



The Window

The Newsletter of Fort Hill Presbyterian Church

Message From the Pastor

July 2020

The Okay-est Summer Ever

I have felt like a child confined to the boundaries of my own yard most days. And getting into that mindset, I realize that I feel this way because I have so many limitations and little control over my circumstances. One little kid asked his mother if they were ever going out to eat again. He declared, "I am tired of eating groceries." When I read this phrase, "The Okay-est Summer Ever" it resonated with me.

I have no complaints, really. I am so thankful that my husband and I have work we can do from phones and computers. I have food, shelter, safety, and God's grace to sustain me. For this day, we are all healthy. I am grateful. Others are working harder than ever with long hours in uncomfortable PPE, to serve in the medical and research field. Public servants like police and fire personnel still go on emergency calls. So many administrators and leaders are struggling to figure out anything from schools to how to keep a business afloat. A few months ago, who would ever imagine that we could be a danger and threat to one another because of an invisible virus?

If I could describe this season, it would be "Meh, it is okay." Many of us miss our usual routines like going to the gym, worshiping together, going on vacation, eating out for an anniversary. Lately, I have thought about the Apostle Paul. He had tons of challenges. He was living under the constraint of the Empire. He was thrown into prison for speaking of Jesus Christ. He upended the norms and challenged the religious, political, and business as usual status quo. And through all, God was his strength. Jesus was his constant companion and friend. The Holy Spirit was obviously in charge and gave Paul energy to be in mission. And to his friends at Philippi he penned,

... for I have learned how to be content in any circumstance. I know the experience of being in need and of having more than enough; I have learned the secret to being content in any and every circumstance, whether full or hungry or whether having plenty or being poor. (Philippians 4:11-12)

Maybe we are all learning to be content with the essentials of life. Recently, I witnessed the Presbyterian Women presenting an award to Judy Blackwell on their porch. It was simple and sweet to be in the company of these faithful women (see photo- Joan Dixon was the other honoree). Perhaps we are even enjoying the simplicity and gifts of the mundane ways God's grace show up. And we pause to give thanks.

So, here's to having the okay-est summer ever!

Laura Smith Conrad, Pastor



Pictured: Cathy McInnis, Mary Barron, Judy Blackwell, Myra Cato, Claudette Bennett

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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.

We do this as we Glorify God, Grow Disciples, Meet Human Needs.

Weekly Lectionary Scriptures

7/5 5th Sunday after Pentecost

Gen. 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67; Ps. 45:10-17 or Song of Sol. 2:8-13; Rom. 7:15-25a; Matt. 11:16-19, 25-30

7/12 6th Sunday after Pentecost

Gen 25:19-34; Ps. 119:105-112; Rom 8:1-11; Matt. 13:1-9, 18-23

7/19 7th Sunday after Pentecost

Gen. 28:10-19a; Ps. 139:1-12, 23-24; Rom. 8:12-25; Matt. 13:24-30,36-43

7/26 8th Sunday after Pentecost

Gen. 29:15-28; Ps. 105:1-11, 45b or Ps. 128; Rom. 8:26-39; Matt. 13:31-33, 44-52

August 2020

The Window Deadline

The deadline for articles, announcements, and features for the August issue of *The Window* is
***Wednesday, July 8.**

***one week earlier than normal**

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.



Children's Ministry News

This year has brought about many adjustments and new ways of being in ministry together. Our children, possibly the most adaptable of us all, have giggled together and shared their at-home experiences via Zoom and Marco Polo, found new ways of building their faith with devotions and activities from our first Drive-thru, and continued to inspire us all with their unyielding faith and ability to find joy in the little things.

Fort Hill Children's Ministry was thrilled to have the opportunity to provide each child on our roster with a Bible at our May Drive-thru. Parents have shared with us that our children are enjoying reading their new Bibles and sharing them with their families.

In lieu of our usual weeklong Vacation Bible School, we will be offering The Fort at Home presents "Old Testament Adventures!" Children will receive kits of activities and crafts to complete as they explore the stories of Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, Esther, and Jonah. We will provide videos, games, and Zoom opportunities online to enrich exploration of these stories and their place in the greater story of our Lord.

Hugs and Prayers,

Katie

Christian Action Ministry Update

Helping Our Neighbors

Due to COVID-19 and recent tornados our community has seen an increased need for support.

Through Fort Hill Presbyterian Church's Christian Action Ministry (CAM) your financial contributions have assisted in sharing God's love locally when help was needed. The following are some of the ways CAM has used contingency funds and our Fort Hill family has responded to the needs of our neighbors.

Fellowship Camp and Conference Center

The Fellowship Camp and Conference Center, which FHPC provides camp scholarships to, needed assistance in an unexpected situation. The Imani Milele Children's Choir of Uganda, consisting of 37 members, was touring the United States until their concerts were canceled due to COVID-19. Since they were unable to complete their tour or return home, the camp made the commitment to shelter, feed and nurture this group until they were able to travel again. CAM was able to provide a monetary donation to aid in providing lodging and food for the choir.

Tornado Relief

Our community witnessed great devastation with the recent tornados. We, also, saw love in action. Many members joined with our United Methodist friends to clean up trees and debris. FHPC was a collection site for other area churches and neighborhoods to support the Golden Corner Food Pantry in Seneca with needed food and supplies. CAM was able to provide a financial contribution to aid in meeting the long term needs of individuals and families through United Ministries, formerly Oconee Presbyterian Service Fund.

Safe Harbor

Safe Harbor, one of the local missions FHPC supports, is a ministry that provides safe shelter, counseling, advocacy and support services for victims of domestic violence and their children. Safe Harbor experienced an increased need for funding due to a rising demand for services paired with the challenges of providing safe housing during a pandemic. CAM was able to respond to these circumstances by providing additional funds.

Through these efforts we help fulfill Fort Hill's mission of Meeting Human Need.

"Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality." Romans 12:13

Choir Corner

I came into the office today to write this article because it is a bit easier to focus here where I am supposed to be. I am not here in this place very often. It actually feels a bit strange, and yet it is comforting. When I go in the choir room or sanctuary, it feels very different without children, handbells, the Chancel Choir, or Judy ready to accompany us.



I have thought often in the last few months about where and what feels safe and natural to me. Being home with Raymond feels that way – I am safe, secure, and happy. Having ZOOM or FaceTime with our children, grandchildren, and friends is different, but certainly a gift, as I am sure it is for you as well. (Although sometimes with so many meetings, it can be overwhelming!) Watching our own service along with various others is different, but a wonderful offering allowing us to still worship together.

For all that is different, strange, or overwhelming, I am thankful. If I were to start a list, it could take up a few pages. But I think one thing that I am most thankful for...it is all of you! The Fort Hill family is a true gift from God. We support one another. We love one another. We care for one another. We pray for one another. We sing together in our hearts right now! Wherever we are, remember the words of this hymn: "We are one in the spirit; we are one in the Lord, and we pray that all unity may one day be restored. And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love."

Smiling & Singing,

Margaret



Return to Church Update

Your Session and Task Group continue to monitor the situation and to date we continue the Stay at Home Phase of our Return to Church Plan, but we hope to allow for an outdoor gathering of evening prayer at Old Stone Church when we reach a down turn and are able to progress to Phase One status. We also understand that occasionally new situations will arise that have to be considered as the pandemic continues to persist. Session determined that such circumstances and any recommended changes will be addressed, first by the Task Group and associated ministry, then by Session. Please be safe, take care, and continue to pray for the health of God's people and those working to alleviate suffering.

Church Mouse



Oh, it is so quiet here. I do miss all of you. BUT I do get to hear both **Judy Bonham and Margaret MacKay** perform heavenly music. Plus, I hear that **Mark & Robbi Stokes and Chip & Diane Egan** frequently provide music for your Sunday YouTube service. They even played a tape of the **Chancel Choir with Mary Barron** as the soloist. Also, **Judy Blackwell & Ethel Pettigrew** (usually sing at the 8:30 service) provided a joyful noise.

So sorry that we did not get to celebrate in person with all our high school seniors: **Carter Bandy, Catherine Jones, Elyse Hollingsworth, Andrew Latiff, Mac Martin, Clay Mohr, Will Turner, & Katherine Whisler.** Congratulations to them!

The Presbyterian Women were to hold their annual Birthday Luncheon where they also recognize two women who were nominated for an Honorary Life membership: **Judy Blackwell & Joan Dixon** were so honored. Had we had the luncheon it would have been under the guidance of **Donna Crader, Barbara Madison, Jill Foster & Pam Waddle.**

Did you know that we have a very diligent Task Force that is developing the Fort Hill to Church Plan that is guiding us through the pandemic and when to open the church safely? They are **Beth Griffin, Lori Houck, Bob Jones, Dr. Rose Marie McDonald, Margaret MacKay, Chuck Moede, Mary Morrison, Michael Sanchez, Robbi Stokes, Pat Street, Caroline Thomas, Josh Young & Pastor Laura Smith Conrad.**

There are so many that are helping produce the various videos that are used during our devotions and services: **Laura Conrad, Michael Sanchez, Mary Morrison, Eddie Payne,** and the Best Coordinator, **Chuck Moede.**



Jerry and Dianne Bitzer and family on the death of their son, David Bitzer on May 28 in Seneca

The family and church families of Pansy Duke on her death on June 3 in Summerville, SC

Garland and Cynthia Gravely on the death of Garland's brother, Williams Hamilton Gravely on June 7 in WA



Congratulations

Benjamin Rice Wofford III
&
Johanna Jean Nemetz
were married
Saturday, June 13, 2020
Traveler's Rest, SC

Youth Ministry News

We are in the middle of a summer none of us will soon forget. I told the youth before their strange school year ended that I think this will be a moment of history that they will be sharing for the rest of their lives. Since their school year ended, that statement has become even more true. On May 25th George Floyd, a Black man in Minneapolis, MN, was murdered by the police. His death, as well as his cries for help, were recorded by a cell phone video and the conversations about race and racism in this country came to the front of the news yet again. Protests and demonstrations, statue removals, and chants of "I can't breathe" and "Black Lives Matter" are present on any social media app you open or any news channel we watch.

If you are a youth reading this and you are confused by what is going on in the world, I want to tell you that confusion is okay, but it shouldn't be where you stop. Ask an adult about what is going on. Call a member of the church who remembers the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950's and 1960's and learn from our country's recent history. Send me a text and I will answer your questions the best I can. We can talk about racism in this country and break down some of the language you might be hearing and White Supremacy and the corruption in many of our country's institutions, including the prison and policing systems.

If you are a parent, please give your child space to process and ask questions. Take the time to re-learn some history together or read a book as a family about white privilege. When they ask a question you don't know, don't be afraid to teach them that "I don't know but let's look that up together" is a perfectly valid response. Reach out to those of us on staff at church when you need a conversation lifeline.

If you are reading this and don't fall into either category above, but still identify as white, the above tasks still apply. You have history to relearn and patterns of privilege to examine and repent from. If you can safely do so, go to a protest and hear what our Siblings of Color are asking for and what they are mourning. Do some reading about the demands of our neighbors that their lives, their Brown and Black bodies, be treated with the dignity and the humanity they have been denied for so long.

And, for all of you, as you do your learning, your unlearning, and your relearning, your advocacy and you praying, your marching and your donating, please know that you have my prayers, my support, and an open invitation to reach out and chat with me about your process.

Grace and Peace,

Beth

ANXIOUS TO TALK ABOUT IT

HELPING WHITE CHRISTIANS TALK FAITHFULLY ABOUT RACISM

by Carolyn B. Helsel
7:00 PM EST
July 13, 20, 27, Aug 3, 17, 24



Conversations with
Rev. Mary Morrison
Go to forthillchurch.org
to register

News from Presbyterian Women

Fort Hill Presbyterian Women News—July 2020

Fort Hill Presbyterian Women present the Honorary Life Membership Award each year to a Christian whose witness, long and dedicated service, and spiritual influence in our community reflect the love of God and His church. This year we have two outstanding honorees — listed in alphabetical order.



Our first recipient, **Joan Dixon**, distinguishes herself by demonstrating God's love throughout the entire Fort Hill Presbyterian Church congregation. In her 21 years of membership she has stepped up to volunteer in many capacities.

Joan is serving her second three-year commitment as a deacon. She has also been on the nominating committee to choose new elders and deacons; taught Sunday school; been a member of the Children's Ministry committee; a member of the Sojourners Class; is active in Trinity Circle, and is a frequent usher at the 10:45 AM service.

Caring for all age groups, Joan volunteers to work in the nursery, visits our members at Clemson Downs, accompanies the Youth on church-related trips, and has been a team member on the 2018 mission trip to El Faro, Guatemala. She and her husband prepare meals for PSA suppers, and regularly adopt PSA Connector students, opening their home to them, and truly becoming their "family" here in Clemson.

When our church is in charge of preparing a meal each month for Our Daily Bread, Joan is usually there, donating her time and expertise to prepare the meal, bantering with the clients, calling them by name, and bringing holiday treats to share.

Joan is a retired elementary school teacher who most recently taught in Pickens County. In her and her husband's blended family, she is a loving mother to four, and a grandmother to ten!

Joan cares for others in so many ways! Her wide-reaching circle of friends, her former students, and the people she has just met all feel better when Joan greets them with her cheerful smile!

Congratulations, Joan!

Our second recipient is equally outstanding. **Judy Blackwell** has served Fort Hill in many capacities for nearly 40 years. She's worked in local public schools, being the kind of teacher who allows students to lead the lesson as their peers join in, and taught swimming and exercise classes at the Clemson-Central Rec Center.

For many years, during Sunday services, Judy made rounds through Fort Hill's Education Building to make sure all the nurseries and classes were covered and staffed. When volunteers failed to show up, she would fill in herself and summon others to help. If she saw a need, she just quietly stepped up. Though she often expressed interest in joining an adult Sunday School class, her priority was making sure the children were in good care.

Through the years, she has volunteered for Gift Day, Vacation Bible School, Family Promise, Sewing for Missions, and Angel Vespers. She has served as a Deacon twice, coordinated numerous Blood Drives, helped with church-directory publications, provided brunch for the choir between services on Easter Sundays, and served on countless other committees here at Fort Hill.

Formerly a member of Trinity Circle for decades, Judy recently became the leader for Circle of Hope at the Corley Center at the Downs. This circle is now growing since the members are able to meet so close to home and bring their friends!

Judy serves the 8:30 service as the head-usher coordinator, and sings in Joyful Noise Choir.. Week after week she faithfully attends to small details, communicating with the ushers and communion servers as needed, to make sure everything runs smoothly. She makes all feel welcomed – especially visitors.

Judy and her husband have three grown children who were all raised at Fort Hill.

Congratulations, Judy!



**We give thanks to God today for both of our recipients and for their faith and service.
Please congratulate Joan and Judy when you see them!**

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

Troop 235/7235:

On May 29, nine of our Troop 235 Senior Class graduated from D W Daniel High School and three others have already graduated from the Governor's School or were home schooled and likewise graduated.

These 12 seniors are:

Wyatt Dorris	Clay Mohr
Logan Durham	Matthew Park
Jack Foulk	Jeremy Sarasua
Michael Hammel	Nate Snider
Noah Hubbard	Thames Stokes
Mac Martin	Manuel Unda

All 12 have achieved the Eagle rank!

Over the last seven years, like the many previous successful classes of seniors, we can all be proud of for these 12 scouts and their aggregate 84 years from 2013-2020:

- Nine started in T-235; three transferred in from other troops in their Sophomore/Junior years
- 1125 nights camping (Avg 94 nights)
- 205 service projects (Avg 27)
- 350 merit badges (Avg = 29; 9 Bronze palms, 6 Gold palms and 2 Silver palms)
- 1045 hours of service (Avg 87) including 12 Eagle Projects
- 31 adventure or high adventure trip experiences including Four Triple Crowns and Two Grand Slams from this list: Philmont, Northern Tier canoeing or OKPIK, WVA Summit Experience or New River Adventure, Sea Base SCUBA, Sea Exploring or Coral Reef Sailing; also Michigan Adventure and the EPIC Colorado/Utah Adventure
- 10 patrol leaders, 3 Senior Patrol Leader and 4 ASST patrol leaders and numerous other troop positions

Their immediate future: Nine will go to Clemson University, one to Belmont University, one to Coastal Carolina University, and one to Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

Congratulations to these 12 seniors and their impact on the troop over the past 7 years.

THANKS to their parents who no doubt are most responsible for guiding these young men for the past 18 years and likewise promoting their sons involvement in Scouting.

I have slightly edited the video from Monday night to include a few missed events and I have also created a shorter version (5 vs 8.5 minutes)

They are linked below for your viewing. I will also put them in the troop Dropbox (Troop videos) for those who want to download them. Go to Troop website: <http://troop235.bsahosting.org/troop/index.htm>

We still look forward to officially awarding Eagle rank to the eight of these scouts who await an Eagle Court-of-Honor later this summer we hope.

Here are the links to the two videos:

8.5 minute version:

<https://animoto.com/play/pXqiX3pcQM2ULwX1w2olaw>

5 minute version:

<https://animoto.com/play/080tr5r69rjyd4vFD8k1VQ>

To all these seniors and EAGLE SCOUTS: BE PREPARED and ALWAYS DO YOUR BEST!

Vic Shelburne
Scoutmaster
T-235



Mary Morrison's Sabbatical Information

Fort Hill is one of those churches where staff tend to stay longer than the usual handful of years. That staying power is a sign of a healthy church. Staff who gel together are able to serve in ministry for the common good and blessing abounds both for the congregation and those who serve in its leadership. Sabbaticals are one way that congregations can celebrate those ministries of staying power. Several years ago Pastor Laura engaged in a sabbatical and before her Pastor Rodney did as well.

I have served in ministry for 35 years now with the last six-plus of those years at Fort Hill. In November of 2019, I requested that the Session give their blessing to me for a sabbatical and to the formation of a Sabbatical Reflection Group to work alongside me in the development and implementation of a sabbatical grant proposal. Those serving as the Sabbatical Reflection Group are Mary Barron, Lisa Britt, Bill Cato, Donna Crader, Leanne Greene, Cathy Keaton, and Jacquie Worley. Also serving as a colleague in ministry is the Rev. John Hartman who is the pastor at the Seneca Presbyterian Church and friend of mine. After many months of meeting, discussions, writing and revisions, the final grant proposal was ready in March. Then when the pandemic hit, Lilly adjusted their schedule and extended the deadline for application to June. So I made some changes and revisions and sought more outside readers to polish the proposal even more. With the Sabbatical Reflection Group's blessing, I submitted the proposal, budget, calendar, and supporting materials to complete the requirements of the National Clergy Program Renewal grant funded by the Lilly Endowment and administered through Christian Theological Seminary in early June.

Here is a portion of the grant proposal.

"I want to explore the connection between the Creator and the physical world the Creator fashioned, of which I am a part with my beloved community. Early in life, I enjoyed flowers and Sunday evening walks with my father. He introduced me to God by teaching me to garden, telling me stories on those walks, and praying with me daily. My daily tasks have taken me indoors, away from the gardens, from the flowers, from the bounty of God's natural world. I intend to dig deeply, walk far, and smell the flowers to prayerfully emerge with an appreciation that will sustain me for many more years of faithful ministry as new challenges arise and contexts change.

The purpose of this sabbatical is three-fold: to rest, to be renewed, and to share blessings. I will rest by ceasing pastoral work. I will be renewed through the joyful recreation of walking with my beloved spouse and deepening family relationships through play. I will also be renewed by visiting gardens to behold God's creativity in diversity. I will share the blessings of solitary time with God through artful endeavors with Scripture and prayer, harvesting more blessings to share upon return to the congregation." ...



The sabbatical includes plans for pilgrimage. Mark and I plan to walk the last 100 km of the Camino Frances from Sarria to Santiago de Compostela in Spain. Then I will travel solo to enjoy a time of repose on the Island of Iona, Scotland. Later on, Mark and I and our daughters will enjoy family time and hiking in the deep woods and along the coast of the Pacific on Vancouver Island. We will also see some of the oldest trees on earth! In each location, I will visit gardens to delight in God's clever creative Spirit.

Some of the sabbatical time will be as a solo pilgrim and others will be with family. I will also engage the Davidson Clergy Center for a week early in the sabbatical to focus on wholeness and a healthy plan for re-entry into ministry post-sabbatical. Prior to meeting up with family in the Pacific Northwest, I will enjoy a week for artistic expression with the Grunewald Guild, an arts education retreat center in the Plain Valley of the Cascade mountains of Washington.

The Sabbatical Reflection Group has also discerned the congregation's experience of sabbath while I will be away. The creative endeavors of those present at the table have born some delightful ideas which will add to the bond of spiritual growth and fruit that such a sabbatical intends for both pastor and people. We will share more of those activities in another Window article.

Here are some more details that you may be wondering about regarding the sabbatical. My anticipated sabbatical will be from mid-April to mid-July of 2021. Hopefully, the pandemic will be in check by then with a vaccine. If not, then I may elect to defer the sabbatical for a year. Hopefully, I will receive funding from Lilly and if the pandemic continues I will also hopefully have the option to defer the award for a year also.

I will hear from Lilly in mid-October whether the church and I receive the requested funding. Thank you for your prayers for the grant readers as they do their work of discerning which proposals will receive funding. I am grateful for the opportunities that are before us.

With gratitude and hope,
Mary A. Morrison

From the Finance Ministry

From the Finance Ministry – Through May, total income was \$445,719 while expenses for the first five months were \$367,087 for a year to date surplus of \$77,912. Expenses are at 36.7% of budgeted, while income is at 44.6%. As you can see, income is approximately 3% above budget while expenses are approximately 5% below budget. Some expenses are lower than budgeted during this shutdown, and thanks to your financial support, Fort Hill is able to continue its ministries to members, community and around the world.

Thank you for your financial support. Your contributions can be made by mail or online through the Fort Hill web site.

Bridging Generations Update:
Loan principle: \$299,501.90.



In Memory of Pansy Duke

We recently lost our beloved Pansy E Duke. She has joined the Church Triumphant. Pansy came to us in 1982 to serve as our Director of Christian Education. Fort Hill did not know the powerhouse it had just obtained.

How many of us were taught new things because Pansy asked us to take on some project for the church we had never done before? I had never cooked for more than 6 people before Pansy convinced me to go with her to Montreat to watch over the Middle schoolers for a week. Colin was 2. Little did I know that was to be my job for many years until Colin and his group graduated from High School and a few years beyond. I learned so much about Montreat and the Presbyterian Church because of Pansy.

My family and I travelled with her to far away places and learned much about the world. Pansy is still with us through her Pansy Duke Scholarship Endowment Fund. She had the vision to set up this program for the "youth" of our church to provide some funds to investigate their call to the church. It has helped many of our young people to take a class or two to determine if being a pastor or a DCE might be what God was wanting them to be.

This program is available because Pansy knew she wanted to keep teaching us how to serve our Lord. If you want to give something back to the church for what Pansy has done for your family, please consider adding to the Pansy Duke Scholarship Endowment Fund. If you want to explore your call to the church, make yourself known to Mary Morrison, who can help you tap into these funds to pay for a little tuition or books to explore that call.



Ethel C. Pettigrew

Member Finance Ministry

7/1 Becky DeWitt
Ric Ware

7/2 Catherine Latiff

7/3 Tom Hunter
Nan Jones

7/4 Katherine Cason

7/5 Avery Conrad
Hallie Conrad
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Jane Van Senus

7/6 Greg Griffis

7/7 Sherry Kantzler

7/8 Page Cross

7/9 Lee Churchfield

7/10 Shirley Muzii
Ronda Ricks
Evanne Theis

7/11 Craig Horton

7/12 Carl Hollingsworth
Corey Mcubbin
Hugh Spittle

7/13 Mary Margaret Allman
Denise Anderson
Ken Chappell

7/15 Mike Blackwell
Maegen Johnson
Ethel Pettigrew

7/17 Patrick Adams
Tom Waldrop

7/19 Tammy Fagan

7/20 Edmee Reel

7/21 Jack Jackson
Grant Jones

7/22 Sawyer Hays
Bill Nisonger

7/23 Nancy Spittle

7/24 Ellen Ackerman
Ethan Ackerman
Jason Allen
Adam Scott

7/25 Lanie Hedrick

7/26 Spencer Bryan

7/27 Lee Davis
Jim McCubbin
Johnnie Van de Sande
Barbara Westall

7/28 J.T. Bandy
Sarah Morrison



7/29 Marlene Nicholas
Jeremy Wright

7/30 George Dunkelberg
Caroline Rash

7/31 Nancy Hutson
Gary Mohr
John Sherman



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ANNIVERSARY



7/6 Don & Joann Daugherty
Louis & Nancy Stone

7/7 Chip & Diane Egan

7/12 Mike & Courtney Money

7/17 Chris & Beth Griffin

7/18 Dan & Denise Anderson
David & Judi Cundiff

7/21 Devon & Leanne Broome
Steve & Laura Hunter

7/24 Ann & Ron Rash

7/27 Bill & Jan Kahle

7/28 Chuck & Nina Moede

7/29 Dusty & Nancy Oates

Pansy Duke Scholarship

The Pansy Duke Scholarship

Administered by the Fort Hill Presbyterian Church

Clemson, South Carolina

Scholarship Background:

The Scholarship has been established by Ms. Pansy E. Duke, a longtime and faithful member of the Fort Hill Presbyterian Church, Clemson, South Carolina. Pansy served Fort Hill as Director of Christian Education beginning in March 1981 until her final retirement as Parish Visitor in November 2015.

Pansy attended Montreat College (1956-1959), graduated from Flora MacDonald College in 1960. She then served as the youngest missionary without experience in the denomination teaching children of missionaries in Brazil. In 1965 she received her Masters of Christian Education degree from the Presbyterian School of Christian Education in Richmond, VA. She served as Director of Christian Education and Youth Director in Presbyterian churches in Florence, SC, Morristown and Nashville, TN, and Tampa, FL. Her ministry at Fort Hill fostered faith in children, youth and young adults as well as all ages of adults through Christian educational programs in Clemson, at Montreat and on many retreats and mission trips. She played the key role in organizing the first "return to Bethlehem" in 1990. Her love of discipleship in Jesus Christ is the foundation of the Scholarship to provide for supporting persons seeking to live out their vocation in Christ.

The Scholarship is awarded annually to qualified individuals based on leadership, academic excellence, and the commitment to explore means to attain a life of faith-based servant leadership. All qualified individuals with exceptional leadership and faith-based service, including seminary-bound students are encouraged to apply and will be equally considered.

Strong candidates will have demonstrated a commitment to the Presbyterian Church (USA) and service to others. A limited number of awards are available each year. The Scholarship may be renewable provided a recipient is involved in meaningful ways in the life of the Church and in service to others and remains in good academic standing.

Qualifications:

- Active membership in a Presbyterian Church congregation or Presbyterian Student organization for at least the past two years
- Nomination/recommendation from a Presbyterian Church professional (minister or Christian education director), or a former or current officer (elder or deacon)
- Evidence of academic achievement
- Leadership qualities as evidenced by involvement in church, school, or community activities
- Evidence of service or ministry to others
- Evidence of need for financial support

Applicants must provide the following information:

1. Fill out the Pansy Duke Scholarship Application form.
2. Develop a statement of goals for how you plan to work toward attaining a life of faith-based servant leadership including past leadership and service related activities.
3. Provide transcript from latest educational institution to demonstrate academic achievement.
4. Provide recommendation letter from Presbyterian Church professional or officer
5. Develop statement of need based on your current financial situation and the cost for your educational goals.
6. Submit application with all documentation to the Discipleship Ministry of Fort Hill Presbyterian Church.

THE PANSY DUKE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name:

Date of birth:

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

Email Address:

Current address:

City:

State:

ZIP Code:

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

Name and address of schools

Major

Date graduated and degree

High School

Major:

Undergraduate Institution

Major:

Graduate Institution

Major:

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

Qualifications:

- Active membership in a Presbyterian Church congregation or Presbyterian Student Organization for at least the past two years
- Nomination/recommendation from a Presbyterian Church professional (minister or Christian education director), or a former or current officer (elder or deacon)
- Evidence of academic achievement
- Leadership qualities as evidenced by involvement in church, school, or community activities
- Evidence of service or ministry to others
- Evidence of need for financial support

HOW TO APPLY

1. Fill out the Pansy Duke Scholarship Application form.
2. Develop a statement of goals for how you plan to work toward attaining a life of faith-based servant leadership including past leadership and service related activities.
3. Provide transcript from latest educational institution to demonstrate academic achievement.
4. Provide recommendation letter from Presbyterian Church professional or officer.
5. Develop statement of need based on your current financial situation and the cost for your educational goals.
6. Submit application with all documentation to the Discipleship Ministry of Fort Hill Presbyterian Church.

SIGNATURE

I attest the information provided in this packet is true.

Signature of applicant:

Date:

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(IN FRONT OF THE PRESCHOOL WING)



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