

The Window

The Newsletter of Fort Hill Presbyterian Church

January 2022

Message From the Pastor

Once More with Feeling!

In show business rehearsing performers will often say, "Once more with feeling!" when they start the song over once again. Apparently, it was also a great *Buffy*, *the Vampire Slayer* musical episode.

Here we are on the threshold of a new calendar year. Someone suggested we tiptoe into 2022, keeping expectations low, as we live through the next wave of COVID spread. We got excited last year that 2021 was going to be so much better, and it has been, but we are not done. We are used to 2-day delivery, Insta-cart, and immediate gratification; so, the years of living through a pandemic test us all. So here we go again, once more...with feeling!

As we turn a corner to a new calendar year, let us once again seek God, who came to seek us out in Jesus. We may temper our expectations where the pandemic is concerned. God, however, can do "more than we ask or imagine." So, let us persevere in hope, commit ourselves to the ways of Christ. Perhaps one way to commit anew is to review our Fort Hill Faith Practices that form us into Christian people. Pick one practice this new year to focus upon. Which practice will help you grow and stretch in ways you need? Here they are again:

- Worship Weekly — in order to grow we need to love God.
- Serve Eagerly — in order to grow we need to exercise.
- Study Scripture Purposefully — in order to grow we need to be nourished.
- Build Relationships Intentionally — in order to grow we need care.
- Pray Daily — in order to grow we need to breathe in the breath of God.
- Give Generously — in order to grow we need to share.
- Share the Good News Joyfully — in order to grow we need encouragement!

As we tiptoe into 2022, I pray that Fort Hill Church is receptive and open to the ways God is calling us to do ministry in this post-pandemic world. I hope I am open and receptive. For when we place our trust in the One who gave his only Son, we can trust God will be faithful. I cannot wait to see the future unfold and for Christ, to be made real, incarnated, through us!

Blessings and Peace,

Laura 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

- 1/2 2nd Sunday of Christmas**
Jer. 31:7-14 and Ps. 147:12-20;
Eph. 1:3-14; John 1:(1-9) 10-18
- 1/9 Baptism of the Lord**
Isa. 43:1-7 and Ps. 29;
Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
- 1/16 2nd Sunday after Epiphany**
Isa. 62:1-5 and Ps. 36:5-10;
1 Cor. 12:1-11; John 2:1-11
- 1/23 3rd Sunday after Epiphany**
Neh. 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Ps. 19;
1 Cor. 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21
- 1/30 4th Sunday after Epiphany**
Jer. 1:4-10 and Ps. 71:6;
1 Cor. 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30

February 2022 *The Window* Deadline

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

Choir Corner

What does 2022 hold for you? What does 2022 hold for Fort Hill? What does 2022 hold for our choir family? And the questions can go on and on.

For me, I didn't make any new year resolutions, but I am thinking of what I would like to see happen in the New Year. For each of you, I hope you have good health, happiness, and a great experience making music together. For Fort Hill, I hope to continue to see the joy and gift of serving God by everyone giving of their best gifts — teaching, leading as an elder, ministering as a deacon, making music with your voices or hands, and sharing love and caring from our hearts for our church family and beyond. The list could go on and on.

After surviving 2021 when we were shut down for so long, this new year gives us many things to celebrate. We are singing again together at the Fort and choir members are going to Festival by the Sea. Yes, our choir members are able to return January 28-30 and be part of this joyful weekend. Because of renovations at the First Baptist Church in Charleston, we will be in Greenville at Westminster Presbyterian Church. We will be singing in a large, open sanctuary where we can spread out amid beautiful instruments. With the wonderful acoustics, we can join our voices and sing praise and glory to God. There will be 19 of us going. And you will be blessed to hear the fruits of our labor when we share those messages in music with you in worship.

It is good to make music and sing praise to God. That is done by each and every one of us. You don't have to wear a robe and a stole to sing. You just open your mouth, sing of your faith, and share the love of God through songs, and hymns, and spiritual songs; making melody in your hearts to God.

Happy New Year! Make a joyful noise! Keep smiling-n-Singing,

Margaret



Hear More About Confirmation

Confirmation is a time in the life of a young person, where they affirm their faith in Jesus Christ while also becoming a member of Fort Hill Presbyterian Church. Through confirmation, students learn about church governance, how to be a Christian in today's world, and see how God has been at work in their lives from the very beginning.

It is a thrill to announce that this year we have 16 young people engaging in the journey of Confirmation. With hope-filled minds, and a bit of nerves, they will tackle deep questions and that is where we as a congregation pick them up, support them and love them, just as God loves us.

Friends, please be in prayer for these 16 young people, listed below. Are you interested in being a part of these Confirmands spiritual journeys? We are still in need of confirmation partners for the coming year. If you are interested, please contact Jacob at his email: jacob.kennedy@forthillchurch.org

2022 Confirmation Class

Mason Young
Spencer Wright
James Kwist
Andy Kwist
Lochlan McLaurin
Emma Worley
Savannah Worley
Addie Nebesky

Marion Gahan
David Durham
Rees Gregory
Miller Gregory
Ella Griffis
Lucy Martin
Helen Crader
Jacob Lawson



Coffee & Cookies



**Sunday, January 2
10:00 am in Tartan Hall
& the Courtyard**

Courage: Jesus and the Call to Brave Faith set to begin January 12 for 6 Wednesdays

Join with others for six sessions learning about *Courage: Jesus and the Call to Brave Faith*. This study will be offered in a hybrid format, both in-person and via Zoom on Wednesdays, January 12, 19, 26, February 2, 9, and 16 at 10:00 am.

To register, go to:

<https://uss06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwuc-qqrTkpHdXnK7iUW3tG-GEUEEkcgl3>

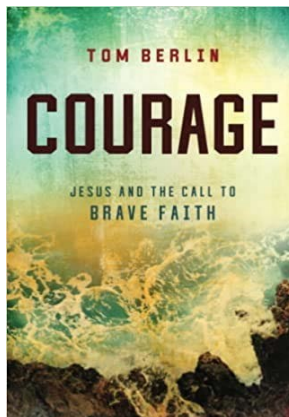
After registering you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting if you need to be remotely connected. Make sure to order your own book or e-book prior to the study.

Start the new year with *Courage!* Courage is the foundational virtue required for the Christian life. But often we wonder if we have what it takes to live the vital life Jesus offers his disciples.

In *Courage: Jesus and the Call to Brave Faith*, pastor and author Tom Berlin challenges us to unlock the courage that we already possess as Christ followers. By examining the life of Christ, we will begin to understand what true courage is and how God works in the lives of Christ followers as they exhibit a brave faith. Once we have eyes to hear what Jesus is showing us, once we have ears to hear, we can begin to find the remarkable life Jesus offers us.

Join others in exploring this foundational virtue to grow in faith together. Berlin says, "Courage is necessary for Christians to fulfill the mandates of their faith and live in ways consistent to the high calling of the gospel of Jesus Christ." Here is a breakdown of how we will examine courage.

January 12	1—The Clarity of Courage
January 19	2—The Conviction of Courage
January 26	3—The Candor of Courage
February 2	4—The Hope of Courage
February 9	5—The Fortitude of Courage
February 16	6—The Love of Courage



Sunday Servants

Pastor on Call

1/2	Laura Conrad
1/9	Mary Morrison
1/16	Jacob Kennedy
1/23	Laura Conrad
1/30	Mary Morrison

Elder of the Day

1/2	Eddie Payne
1/9	Bill Cato
1/16	Gregg Morton
1/23	Nancy Spittler
1/30	Mark Stokes

Christian Sympathy is extended to:

- **Darrel & Lanie Hedrick** on the death of Lanie's father, Preston Ford on December 4 in Charleston, SC.
- **Cathy & Tom McInnis** on the death of Cathy's aunt, Ada Pursley, on December 7.
- **Mary Coronato** on the death of her husband, Rocky Coronado, on December 14.
- **Tom & Betty Shealy** on the death of Betty's sister, Amelia Cotty, on December 19 in Columbia, SC.
- **Bob & Nan Jones** on the death of Bob's brother, Wilson Jones, on December 23 in Elizabeth City, NC.
- **Nancy & Hugh Spittler** on the death of Nancy's brother, David McAlpin, on December 25 in Kansas City, MO.

We Appreciate our Fort Hill Staff



It's difficult to gather our busy Fort Hill staff together even for a brief photo moment. Pictured are the smiling faces of the majority! As we welcome a new year, Personnel & Program Support thought it would be good to share staff anniversary dates, inviting our congregation to send a note of encouragement during these milestone months or whenever the Spirit moves you throughout the year!

January

Jacob Kennedy (2021)

March

Judy Bonham (2000)

April

Lori Houck (2009)

June

Laura Conrad (2009); Scott Thrailkill (2015)

July

Morgan Bryant (2021)

September

Margaret MacKay (2010); Preston Shealy (2021)

October

Mary Morrison (2013)



Church Mouse

I just love Christmas, it is so much fun. The church looks so festive thanks to the efforts of those who put up the decorations: **Caroline & Jim Thomas, Scott Thrailkill, Mark Stokes, and Gary Mohr**. Plus we had a baptism in December on Communion Sunday. **Donna McCubbin** helped with the baptism and **Beth & Jerry Chapman, Donna McCubbin, Caroline Thomas, and Denise Anderson** helped serve communion.

Back in November there was a special service for the ordination of The NOW Reverend Jacob Kennedy. Those that participated in the service for him were: **The Reverends Laura Conrad and Mary Morrison** from our church, **Rev. Pressley Cox, Elder Dulcie Mohr, Elder Pat Street, Elder Fred Tolly, Rev. Dr. Rebecca Davis, Rev. Wilson Kennedy** (Jacob's brother), and **Elder Michele Kennedy** (Jacob's mother).

The Preschool under the direction of **Kayla Webb** with her wonderful teachers: **Kelly McRoberts, Jenn Blackwell, Desi Schumacher, Ceci Arthur, Anita Rinz, Sharon Match, Holly Ruth, Ellison Reid, and Natasha Revis**. They, the children and parents built snow houses and then had a marvelous Christmas program. I just love all the little ones. They are SO lively and keep me running to avoid their little feet.

My very favorite service is the Lessons & Carols. Readers were: **Larry Glenn, Anndie Young, Eddie Payne, Emily Martin Ewoldt, Cindy Trammell, Mac Martin, and Russ Phillips**. Special instrumental music by: **Judy Bonham, Marion Sieffert, Kay Gilbert, Clay Mohr, Linda Davis, Karen Johnson, Mark Kwist, Raenota Merrill, Rosemary Ross, Robbi Stokes, Caroline Thomas, Chris Torres, Bridget Trogden, Gensie & Tom Waldrop, and Beth Weber**. Strong Praises and Singers of Christ were: **Grace Collins, Ellie Faithful, Ebb & James Horton, Adelyn Hudak, Hank McLaurin, Adair, Leila, & Vivian Stevenson, and Shuler Wilson**.

Be sure to thank all plus the 563 that were thanked throughout the year.



News from Presbyterian Women

Happy New Year!!

Thank you for all of the Christmas gifts you brought for the **Presbyterian Communities** in Easley and Clinton. Your generosity means so much to so many!

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 23.**

Please contact the **Honorary Life Membership Committee Chairmen** for more information:

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*****Please tell us more about yourself!** Regularly update your *Fort Hill Presbyterian Church Presbyterian Women Data Sheet for Future Reference* form. This sheet is invaluable when preparing a write-up for our nominee. Ask your Circle leader to get you a copy.

PW Winter Spiritual Retreat

Annual Presbyterian Women Spiritual Retreat

Saturday, February 5

10:00 am to 3:00 pm in Tartan Hall

All women of Fort Hill and friends are invited to attend!!!

Speaker:

Rev. Allyson Helvie

of Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church in Sandy Springs, SC

Theme:

How Faith Can Lead to an Abundance of Hope & Optimism

Registration Deadline: January 12

Anyone interested in registering may do so at a circle meeting or online by emailing **Maranda Arnold** at marandaarnold@gmail.com. The **\$20 registration fee** may be paid at circle meetings or mailed to:

Maranda Arnold
110 Vineyard Road
Clemson, SC 29631

Checks should be made payable to **Fort Hill Presbyterian Women** with ***Spiritual Retreat*** on the memo line on the check.

Dates to Remember

January 12

Registration Deadline for the PW Winter Spiritual Retreat

January 23

Deadline for Honorary Life Membership Applications

Happy New Year!

Submitted by Mary Barron, PW Publicity Chairman — (864) 247-1322





Advent & Christmas Decorations Joy Offering — 2021

Dan, Denise, & Hayden Anderson in memory of Duane Reifel and Hayden's great-grandparents

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

Hap Carr in memory of Jeannette Carr, Marvin "Slick" and Katherine Ellison

Harold & Arlene Cheatham in memory of our parents and in honor of our loved ones

The Conrad Family in memory of Joyce & Carroll Smith, Charles Conrad, Les & Andy Smith

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

Joann Daugherty in memory of Don Daugherty, beloved husband

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

FHPC members at Foothills in honor of our deacon Beth Griffin

*Kathy and Rick Hegenberger in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Doran,
Major A.C. Hegenberger, and Mrs. N.P. Magers*

Jack and Billie Jackson in honor of all children everywhere!

Bob & Nan Jones in honor of the Fort Hill Presbyterian Church Staff

Judy and Wes Koch in memory of our parents

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

Gregg and Cathy Morton in honor of the pastors and staff of Fort Hill Presbyterian Church

*Stephen & Ethel Pettigrew in memory of Gaines & Janette Pettigrew, Frank & Rachel Cayce, Margaret Whitesides,
Lucian Bloodworth, and Pansy E. Duke*

Carol Pollock in memory of Tommy Pollock

*Dan & Marcia Radakovich in memory of Dan Radakovich Sr., Donna Radakovich,
and George Radosevich*

Jere & Rosemary Ross in memory of our parents and in honor of our children & grandchildren

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

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

Johnnie Van de Sande in memory of Owen Van de Sande

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

Wes and Jacquie Worley in honor of Jesus and our family

Fort Hill Church New Officers (beginning March 1)

DEACON (Full 3-Year Term, Class of 2025)



Beth Chapman and her husband Jerry moved to Clemson in 2006 and joined Fort Hill in 2009. She grew up in the Presbyterian Church at First Presbyterian in Anderson. She is a member of PW Circle 2, head of the communion ministry, and has been on 8 mission trips to Guatemala, leader on 6 of those trips. Beth and Jerry have 3

children and 4 grandchildren. She loves to paint and cheer for the Clemson Tigers.



Jenifer Griffis is married to Greg, and they have one daughter, Ella. Jenifer is a Reading Coach at Liberty Elementary School, and has previously taught kindergarten, first, and second grades. She has been a member of Fort Hill since 2003. Jenifer has enjoyed serving the church as a Sunday school teacher, youth advisor, and as a

member of the Youth Ministry Team.



Sally Martin and husband, John, joined Fort Hill in 2004 when they moved to Clemson. Sally has been a Presbyterian her entire life. She has served as a Sunday school teacher, VBS leader, Elder, and Deacon. She and John have 3 children. Mac is 19, Jeb is 17, and Lucy is 14. Sally loves to read, needlepoint, and exercise.



Raenota Merrill has been a member of Fort Hill for 26 years. She is an ordained elder and has served on or chaired several ministries of the church; currently she serves on the Personnel & Program Support Ministry. She plays in the handbell choir and is Treasurer of the PW Trinity Circle. She has participated in and taught Church school classes. Over the

years, she has traveled on several medical mission trips as well as youth mission trips. She is a retired Physician Assistant.



Cathy Morton joined Fort Hill Presbyterian Church in 2014. She has previously served as a Deacon, helped prepare communion and helped coordinate sanctuary flowers. She currently serves on the Bereavement Meals Committee and participates regularly in Bible study classes. She lives in Clemson with her husband,

Gregg. They have two children and four grandchildren.



Michael Steele grew up in Pawleys Island Presbyterian Church in Pawleys Island, SC. He was always very active in youth activities such as spending a week in Montreat, Presbytery Youth Council, Youth Triennium, and youth group. He attended Winthrop University for his undergraduate degree and was involved in campus ministry.

Winthrop is where he also met his lovely wife, Helen. Michael came to Clemson to earn his Master's degree. Between career moves to Virginia and Georgia, Michael and Helen started attending Fort Hill. Their son, Harrison, was baptized at Fort Hill. While in Georgia, Michael was called as an elder at Carrollton Presbyterian Church as well as a member of the Interim Pastor Nominating Committee. In 2016, the Steeles moved back to Clemson for the third time!!! Michael has also served as an elder at FHPC!



Helen Wooten is a lifelong Presbyterian and has been a member of Fort Hill for 44 years. She has served in a number of roles at the church including serving on and chairing several ministry committees. She has also served as a PW Circle Leader and Presbyterian Women Moderator. She has

three children and three grandchildren.

Fort Hill Church New Officers, continued

ELDER

(Full 3-Year Term, Class of 2025)



Donna Crader joined FHPC 40 years ago this past July. The Sunday after joining, she became the new 5K Sunday school teacher, and has been teaching all ages on and off since then. Currently she is in the Sojourners' class of which she was a charter member. She served one term on session, and during that time was a member

of the sessional committee to restore Fort Hill's Board of Deacons; she has since served two terms as a deacon. She's been on Fort Hill's Preschool Kindergarten Board many years and is currently the liaison member of the board to the Discipleship Ministry of session. She's served on the Officer Nominating Committee three times, twice as chair, and on an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee. She has been a longtime active member of PW's Circle 1. She and her husband, Kelly, have two sons, Bo (married to Debbie Vaughn who was in that first kindergarten Sunday school class!) and Colin, who grew up at FHPC. Donna's delighted that Bo, Debbie, and their four children are now a part of FHP, too!



Rick Hegenberger is a lifelong Presbyterian. Rick has served in previous churches as an Elder, Deacon, Lay Reader, Usher, Greeter, and taught a Men's Bible study. He retired in 2020 and he and his wife moved to Clemson while they are building a home on Lake Keowee. Rick joined FHPC in 2021.



Layne Smith is a retired pastor, having served two churches as Senior Pastor for a total of 26.5 years. Since that time, he has worked with congregations in the transition time between Senior Pastors as they seek God's guidance for their future. He has

been married to Dianne for almost 47 years. They love to travel, trying to get to the UK at least once a year (until COVID)! They have two daughters, one a math interventionist and GT teacher at Ravenel Elementary and the other a hospice chaplain in Newnan, GA. They have three granddaughters and one grandson.



Diane Egan has been a member of Fort Hill Presbyterian Church for forty years. She and her husband, Chip, enjoy singing to the glory of God, having joined the Chancel Choir even before they joined the church. A new member of Clemson University's Emeritus College, she taught at

Clemson University for 17 years in communication, after which she studied to become an Orton-Gillingham tutor for dyslexic children. She also worked as a stage manager for various theaters in the area, including the South Carolina Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities. Ordained as a Deacon in 2011, she served as Deacon Moderator for two years, and currently serves on the Funeral Guild. She and Chip raised their two children, Patrick and Erin, in the church and now enjoy bringing any and all of their five grandchildren to worship at Fort Hill whenever they visit.



Hugh Spitler moved to Clemson with his wife, Nancy, in 1996 and they joined FHPC shortly thereafter. Hugh has taught public health science courses at Clemson University for the past 25 years. Hugh has served as an elder at FHPC, has taught an adult Sunday school class, and with his wife, Nancy, has led Sunday morning Bible study classes for the PSA.

Hugh has served on the Christian Education Committee and on a pastor nominating committee. Hugh enjoys woodworking, constructing scale models, and enjoys driving his antique car and truck.



Fort Hill Church New Officers, continued

ELDER

(Full 3-Year Term, Class of 2025), continued



Jim Thomas grew up in the Presbyterian Church where he was involved in youth activities and became an Eagle Scout. His career took him through a number of cities and congregations where he served as a Sunday school teacher, sang in choirs, built Habitat Houses, and went on mission trips. He has served on many church

committees and presently at Fort Hill is on the Christian Action Ministry, Endowment, and Stewardship committees as well as serving as Moderator of the Board of Deacons. He also served and presided over numerous nonprofit boards and retired as a Regional Director at AT&T. He is married to Caroline, and they have two grown sons.



Ben Trammell is a lifelong Presbyterian, originally from Greer and a Clemson engineering alum. Ben and his wife, Cindy, retired to Lake Keowee in 2019, joining Fort Hill at that time, having lived in Atlanta and Houston. Ben served as Elder and at-large Committee member in his previous churches in various roles on the Finance, Stewardship,

Worship, and Christian Education/Nurture ministry teams. He also served his Houston church on the Senior Pastor Search, Presbytery relations, and strategic planning-for-future-growth teams. Ben and Cindy are members of the Sojourners Sunday School class. They have two grown children (in Columbia and New York City) and two grandsons.

YOUTH ELDER

(1-Year Term, Class of 2023)



Ben Bronson is the son of Kevin and Bette Bronson. He is a sophomore at D.W. Daniel High School. He is a member of the D.W. Daniel Tennis team. He has an 8th grade sister, Tatum Rose, a dog (Buck), and a cat (Ron Douglas). He enjoys spending free time with his maternal grandfather hunting and fishing. Ben has been a confirmed

member of Fort Hill since 2020. He is currently serving as youth representative on the Officer Nominating Committee.



Kate Hollingsworth is a sophomore at Daniel High School. Her family has been actively attending Fort Hill since 2008. She liked Confirmation class and helping with the younger members of the congregation. She has enjoyed different retreats and mission trips where she met new people. In her free time, she enjoys swimming competitively for

the Clemson Aquatic Team (CAT). She looks forward to the new opportunity of serving as a youth elder and becoming more involved in the life of the church.



Fort Hill Church New Officers, continued

ELDER

(Class of 2023 — Filling Unexpired Terms)



Kevin Bronson is a 1990's era student of Clemson University, spending most of that decade as a professional student he managed to scrape out a couple of degrees with no distinction. Kevin calls Clemson and the surrounding area home. His wife, Bette, son Ben (15) and daughter Tatum Rose (14) moved to the

Clemson area in 2017 after sojourning around the state of South Carolina for a long time. Kevin enjoys serving the City of Westminster as its City Administrator. He enjoys spending time in the natural environment and reading cast aside books. Kevin attends the Seekers Sunday school class.



Ronda Pence Ricks was raised in a military family and has traveled extensively over her lifetime. Ronda has a degree in Early Childhood Education from the University of Alabama. Originally ordained as an Elder at Foley First Presbyterian Church in 1999, her family moved to Andalusia, AL in 2000, where she served

as a Ruling Elder, worked yearly with Vacation Bible School, and sang in the choir at First Presbyterian Church of Andalusia. She also attended Equipping the Saints and worked on The Voice through the South Alabama Presbytery in conjunction with the Synod of Living Waters. When her husband, Ralph, obtained a job at Clemson University, Ronda moved to Pendleton in March 2016. She now works at Clemson University in Undergraduate Admissions. Ralph and Ronda have one daughter, Savannah Lee Ricks, who is presently working on her master's degree in Character Development at the University of Arts London in the UK. At Fort Hill, Ronda sings in the choir has led a small group, been involved in leading a Bridge class for PSA, been on the Adult Ministry team, Fellowship, and has served as Elder for the Membership Ministry team.



ELDER

(Class of 2024 — Filling a Vacancy)



Robin Weeks grew up active in the Presbyterian Church and was an affiliate member at Fort Hill while a student at Clemson University. 15 years and multiple career-moves following graduation, she met Kyle and they began planning her return to Clemson! They joined Fort Hill together and were married in the church in 2001. When their daughter,

Sydney, was born in 2003 Robin retired from her career with North Highland (Atlanta) to fully enjoy following along with Sydney's growth, tailoring her time and volunteer work to support Sydney's many endeavors. Church service has always been a priority in the mix, from treasurer, to multiple terms as deacon and elder to Sunday school teacher, VBS and Confirmation coordinator to nominating committees and more. Robin is a member of the Sojourner's Sunday school class and is currently completing a 3-year term as elder, serving as P&PS Moderator.



January Fort Hill Church Activities

Sunday-Wednesday, January 2-5

Montreat College Conference

Sunday, January 2

10:00 am Coffee and Cookies Fellowship — Tartan Hall

Monday, January 3

FHPC Church Office Closed

Tuesday, January 4

8:30 am Men of Church Breakfast — Dyar's in Pendleton

6:00 pm Christian Action Ministry Meeting — Courtyard/Library

7:00 pm Adult Ministry Team Meeting — Zoom

7:00 pm Youth Ministry Team Meeting — Zoom

Thursday, January 6

11:00 am Ad Hoc Planning Meeting — E205

Friday, January 7

6:30 pm Scout Planning Meeting — Sanctuary

Sunday, January 9

12:00 pm Fellowship Ministry Planning Meeting — Den

2:30 pm Cub Scouts — Backyard/Tartan Hall/Ed Building

3:00 pm Officer Training — Club Room

6:00 pm PSA College Dinner resumes — PSA Student Center

Monday, January 10

9:30 am PW Trinity Circle — Club Room

4:00 pm Return to Church Task Force — Zoom

4:30 pm APNC-UM Meeting — Club Room

6:30 pm Discipleship Ministry Meeting — Zoom

Tuesday, January 11

10:00 am Ben Sill's Men's Group — Porte-cochere

3:00 pm P&PS Ministry Meeting — Club Room

6:00 pm PW Circle 2 (TWOesday EVEning Circle) — Library

6:30 pm Finance Ministry Meeting — Club Room

Worship Ministry Meeting — Zoom

Wednesday, January 12

10:00 am Wed. Morning Bible Study resumes — Club Room

6:00 pm Wednesdays @ The Fort resumes — Nest/E208/Courtyard

6:10 pm Children's Choir practice resumes — E209

7:30 pm Chancel Choir practice resumes — Choir Room

Sunday, January 16

11:45 am Deacon Meeting — after worship

3:00 pm Officer Training — Club Room

Monday, January 17

Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday — Church Offices Closed

Tuesday, January 18

9:30 am PW Coordinating Team Meeting — Club Room

7:00 pm Session Meeting — Tartan Hall

Thursday, January 20

11:00 am UM Ministry Meeting — Zoom

Sunday, January 23

2:30 pm Cub Scouts — Backyard/Tartan Hall/Ed Building

3:00 pm Officer Training — Club Room

Tuesday, January 25

10:00 am Ben Sill's Men's Group — Porte-cochere

Friday-Sunday, January 28-30

Choir Trip — Festival by the Sea — Greenville, SC

Sunday, January 30

11:45 am Congregational Meeting to vote on Pastoral Terms of Call — Sanctuary

12:00 pm Discovering Faith Class (after worship) — Club Room

3:00 pm Officer Training — Club Room

Recurring Weekly Activities

Sunday

9:00 am Sojourners Class — Zoom

9:30 am Kid's Club — the Nest (beginning 1/9)

Youth Breakfast — the Den (beginning 1/16)

Confirmation Class — the Nest (beginning 1/16)

10:45 am Livestream/In-person Worship Service — Sanctuary

Nursery (birth-3 yrs) — Nursery Room

WeeKirk (children's worship 3K-1st gr.) — following

Children's story in worship — the Nest

WOW (worship education 2nd-5th gr.) — E208 (beginning 1/9)

5:00 pm Youth Group — the Den/Backyard (beginning 1/16)

6:00 pm College Dinner, Worship & Discussion — PSA Center

Monday

9:30 am Preschool Chapel — Sanctuary

6:30 pm Boy Scouts — Porte-cochere/Parking Lot

7:00 pm PSA College Bible Study — PSA Student Center

Tuesday

9:30 am Staff Meeting — Conference Room

Wednesday

10:00 am Wed. Morning Bible Study — Club Rm (beginning 1/12)

6:00 pm Wednesdays @ The Fort — Nest/E-208/Courtyard (beginning 1/12)

6:10 pm Children's Choir — E209 (beginning 1/12)

7:30 pm Chancel Choir — Choir Room (beginning 1/12)

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.



1/1	Mitchell Pollock	1/9	Eva Henry	1/19	Jay Kennedy	1/24	Reel Adams
1/2	Susan Brown		Betty Pettigrew		Lucas Money		Britt Alexander
	David Durham	1/11	Ben Bronson		Lois Sill		Beth Durham
1/3	Jayne Fort		Cooper Littlejohn	1/20	Carol Johnson	1/26	Walt Fagan
1/4	Michael Blackwell	1/12	Marian Radosevich		Rita Van Lenten		Sara Pollock
	Dyke Spencer		Gus Gustafson		Kyle Weeks		Amelia White
1/5	Beth Griffin	1/13	Derick Durham	1/21	Harriett Salley	1/28	Bill Thompson
			Rose Ross		Caroline Thomas	1/29	Joan Alexander
1/6	Blair Bolen	1/14	Angie Winchester	1/22	Michelle Blackwell		Harold Cheatham
	Mollie Faithful				Porter	1/31	Marty Bailey
	Barbara Madison	1/15	Ross Davis	1/23	Diane Carnes		Carole Kohlmayer
	Donna McCubbin		Mary Limber		Jim Cobb		Sue Limber
1/7	Larry Glenn	1/16	Polly Peters		Savannah Ricks		Randy White
1/8	Elizabeth Artigliere	1/18	Kemper Fagan		Sarah Thomas		
			Bonnie Lanier				



1/1	Jerry & Beth Chapman	1/8	Bradley & Meredith Lecroy	1/24	Bill & Audrey Thompson
	Russ & Charlotte Phillips		Trevor & Marie Turner	1/26	Jack & Billie Jackson
1/5	Ralph & Ronda Ricks	1/10	Steve & Susan Best		

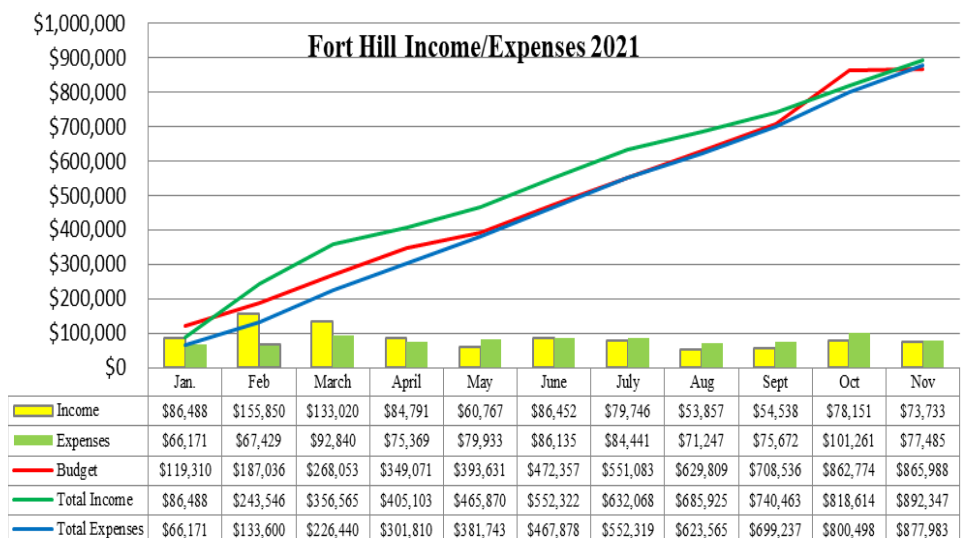
Finance Ministry Update

Through November, pledge and offering income was \$892,347 while expenses were \$877,364. Other income (building use fees, one-time proceeds, fundraising income, etc.) bring the year-to-date total income to \$962,347. Overall expenses are at 84% of budget, while income is at 94%. Income is 3% above budget while expenses are 7% below budget.

If you have not returned your 2022 pledge, please prayerfully consider your pledge for the coming year, so Fort Hill can continue its ministries to members, community, and around the world. You can make your pledge by calling the church office (864-654-2061) or emailing Lori Houck (lori.houck@forthillchurch.org) or making your pledge online at:

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

Bridging Generations Update:
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