

The Window

The Newsletter of Fort Hill Presbyterian Church

Message From the Pastor

March 2022

Serving the Larger Church

When we take ordination vows, we agree to serve Christ's Church, which is connected and one. Our Elders work on Presbytery committees and could be commissioners to Synod or General Assembly. Some serve at our Presbyterian institutions or in the community on our behalf. All of it is a part of the gospel ministry. For instance, did you know?

- Raenota Merrill serves on the Advisory Board for Presbyterian College's School for Physicians Assistants. And she is our liaison to Presbyterian Communities of SC. Raenota is a retired PA, and an elder, deacon, and Fort Hill Office Greeter here.
- Mary Morrison has been working on the committee to celebrate the 50th anniversary for the Association of Presbyterian Church Educators, and returned from APCE in February.
- Jacob Kennedy is a part of the Committee on Shared Ministry of Foothills Presbytery, through which we do mission, youth, college, camp, and will be the keynote speaker for the upcoming Sr. High Retreat. The youth workers of local churches and our Presbytery meet regularly.
- Debbie Shealy has also joined the same committee as Presbytery includes elders and pastors in its work.
- I, Laura, just rotated off the Finance and Investment Committee and the Permanent Judicial Council of Presbytery. As that term comes to an end, I will be nominated to serve on the Board of Trustees of Columbia Theological Seminary. I have three clergy groups I participate in: one lectionary group, a preaching group, and our Clemson Area Clergy.
- Elders who are active on Session also serve at meetings of Presbytery and report back to the Session, keeping our connections and ties tight. Many of our folks have served over the years in all of these ways.

We belong to a big, wonderful church, and it is a gift that we are not alone on an island as Fort Hill. We have colleagues in mission and ministry, our greatest asset. If you would love to serve in the larger church, let me know so we can discern your calling together.

Blessings and Peace,

Laura Smith Conrad, Pastor

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Becky Bowman, Pianist
Lori Houck, Administrator
Morgan Bryant, Admin. Assistant
Scott Thrailkill, Facilities Caretaker

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

- 3/2 Ash Wednesday**
Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isa. 58:1-12 and Ps. 51:1-17;
2 Cor.5:20b-6:10; Matt. 6:1-6, 16-21
- 3/6 1st Sunday in Lent**
Deut. 26:1-11, Ps. 91:1-2, 9-16;
Rom. 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13
- 3/13 2nd Sunday in Lent**
Gen. 15:1-12, 17-18; Ps. 27;
Phil. 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35
- 3/20 3rd Sunday in Lent**
Isa. 55:1-9; Ps. 63:1-8;
1 Cor. 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9
- 3/27 4th Sunday in Lent**
Josh. 5:9-12; Ps. 32:2;
2 Cor. 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

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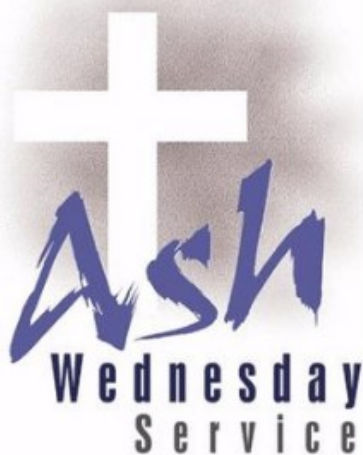
The Window Deadline

The deadline for articles, announcements, and features for the April issue of *The Window* is **Tuesday, March 15.**

Please email your item as a Microsoft Word document to the church office at window@forthillchurch.org or type the item directly into your email and send. If possible, please keep your articles to 500 words or less.



Sunday, March 13



Ash Wednesday Worship Service March 2, 2022 at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary

Choir Corner

WOW! Can you believe that spring is around the corner, and we will observe Ash Wednesday and be in the season of Lent this month? It seems like we just had Valentine's Day and President's Day!! Time definitely flies when you are having fun! I am one who likes to turn my calendar to a new month! I like to start new anthems in choir. It is always a joy to see and hear children enjoy singing! I like to also sing familiar tunes and words. We sing ones we know, and we are challenged by new notes and words.

Isn't that what life is about? We feel comfortable with the familiar, but we learn and grow by trying new things. So, if you want to make more friends, sing more notes, and learn more texts — Chancel Choir is the place for you. We meet on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 in the choir room. And the children's choirs, Strong Praises and Singers of Christ for K-5th graders, meet at 6:10 in Room E209. Come by and join us. Feel free to contact me to learn more and gather information.

And don't forget —
Keep Smiling-n-Singing,

Margaret



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

March 1st from 5:30 to 7:00 pm

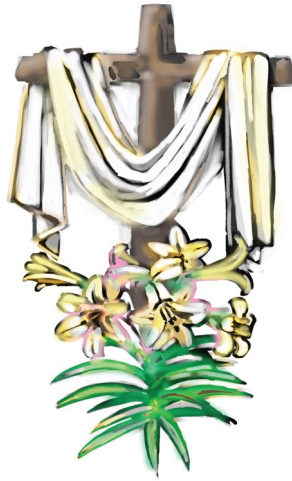
Bring your family for supper in the Courtyard!

RSVP by February 24 to communications@forthillchurch.org

One Great Hour of Sharing

For over 70 years, **One Great Hour of Sharing** has provided Presbyterians a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. In a world of disaster, hunger, and oppression, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. One Great Hour of Sharing serves individuals and communities in need from initial disaster response to ongoing community development providing people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

During this season of Lent, Fort Hill Presbyterian Church will contribute to this offering through your "honorarium" and "memorial" donations. Please complete the **Special Offerings One Great Hour of Sharing Honor and Remember** form and submit with your gift designated for OGHS. Forms can be found in the Narthex and FHOOG office and should be submitted by **April 11**. All memorials and honorariums will be recognized in the bulletin and The Window.



Sunday Servants

Pastor on Call

3/6	Laura Conrad
3/13	Mary Morrison
3/20	Mary Morrison
3/27	Jacob Kennedy

Elder at the Font

3/6	Jerry Chapman
3/13	Garland Gravely
3/20	Ralph Ricks
3/27	Pat Street



Christian Sympathy is extended to:



- **Larry & Jan Ayers** on the death of Larry's mother, Vivian Gibson, on January 27 in Denmark, SC.
- **Marian Gahan** on the death of her grandmother, Myra Rushton, on January 28 in Seneca.
- **Judy & Jim Eidson** on the death of Judy's sister, Betty, on January 30.
- **Rob Key** on the death of his father, Samuel Key, on February 7 in Lexington, SC.
- The Lindenmeyer family on the death of **Karen Lindenmeyer** on February 9.
- **Tom Lawrence** and family on the death of **Connie** on February 11.
- **Nick Wourms** on the death of his mother, Deborah, on February 11 in Maine.



Congratulations on the birth of **Mickey Wrenn Burchfield** born on February 16 to **Sam & Erin Burchfield**. Proud grandparents are **Ed & Shelley Burchfield**.

Sojourners' Class Update



The Sojourners' class will be studying N.T. Wright's Lent for Everyone, Luke, Year C on Zoom, Sunday mornings, March 13—April 17, from 9:00-10:00 am. Many Fort Hill members may have planned to ready the daily devotionals, and would find that the discussions would enhance their readings. Relevant comments and questions are always welcomed from those participating. To join, simply send your name and e-mail address to Bob Stout, b39c40@bellsouth.net, and you will receive an invitation to join. "Social" time precedes the lesson at 8:30 am. Everyone is welcome.

Morgan Bryant — FHPC Administrative Assistant

Many of you may not know that Morgan Bryant joined our Fort Hill staff in August 2021, in an internship position designed to give on-the-job training and experience needed to perform the duties of an Administrative Assistant. Following evaluation of her work over the course of the 6-month internship, Morgan has been promoted to full-time Administrative Assistant with benefits. Please join in congratulating Morgan and, if you have not done so already, introduce yourself!

Morgan grew up in Hampton, SC, and moved to Central to attend school at Southern Wesleyan University. When she graduated in May 2019, she received a Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics. In March 2021 she married Andrew. The two met while both were freshmen at SWU. There you have it — another joyous reason to reach out to Morgan — first wedding anniversary this month!



Walk with Me in the Woods with God and Friends

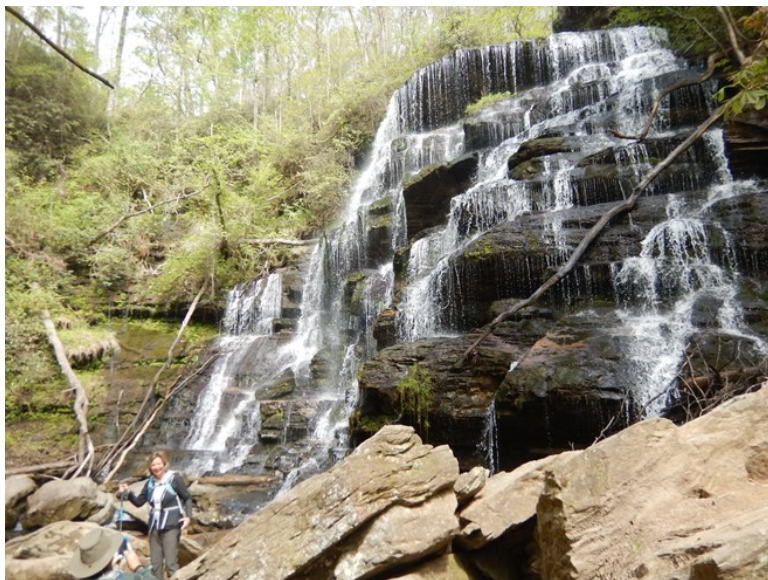
Each Saturday during Lent there will be a prayer walk/hike led by a different person from Mary's Sabbatical Reflection Group. Below is the first prayer walk/hike and details of walk/hike name and leader are provided. To find out more about each prayer walk/hike, email mary.morrison@forthillchurch.org for details. To sign up for each prayer walk/hike, please email or call the leader by the Thursday for that Saturday's walk/hike.

March 5 — Yellow Branch Falls: 3 miles, Elevation Gain: 500 feet (moderate)

Leader: Lisa Britt — 843.509.9605
lisabritt79@gmail.com

Yellow Branch Falls Trail is a 3 mile heavily trafficked out and back trail located near Walhalla, South Carolina that features a waterfall and is rated as moderate. The trail is primarily used for hiking and walking and is accessible year-round. Dogs are also able to use this trail.

The hike to Yellow Branch Falls is a backtrack hike over moderate terrain that ends at a beautiful 50-foot vertical waterfall with many individual cascades. The hike begins at the picnic area off of SC 28 and follows a connector trail and then joins the Yellow Branch Falls Trail to the waterfall. On the route you pass through groves of dignified hardwood and meander across a number of streams. At one stream crossing hikers balance on a log a few feet above the water to cross. The National Forest Service recommends that you wear study shoes and use extra caution during wet conditions on this hike as the trail skirts the edges of deep ravines.



Meet at Ingles in Seneca at 9:30 am or the Yellow Branch Trailhead at 10:00 am. If we need to cancel because of weather, a decision will be made by 7:00 pm the night before. Please register so we will know who to contact if this has to happen.

March 12 South Carolina Botanical Gardens (easy)

Leader: Mary Barron — 864.247.1322
mb1cb1@bellsouth.net

March 19 Waldrop Stone Falls & Todd Creek Falls (easy-moderate)

Leader: Mary Morrison — 864.361.0883
mary.morrison@forthillchurch.org

March 26 Keowee-Toxaway Natural Bridge Trail & Oconee Bells Trail (easy)

Leader: Preston Shealy — 912.656.4595
dustsdad@aol.com

April 2 Riley Moore Falls & Brasstown Falls (easy-moderate)

Leaders: Mark & Mary Morrison —
864.293.8845 & 864.361.0883
mary.morrison@forthillchurch.org

April 9 Hardwood to Collarbone (easy)

Leader: LeAnne Greene — 864.710.3806
dlnngree@bellsouth.net

April 16 South Carolina Botanical Gardens (easy)

Leader: Mary Morrison — 864.361.0883
mary.morrison@forthillchurch.org



Children's Ministry Corner



We gather every Sunday morning for Kid's Club for a Sunday school lesson, and many parent volunteers help lead our children in Wee Kirk and WOW classes during the church service.



We gathered in January for a fellowship event with the middle school youth at the Clemson Underground Recreation Center for bowling and pizza.

We hosted a Valentine's party with our "Wednesday at the Fort" group (3K-5th grade), made Valentines for church members at Foothills Community in Easley and decorated heart shaped cookies from Whimsy Cookie.



News from Presbyterian Women

Clothing Drive for Safe Harbor

Presbyterian Women are again collecting spring and summer clothing for Safe Harbor on Sunday, March 27, from 3:30—4:30 pm.

Ladies, spring and summer will be here soon! When you go through your closets to remove the clothing for women, men, and children that you no longer wish to have, please consider donating your gently used clothing in **good condition** to a worthy cause! You may bring the bags of your donations to the drop-off area in front of the Fort Hill Presbyterian Church Education Building and playground on Sunday afternoon, March 27. There will be someone there to unload your bag(s) and take them into the church for sorting. The drop-off time will be announced in the Wednesday emails from the church. Proceeds from this collection will benefit Safe Harbor. For more information, see below..

Contacts: Susan Beckwith (654-3337), Joan Dixon (654-1065), or Gensie Waldrop (882-5782).

Valentines for Our Fort Hill College Students

Thanks to all of the Fort Hill Presbyterian volunteers who brought donations of gift cards to put into the Valentines for our FHPC college students! These cards were either mailed or hand-delivered to brighten our students' lives on Valentine's Day with a sentiment of affection from our church. We also send a big THANK YOU to Lauren Young for heading up the *Valentines for College Students Project*.

Thanks for sharing your love!

Dates to Remember

March 29 Drop-off spring & summer clothing for Safe Harbor

Submitted by Mary Barron, PW Publicity



The Allman Family
Lee, Mary Margaret, Jay & baby Mary Francis

DECEMBER 18, 2021

Mary Francis
Allman

BORN TO
LEE & MARY MARGARET
ALLMAN

March Fort Hill Church Activities

Tuesday, March 1

- 8:30 am Men of the Church Breakfast — Dyar's Café
- 3:00 pm Personnel & Program Support Ministry Meeting — Club Room
- 5:30 pm SHROVE Tuesday Pancake Dinner — Tartan Hall / Courtyard
- 6:00 pm Christian Action Ministry Meeting — Zoom
- 7:00 pm Adult Ministry Team Meeting — Conference Room
Youth Ministry Team Meeting — The Den

Wednesday, March 2

- No Children's Activities
- 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Worship Service — Sanctuary

Thursday, March 3

- 10:00 am Confirmation Leadership Team Meeting — Conference Room

Friday—Sunday, March 4-6

Sr. High Mini-Montreat Retreat — Montreat

Saturday, March 5

Walk with Me in the Woods with God & Friends

Sunday, March 6

- NO Youth Breakfast Club
- 10:30 am Special Session to Receive New Members — TH
- 2:30 pm NAMI Family to Family Course — Club Room
NO Youth Group

Monday, March 7

- 4:00 pm Return to Church Task Force Meeting — Zoom

Tuesday, March 8

- 10:00 am Men's Bible Study (Ben Sill) — Porte-cochere
- 5:30 pm Finance Ministry Meeting — Club Room
- 6:30 pm Worship Ministry Meeting — Zoom
- 7:00 pm Fellowship Ministry Meeting — Zoom

Wednesday, March 9

- 12:00 pm Planning Ministry Meeting —
- 3:00 pm Building & Grounds Ministry Meeting —

Saturday, March 12

Walk with Me in the Woods with God & Friends

Sunday, March 13 (Daylight Savings begins)

- 10:45 am Worship — PSA Sunday
- 2:30 pm NAMI Family-to-Family Course — Club Room
- 5:15 pm Dessert First Study — SC Botanical Gardens

Monday, March 14

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

Tuesday, March 15

- 12:30 pm Karen Lindenmeyer Bereavement Meal — Club Room / Courtyard
- 1:00 pm Reshape Leader Training — Zoom
- 2:00 pm Karen Lindenmeyer Memorial Service — Sanctuary
- 7:00 pm Session Meeting — Tartan Hall

Saturday, March 19

Walk with Me in the Woods with God & Friends

Sunday, March 20

- 2:30 pm NAMI Family-to-Family Course — Club Room
- 5:15 pm Dessert First Study — SC Botanical Gardens

Tuesday, March 22

- 10:00 am Men's Bible Study (Ben Sill) — Porte-cochere
- 5:30 pm Membership Ministry Meeting — Conf. Room

Saturday, March 26

Walk with Me in the Woods with God & Friends

Sunday, March 27

- 2:30 pm NAMI Family-to-Family Course — Club Room
- 5:15 pm Dessert First Study — SC Botanical Gardens

Monday, March 28

- 1:00 pm P&PS Staff Review Sessions — Library

Wednesday, March 30

- 1:00 pm P&PS Staff Review Sessions — Library

Recurring Weekly Activities

Sunday

- 9:00 am Sojourners Class — Zoom
- 9:30 am Adult Faith Formation Classes (various locations)
Kid's Club — E209
Youth Breakfast Club — Den / Confirmation — Nest
- 10:45 am Livestream/In-person Worship — Online/Sanctuary
Nursery (birth-3yrs) — Nursery Room
WeeKirk (children's worship—3K-1st gr) — following children's story — Nest
WOW (worship education—2nd-5th gr) — E208
- 2:30 pm Cub Scouts — Education Building (both floors) (2nd & 4th Sundays)
- 5:00 pm Youth Group — The Den, Tartan Hall & Backyard
- 6:00 pm College Dinner & Discussion — PSA Student Center

Monday

- 9:00 am Preschool Chapel — Sanctuary
- 6:30 pm Scouts Troop 235/7235 — Porte-cochere/Backyard

Tuesday

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting — Conference Room

Wednesday

- 10:00 am Wed. Morning Bible Study — Club Room
- 5:00 pm Wednesdays @ The Fort — Nest, E-208
- 6:10 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal — E209
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal — Choir Room

Thursday

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

Weekly AA Meetings

Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings at 8:00 pm and Friday at 12:30 pm in Room E205 of the Education Bldg.



- 3/1 Jake Alexander
Amy Elrod
Andrew Latiff
- 3/2 Bridget Trogden
Margaret Thompson
Katherine Whisler
- 3/3 Caroline Dawson
Peggy Mowrey
- 3/4 Betty Dean
Caroline Hunter
Dewayne Lawson
- 3/5 Luke Artigliere
Mike Moore
George Rodgers
- 3/6 Bitsy Barkley
Mary Elizabeth McDaniel
Dusty Oates
- 3/7 Chase Aaron
- 3/8 Leland Hawthorne
JB Kozlarek
Todd Latiff
Maggie Wilson
- 3/9 John Brown
- 3/10 Dylan Bolger
Shirley Chappell
Nina Moede
Barry Robinson
- 3/11 Jay Allman
Tom McInnis
Whit Sharkey



- 3/5 Raymond & Margaret MacKay
- 3/6 Andrew & Morgan Bryant
- 3/9 Ed & Shelley Burchfield
- 3/12 Bo Crader & Debbie Vaughn
- 3/17 Danny & Brigitte Gregg
Laurence & Betsy Mudge
- 3/22 Chuck & Elizabeth Sisson
- 3/27 Ed & Annette Halbig
- 3/31 Don & Cyndi Davis
Bob & Becky Fant

- 3/13 Evelyn Cureton
Dulcie Mohr
Denny Walling
- 3/14 Julianna Ellis
Garland Gravely
Christine Hughes
Kathy Hughes
- 3/19 Raymond MacKay
Necia Ross
Katie Wilson
- 3/20 Rita Greagan
- 3/21 Larry Gahan
- 3/22 Wayne Madison
- 3/23 Billie Jackson
- 3/24 Hudson Money
Emily Poetz
Ben Sawyer
- 3/26 Elizabeth Crader
- 3/28 Preston Shealy
- 3/29 Finley Wiles
- 3/30 Maggie Bandy
Sally Martin
Gayle McGregor
- 3/31 Frances Caskey
Beth DeWitt
Layne Smith
Scott Thrailkill

From the Finance Ministry

Below is a summary of the 2022 budget passed by Session. A copy of the line item budget is available upon request. Please contact Lori Houck (654-2061 or lori.houck@forthillchurch.org) to receive a copy.

General Fund Income:

General Fund Pledged Giving	\$ 809,392
General Fund Non-Pledged Giving	170,668
Building Fund Giving	12,500
Building Usage Fee Income	13,000
Fundraising Income	15,000
Transfers from Special Funds	95,558
Total General Fund Income	\$1,116,118

General Fund Expenses:

Board of Deacons	\$ 2,215
Building & Grounds Ministry	193,892
Outreach Ministries (including Christian Action, UM & Presbytery Support)	117,560
Discipleship Ministry (Adult/Children/Youth)	39,925
Congregational Fellowship	7,200
Finance Ministry (includes Renovation Loan Payments & Session-Approved Community Mission Initiative)	69,508
Membership Ministry	1,550
Personnel (includes salaries/benefits/staff expenses for all staff)	655,322
Program Support	57,098
Planning Ministry	800
Worship Ministry	14,010
Total General Fund Expenses	\$1,159,081

Bridging Generations Campaign Update:

Loan Principal Balance — \$255,544



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Return Service Requested



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Leading an Expansive Life this Lent

Ash Wednesday Service

March 2 at 7:00PM

Maundy Thursday

April 14 at 7:30PM

Sundays at Fort Hill Church