### August 2023

# **Message From the Pastor**

## **Going and Coming**

Much of my summer is a lot of going and coming! I am lucky if I am able to sit still long enough to catch my breath. This summer the Youth ministry had three trips, Wild Wednesday, and multiple VBS trips for rising 6th graders. Lots of going and coming! Luckily, my wonderful Church family reminds me to slow down and catch my breath. Your summer may feel like that as well. Going to see kids or grandkids. Squeezing in one more trip to the beach or the mountains, possibly paying a visit to that old friend, and enjoying a warm sit in the summer sun. Much of our lives are spent going and coming.

The beauty of the Christian faith is that in seasons of movement, and when it feels like we can't sit still. When we travel, or journey to see friends and family. When we go to serve the Lord in a new and different way, we are sent with a blessing. A reminder that God never leaves us, and is sending us to these new places.

Each morning I arise, and I say a blessing to myself to remember that in everything I do God is with me. So remember, this blessing as you journey, and know that God will meet you wherever you are!

This is the shortened blessing of the Lorica of Saint Patrick, as sung by musician Steve Bell in his song, "The Lorica"

"Be above me, as high as the noonday sun.
Be below me, the rock I set my feet upon.
Be beside me, the wind on my left and right.
Be behind me, oh circle me with your truth and light." Amen

Peace.



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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**

8/6 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

> Gen. 32:22-31; Ps. 17:1-7, 15; Is. 55:1-5; Ps. 145:8-9, 14-21 Rom. 9:1-5; Matt. 13-21

8/13 11th Sunday after Pentecost

Gen. 37:1-4, 12-28; Ps. 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b; 1 Kings 19:9-18; Ps. 85:8-13

Rom. 10:5-15; Matt. 14:22-33

8/20 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Gen. 45:1-15; Ps. 133; Is. 56:1, 6-8; Ps. 67 Rom. 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matt. 15:(10-20), 21-28

8/27 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Ex. 1:8-2:10; Ps. 124; Is. 51:1-6; Ps. 138; Rom. 12:1-8; Matt. 16:13-20

## September 2023 *The Window* Deadline

The deadline for articles. announcements, and features for the September issue of *The Window* is Tuesday, August 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, August 6 9:00 in Tartan Hall

Meet at 9 am in Tartan Hall for the final first Sunday Breakfast.

Bring your favorite breakfast item to share with your church family as we reconnect after our summer adventures.

## **Choir Corner**

It is summer! It is hot! It is now the eighth month of 2023! That means it is only four months until Christmas, and it will be here before you know it.

The Chancel Choir had the month of July off, and we were blessed with the voices of various choir members singing solos, small groups, etc.



August will begin a new choir year for younger and older folks. Chancel Choir for adults will begin again on Wednesday, August 2, at 7:30 pm in the Choir Room. It is the perfect time to make your dream of singing in a group come true!! And if you are an early bird attendee at the 8:30 service, we also have a group that sings once or twice a month for that service. We usually practice one Sunday morning and put something familiar together to sing the following Sunday.

Here are the lyrics to the song, "A Place in the Choir". It says it all in this way: 'All God's creatures got a place in the choir. Some sing low and some sing higher. Some sing out loud on the telephone wire. Some just clap their hands or paws or anything they got now!'

Give it some thought. Any any questions or share any concerns you may have. I am in the process of finalizing our repertoire for August — December! Please feel free to email me, give me a call, or talk to current members!!

Meanwhile, keep a song in your heart and always...

Keep smiling-n-singing,



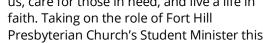






# **Youth Ministry Update**

Interning at Fort Hill Presbyterian Church this summer has been a transformative experience. Throughout these few months I have found new ways to embrace the spirit of service, and use creative thinking to invest in the growth of the church. After several youth trips, meetings, long nights, early mornings, and meaningful conversations, I have learned what it means to truly invest in developing others' relationship and love of God. As I have watched youth grow into maturity and embrace what it is to become disciples of God I am reminded of the call that Jesus has given us all. Jesus calls us to love everyone around us, care for those in need, and live a life in faith. Taking on the role of Fort Hill



summer has reminded me of all of the gifts and talents we all have. I am so thankful I had this opportunity to discover new gifts, nurture those gifts that have already been established, and find new ways to embrace and share the love of God with everyone. Thank you all for putting in the effort to invest in my growth as a disciple, and for trusting me to do the same with you!

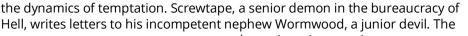




# The Screwtape Letters Study begins August 30

Join others in discussing C. S. Lewis' classic masterpiece of religious satire, *The Screwtape Letters*. Beginning, Wednesday, August 30th, a 12-week study will commence that uses Scripture references, questions, and related commentary to examine each letter through a Christian lens of morality, temptation, and good and evil.

Each week we will look deeply into three letters from Uncle Screwtape to his nephew and prime pupil Wormwood. *The Screwtape Letters* is a brilliant and satirical look at spiritual warfare and



A Bible Study on the C.S. Lewis Book The Screenings Letters

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younger demon's assignment is to corrupt a young man living in London during the tumultuous days of World War II. At once wildly comic, deadly serious, and strikingly original, C. S. Lewis's *The Screwtape Letters* is the most engaging account of temptation — and triumph over it — ever written.

The study runs these weeks: August 30, September 6, 20, 27, October 4, 11, 18, 25, November 1, 8, 15, 22. Contact Mary Morrison before August 15th if you would like to participate and she will order books for the participants. We will be using Lewis' book as well as *The Screwtape Letters Study Guide* by Alan

Vermilye. The study group will meet on Wednesdays from 10—11:30 in the Club Room. Cost of the books is \$25.

#### **About the Author**

Clive Staples Lewis (1898-1963) was one of the intellectual giants of the twentieth century and arguably one of the most influential writers of his day. He was a Fellow and Tutor in English Literature at Oxford University until 1954, when he was unanimously elected to the Chair of Medieval and Renaissance Literature at Cambridge University, a position he held until his retirement. He wrote more than thirty books, allowing him to reach a vast audience, and his works continue to attract thousands of new readers every year. His most distinguished and popular accomplishments include *Out of the Silent Planet, The Great Divorce, The Screwtape Letters,* and the university acknowledged classics *The Chronicles of Narnia*. To date, the Narnia books have sold over 100 million copies and have been transformed into three major motion pictures.

Sunday, August 20

8:30 am
in Tartan Hall
10:45 am
in the Sanctuary



## **Sunday Servants**

#### **Pastor on Call**

8/6	Mary Morrison
8/13	Colin Pettigrew
8/20	Jacob Kennedy
8/27	Laura Conrad

#### **Elder of the Day**

8/6	Mary Morrison
8/13	Layne Smith
8/20	8:30—Hugh Spitler
	10:45—Jim Thomas
8/27	8:30—Ben Trammell
	10:45—Kevin Bronson



#### **Christian Sympathy is extended to:**

 Ed & Shelley Burchfield and family on the death of Ed's father, Jack Burchfield, on July 15 in Clemson.





Thank you so much to everyone who came out for the blood drive! With your help we surpassed my goal of 30 donors and I could not be more thankful!

Dulcie Mohr

# Sojourners Class

The Sojourners will resume their faith-formation class on August 20 with a new study: <u>FALLING UPWARD</u> by Richard Rohr. New adult members are invited to join by notifying Bob Stout at <u>b39c40@bellsouth.net</u>.

The Window

# **Church Mouse**

Oh, I am so excited. Vacation Bible School happened in June, and it was wonderful. I loved having all the children here and the wonderful space theme! There were so many helpers that made it all go smoothly. First off, Nina Moede and Kim Morris made it happen along with: Katie & Shuler Wilson, Debbie Vaughn, Helen, Henry, & Donna Crader, Preston & Debbie Shealy, James Kwist, Ashley Burns, Sally & Lucy Martin, Lisa Street, Marcia Barker, Barbara Madison, Ceci Arthur, Holly Ridgell, Chip Egan, Cindy Prather, Cyndi Davis, Miriam Hutto, Suzan Simmons, and Mary Margaret Allman. Plus, our intern, Virginia Kackley helped too. Also, we had the pastors: Mary Morrison, Jacob Kennedy, and Colin Pettigrew. Nan Jones provided 4 bags of cookies for the refreshments for VBS. A BIG THANKS to all who helped.

Pastor Jacob took several middle schoolers to Raleigh, NC, for a Mission trip. Those that participated were: Henry & Edward Crader, Shuler Wilson, Sydney & William Matheson. Then Pastor Jacob took the high school youth of our church to the Montreat High School Youth Conference: Dulcie Mohr, Lucy Martin, Sydney Matheson, Spencer Wright, Lochlan McLaurin, Walton Bost, Jacob Lawson, James Kwist, and advisors Pat & Lisa Street. I wish I could go to Montreat. Over the years I have heard so much about it and the fun of rock hopping in the creek. Of course, I can't do that, but I could watch from the shore.

Summer is almost over for the youth as school starts in August. Oh my, the summer has gone by so fast.

Be sure to thank those who helped make it great. Then ask the youth about their trips.

See you around!!



# **Children's Ministry Corner**

Children's Ministry had a wonderful turn out for Vacation Bible School in June! The children enjoyed learning about shining their light for Jesus! A special thanks goes out to everyone who volunteered to help us make this event so successful for the children and families of Fort Hill. We could not have done it without you! Please see the pictures below from our memorable week.





















# **Fellowship Opportunities**

Hope you are refreshed from your summer activities. Have you missed seeing some of your church family? Listed below are some events for our family to gather.

Final First Summer Sunday Potluck Breakfast — August 6 at 9:00 am in Tartan Hall.

Bring a breakfast item and summer stories to share. Juice and coffee provided.

Wildcard Wednesday Potluck Supper — No August Supper.

The next Wildcard suppers are scheduled for September 20<sup>th</sup> and October 18<sup>th</sup>.

Monday Night Book Club — Meeting second Mondays at 7:00 pm in the Gathering Space.

August 14 — <u>Lessons in Chemistry</u> by Bonnie Garmus — Leader Nancy Oates September 11 — <u>Hang the Moon</u> by Jeanette Walls — Leader Robin Weeks

If you are interested in attending a daytime book club, please contact Debbie Shealy (panddsmom1@aol.com).

Meet and Eat Supper Club dates are August 25-27 and October 13-15.

Contact Holly Ridgell (hridgell@gmail.com) to sign up.

Drawing Studio resumes third Thursday meetings on August 17 in the Club Room at 10—Noon.

Contacts: Donna London (dlondon654@gmail.com) and Dianne Smith (dksnc@aol.com)

Craft Connections will meet at noon on the fourth Sunday, September 24, in the Club Room.

Bring a craft, a snack for our time to craft and chat. (You are also welcome to just come to visit). We will not meet in August so all can attend our College Mixer.

#### Save the Date

**August 27th — Welcome Back College/Congregation Mixer** after the second Worship service We will move from the Sanctuary to other locations for about 30 minutes to meet and visit with returning college students. You will be directed to a 'chatting' station based on the color card you receive. A room host will be in each area. Plan to stay and learn 'S'more' about each other.

#### September 10th — Baby Shower for Emily and Colin Pettigrew

You are invited to celebrate the upcoming arrival of the newest Pettigrew at a shower for expectant parents, Colin and Emily, in Tartan Hall after the final service. Bring your well wishes, a parenting story, words of encouragement or advice you learned from your parents to share. You may bring it written, or use a 4x6 index card provided at the shower. Further information about the shower will be in weekly updates and the September Window. If you wish to also bring an additional gift, here is a link to Emily & Colin's registry: <a href="https://www.babylist.com/list/baby-registry-emily-pettigrew">https://www.babylist.com/list/baby-registry-emily-pettigrew</a>. Contact Cyndi Davis (<a href="mailto:davisdcr@bellsouth.net">davisdcr@bellsouth.net</a>) with questions.



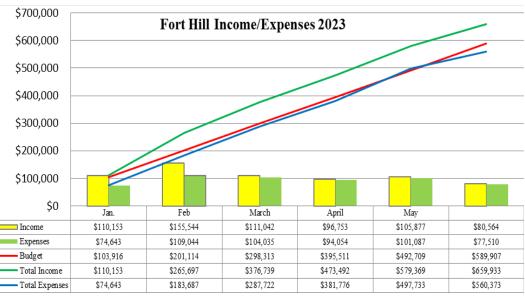
# From the Finance Ministry

Through June, total income was \$666,140 while expenses for the first half of 2023 were \$560,373 providing a surplus of

\$99.560. Overall expenses are at 47% of budget, while income is at 56%. As you can see, income is 6% above budget while expenses are 3% 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 Realm or the Fort Hill website.



Loan principal: \$207,271



# **August Fort Hill Church Activities**

#### Tuesday, August 1

Youth Ministry Team — the Den

### Wednesday, August 2

3:00 pm Building & Grounds Ministry Meeting — Library

#### Sunday, August 6

9:00 am First Sunday Summer Breakfast — Tartan Hall
10:00 am Worship Service — Sanctuary/Livestream
Blessing of the Backpack during Worship
Nursery (Birth-3yrs) — Nursery Room
WeeKirk (children's worship/3K-1<sup>st</sup> gr.) —
following Children's story — Nest
Homebound Communion — Various locations

## August 6 (pm)—August 9

Colin Pettigrew away

#### Monday, August 7

7:00 pm Enneagram Discussion — Gathering Space

### Tuesday, August 8

10:00 am Men's Small Group (Ben Sill, leader) — Library
2:00 pm Planning Ministry Meeting — Pastor's office
4:00 pm Finance Ministry Meeting — Library
5:00 pm Worship Ministry Meeting — Conference Room
6:00 pm Discipleship Ministry Meeting — the Nest

### Sunday, August 13

10:00 am Worship Service — Sanctuary/Livestream Nursery (Birth-3yrs) — Nursery Room WeeKirk (children's worship/3K-1<sup>st</sup> gr.) — following Children's story — Nest WOW (worship education/2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> gr.) — E209
 12:00 pm Deacon Meeting — Club Room
 2:30 pm Cub Scouts — Backyard, Tartan Hall & Ed Building
 5:00 pm Youth Group Kick Off — the Den/Tartan Hall

#### Monday, August 14

7:00 pm Book Club Monday — Gathering Space Enneagram Discussion — the Den

#### Tuesday, August 15

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

## Wednesday, August 16

5:30 pm Wednesdays @ the Fort Kickoff (3K-5th gr.) — Nest/ E208/Courtyard

### Thursday, August 17

9:00 am CU Book Club (Rameth Owens) — Tartan Hall 10:00 am Drawing Studio — Club Room 6:30 pm Old Stone Church Commission Meeting — Library

## August 19—August 26

Mary Morrison away

#### Sunday, August 20

Pastor Laura's first Sunday back from Sabbatical 8:30 am Early Worship Service resumes — Tartan Hall 9:00 am Sojourners Class resumes — Zoom 9:30 am Kindred Spirits Adult Class resumes — Club Room Kid's Club Kickoff — the Nest Youth Sunday School Kickoff — the Den 10:45 am Worship Service — Sanctuary/Livestream Worship time returns to 10:45 Nursery (Birth-3yrs) — Nursery Room WeeKirk (children's worship/3K-1<sup>st</sup> gr.) following Children's story — Nest **WOW resumes** (worship education — 2-5 gr) — E209 Children's Ministry Team Meeting — the Nest Officer Nominating Committee Meeting — Club Room 5:00 pm Youth Group — the Den/Tartan Hall

### Tuesday, August 22

10:00 am Men's Small Group (Ben Sill, leader) — Library
5:30 pm Membership Ministry Meeting — Conference Room
7:00 pm Fellowship Ministry Meeting — Club Room

#### Wednesday, August 23

5:30 pm Wednesdays @ the Fort (3K-5th gr.) — Nest/E208 6:10 pm Children's Choir Kickoff — E209

#### Thursday, August 24

1:00 pm P&PS/Planning Ministry Meeting — Library

8:30 am Early Worship Service — Tartan Hall

### Sunday, August 27

9:00 am Sojourners Adult Class — Zoom 9:30 am Kindred Spirits Adult Class — Club Room Kid's Club — the Nest Youth Breakfast Club — the Den 10:45 am Worship Service — Sanctuary/Livestream Nursery (Birth-3yrs) — Nursery Room WeeKirk (children's worship/3K-1st gr.) following Children's story — Nest WOW (worship education — 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> gr) — E208 12:00 pm Welcome Back Mixer (following worship) — Tartan Hall/ /Club Room/the Nest/the Den 2:00 pm NAMI Family-to-Family — Club Room Cub Scouts — Backyard/Tartan Hall/Ed Building 3:00 pm | Joint Choir Program — Fort Hill Chancel Choir / Saint Mark Choir / Trinity Baptist Choir —

## Wednesday, August 30

5:30 pm Wednesdays @ the Fort (3K-5th gr.) — Nest/E208 6:10 pm Children's Choir — E209

Trinity Baptist Church Sanctuary

5:00 pm Youth Group — off campus (meet at church bus)

6:00 pm PSA Dinner/Program Kickoff — PSA Student Center

## August 31—September 4

Jacob Kennedy away



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8/2	Billy Gregory	8/18	Laura Kozlarek
	Will Henry Ed Hutson Austin Jordan	8/19	Bob Fant Jenifer Griffis Catherine Jones
8/4	Mary Principe		Bill Kahle
8/5	Linda Parsons		Lanny Parsons
	Ashley Burns Corey Norris	8/20	Steve Best McClure Dickerson
8/7	Ryan Poetz Ann Marie Alexander	8/21	Judy Blackwell Marcie Radakovich
<i>G</i>	Pat Gardner Penny McCall	8/22	Eric Bost Sam Burchfield
8/8	James Horton Catherine Jones Paul Kantzler		Kay Dearing Nick Greene Michael Mudge
8/9	Anne Cash	8/24	Jim Palmer
	Cathy McInnis	8/25	Jane Sosebee
8/11	Chris Torres Lois Bro	8/26	Debbie Dalhouse Diane Egan
8/12	Helen Crader Helen Mohr	8/27	Sarah Allen Myra Cato
	Coleman Wright	8/28	Pete Crowther
8/13	Nancy Stone		Hannah Smith Mark Stokes
8/14	Ally Pexa Ann Rash	8/29	Hap Carr
8/15	Lauren Fields Steve Pettigrew		Jerry Chapman Jim London Caroline Oates
8/16	Jacob Chavis Jerry Waddle	8/30	Nancy Oates
8/17	Ed Halbig Marie Turner Shane Turner	8/31	Paul Caley Tommi Jones Jeb Martin



8/1	Jan & Brian Kenney
8/2	Gregg & Cathy Morton
8/3	Garland & Cynthia Gravely Alan & Ellen Torrence
8/4	Ron & Carol Austin Dewayne Lawson & Bridget Trogden Ben & Cindy Trammell
8/5	Tom & Gensie Waldrop
8/8	Dick & Laura Shick
8/9	Jim & Marcia Barker Charlie & Lydia Pratt
8/13	Jere & Rosemary Ross
8/14	David & Bitsy Barkley Shane & Mary Stuart Turner
8/16	Jim & Donna McCubbin Jake McKinney & Rose Marie McDonald Barbara & Mike Westall
8/17	Lee & Linda Davis
8/19	Jim & Jane Van Senus
8/20	Stephen & Rebecca Ackerman
8/21	Doug & Lynn Carlson Larry & Linda Gahan
8/22	John & Cindy Prather
8/23	Bill & Myra Cato Jim & Vernie Roberts
8/25	Pat & Marcia Rabun
8/26	Craig & Eileen Homan
8/27	David & Joan Alexander Harold & Arlene Cheatham
8/29	Ann & John Gilreath Kenny & Helen Mohr



# **Recurring Weekly Events**

#### Monday

9:30 am Preschool Chapel — Sanctuary

6:30 pm Scouts BSA Troops 235 Boys/7235 Girls — Club Room/Tartan Hall/Backyard

#### **Tuesday**

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

### Wednesday

7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal — Choir Room

## Thursday

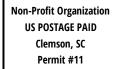
9:15 am Men's Small Group (L Glenn) — Library

## Friday

9:00 am Organ Lessons — Sanctuary

## **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.





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# **News from Presbyterian Women**

Presbyterian Women's Circles meet monthly during the school year (September—May) for Bible study, prayer and creative fellowship. Our Fall 2023 Bible Study is *Sacred Encounters, The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke—Acts*. The name of each Circle, meeting location and contact information are found below.

We look forward to seeing you at Circle meetings and other Presbyterian Women's activities throughout the year.

Circle 1 meets at 10:00 am on the first Monday of each month in the Club Room at Fort Hill.

(First meeting is on August 28 because of Labor Day)
Maranda Arnold (864.973.8309; marandaarnold@gmail.com)

Carolyn Stroup (843.319.9023; <a href="mailto:cwstroup@att.net">cwstroup@att.net</a>)

2nd Tuesday Evening Circle meets the second Tuesday at 6:00; location to be announced

Nan Jones (864.973.8309; jones4927@bellsouth.net) Janet Bean (843.817.5004; janetlbean@yahoo.com)

Trinity Circle meets the second Monday at 9:30 am in the Club Room at Fort Hill.

Jacquie Worley (864.654.9449; jacqworl@att.net)

Circle of Hope meets on the first Monday at 3:00 pm at the Corley Center, Game Room — Clemson Downs. Judy Blackwell (864.506.1138; <a href="mailto:mikeandiudyblackw@currently.com">mikeandiudyblackw@currently.com</a>)