

# The Window

The Newsletter of Fort Hill Presbyterian Church

September 2022

## Message From the Pastor

### We are Back! Welcome

As I write this on a Sunday, the building is filled with folks gathering to learn, pray, and laugh together — enjoying the bonds of fellowship. Others are polishing their words for worship, checking the laptops, cameras, and Zoom links. Some are warming up their voices to lead us in praising God in song. Like a church mouse, Scott Thraillkill, is quietly scurrying and handling the pop-up needs. We are welcoming new staff for children and families, Kim Morris, along with our new Associate Pastor for University Ministry, Colin Pettigrew.

August has a way of getting us back in swing, setting priorities, making a new routine. I am so pleased that this past month 74 servants packed 10,000 meals for Rise Against Hunger. Youth are gathering around Bibles and breakfast. Kids are dancing, drawing, and singing. Women made new friendships while on retreat in Montreat. College students are everywhere. Planning has been in the works, the unheralded work behind the scenes. It is good to be Church. Church is not a building, it is the Body of Christ, the gathering of 2 or more where Jesus meets us.

New members of our faith family have stepped up into roles of helping us serve. Others who have carried us through the pandemic are resting. We are most grateful for their work. And this month, we fall into a rhythm of weekly worship and regular ministry. A new addition you will see is an additional in-person worship service at 8:30 am in Tartan Hall beginning Sunday, September 11. A new twist on this service is having a lay liturgist lend their voice to worship each week. Coffee will be provided in a casual setting. Children are always included and welcome. Childcare for little ones will be provided. The service will be similar to our 10:45 am service that is in-person and livestreamed.

Wherever you go, invite folks to join us in mission and ministry. And even if that person never attends here, remember that we are the church — and we take the Church of Jesus Christ into the world. So be the Church to those you meet outside these walls. Jesus did that so well. We can, too.

Forward in Faith,

*Pastor Laura*

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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

**9/4 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
Jer. 18:1-11; Ps. 139:1-6, 13-18  
Phlm. 1:1-21; Luke 14:25-33

**9/11 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
Jer. 4:11-12, 22-28; Ps. 14;  
1 Tim. 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10

**9/18 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
Jer. 8:18-9:1; Ps. 79:1-9;  
1 Tim. 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13

**9/25 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
Jer. 32:1-3a, 6-15; Ps. 91:1-6, 14-16;  
1 Tim. 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31

## 8:30 am Worship Service

in Tartan Hall

Beginning  
September 11

### October 2022 *The Window* Deadline

The deadline for articles, announcements, and features for the **October** issue of *The Window* is **September 15**.

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

## Choir Corner

Fall is here! Almost!! For me, when September rolls around, it is fall — the start of a new season with colors changing and hopefully cooler temperatures. And there are new opportunities to sing and make music.



The Chancel Choir for adults started up again in August and we welcomed four new members — Cooper Kemp, a student at Tri-County Tech and member of Westminster Presbyterian in Greenville; Tom Cleveland, one of our recent new members who moved here from Marietta, GA; Jeremy Johnsonwall, a freshman at Clemson and a member of the Sound Team has sung with us before; and Helen Wooten, a faithful member of Fort Hill. Remember: "All God's children got a place in the choir!!" So please let me know of your interest to be part of the Music Ministry.

Children's choirs crank up on Wednesday, September 7, along with our Wednesdays at the Fort program. Choirs are offered for the Strong Praises, grades K-2 (6:10 pm), and the Singers of Christ, grades 3-5 (6:30 pm). Both choirs will begin on Wednesday, September 7, in Room E-209. There will be wonderful songs for them to learn, instruments to play, and the opportunity to share their gifts and talents in worship.

Be sure to Keep Smiling-n-Singing everywhere you go!! It will make your day much better.

*Margaret*

## Adult Sunday Morning Class Offerings

**Sojourners'** — Meets at 9:00 am via Zoom

The first book will be How Jesus Saves the World from Us by Morgan Guyton. This class is available to everyone, especially those who cannot make Sunday School classes in person. Contact Bob or Carol Stout ([b39c40@bellsouth.net](mailto:b39c40@bellsouth.net)) if you are interested.

**Kindred Spirits** — Meets at 9:30 am in the Club Room

Co-led by John & Cindy Prather and Ben & Cindy Trammell, this study will cover selections from the Nooma Video series by Rob Bell.

**Community** — Meets at 9:30 am in Room E-205 beginning September 7

A new gathering for adults on Sunday mornings. For the first few weeks, we will focus on Building Relationships Intentionally. The pandemic kept us all from getting to know one another, recognizing new faces, and growing closer to those we have known for a while. Come and meet new people, share how you see God at work in your life and talk about faith. Facilitators: Catherine Stoddard and Mary Morrison.

**September 11, 2022**

**Come See Flat Pastor Mary in Person!**

September 11 after the 10:45 worship service, join us for a potluck lunch to welcome Pastor Mary back!

Chicken fingers will be provided. Bring a food based on your last name.

A-D: Salads    E-R: Sides    S-Z: Desserts

**RSVP by September 7 to [communications@forthillchurch.org](mailto:communications@forthillchurch.org)**

# “Overflowing Love”



This past month the Fort Hill Youth Group learned the theme for the upcoming year of Youth Group. This year, we will be focusing on the theme “Overflowing Love.” The idea comes from Paul’s letter to the Philippians 1:1-9. What does overflowing love mean to you? When talking about this with some of our youth, they couldn’t help but think of helping someone at school. Maybe going on a mission trip. Or possibly, just coming to Church and passing the peace with a neighbor seated near them in the pews. What are some ways that we can show overflowing love to one another? The Fort Hill Youth would like to challenge you to think about that and to let us know. We are so excited for another year of youth ministry, and can’t wait to see what God has in store for us this coming year!

## Children’s Corner

We have had a busy end of summer! The photos below show the happy faces of our children with Rise Against Hunger, Blessings of the Backpacks, Back to School Bash (a GIANT waterslide, a pizza party after church, and snowcones!).



## Sunday Servants

### Pastor on Call

9/4	Mary Morrison
9/11	Jacob Kennedy
9/18	Laura Conrad
9/25	Jacob Kennedy

### 8:30 Service Elder of the Day

9/11	Ben Bronson
9/18	Kate Hollingsworth
9/25	Bill Cato

### 10:45 Service Elder of the Day

9/4	Ralph Ricks
9/11	Ronda Ricks
9/18	Pat Street
9/25	Eddie Payne



### Christian Sympathy is extended to:

- **Sue & Mary Limber** on the death of Sue’s mother, Marian Limber, on July 28.
- **Charles & Peggy Rutland** on the death of Charles’ brother, Bruce, on August 1.



*Thank you to those that “came to my rescue” when I fell on the sidewalk outside of church on Sunday, April 24. I am grateful for the immediate assistance, help, and concern that were offered to me.*

*Thank you for all the cards, emails, phone calls, meals, and prayers extended to me these past few months following my knee surgery and recovery. Your kindness has truly touched my heart and I am so thankful to be a part of the Fort Hill family.*

*Cindy Prather*

# Action Verbs!

Every year, the **Officer Nominating Committee (ONC)** is blessed by positive responses from those who not only listen, but who actively answer God's call to serve, a call which pushes all of us beyond ourselves towards meeting the needs of others. Will you be one of those who responds to God's call to serve?

The ONC is currently seeking individuals to serve as either elders or deacons for the Class of 2026, beginning March 1, 2023. This committee is looking for individuals who would represent the many different parts of our congregation. Every year, in searching for such individuals, we invariably find that Fort Hill's congregation is not only made up of those with varied backgrounds and interests, but is composed of individuals with the kind of genuine commitment and positive spirit which make Fort Hill the special place of worship that it is.

Are you sensing a call from God that you might serve others as an officer? Do you know of others who have expressed an interest in serving? If your answer is "yes" to either of these questions, you may contact any of the members of the ONC to promote follow-up conversation that may answer any questions you have. And, should you be contacted in the near future, please give prayerful consideration to the request that is asked of you, a request that you might use some of your time and unique gifts to serve the congregation as an officer of the church.

You may also let us know of your interest by answering a few brief questions on the digital response form at the link below:

<https://form.jotform.com/212234841456049>

## ONC Response Form

I would like to engage in *Exploring a Call* to serve as a Fort Hill deacon or elder.

I understand that submitting my name does not equate to a formal nomination to either office, or a commitment to serve. It will merely open the door to additional learning and Q&A opportunities.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred contact information for follow-up: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Congregational Officer Nominating Committee for 2022

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# Welcome New Fort Hill Church Members



## Nathan & Emily Ewoldt Charlotte (infant)

**Address:** 203 Augusta Road  
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Nathan joined Fort Hill Church by Reaffirmation of Faith. He is married to congregation member, Emily Martin Ewoldt, and they have an infant daughter, Charlotte. Nathan is a dentist at Clemson Family Dentistry. He enjoys outdoors, sports, and traveling.



## Joseph & Karen Gaston

**Address:** 200 Edgemont Ave.  
Liberty, SC 29657

**Phone:** 864.423.5908

**Email:** kgaston1981@gmail.com

Karen joined Fort Hill Church by Reaffirmation of Faith. She is married to Joseph Gaston, Chaplain at Foothills Retirement Community in Easley. She has previously served as a teacher of youth & children; a youth advisor, a VBS helper, and a member of Presbyterian Women. She enjoys travel, gardening, cooking, and shopping estate sales.



## Grady & Kim Jordan

**Address:** 126 Riverpoint Dr.  
Clemson, SC 29631

**Phone:** 864.423.7231 — Grady  
864.423.7233 — Kim

**Email:** Jordan@smithjordan.com  
kimjnp@att.net

Grady & Kim joined Fort Hill Church by transfer of letter from Easley Pres. Grady has served as an Usher, in the Bell Choir, and as a translator on Medical Mission Trips. Kim has served in Stephen Ministry, Missions, Youth and Medical mission trips. Grady enjoys running and languages. Kim enjoys sewing and cooking.

# Celebrating Fort Hill Church Baptisms

Welcome, children of the covenant. We celebrate the ties that bind us to Christ and His Church, and as a congregation, we promise to nurture and care for all our children and support them on their faith journey.



## Mary Francis Allman

Child of Lee & Mary Margaret Allman

August 21, 2022



## Derge Chen

Child of Man Chi Chor

Adopted Grandparents Harold & Arlene Cheatham

August 21, 2022



## Charlotte Ewoldt

Child of Nathan & Emily Ewoldt

July 31, 2022

## Church Mouse

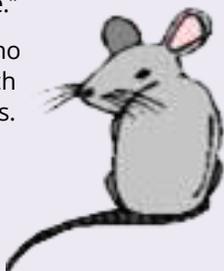
Oh my, so much activity now that school is starting back.

The other Sunday morning as I was doing my mid-morning run through to make sure all is well, I heard all this noise in Tartan Hall. I stopped and listened to David McQueen of Rise Against Hunger explain what all those in attendance were to do. They were packing 10,000 meals in tiny plastic bags to send to the starving overseas. 10,000 meals seemed like a lot, but they did it in 2 hours. They sounded a gong when they hit 1,000 until they did 10,000. **74 church members who were ages 4 to 84 worked hard to package all those meals. WOW and WOW again!! Thanks to Nina Moede** who coordinated all of it. Those that were supervisors (**Pastor Jacob, Pastor Colin, Pat Street, James Kwist**) kept all the bins of rice, soy, dried vegetables, and packets of nutrients full so the packing could go smoothly. Some even danced to the music that was playing as they did their jobs. I really appreciated all those who just happened to spill the rice on the floor for just **little old me**.

Earlier last month **Pastor Jacob and youth advisors Pat & Lisa Street** took the following to Montreat for the Youth Conference: **Miller & Reese Gregory, David Durham, James Kwist, Lochlan McLaurin, Mason Young, Savannah & Emma Worley, Walton Bost, Dulcie Mohr, Spencer Wright, and Ellen Ackerman.**

In the end of July, the church welcomed new members: **Nathan & Emily** (Mama Mouse remembered her as a little girl here at Fort Hill) **Ewoldt, Pastor Joseph & Karen Gaston, and Grady & Kim Jordan.** The exciting thing was that **Miss Charlotte Scott Ewoldt** was baptized. I love it when they sing "Jesus Loves Me."

Thanks to all who serve this church in so many ways.



## Fellowship Functions

Fellowship Ministry is organizing several small group events to begin this Fall.

**Craft Connections** will meet the third Sunday on September 18, October 16, and November 20, following the 10:45 service. This time is set aside for participants to work on an easily transported project while visiting with other crafters. Crafts could include, but are not limited, to cross stitch, scrap booking, crochet, origami, knitting, carving, creating hand-sewn objects, and many more. Come fellowship with or without a project. Cyndi Davis is the contact person.



**Fellowship Supper Club** is under development. We have a coordinator, Holly Ridgell, now we need diners. If you are interested in joining a social dining group, please email Morgan (communications@forthillchurch.org) with your name, email, and phone number. Indicate Fellowship Supper Club when contacting Morgan.

Our **Congregational Barbeque Lunch** is set for October 2 following the 10:45 morning service. Watch for more information in the Weekly Updates.

A flyer for 'Fort Hill Men's Fellowship He-Brews' event. The background is light blue with decorative icons of a beer bottle, a cornucopia, a dove, and musical notes. The text reads: 'Fort Hill Men's Fellowship He-Brews at Kite Hill Brewing Co 150 Thomas Green Blvd. Thursday, Sept. 15 Meet at 5pm until...'

Welcome to the World

Leonardo "Leo" Kai Bushika

born June 23, 2022

to

Katherine Mostertz & Dylan Bushika

Proud grandparents are Bill & Tina Mostertz.



# News from Presbyterian Women

Hooray! September is here! It is time for all Presbyterian Women to join the circle of their choice for fellowship, Bible study, and fun! Come and share the joy of sharing Gods word with friends old and new! There are several circles to choose from. Please select the one that most suits your preference.

## Presbyterian Women Circles and Leaders 2022—2023

- Circle 1**  
 Meeting Location: FHPC Club Room  
 Co-Leaders: **Maranda Arnold** — (864) 654-8816, [marandaarnold@gmail.com](mailto:marandaarnold@gmail.com)  
**Carolyn Stroup** — (843) 319-9023, [cwstroup@att.net](mailto:cwstroup@att.net)
- 2nd Tuesday EEvening Circle**  
 Meeting Location: To be announced  
 Leader: **Nan Jones** — (864) 973-8309, [jones4927@bellsouth.net](mailto:jones4927@bellsouth.net)
- Trinity Circle**  
 Meeting Location: FHPC Club Room  
 Co-Leaders: **To be announced (volunteer needed)**
- Circle of Hope**  
 Meeting Location: Clemson Downs, Corley Center basement  
 Leader: **Judy Blackwell** — (864) 506-1138, [mandjblackwell@att.net](mailto:mandjblackwell@att.net)

THANK YOU to ALL who stepped up to assume positions of leadership for the 2022-2023 calendar year! We are looking forward to seeing you in September, studying the scriptures, growing in faith, and enjoying the fellowship of our sisters in Christ! Come and bring your friends!

## Reminder of Our Fall PW Clothing Drive

While preparing for a change in the seasons, please consider collecting your fall and winter clothing in excellent or good condition that you no longer want, and donate the items to our fall clothing drive. The donations will go to Safe Harbor this fall. Clothing for men, women, and children will be collected in the PW Room (down the stairs across from the Club Room in the Admin Building). In addition, we will have a Drive-Thru Clothes Drive on October 30. Watch for details in the Weekly Updates from the church.

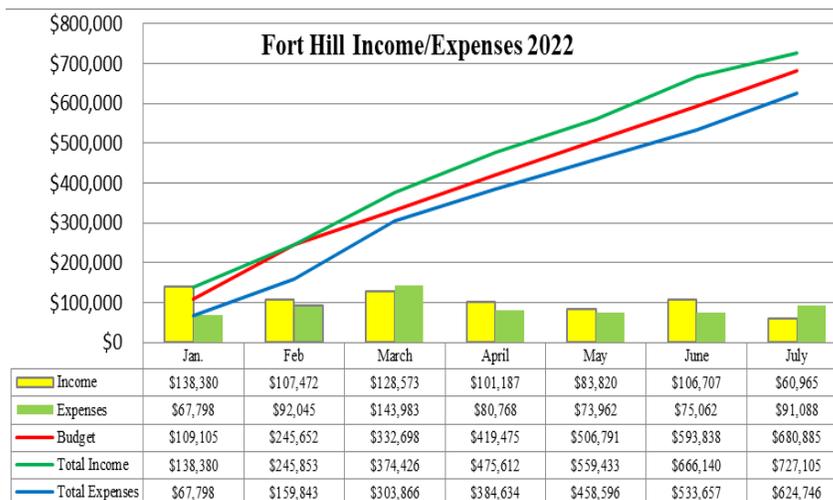
## From the Finance Ministry

Through July, total income was \$727,105 while expenses for the first seven months were \$624,746 leaving a surplus of \$102,359. Expenses are at 54% of budget, while income is at 65%. As you can see,

income is approximately 7% above budget while expenses are roughly 4% below 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 the Fort Hill website.

### Bridging Generations Update:

Loan principal: \$223,963



# September Church Activities

## Saturday, September 3

- 9:00 am NAMI Family-to-Family — Club Room (all day)
- 11:00 am Walt Owens Memorial Service — Sanctuary
- Walt Owens Reception — Tartan Hall following service

## Sunday, September 4

See Weekly Recurring Event Schedule for regular events  
Homebound Communion (various locations)

## Monday, September 5

Office Closed for Labor Day

## Tuesday, September 6

- 8:30 am Men of the Church Breakfast — Dyar's Café
- 3:00 pm Building & Grounds Meeting — Library
- P&PS Ministry Meeting — Club Room
- 6:00 pm Christian Action Ministry Meeting — Library
- 7:00 pm Adult Ministry Team Meeting — Conference Rm
- Youth Ministry Team Meeting — The Den

## Wednesday, September 7

- Preschool Open House — Preschool Rooms
  - 10:00 am Wednesday AM Bible Study — Club Room
- See Weekly Recurring Event Schedule for regular events

## Thursday, September 8

First Day of Preschool (Turtles, 2-day Honeybees, Owls)

## Friday, September 9

First Day of Preschool (3-day Honeybees, Whales)

## Sunday, September 11

- 11:45 am Church-wide Potluck Dinner — TH/Club Rm/Den
- 1:00 pm Mary's Sabbatical Presentation — Sanctuary
- 2:30 pm Cub Scouts — Backyard, Tartan Hall, & Ed Bldg.

## Monday, September 12

- 9:30 am PW Trinity Circle Meeting — Club Room

## Tuesday, September 13

- 10:00 am Men's Small Group (Ben Sill) — Library
- 2:00 pm Planning Ministry Meeting — Pastor's office
- 5:30 pm Finance Ministry Meeting — E-209
- 6:00 pm Discipleship Ministry Meeting — Den
- 6:30 pm PW Circle 2 Meeting — Library
- Worship Ministry Meeting — Conference Rm
- 7:00 pm Fellowship Ministry Meeting — Club Room

## Wednesday, September 14

- 1:30 pm Pastors Visit at Foothills Community Center

## Sunday, September 18

- 12:00 pm Children's Ministry Team Meeting — Nest
- Craft Connections — Club Room

## Monday, September 19

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

## Tuesday, September 20

- 9:30 am PW Coordinating Team Meeting — Club Rm
- 7:00 pm Session Meeting — Club Room

## Sunday, September 25

- 12:00 pm ONC Luncheon — Tartan Hall
- 2:30 pm Cub Scouts — Backyard, Tartan Hall & Ed Bldg.

## Tuesday, September 27

- 10:00 am Men's Small Group (Ben Sill) — Library
- 5:30 pm Membership Ministry Meeting — Conference Rm



## Weekly Recurring Events

### Sunday

- 8:30 am In-Person Worship — Tartan Hall (beg. 9/11)
- 9:00 am Sojourners' Class — Zoom
- 9:30 am Kids Club — E-209
- Youth Breakfast Club — the Den
- College Coffee Hour — PSA Student Center
- Adult Classes:
  - Community — E-205
  - Kindred Spirits — Club Room
- 10:45 am In-Person/Livestream Worship — Sanctuary
- Nursery (Birth-3 yrs) — Nursery Room
- WeeKirk (children's worship 3K-1<sup>st</sup> gr) — Nest
- WOW (worship education 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> gr) — E208
- 2:00 pm NAMI Family-to-Family — Club Room (beg. 9/11)
- 5:00 pm Youth Group — the Den & Backyard
- 6:00 pm PSA College Dinner/Program — Student Center

### Monday

- 9:30 am Preschool Chapel — Sanctuary (beg. 9/12)
- 6:30 pm Scouts Troops 235 (Boys)/7235 (Girls)  
Club Room/Tartan Hall/Backyard

### Tuesday

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting — Conference Room
- 4:30 pm Folk Dancing — Tartan Hall

### Wednesday

- 10:00 am Wednesday AM Bible Study — Club Room
- 6:00 pm Wednesdays @ the Fort (3K-5<sup>th</sup> gr) — Nest/E-208
- 6:10 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal (K-2<sup>nd</sup> gr) — E-209
- 6:30 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> gr) — E-209
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal — Choir Room

### Thursday

- 9:15 am Small Group — Library
- 7:00 pm PSA Bible Study — PSA Student Center

### Weekly AA Meetings:

Sunday, Tuesday, & Thursday at 8:00 pm and Friday at 12:30 pm



# September BIRTHDAYS

9/1	Katie Blondeau Tim Daley Anna Wofford	9/10	Jody Faithful Joy Van Daele	9/20	Robin Denny	9/26	Mary Dusenberry
9/2	Emily Burchfield Derge Chen Addison Johnson Angela Littlejohn Bridget Sehorn	9/11	Jere Ross Louis Stone	9/21	Carol Hipp Jay Jones Denny Sherrod	9/28	Susan Best Ashley Latiff Cal Sawyer
9/3	Libba Graves Leila Stevenson Josh Young	9/12	Lee Jones	9/22	Chris Griffin Carol Pollock Michael Sehorn	9/29	A.J. Howard
9/4	Susan Nunamaker Luke Turner Emma Worley	9/13	Reagan Blondeau Wes Koch	9/24	Gabby Bailey Abby Martin Mary Kate Turner	9/30	Gerald Bitzer Craig Homan Emma Ouellette Adair Stevenson Vivian Stevenson
9/5	James Kwist Joanne Nisonger Tom Shealy	9/14	Lisa Britt Mark Morrison	9/25	Cile Dunkelberg Jennifer Simpson		
9/6	Jordon Weir	9/15	Al Littlejohn				
9/9	Adelyn Hudak Ann Kathryn Pollock	9/16	Jordon Bolger Clay Mohr Dianne Smith Jim Van Senus				
9/10	Debbie Durland	9/17	Andy Ackerman Paul Kenney Mark Kwist Mary Stuart Turner	9/1	George & Cile Dunkelberg	9/13	Bob & Carol Stout
		9/18	Joyce Daley Betty Shealy	9/2	Jerry & Edmee Reel	9/16	Leland & Grace Hawthorne
		9/19	Kevin Bronson Holly Ridgell	9/3	Lanny & Linda Parsons	9/25	Lin & Kay Dearing
				9/5	Bill & Jan Beckwith Derick & Beth Durham	9/26	Tom & Betty Shealy
				9/8	Gary & Pat Gardner	9/30	Mark & Kerri Kwist



# September ANNIVERSARIES

## Christian Action Ministry Update

Maybe you have a passion for outreach and want to get more involved in mission planning at our church, or perhaps you just have spare time and want to give back to the community. Whatever your motivation, FHPC has a fit for you. Here are some of the ways you can get involved.

This year members of our congregation have partnered with Lutheran Services of the Carolinas to help refugees settle into our community. Settle is perhaps not the best term to use since there is more to it than just showing them around. Many of our refugees have never cooked on a stove, locked a door, or even had power and running water. Teaching these life skills is challenging, and then you add on the language barrier. Cathy Spragins, Liz Vogt, Linda Parsons, and Karen Gaston are currently helping a couple from the Democratic Republic of Congo and another family from Afghanistan will arrive in September. The needs are vast, as are the mission opportunities. You can become a trained volunteer or simply donate Walmart or Visa gift cards to help offset expenses until the refugees are more self-sufficient.

If your talent is more aligned with physical labor, The Shaw Project may be of interest to you. This organization seeks to preserve five historically black communities in our area with legal help to establish clear ownership and manual labor to improve living conditions in the homes. FHPC is partnering with The Shaw Project to purchase and install a split heating and cooling unit for a home near Old Stone Church. We hope that this is just the first of several homes we can improve.

Although refugee support and The Shaw Project are our most recent partnerships, FHPC continues to partner with many other organizations in our community. These include organizations such as Clemson Community Care, Clemson Free Medical Clinic, Clemson Child Development Center, Ripple of One, Family Promise, Scouts of America, Safe Harbor, Clemson Meals on Wheels, Habitat for Humanity, Our Daily Bread, Our Daily Rest, and Thornwell Children's Home.

To learn more about any of the organizations mentioned above or to just learn more about outreach at FHPC, you can contact the moderator of Christian Action Ministry, Jim Thomas ([thomasjh@bellsouth.net](mailto:thomasjh@bellsouth.net)) or our Associate Pastor for Youth & Mission, Jacob Kennedy ([jacob.kennedy@forthillchurch.org](mailto:jacob.kennedy@forthillchurch.org)). You can also express your interest to the Elder of the Day on Sundays after the service.





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## Kazungu and Jenina

Nirezirwa Kazungu and Jenina Tuyishime, a married refugee couple from Congo, arrived at GSP airport on July 22. They came from a refugee camp in northern Uganda. Kazungu, who is 33, had arrived at the camp when he was 24, while Jenina, who is 27, had fled to the camp with her parents when she was about 10 years old. To enter the US, they were screened first by the United Nations, then by the US Department of State. Before their long trip to the US, they spent four days in Kampala, Uganda, for medical screenings, then flew from Entebbe to Istanbul to Chicago and finally arrived at GSP. Three of us from FHPC met them there, in addition to a couple from the Seventh Day Adventist Church (SDAC), their designated church. They now have an apartment in Clemson, with designated case workers from the Lutheran Services Carolina (dealing with immigration and legal issues) and from a matching grant program (to prepare the couple for employment and learning English). Four of us from Fort Hill are part of their Circle of Welcome, helping them to become acclimated to this country, so different from their past situation.

Currently, Kazungu speaks French and Swahili, with some English, while Jenina speaks only Swahili. So what have we, the eight members of their Circle of Welcome been doing with them? First, thanks to all of Fort Hill members who have contributed clothing and gift cards, all much appreciated. They are a lovely couple who were very pleased to receive the clothing — tried everything on immediately after it was brought to them. We have been taking them grocery shopping (found goat meat for them), teaching them how to use the coin-operated washer and dryer (now \$2 in quarters needed for a load!), the value of US coins and a game using numbers, took them to their first Doctor appointments (the doctors phoned into a Swahili translator) and blood tests at OMH, helped them cook vegetables and meats, showed them how to make bread and introduced them to hamburgers and French fries. They have attended the SDAC every week with the supportive folk there. It is a real pleasure to work with Kazungu and Jenina, and we'll write again as we continue to learn from each other.

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