

The Window

The Newsletter of Fort Hill Presbyterian Church

Message From the Pastor

June 2022

Seasons of the Spirit

The Holy Spirit, our Friend and Advocate, is God's presence with us. Maybe it is this accelerated time of rapid change that makes me feel the Spirit blowing through our faith family. It is refreshing, invigorating, chaotic, and exciting. I hope you feel the energy!

I asked our elders at the last session meeting, "What brings you energy?" It may be spending time with grandchildren, playing ball, hikes to waterfalls, time with people who are important to us, learning a new skill, or serving by using our talents to contribute to others' well-being. These are the places where we find renewal and life. Pay attention to those things that bring you energy. God needs more fully alive people. And if facing a potentially deadly virus like COVID-19 teaches us anything, it is that life is a gift. It is important to nurture life, cultivate relationships, contribute to the well-being of our neighbors. Life is precious.

While we give thanks for these gifts, we remember those who continue to recover or struggle. And we remember that there are people in the world who have not received the gifts of vaccine or treatments. We need to address that because another thing we learned is how interconnected we are as a global community. We cannot **not** affect others with our action or inaction.

So, as the Spirit stirs us up to good work, to acts of mercy and love, to promote justice and healing, I hope you will find these places of God's goodness that will bring energy, which is just another way of saying, "new life." Energy can also be found in rest. As summer and Sabbath rhythms change, please be sure to rest in God's love and peace. Sabbath, a time of ceasing, of not being productive, is a way to remember that God is God, and we are not! The world continues to turn when we rest. God instituted the Sabbath to be holy to the Lord, so we could turn our eyes to the One who made us, loves us, and loves all those around us. Remember to rest, even as we remember Mary while she is away on Sabbatical to experience that gift.

Our staff members will be taking some vacation time this summer. We have worked through a very busy year, preceded by a traumatic and life-changing year before that. So please know we need rest, too. Also, I covet your prayers for our pilgrims venturing to the Holy Land, June 8-22. We are a small band of disciples who will meet the people God loves and walk the steps of Jesus. Please remember in prayer: Ann Marie Alexander, Chuck & Laura Conrad, Carol Pollock and her friend, Ronda, Steve & Ethel Pettigrew, Jane Thomas, Cynthia Warner, and Helen Wooten.

God is doing a new thing at Fort Hill Church. Look forward to hearing what is new with you!

Shalom and Peace,

Laura Conrad, Pastor

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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

6/5 Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21; Gen. 11:1-9'
Ps. 104:24-34, 35b;
Rom. 8:14-17; John 14:8-17

6/12 Trinity Sunday

Prov. 8:1-4, 22-31; Ps. 8
Rom. 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

6/19 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 19:1-4 (5-7) 8-15a;
Ps. 42 & 43; Is. 65:1-9;
Ps. 22:19-28; Gal. 3:23-29;
Luke 8:26-39

6/26 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14;
Ps. 77:1-2, 11-20;
1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21;
Ps. 16; Gal 5:1, 13-25;
Luke 9:51-62

July 2022

The Window Deadline

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

1st SUNDAY SUMMER Breakfast



Sunday, June 5
9:00 in Tartan Hall

Please join church members for fellowship and food this summer on June 5, July 3, and August 7.

Coffee and juice will be provided. Church members are asked to bring their favorite breakfast item to share.

Choir Corner

It's summer. School is out. It's hot! Vacation Bible School is around the corner. Montreat Music Conference is in a few weeks, and you know it is my "heaven on earth" to be there!! I am always nurtured and fed by the amazing sermons, beautiful artwork, and glorious music from heaven.



In this article, I want to say a heartfelt word of thanks to you all for prayers prayed and inquiries of concern for our daughter, Mary Kathleen Duncan. She battled breast cancer this past year valiantly at the age of 35. She has completed treatment, is back at work part-time at Westminster Presbyterian in Greenville as the Associate Pastor for Youth, and is able to be a wife and mom again! God is so very good!

And what a wonderful year of music making we have had, even with a pandemic in our midst!! It has been a joy working with the children again and making music with them. The best part is...they LOVE to sing!! Isn't that a wonderful way to be... singing praise to God with a smile on your face and joy in your heart! And our adults have returned over the last few months to making joyous music in the loft! They LOVE to sing, too, but sometimes look more serious about it!! The Chancel Choir will continue singing in the month of June and then we have the month of July off. So there will be solos, small groups, etc. providing the special music in July. Keep in mind that when things crank up in August, and it is a perfect time to share your gifts and talents through music by singing, ringing, or making a joyful noise each week in the pew. And you are welcome to come to the choir loft and share your gifts. More info to come on the schedule and times for the fall.

God is so very good all the time. All the time God is good!!

Keep smiling-n-singing,

Margaret

10:00 am
FHPC
Sanctuary
beginning
June 5 thru
August 14



Christian Action Ministry Update

Your Christian Action Ministry (CAM) has spent most of our time during the pandemic not only meeting community needs in financial ways (using monies donated by our generous and faithful congregation — you) but also seeking ways we can accomplish missions on a local level that would allow us to have some hands-on involvement.

Recently, with that in mind, we have been meeting with various community groups we support, to look at ways we can pursue our CAM mission in a person-to-person way in addition to our financial support. As a result of these meetings, we have learned that there is a need for people's time right here at home.

The CAM team has been dreaming of "Toolbelt Teams" that can do anything from handy man work for The Shaw Center, which is our newest mission, to helping Clemson Community Care unload, sort, and inventory food that is donated such as from our record setting Christ Child Boxes.



If nuts, bolts, twisting wrenches, and assembling things is your interest, the Clemson Free Clinic will soon be needing this type of expertise when they receive their full complement of new office furniture in the near future.

We feel that we have only scratched the surface on the type of things a Toolbelt Team can do to help people in our area. If this sounds like something you would be interested in and enjoy, make it known to a CAM member of your skills and/or desire to serve or even organize such a team, or you can send an email to CAM member Ralph Ricks at ralph.ricks@gmail.com.

We are even working on designs for a FHPC Toolbelt Team t-shirt! We will get back in touch with you ahead of our next workday to see if it fits your schedule.



June

- **June 9** — Outdoor Movie, *UP*, 8:00-10:00 pm
- **June 12-17** — Mission Trip
- **June 21** — Saluda River Rambler Rafting
- **June 23** — Oasis Ranch Putt-Putt Tournament Middle School

July

- **July 6, 20, 27** — High School Lunch, 12:00 pm
- **July 8** — Glow Party, 9:30-11:30 pm
- **July 10-16** — Montreat High School Summer Conference
- **July 20** — Check-In Dinner
- **July 31** — Let's shoot for a Lake Dayz

August

- **August 2** — School Starts
- **August 14** — Youth Group Kickoff
- **August 21** — Breakfast Club starts back



Christian Sympathy is extended to:

Barbara Curl on the death of her father, Robert D Hazen, on 4/27 in Easley.

Bonnie Lanier on the death of her husband, **Bill Lanier**, on 5/3 in Seneca.

Nancy Lloyd on the death of her sister, Andrea Otto, on 5/3 in Montana.

Chris Torres on the death of her father, Charles Plumb, on 5/8 in Clemson.

Catherine Henry on the death of her grandmother, Juanita Blankenship, on 4/2 in Orangeburg.



Congratulations for the birth of:

James Benson Greene born on 1/3/22 to **Corey & Shannon Greene**. Proud grandparents are Dan & LeAnne Greene.

Audrey Rose Henry born on 3/2/22 to **Will & Catherine Henry**.



Thank you for all the cards, phone calls, and prayers extended to me these past few weeks following my knee replacement surgery. Your kindness continues to touch my heart and I am so thankful to be a part of the Fort Hill family.

Cindy Sloan

Church Mouse

Oh my, oh my, the little ones are gone for the summer. I really will miss the noise from the preschool's young ones. But most of all I will miss their crumbs. They do leave the most delicious stuff on the floor before **Scott Thraikill** cleans it up.

Did you know that **Bill Thompson** waters the flower pots out front frequently so they will stay fresh even without rain?

I loved hearing the Strong Praises and Singers of Christ sing one Sunday in May. **Mrs. Margaret** does such a wonderful job with them: **Dorothy, Ebb & James Horton; Leila, Adair, & Vivian Stevenson; Grace Collins; Addie & Ethan Nihoul; Adelyn Hudak; Hank McLaurin; and Ellie Faithful.**

Pastor Mary is on a Sabbatical — rest, prayer, retreat, and some hiking so I hear. It is her time to get refreshed, so I have heard when I sneak in to listen.

Pastor Preston (or "Tall-e" as the little ones call him) will fill in for Pastor Mary while she is gone. Plus we have others lined up to fulfill her programs — Discipleship Ministry: **Pat Street and Donna Crader**; Adult Ministry Team: **Jacque Worley**; Fellowship Ministry: **Cyndi Davis**; and Deacons: **Jay Jones**. Plus, **Pastors Laura Conrad and Jacob Kennedy** will be doing a bit extra too. Mary's Sabbatical Team that helped her through the process over several years are to be thanked: **Mary Barron, Lisa Britt, Bill Cato, Donna Crader, Cathy Keaton, LeAnne Greene, and Jacque Worley.**

Donna London, Cathy McInnis, Wes Worley (sound), and Nan Jones from the funeral guild helped with the funeral for **Bill Lanier** — so many pretty flowers. **Rose Ross** organized the reception, and the Bereavement Team of **Johnnie Van de Sande, Cathy Olker, Jacque Worley, and Susan Best** provided the meal for the family following the reception.

Thanks be to God for all of these wonderful people who contribute their time and energy to the church.



Summer Fellowship Events

The Fellowship Ministry invites you to join our church family for First Sunday Breakfasts this summer on June 5, July 3, and August 7. Bring your favorite breakfast item to share. We will meet at 9 am in Tartan Hall. Coffee and juice will be provided.

Fort Hill's softball team began play off games on May 16th. The team was led by coach/"mom" Sarah Allen. Thank you to all the players. What a fund way to fellowship with one another!

On July 29th, we can enjoy baseball and fireworks together at Flour Field in Greenville cheering on the Greenville Drive. Scan the QR code or select the link:



<https://onrealm.org/FortHillPresbyt/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=Zjk5ZTc2MjE0MTImZi00MmY1LTk5MzEtYWU5OTAxMjQ4N2Rh>

to register and pay for your ticket. Please register by June 30. Ticket price is \$13. Everyone is responsible for their own transportation to the game. The game begins at 7:05 pm. Thank you to **Debbie Shealy** for organizing this event.

Children's Ministry Corner

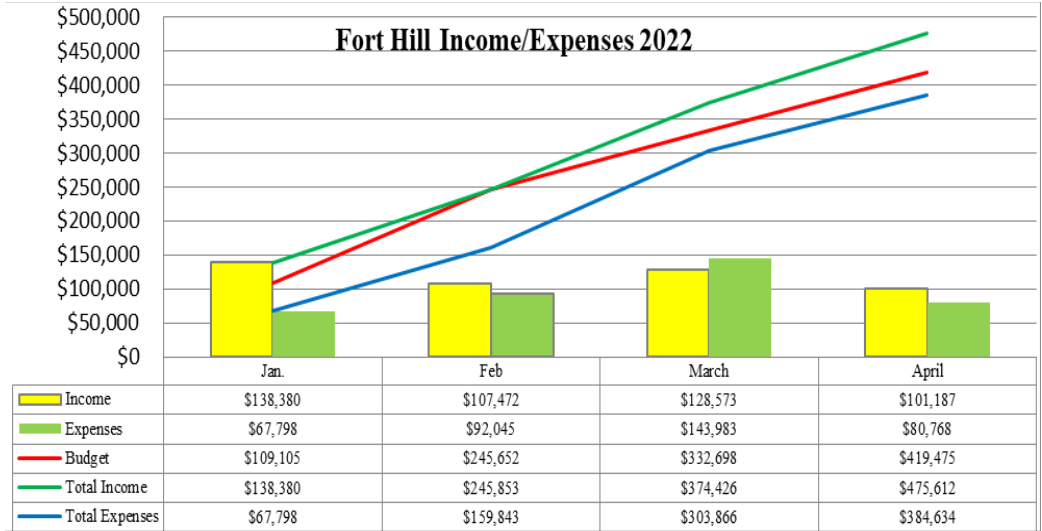
For the month of May, the Children's Ministry stayed busy while strawberry picking at Hunter Farms, singing in the Children's Choir in church, and wrapping up a very fun and successful year of Wednesday at the Fort!!



Finance Ministry Update

From the Finance Ministry –

Through April, total income was \$475,612 while expenses for the first four months were \$384,634 leaving a surplus of \$90,979. Overall expenses are at 33% of budget, while income is at 43%. As you can see, income remains above budget while expenses are on budget. Thanks to your financial support, Fort Hill is able to continue its ministries to members, community, and around the world. **Thank you!** If you are not present at church, your contributions can be made by mail or online through your Realm account or by clicking on the “Give Now” button on the Fort Hill Church website home page (<https://onrealm.org/FortHillPresbyt/-/form/give/now>).



Bridging Generation Update: Loan principal balance — \$227,204

Presbyterian Women News

May Magazine Collections for Campbell Veterans Hospital and Harris Psychiatric Hospital

Thank you to everyone who donated magazines, books, and puzzles for **Campbell Veterans Hospital** and **Harris Psychiatric Hospital**. We will continue taking contributions through June. Your support for this worthwhile project is appreciated.

Box Tops for Education for Thornwell

Please continue to collect Box Tops for Education for Thornwell. Place your labels in the basket provided in the kitchen opposite the FHOG office.

PW Spring Birthday Luncheon

Our PW Spring Birthday Luncheon on Saturday, May 21, was a big success! Many thanks to Maranda Arnold, Barbara Madison, Myra Cato, Cathy McInnis, Carolyn Stroup, and Helen Wooten, and their team of volunteers for the leadership in organizing and implementing the arrangements for this much anticipated spring event! Fort Hill’s student intern, Sarah Cornell, was our guest speaker. Thank you, Sarah, for your message! You blessed us all!

A tradition begun in 1957, and one of the highlights of our PW Birthday Celebration, is to present our cherished **PW Honorary Life Membership Award** to an outstanding woman or man from our church who demonstrates through word and deed the characteristics of Christian service. The selection process begins with nominations collected throughout the year, the committee meets, makes a choice, and the selection is always shrouded in secrecy until our PW Birthday Celebration. It is always a big surprise!

Please congratulate Cynthia Gravely and Stephanie Scott for being awarded the Presbyterian Women Honorary Lifetime Achievement Award for 2022!

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

REGISTER NOW!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 20-23 at Fort Hill Presbyterian Church
Use this QR code to register your child!

Interested in volunteering? Contact
Nina Moede at nina.moede@gmail.com

June Fort Hill Church Activities

Thursday, June 2

9:00 am Reserved — Library
1:00 pm VBS Planning Meeting — Nest

Friday, June 3

12:00 pm Children's Ministry Pizza & Pool Party — Off Campus

Sunday, June 5

9:00 am First Sunday Summer Breakfast — Tartan Hall
Homebound Communion — Various locations

June 6—June 10

Jacob Kennedy away

Monday, June 6

10:00 am PW Circle 1 — Club Room
5:30 pm Finance Meeting — E209

Tuesday, June 7

8:30 am Men of the Church Breakfast — Dyar's Café
3:00 pm P&PS Meeting — Club Room
7:00 pm Adult Ministry Team Meeting — Conference Rm
Youth Ministry Team Meeting — the Den

June 8—June 22

Footsteps of Jesus Trip to the Holy Land
Laura Conrad away

Wednesday, June 8

3:00 pm Building & Grounds Ministry Meeting — Library

Thursday, June 9

6:30 pm Sabbatical Committee Meeting — Conference Rm

June 12—June 17

Camp Tekoa Youth Mission Trip

Sunday, June 12

12:00 pm Deacons Meeting — Tartan Hall

Tuesday, June 14

10:00 am Men's Study Group (Ben Sill) — Library
6:00 pm Discipleship Ministry Meeting — the Den
6:30 pm Worship Ministry Meeting — Conference Room
7:00 pm Fellowship Ministry Meeting — Club Room

Wednesday, June 15

7:00 pm Wild Wednesday — Carowinds

Thursday, June 16

5:30 pm Circle of Care 20 Social — Patrick Square

Monday, June 20 — Thursday, June 23

Vacation Bible School — All Church Reserved

June 20 — June 24

Margaret MacKay away

Tuesday, June 21

7:00 pm Session Meeting

Wednesday, June 22

7:00 pm Wild Wednesday — Holy Trinity Episcopal

Sunday, June 26

12:00 pm Children's Ministry Team Meeting — Club Rm/Nest

Tuesday, June 28

10:00 am Men's Study Group (Ben Sill) — Library
5:30 pm Membership Meeting — Conference Room

Wednesday, June 29

1:30 pm Foothills Presbyterian Community Pastoral Visit
7:00 pm Wild Wednesday — Holy Trinity Episcopal

Recurring Weekly Activities

Sunday

9:00 am Sojourners' Class — Zoom
10:00 am Worship Service — Sanctuary/Livestream
Nursery (Birth-3yrs) — Nursery Room
WeeKirk (children's worship/3K-1st gr.) —
following Children's story — Nest

Tuesday

10:00 am Staff Meeting — Conference Room
5:00 pm Folk Dancing — Tartan Hall

Wednesday

7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal — Choir Room

Weekly AA Meetings

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

June Anniversaries & Birthdays



- 6/1 Lee & Mary Margaret Allman
Adam & Victoria Artigliere
Bill & Joanne Nisonger
- 6/3 Craig & Camille Horton
- 6/4 Don & Janna McKale
- 6/5 Paul & Debbie Durland
- 6/6 Heath & Lauren Fields
- 6/8 Scott & Leslie Callison
- 6/9 Mark & Mary Morrison
- 6/10 Chuck & Laura Conrad
- 6/11 Bruce & Harriett Salley
John & Marcia Sherman

- 6/13 Frank & Rita Van Lenten
- 6/14 Jimmy & Betty Dean
Jerry & Jean Greene
Elbert & Nancy Horton
Art & Gail Williams
- 6/15 Jerry & Joyce Christenbury
Tim & Joyce Daley
Guy & Mavis Sabin
- 6/18 Larry & Cindy Sloan
- 6/19 Bob & Nan Jones
Barry & Aleta Robinson
- 6/20 Jason & Sarah Allen
John & Sally Martin
Tom & Cathy McInnis
- 6/21 Gus & Clarice Gustafson

- 6/22 Carl & Theresa Hollingsworth
Todd & Catherine Latiff
Wes & Jacquie Worley
Josh & Ally Young
- 6/23 Jim & Mary Dusenberry
- 6/26 Hugh & Nancy Spittler
- 6/27 Bob & Susan Brown
Nathan & Emily Ewoldt
Dave & Char Harvey
Bruce & Laurel Whisler
Bob & Eva Williamson
- 6/28 Ben & Lois Sill
- 6/29 Riley & Carol Johnson
- 6/30 Ben & Linda Wofford
Mike & Amy Worley



- 6/1 Bo Crader
Julie DuBose
Don Ridgell
- 6/2 Marge Olthoff
- 6/3 Betsy Mudge
Cody Satzger
Josh Simpson
- 6/4 Judson McKinney
Tony Rutland
- 6/5 Shelley Burchfield
Lochlan McLaurin
Marcia Sherman
- 6/6 Kip Bagley
- 6/7 Anne Sellers
Jim Thomas
- 6/8 Victoria Artigliere
- 6/9 Rebecca Ackerman
Dan Radakovich

- 6/10 Cathy Olker
- 6/11 Paul Borick III
Chuck Cruickshank
Erika Hays
Chryssa Rutland
- 6/12 Cheryl Trammell
- 6/13 Grace Hawthorne
James Rash
- 6/13 Frank Van Lenten
- 6/14 Ellie Faithful
James Sharkey
Chuck Sisson
- 6/16 Helen Adams
Paige Durham
Virginia Hintz
Cynthia Gravely

- 6/16 Cooper Hays
Courtney Money
Gary Pollock
- 6/17 Eddie Chavis
Ellen Torrence
- 6/18 Joann Daugherty
Cyndi Davis
Larry McCullough
Cathy Spragins
- 6/19 Jean Greene
Louise Horton
Ann Howard
- 6/20 Dylan Barker
Bette Bronson
- 6/21 Daniel Turner

- 6/22 Benjamin Smith
Jacquie Worley
- 6/24 Harrison Wetsel
Wes Worley
- 6/25 Lisbeth Crowther
Audrey Thompson
- 6/26 Leanne Broome
Nina Cobb
Mario Muzii
- 6/27 Steve Martin
Amanda Stevenson
- 6/28 Robin Weeks
Sydney Weeks
- 6/30 Sarah Dubose
Rob Key
Raymond Wooten



Hunter, John Blake & Lily Kate

MAY 22, 2022

Lily Kate
Kozlarek

BORN TO
MICHAEL & LAURA
KOZLAREK



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