my beliefs. She faithfully showed up to every meeting, worked with me to write my faith statement, was always willing (and still is) to answer any questions and went above and beyond to form an even stronger connection with me by coming to my dance, band, and piano recitals.

Upon further reflection, I realized just how much of what I learned during the 5-month period of Confirmation, I still put into practice today. Of course, I gained a deeper understanding of key aspects of Presbyterian worship such as the Lord's Prayer, the Doxology, etc. However, what I learned through confirmation went much deeper than just that. I gained a better appreciation of what it means to live like a Christian and spread God's love every day. A perfect example of this is a greater awareness of Fort Hill's faith practices: to worship weekly, serve eagerly, give generously, build relationships intentionally, pray daily, study scripture purposefully and share the good news joyfully. These were all things that were first demonstrated to me by the covenant partners, confirmation teachers and pastoral staff. Now, I'm striving to incorporate them into my daily life as a confirmed member of Fort Hill.

And with that, I am excited to introduce Fort Hill's 2020 Confirmation Class and encourage them to make the most of this meaningful experience! As a congregation, let's all pray for and support the confirmands and their covenant partners as they enter this exciting time of faith exploration together.

**Confirmands:** Hayden Anderson, Walton Bost, Ben Bronson, Alex DuBose, Paige Durham, Billy Gregory. Kate Hollingsworth, Emily Miller, and Dulcie Mohr

**Covenant Partners:** Donna Crader, Ed Halbig, Billie Jackson, Melanie Job, Donna McCubbin, Raenota Merrill, Mark Morrison, Stephen Pettigrew, Adam Scott, Tom Waldrop, and Nathan Wilson

*Sydney Weeks*

## Christian Sympathy & Congratulations



### Christian Sympathy is extended to:

- **Vernie & Jim Roberts** on the death of Vernie's brother-in-law, Henry Lewis, on November 30.
- **Chuck & Laura Conrad and family** on the death of Laura's brother, Andy Smith, on December 8 in York, SC.
- **Hugh & Nancy Spitler and family** on the death of Hugh's mother, Betty Spitler, on December 13 in Palm Bay, FL.
- The **Allmendinger Family** on the death of former church members **Paul Allmendinger** (died December 16, 2018) and **Sara Jo Allmendinger** (died June 18, 2019).



### Congratulations on the birth of:

- **Henry Van der Linden** born on November 26, 2019. Henry is the son of Emily & Martin Van der Linden and grandson of Ed & Shelley Burchfield.
- **Juliet Annelaine "Laney" McLaurin** born to Ed & Jillian McLaurin on December 18.



 **Sharing** *God's Abundance ...*

"I came that they may have life, and have it more abundantly."

*John 10:10b*

It is not too late to submit your stewardship pledge for 2020, 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 by

**Monday, January 13.**

To pledge online, go to the following web address:

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

## Church Mouse



I love Christmas at Fort Hill — it is so busy. I loved watching the decorations go up under the guidance of **Caroline Thomas**. I listened as the new elders and deacons were elected. Be sure to thank them for agreeing to serve our church for the next 3 years. New elders are **Jerry Chapman, Larry Glenn, Garland Gravely, Bob Jones, Eddie Payne, Ralph Ricks, and Pat Street**, with Youth Elders being **Olive Mueller** and **Tipton Wright**. New deacons are **Susan Beckwith, Joan Dixon, Eva Henry, Jay Jones, Cathy Spragins, Robbi Stokes, and Pam Waddle**. Communion was prepared by **Bill & Diane Carnes** and **Jerry & Pam Waddle**. The following served communion: **Marchita Culpepper, Paul Durland, Mary Barron, Cindy Sloan, Eddie Chavis, Tom Shealy, Linda Parsons, Leanne Broome, Denise Anderson, Beth Durham, Heather Wright, Peggy Rutland, Heidi Martin, and Josh Young**.

The Christmas Spirit is certainly practiced at Fort Hill as they housed homeless families through Family Promise in December. But oh, so many people helped out: **Barry Robinson, the Wright Family, Greg Bearden, Pam Waddle, Marion Sieffert, Robin Weeks, Bette Bronson, Charles & Mary Barron, Mike & Judy Blackwell, Helen Mohr & family, Melanie Job, Ellen Torrence, Ronda Ricks, Arlene Cheatham, Chip & Diane Egan, Cindy Sloan, Beth Chapman, Victoria Artigliere, Donna McCubbin, Karen Ware, Cathy Spragins, Barbara Madison, Eva Henry, Barbara Westall, Sherry Kantzler, Jacquie Worley, and Judy Bonham**.

During the last year 783 names appeared in this column. So many people help at the church — Thanks be to God.



## News from Presbyterian Women

### Happy New Year!!

Many thanks go to those of you who brought donations for the **Clothing Drive for Safe Harbor**, and to Joan Dixon, Gensie Waldrop, and Susan Beckwith for sorting and bagging the clothing. Thank you, also, PW friends, for bringing toiletry items and small gifts for the **Clinton Presbyterian Community residents!** Your carefully selected and caring gifts helped to brighten up the holidays for the residents there!

A big thank you also goes to those who brought gifts for the **Samaritan's shoeboxes**; books and magazines for **Campbell Veterans Home**, and **Harris Psychiatric Hospital**; and the notes and gift cards you shared with our **FHPC college students!** You are an amazingly generous group of women!

### Thank you for Caring for Our Families in Family Promise — December 8–15, 2019!

Once again we had an outpouring of Christian love with many faithful Fort Hill Presbyterian folks volunteering to help host our Family Promise family. This rotation week we had a mom and her daughter. Your care and concern helped our family feel welcome. Thank you, Fort Hill!

#### Family Promise Dates to Remember for 2020

These are the hosting weeks we have requested for 2020. Please mark your calendars and plan to help if you are able:

February 2-9, 2020

May 3-10, 2020

September 20-27, 2020

December 13-20, 2020

### All Day Winter Retreat

#### Attention

**ALL WOMEN of Fort Hill Presbyterian Church:**

**Mark your calendars now for our Winter Retreat on  
Saturday, January 18, 2020  
9:30 am — 3:00 pm in Tartan Hall  
Fort Hill Presbyterian Church**

**Speaker: Reverend Audrey A. Reese  
Pastor at Westminster Presbyterian**

**She will share her thoughts on the topic, "Just Say Yes!"**

Cost: \$20 includes a catered lunch of sandwiches, salads, and desserts. Tea and coffee will be provided. You are invited to sign-up to attend by contacting a committee member listed below, or signing the sheet on the shelf outside of the FHOG Office in the Administration Building.

#### PW Retreat Committee

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## News from Presbyterian Women, continued

### 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 **Committee Members:**

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### Dates to Remember

**January 15**      **Deadline for Honorary Life Membership Applications**

**January 18**      **PW All-Day Winter Retreat**

*Have a Happy New Year!*

Submitted by Mary Barron, PW Publicity  
864.885.9342

## Welcome



### Ann Kathryn Pollock

Child of the covenant and  
daughter of Mitchell and Sara  
Elizabeth Walling Pollock.  
Baptized December 8, 2019.



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# A Brief History of the World

## Well, at least the world of Fort Hill Medical Mission — a message of gratitude from Bob and Susan Brown

This is a story of how an idea in 1997 became an immediate reality because of Fort Hill Presbyterian Church. As Susan and I think back on the success of the Fort Hill Medical Mission, we are continually amazed, knowing the strong shoulders on which we stood and feeling again the warm love and dedication of the congregation.

In 1976 I spent three months in Nigeria, leaving Susan, Rob, and Wendy in a cold Rochester, Minnesota, and during that time the mission bug bit me quite hard. It stayed with me until Susan and I finally decided in 1997 that the time had come to make a change from our Clemson Ophthalmology practice to an overseas mission one. We talked with Fort Hill's pastor at that time, Jim Richardson, and he grabbed the baton and took off with it. The rest of the story speaks of the loving collective heart of Fort Hill through the years, its caring congregation, and its strong leadership which for sure continued with Laura Conrad and Mary Morrison.

From late 1997 to the final mission trip in March 2017, Fort Hill commissioned and sent 44 teams "over the third hill" around the world (meaning remote locations). You, with the Lord's help, brought sight to many poor and disadvantaged people in China, Vietnam, Cambodia, Haiti, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Ghana, Tanzania, Rwanda, Burundi, Nigeria, Zambia, and India. When I talk with the pre-med students at Clemson, I give them the option of having discussions about medicine in the US or about medicine on missions. It is amazing that they choose missions 75% of the time. Here is a part of my introduction for them:

*To be poor is one thing — but to be blind and poor is an ultimate handicap. In a multitude of ways it drains both that person and their family. Removing the blindness frees that person and the entire family, bringing joy, gratitude, independence, self-esteem, longer life expectancy, and better economics. No wonder there is dancing on that day along with singing and tears. We have been blessed to be a part of thousands of individuals' and families' lives in this way.*

They want to know how we could pull this off, how our "little ole Fort Hill Church," enabled such extensive success. They often think at first that we must have joined a big medical group such as Doctors Without Borders. No — our church right here in Clemson sent us to remote locations on our own choosing. I tell them that we have received requests to come and help, like messages on parachutes coming down from Heaven. We never had to "advertise" our availability. The needs came to us, and we responded with wings lifted up by God and Fort Hill.

On the 44 trips we saw thousands of patients and did thousands of operations. Fort Hill donors provided thousands of dollars over the 19 years, and good American companies donated amazing quantities of supplies for each trip. Sometimes those supplies even included antibiotics and general medications for the hospitals we were visiting. Those companies were willing to donate BECAUSE Fort Hill was willing to donate. You see, there had to be an engine at the front of the train. Year after year, Fort Hill pulled hard and with remarkable strength, purpose, and generosity.

Finally, in 2017, Susan and I laid the knives down and retired — for the second time. On our "epitaph" can go the dates November 1997 — March 2017. Do we miss those trips now, our teams, and Fort Hill's energy and excitement for them? Yes — we do. Yes, indeed, we do. Sometimes we feel like fish out of water. Retirement really is a 2-sided coin. But we have the best memories in the world and this message is an effort to send a huge THANK YOU to Fort Hill Presbyterian Church, using pitiful words that cannot do the feelings in our hearts justice.

Here, as I end this love letter to Fort Hill, Susan and I want to express our gratitude to each person who plopped down on an airplane seat and flew across some big body or bodies of water with us — heading east, west, or south. We could never have accomplished the work load without them, and so much joy came from simply being with them. They gave us, the patients, and their families their genuine warmth and love through hugs, smiles, many ways of comforting, and sometimes even singing to ease a patient's nervous tension during surgery. We love those brave souls and we love all who were back here lifting us up to the Lord. Honestly, what can I say — but that we accomplished all that was done because you were the Lord's hands, the strong engine at the front of the train.

Thankfulness beyond words, including the way the non-medical missions have blossomed with Beth Chapman's special love for El Faro. Blessings from the Lord just keep on coming our way.

*Bob and Susan Brown*

# PW Retreat – January 18, 2020

It doesn't matter which stage of life you're in, Reverend Audrey Reese, pastor at Westminster Presbyterian Church, will share with us why we should "Say Yes." Please come and join us on January 18 at 9:30 in Tartan Hall and bring an open heart ♥ with you.

Lunch is catered and the cost is \$20 so be prepared to pay when you attend. The cut off date for reservations is **January 6** and the sign-up sheets are in the Narthex and on the shelf outside the FHOG Office in the Administration Building. Don't wait to sign-up or call one of the Retreat Committee Members to get your name on the list!

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from our committee to you!

## From the Finance Ministry

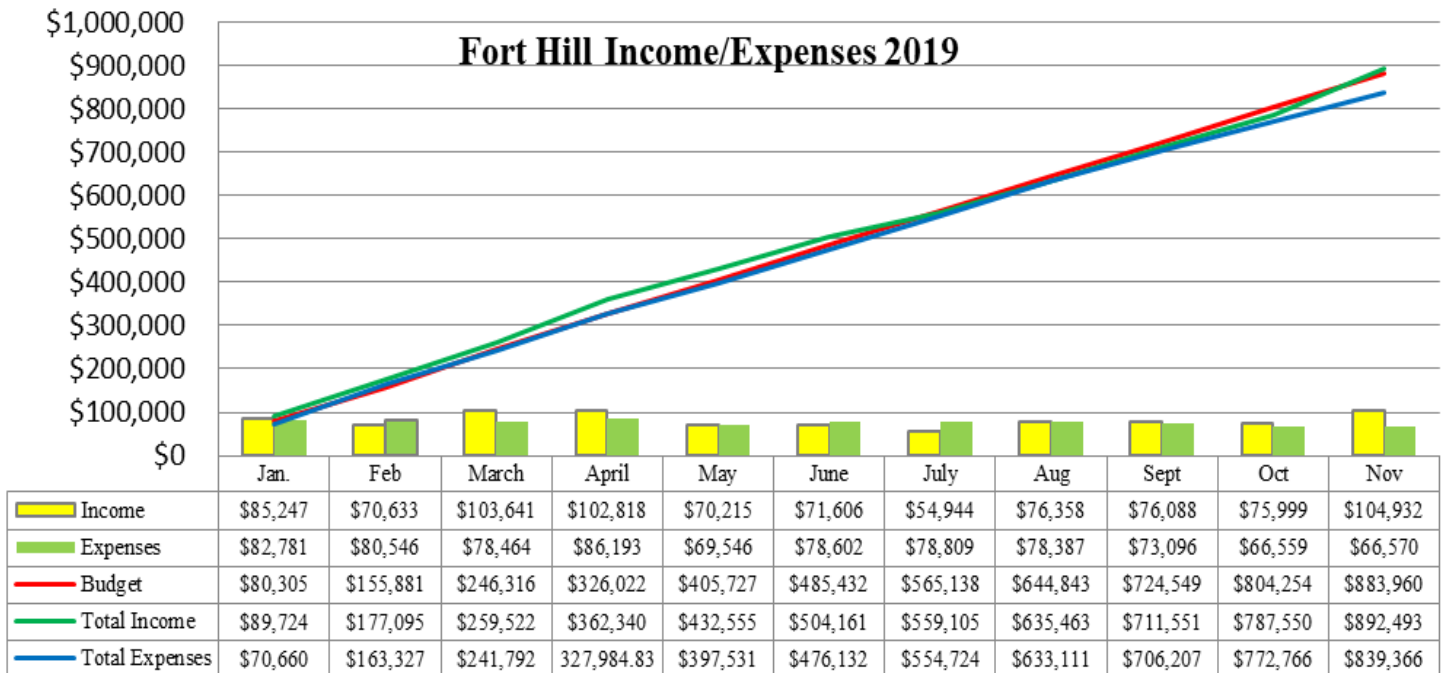
Through November, total income was \$892,493 while expenses were \$839,336 providing a surplus of \$53,157. Overall expenses are at 87% of budget while income is at 92.6% of budget. While Session ministry chairs are doing a great job of managing expenses, the surplus is due in part to the loss of our Pastor for Youth and Mission and your generous contributions for the month of November.

### Bridging Generations Update:

Building Fund pledge giving for the month was \$8,570. Building fund non-pledge giving was \$205, undesignated memorial gifts were \$20,000, and building fund interest income of \$0.06 combined with Building Fund pledge giving reflect a total of \$28,775.06 building fund giving for the month.

Total Building Fund Income YTD: \$185,251.79

Building Fund Loan Principal Balance: \$347,501.90





## Advent & Christmas Decorations Joy Offering 2019

*Wesley, Miller, Elisa & David Alspaugh in memory of Barbara M. & Webb M. Alspaugh*

*Amelia Alexander & family in memory of Bill Alexander and Claire Caskey*

*The Barker Family in honor of Pansy Duke*

*Bill & Jan Beckwith in honor of our children and their families*

*Doug & Lynn Carlson in memory of Doug's parents & Lynn's father and in honor of Lynn's mother*

*Harold & Arlene Cheatham in memory of our parents*

*The Conrad Family in memory of Joyce & Carroll Smith, Charles Conrad, and  
Les, Andy, Adam, & Hunt Smith*

*Marchita Culpepper in memory of Jim Culpepper and Mr. & Mrs. J. B. Williams*

*Chuck Cruickshank in memory of Betty Cruickshank and in honor of Donna, Jim & Corey McCubbin*

*Don & Joann Daugherty in honor of Liana Rivers and Cy Hechenbleikner*

*Lin & Kay Dearing in memory of William Ashley Dearing and  
in honor of Tripp, Lucinda, Dearing & Banks Eaves*

*Chip & Diane Egan in memory of Joe Egan, Anne Watt & Eleanor Tudo and  
in honor of Joan Egan and George Watt*

*Bob & Becky Fant in honor of our Deacons and Elders*

*Jill Foster in memory of my parents, James & Dorothy Carvin and my brother, Randy J. Carvin*

*Ann & John Gilreath in memory of their parents, Roy & Lib Fowlkes and John H. & Fannie Gilreath  
and in honor of Bob & Carol Stout, for their faithful leadership of the Sojourners*

*Charlotte Gruosso in honor of Margaret MacKay and Judy Bonham*

*The Hays Family and Barbara Sebenick in memory of Robert Sebenick and in honor of Heidi Borders*

*The Hays Family in honor of Barbara Sebenick*

*Ed & Nancy Hutson in honor of our veterans*







*Bob & Nan Jones in honor of our children, Catherine and Doug & his family*

*Karen Lindenmeyer in memory of Carl and in honor of Vic, Vince & Brian*

*Donna, Jim & Corey McCubbin in memory of Betty Cruickshank and in honor of Chuck Cruickshank*

*The McLaurin Family in memory of Ethel Ann "Candy" Streater and Mary McLaurin*

*Raenota Merrill in honor of my family*

*Gary R Mohr, Sr. in memory of Lory Mohr*

*Mark & Mary Morrison in honor of Fort Hill's Elders and Deacons*

*Dusty & Nancy Oates in memory of Aubrey & Mercedes Scales and Dusty Oates, Sr. and  
in honor of Zelda Oates & Alice Dorn*

*Lanny & Linda Parsons in memory of Joseph & Avis Parsons and Gustaf & Alva Malmberg*

*Sarah Jane Polk in memory of George M. Polk, Jr.*

*Carol Pollock in memory of Tommy Pollock*

*Mitchell & Sara Elizabeth Pollock in honor of our amazing parents and Catherine Spragins*

*Jere & Rosemary Ross in honor of our children & grandchildren*

*Tom & Stephanie Scott in memory of Philip J. Gildersleeve & Andy Smith and  
in honor of Nora Guthrie, Erin Smith & Eliza Smith*

*Libba Shelton in memory of Jeral Shelton*

*Cathy Spragins in memory of Dr. John D. Spragins and  
in honor of Lucile MacLennan of Charleston, SC*

*Mark & Robbi Stokes in memory of Jim & Marjorie Stokes and Clyde & Lib Stubbs*

*Bill & Audrey Thompson in honor of Scott Thraikill*

*Ben & Cindy Trammell in memory of Ben Trammell Sr, Eugenia Trammell & Joseph Vermilya  
and in honor of Carolyn Vermilya*

*Nathan & Shelly Wilson in memory of their parents, Dr. O.R. Wilson, Lee Wilson and Alex Gibert*

*Helen Wooten in memory of Tom Wooten and in honor of her children & grandchildren*

*The Wright Family in memory of Ron Wright*



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# January Fort Hill Church Activities

## Wednesday, January 1

FHPC Church Office Closed

## Thursday–Sunday, January 2–5

Montreat College Conference

## Sunday, January 5

12:00 pm Safe Place Training — Conference Room

3:00 pm Officer Training — Club Room

## Monday, January 6

12:00 pm PW Circle 1 — Club Room

3:00 pm PW Circle of Hope — Clemson Downs Corley  
Cntr. (ground level)

6:00 pm Discipleship Ministry Meeting — Conf. Room

6:00 pm BSA Eagle Court of Honor — Sanctuary

## Tuesday, January 7

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

4:00 pm Planning Meeting — Conference Room

5:30 pm University Ministry Meeting — PSA Student  
Center

6:00 pm Christian Action Ministry Meeting — Library

7:00 pm Fellowship Ministry Meeting — Club Room  
Personnel & Program Ministry Mtg. — Conf Rm  
Youth Ministry Team Meeting — Den

## Wednesday, January 8

10:00 am Wed Morning Bible Study resumes — Club Rm

11:45 am Pastor Lunch at Clemson Downs

5:00 pm Meet Me @ The Fort resumes — Nest

6:00 pm Singers of Christ Choir (Gr 3-5) resumes—E209

6:30 pm Strong Praises Choir (Gr K-2) resumes—E209

## Sunday, January 12

3:00 pm Officer Training — Club Room

6:00 pm College Dinner, Worship & Discussion resumes

## Monday, January 13

9:30 am PW Trinity Circle — Club Room

## Tuesday, January 14

10:00 am Men's Bible Study — Library

3:00 pm Building & Grounds Ministry Meeting —  
Club Room

6:30 pm Adult Ministry Meeting — E209

Finance Ministry Meeting — Club Room

Worship Ministry Meeting — Conf. Room

7:30 pm PW Circle 2 (TWOesday EVEning Circle) —  
Library

## Saturday, January 18

9:00 am PW Winter Retreat — Tartan Hall & Club Rm

## Sunday, January 19

3:00 pm Officer Training — Club Room

4:00 pm Family Bowling Night — Clemson  
Underground Rec

## Monday, January 20

Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday — Church Offices Closed

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

## Tuesday, January 21

9:30 am PW Coordinating Team Meeting — Club Room

7:00 pm Session Meeting — Club Room

## Friday–Sunday, January 24–26

Choir Trip — Festival by the Sea — Charleston, SC

## Sunday, January 26

3:00 pm Officer Training — Club Room

## Tuesday, January 28

5:30 pm Membership Ministry Meeting — Conf. Rm.



# 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
- 2:30 pm Cub Scouts — Ed. Bldg/TH/Conf. Rm.  
(2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sun.)
- 5:00 pm Mid-High Youth — Youth Nest
- 5:00 pm Senior High Youth — Youth Den
- 6:00 pm College Dinner, Worship & Discussion —  
PSA Student Center

## Monday

- 4:00 pm Girl Scouts — Education Building
- 6:30 pm Scouts — Club Room/Tartan Hall/Nest
- 6:45 pm Christians Connecting Small Group —  
Lydia's 9 to 5 Ladies — Library

## 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 — Nest, E-208
- 6:00 pm Singers of Christ Choir (Grades 3-5) — E209
- 6:15 pm Chancel Bells — Choir Room
- 6:30 pm Strong Praises Choir (Grades K-2) — E209
- 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 Bldg.



1/1 Mitchell Pollock	1/9 Eva Henry	1/16 Polly Peters	Sarah Thomas
1/2 Susan Brown	Betty Pettigrew	1/18 Kemper Fagan	1/24 Reel Adams
David Durham	1/11 Ben Bronson	Bonnie Lanier	Britt Alexander
1/4 Michael Blackwell	Cooper Littlejohn	1/19 Jay Kennedy	Beth Durham
Dyke Spencer	Marian Radosevich	Lucas Money	Jane Polk
1/5 Beth Griffin	Beth Smith	Lois Sill	1/26 Walt Fagan
1/6 Blair Bolen	1/12 Gus Gustafson	1/20 Carol Johnson	Pete Smith
Mollie Faithful	1/13 Derick Durham	Rita Van Lenten	Sara Pollock
Gene Johnson	Rose Ross	Kyle Weeks	Amelia White
Barbara Madison	1/14 Angie Winchester	1/21 Harriett Salley	1/28 Bill Thompson
Donna McCubbin	1/15 Michael Alexander-	Caroline Thomas	1/29 Joan Alexander
1/7 Larry Glenn	Alonso	1/22 Michelle Blackwell	Harold Cheatham
1/8 Elizabeth Artigliere	Ross Davis	1/23 Diane Carnes	1/31 Marty Bailey
Lynette Sefick	Mary Limber	Savannah Ricks	Carole Kohlmayer
			Sue Limber



1/1 Jerry & Beth Chapman	1/8 Bradley & Meredith LeCroy	1/24 Bill & Audrey Thompson
1/2 Gene & Janet Johnson	Trevor & Marie Turner	1/26 Jack & Billie Jackson
1/5 Ralph & Ronda Ricks	1/10 Steve & Susan Best	

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