

The Window

The Newsletter of Fort Hill Presbyterian Church

Message From the Pastor

October 2023

FAITH IN ACTION this Fall

We live by God's grace through faith. Amen, church?

We are in the growing season of life here in our college town. As a church in the center of that town, we are blessed to welcome the stranger in the guise of students, newcomers, and new staff and faculty. Situated on this hill since 1895, our mission is to minister to this community. Our windows are lit up to remind this community of the ever-present God who loves us with an everlasting love. This church was here before any of us arrived and was ready to open its arms to us. This church is a gift entrusted to us by God.

Faith is a gift to us from God, too. What we do with it is a response. Speaking to the early church, Peter writes, "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." Faith is a gift of God's grace, but it does no one any good unless it is "put to use" or stewarded.

I had an elliptical machine for many years. It decorated the corner of our den most of the time. I would use it sporadically when the weather was bad. I dusted it. It was not much use sitting there unless I used it to exercise! I finally donated it. It had served its purpose.

This is our annual fall stewardship season, a growing season. Stewardship is about using all the gifts God has entrusted to our care, for the sake of his Kingdom. That Kingdom is one in which the lost are found, the rich are set free, the poor are cared for. That Kingdom is where the left out, lonely, and unloved find healing. Our stewardship of what we have received is to serve God's vision and purpose.



We are growing in faith this fall by focusing on how we do that here at Fort Hill in the center of our college town. This fall in worship we will focus on our *Fort Hill Faith Practices* which help us grow as disciples who glorify God and meet human need. So, each Sunday we will learn more about those practices, not because we can earn God's grace and favor, but because God gives us grace and faith a gift to steward to serve God's mission. Before we respond to God's grace and love, God already loved us! So we have something to share and ways to serve.

Thanks be to God, for the faithfulness of generations before us, who put faith in action. Now is our time to be faithful stewards of the gifts God has given to us. Those who come after us will know God's grace and love because we have done our part!

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

10/1 18th Sunday after Pentecost
Exodus 17:1-7; Ps. 78:1-4, 12-16;
Philippians 2:1-13; Matt. 21:23-32

10/8 19th Sunday after Pentecost
Ex. 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Ps. 19;
Philippians 3:4b-14;
Matt. 21:33-46

10/15 20th Sunday after Pentecost
Ex. 32:1-14; Ps. 106:1-6, 19-23;
Philippians 4:1-9; Matt. 22:1-14

10/22 21st Sunday after Pentecost
Ex. 33:12-23; Ps. 99;
1 Thess. 1:1-10; Matt. 22:15-22

10/29 22nd Sunday after Pentecost
Deut. 34:1-12; Ps. 90:1-6, 13-17;
1 Thess. 2:1-8; Matt. 22:34-46



November 2023 *The Window* Deadline

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

Choir Corner

Days flow by quickly and we are about to enter the 10th month of this year.

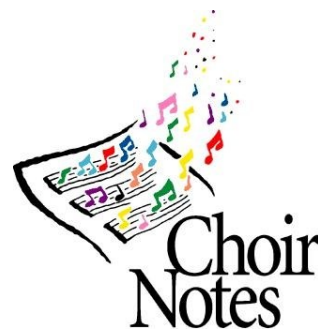
October is one of my favorite months because of the leaves turning beautiful colors in the fall, the temperature beginning to be cooler, and Halloween rolling around. We get to see children dressing up as different characters (and so do adults)!!!

One of my favorite parts of October is Kirkin' of the Tartans. I love the procession that enters the sanctuary carrying various tartans and some people wearing them. It is good to remember our history and roots whether we are Scottish, Scots-Irish, German, French, English, Asian, etc. Whatever our background, we are all children of God. I know I have quoted this text before, but it is so simple and true. Hazel Sparks and her daughter, Beth Batson, contributed the text and tune for "I am a Child of God." The refrain goes like this: "I am a child of God. I am a child of God. Jesus came to love me. Jesus came to teach me. I am a child of God."

What more needs to be acknowledged? That is simple and true. How blessed we are to be God's children.

Keep smiling-n-singing,

Margaret



Kirkin' o' the Tartans

October 29, 2023
10:45 Worship Service
(one service only)

Rev. Dr. Buz Wilcoxon
Guest Preacher

Join us as we celebrate the saints in worship.
Everyone can be a Scot for a day!
The Presbyterian church is descended from the Kirk (church) of Scotland. We will process the Tartan banners and enjoy bagpipes. Happy Scotoberfest!

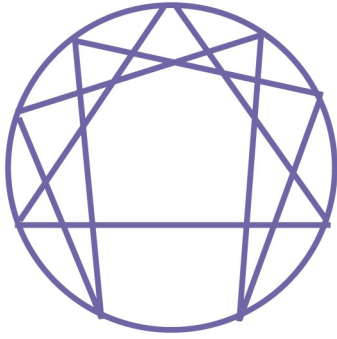


Curious about the Enneagram Workshop on October 14?

Come learn more about the Enneagram and how it can be a tool for self-development and spiritual growth. If you do not know about the Enneagram and would like to find out more, come join Mary and others as we discuss the nine types and patterns for growth in preparation for the **October 14** workshop with Sandra Smith on the 27 sub-types.

- Monday, October 2 from 6:30 — 8:30 pm in the Den
- Monday, October 9 from 6:30 — 8:30 pm in the Den

Email mary.morrison@forthillchurch.org if you are interested in this experience.



ENNEAGRAM: The Subtypes & Balancing Our Lives

Saturday,
October 14, 2023
9:00 am - 4:00 pm



Tartan Hall

on the campus of **Fort Hill Presbyterian Church**

101 Edgewood Ave, Clemson SC 29631

Sponsored by Fort Hill Presbyterian Church

Event Fee: \$50, includes Saturday lunch.
Scan the QR code to register and pay.

The Enneagram ('ennea" is Greek for nine) is a map that indicates the core internal structure of our character. It reveals nine unique perspectives and ways humans filter information, nine distinct drivers for reactivity, as well as the automatic patterns and internal stories associated with the nine Enneagram types. No type is better or worse than another type, and we retain the same type throughout our lives.

This October 14th workshop offers material that deepens our knowledge of the Enneagram as we explore the three specific instinctual drives that influence our type. When these instincts get co-opted by the type, we refer to them as subtypes.

the instinctual energy of surviving or self-preservation

the instinctual energy of belonging or social

the instinctual energy of connecting or sexual

We have all three of these drives and one tends to be dominant. This most used instinctual energy is an arena of our strengths as well as our neurotic grasping. During our time together we'll discuss the three dimensions of each of these three subtypes, then address strategies for calming our grasping and balancing the three drives. Many teachers believe that the 27 subtypes play a central role in intimate relationships, perhaps more so than our Enneagram type.

These subtypes give the personality a particular look. Thus, two people who share the same Enneagram type may behave quite differently. Our Enneagram type reveals how we perceive our environment, receive and process information. Subtypes are about output—how and where we expend our life's energy. Understanding our subtype energies is central to our personal growth and self-awareness and frees up energy that is overused in one subtype area.



Sandra Smith, MDiv, teaches the Enneagram internationally as a tool for personal, professional, and spiritual growth. She is a certified IEA (International Enneagram Association) professional and certified Narrative Tradition teacher. In addition to corporate and nonprofit staff retreats, she offers individual sessions as an Enneagram leadership consultant and spiritual companion. Her understanding of the complexities and nuances of each Enneagram types makes her workshops a rich learning experience. Sandra cohost the *Heart of the Enneagram* podcast and coauthored its companion book. To learn more about her work, visit her website at AlchemyWorksEvents.com.



Sunday Servants

Pastor on Call

10/1	Laura Conrad
10/8	Jacob Kennedy
10/15	Mary Morrison
10/22	Mary Morrison
10/29	Laura Conrad

8:30 Service Elder of the Day

10/1	Nancy Spitler
10/8	Cindy Trammell
10/15	Donna Crader
10/22	Lucy Martin
10/29	N/A, One Service

10:45 Service Elder of the Day

10/1	Russ Phillips
10/8	Debbie Shealy
10/15	Walton Bost
10/22	Robin Weeks
10/29	Diane Egan



Christian Sympathy is extended to:

- Family & friends of **Beth Wilkinson** on her death on August 23 in Easley, SC.
- **Joyce & Tim Daley** on the death of Joyce's brother-in-law, Allen Griffon, on August 23 in Greenville, SC.
- **Harold & Arlene Cheatham** on the death of Harold's brother, Richard Cheatham, on September 14 in Tacoma, WA.

Fellowship Opportunities

Fellowship Ministry invites you to participate in **Wednesday Night Family Potluck Suppers** in Tartan Hall at 5:30 pm on **October 18** and **November 15** (third Wednesdays). In order to have children ready for their activities, they will be served first with their families. Bring a dish to share and dine with some energetically youngers and delightful Fort Hill family members. Stay and enjoy one another.

Book Club continues to meet on the second Monday evenings at 7:00 pm in the 2nd floor Gathering Area (near E205). Contact: Debbie Shealy, panddsmom1@aol.com

- **October 9:** The Mostly True Story of Tanner and Louise by Colleen Oakley
- **November 13:** Family Tree by Barbara Delinsky

Meet and Eat dining groups meet **October 13-15**. Groups change each quarter. Hostesses will contact guests with meal plans. Contact Holly Ridgell, hridgell@gmail.com to sign up.

Craft Connections meets on the fourth Sunday from noon—1:30 pm in the Club Room. The next Sundays are **October 22** and **November 26**. Bring a project and a snack and join the fellowship.

Drawing Studio meets **October 19** in the Club Room from 10:00—noon. This is a group for beginner and experienced artists. Contact Donna London dlondon654@gmail.com.

A **Millenials** group (contact Catherine Henry) and a **Men's** group, **He-Brews**, (contact Chuck Conrad) meet monthly.

Watch for ways to connect in The Window and through Wednesday and Friday email updates.

The Fellowship Ministry team meets on the fourth Tuesday at 7:00 pm in the Club Room. We welcome new members and ideas for new ways to engage with our Fort Hill Family. Contact: Cyndi Davis davisdcr@bellsouth.net or Debbie Shealy panddsmom1@aol.com.



Welcome Fort Hill New Members



George "Andy" & Miriam Hutto

Address: 108 Cherry St., Pendleton, SC 29670
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huttomail@gmail.com (Miriam)

Andy & Miriam joined by transfer of letter from Grace Pres in Fort Mill, SC. Andy is an ordained Deacon and Miriam is an ordained Elder & Deacon. They enjoy running, gardening, and sewing.

Thank You!

Thank you so very much for your love, prayers, support, cards and texts during this difficult time with the loss of my dear mother.

Please know I have felt your prayers and they have given me great comfort, peace and strength day by day. Your kindness and caring are very much appreciated. There is no love like a Mother's love...

Peace & Love, **Jane LaGrone**



Thank you so much to the Fellowship Ministry for hosting a baby shower for Baby Pettigrew! We are so thankful for the support everyone showed through their well wishes, advice, and gifts. We feel so loved by FHPC and we can't wait for Baby Pettigrew to meet her church family!

Colin & Emily Pettigrew

News from Presbyterian Women

Another year has started for Presbyterian Women (PW) and we are looking for a successful and productive year. We hope that ALL Presbyterian Women in Fort Hill Presbyterian Church will be moved to join us as we study *Sacred Encounters, The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke—Acts*. There are four groups available from which to choose:

2023–2024 Presbyterian Women Circles and Leaders

- Circle 1** First Monday of the month at 10:00 am
Location: FHPC Club Room
Leaders: Maranda Arnold — (864) 506-2059, marandaarnold@gmail.com
Carolyn Stroup — (843) 319-9023, cwstroup@att.net
- 2nd Tuesday Evening Circle** Second Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm
Location: To Be Announced
Leaders: Nan Jones — (864) 973-8309, jones4927@bellsouth.net
Janet Bean — (843) 817-5004, janetbean@yahoo.com
- Trinity Circle** Second Monday of the month at 9:30 am
Location: FHPC Club Room
Leader: Gail Williams — (908) 256-2907, gswilliams@bellsouth.net
- Circle of Hope** First Monday of the month at 3:00 pm
Location: Clemson Downs, Corley Center Game Room
Leader: Judy Blackwell — (864) 506-1138, mikeandjudyblackw@currently.com

Fall & Winter Clothing Collection for Safe Harbor

Hooray, hooray! Fall is on its way! The cooler temperatures and the crisp days send us to our closets for warmer clothing. It is the *perfect time* to check your wardrobe for the clothing that you no longer use, and collect and bring your selections to Fort Hill Presbyterian to give to **Safe Harbor**. Please bring *new or gently-used* fall and winter clothing in good condition, for men, women, and children.

The clothes you donate are for wearing for job interviews, for the workplace, and for attending school. Safe Harbor greatly appreciates your donations!

The clothing drive will be held from October 22 — November 12. Donations can be dropped off in the collections room under the FHOG office. A drive-thru drop off will also be held on **Sunday, October 29**, to coincide with Trunk or Treat.

Contact **Joan Dixon** (864) 654-1065.

Helping Hands Group Home

Donations of paper goods for **Helping Hands** group children's home will be an ongoing monthly project for the PW. Donations of paper goods such as paper towels, toilet paper, tissues, napkins, soap, and liquid laundry detergent (no pods) can be dropped off in the FHOG office or placed in the marked plastic box in the collections room below the FHOG office. These will be taken to Helping Hands in the middle of each month. Contact **Carolyn Stroup** (843) 319-9023.

Operation Christmas Child Boxes for Samaritan's Purse

Here is a way to brighten the Christmas holidays for children around the world!

Use a standard-sized shoebox (no oversized shoe boxes for efficient packing, please) or a similarly sized plastic box. Indicate whether the gift is for a girl or boy and include the appropriate age for which the gift is appropriate (2-4, 5-9, 10-14). Fill the box with gifts that may include small toys, school supplies, hygiene items (mild soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, comb, etc.), and personal items (sunglasses, t-shirts, socks, watch, ball cap, and solar flashlights). Soccer balls are a longed-for item for boys. A deflated ball and small pump, or a small ball to fit the box is ideal. Due to some cultural concerns and beliefs, please avoid stuffed animals. If you wish, add a personal greeting in a separate envelope. **Deadline is November 12. Please include a \$9 donation to cover mailing. Thank you!**

Pamphlets will be placed on the shelf outside the FHOG office listing the requested items. Please deliver the unsealed boxes, or bring gift items to the FHOG Office at the Administration entrance on Edgewood Avenue beginning October 16.

Contact **Eva Henry** at (864) 654-3737

Church Mouse

I heard that some of our choir members participated in a 4-church choir in August (Trinity Baptist, Pendleton Baptist, Saint Mark's Methodist, and ours): **Margaret MacKay** (also played the postlude), **Gensie Waldrop, Helen Wooten, Nancy Lloyd, Gary Mohr, Mark & Robbi Stokes, Rameth Owens, Garland Gravely, and Jacquie Worley**. Plus, the chancel bells performed a special piece one Sunday in our church: **Jeremy Johnsonwall, Gensie Waldrop, Caroline Thomas, Mark Kwist, Julianne Wenner, Jacquie Worley** with **Margaret MacKay** on the piano and directed by **Judy Bonham**.

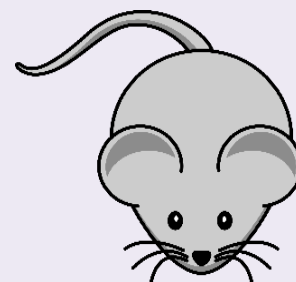
Sometimes **Marcia Sherman** turns the pages for **Judy Bonham** if it is a complicated piece.

Please go look at the newly painted and restored front doors of the sanctuary: **Beth Chapman** spent several days accomplishing this task. I watched from the shade several of the times as she worked.

The Deacon's hosted a Special Reception Event for our church members with birthdays starting at their 90th and up. This event was under the direction of **Helen Wooten** who was assisted by **Susan Beckwith** and **LeAnne Broome**.

Congregational Fellowship activities (**ALL of which I love**) such as Wildcard Wednesday Potluck, Craft Connections, baby shower for **Pastor Colin & Emily Pettigrew**, and the October 1 Fall Picnic are all under the direction of the Fellowship Committee and **Cyndi Davis**. Others on this committee are **Debbie & Preston Shealy, Don Davis, Don & Holly Ridgell, Helen Wooten, Lucy Martin, Lisa Britt, Julie & Rodney Johnson** and **Austin Jordan**.

Please thank all of them for all they do to make our church a great place to worship God.



October Church Activities

Sunday, October 1

See Weekly Recurring Event Schedule for regular events
11:45 am Congregational Lunch (following late worship)
Homebound Communion — various locations

Monday, October 2

10:00 am PW Circle 1 Meeting — Club Room
4:30 pm Mental Health & Awareness Team — Den
6:30 pm Enneagram Coaching — Den

Tuesday, October 3

8:30 am Men of the Church Breakfast — Dyar's Café
3:00 pm Building & Grounds Ministry Meeting — Library
P&PS Ministry Meeting — Club Room
5:30 pm University Ministry Meeting — PSA Student Cntr.
6:00 pm Christian Action Ministry Meeting — Library
7:00 pm Adult Ministry Meeting — Conference Room
Youth Ministry Team Meeting — The Den

Wednesday, October 4

See Weekly Recurring Event Schedule for regular events

Sunday, October 8

2:30 pm Cub Scouts — Conference Room, Tartan Hall, & Ed Building (upstairs & downstairs)

Monday, October 9

9:30 am PW Trinity Circle Meeting — Club Room
6:30 pm Enneagram Coaching — Den
7:00 pm Book Club — Gathering Space near E205

Tuesday, October 10

10:00 am Men's Group Meeting (B Sill) — Library
2:00 pm Planning Meeting — Pastor's Office
4:00 pm Finance Ministry Meeting — E209
5:00 pm Worship Ministry Meeting — Conference Room
6:00 pm Discipleship Ministry Meeting — the Den
PW Circle 2 Meeting — Library

Thursday, October 12

2:00 pm Beth Wilkinson Memorial Service — Sanctuary
Reception following service — Tartan Hall

Saturday, October 14

9:00 — Enneagram Workshop — Tartan Hall

Sunday, October 15

12:00 pm Deacon Meeting — Club Room
No PSA College Dinner/Program

Monday, October 16

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

Tuesday, October 17

7:00 pm Session Meeting — Tartan Hall

Wednesday, October 18

11:45 am Foothills Home Lunch w/Pastors — Foothills Dining Room
5:30 pm Wildcard Wednesday Potluck Dinner — TH

Thursday, October 19

10:00 am Drawing Studio — Club Room
4:00 pm Scouts Troop Exams — E208/E209/E212

Friday, October 20

Noon — Alpha Delta Pi Initiation — Tartan Hall/Club Room/
11:30 pm E209/Conference Room/Library/Nest

Sunday, October 22

12:00 pm Craft Connections — Club Room
2:30 pm Cub Scouts — Conference Room, Tartan Hall, & Ed Building (upstairs & downstairs)

Tuesday, October 24

10:00 am Men's Group Meeting (B Sill) — Library
5:30 pm Membership Ministry Meeting — Zoom
7:00 pm Fellowship Ministry Meeting — Club Room

Thursday, October 26 — Saturday, October 28

Kirkin' o' the Tartans Sunday Tartan set-up — Tartan Hall

Sunday, October 29

Kirkin' o' the Tartans Worship Service (one service today)
3:30 pm PW Clothing Drive Drive-Thru — Porte-cochere
4:00 pm Trunk or Treat — Fort Hill Church parking lots



Weekly Recurring Events

Sunday

8:30 am Early Worship Service — Tartan Hall
9:00 am Sojourner's Class — Zoom
9:30 am Kindred Spirits Adult Class — Club Room
Middle School Breakfast Club — Tartan Hall
High School Breakfast Club — The Den
10:45 am In-Person/Livestream Worship — Sanctuary/Online
Childcare/Nursery (Birth-3 years) — Nursery Room
Bible Fun (2-4 years) — Honeybee Room
WeeKirk (children's worship—3K-1st Grade) —
(following Children's story) — Nest
WOW (worship education—2nd-5th grade) — E208
2:30 pm NAMI Family-to-Family — Club Room
5:00 pm Youth Group — Tartan Hall/The Den / Backyard
6:00 pm PSA College Dinner/Program — PSA Student Center

Monday

9:30 am Preschool Chapel — Sanctuary
6:30 pm Scouts Troops 235 (Boys)/7235 (Girls) — CR/TH/Yard

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

10:00 am Wednesday AM Bible Study — Club Room
6:00 pm Wednesdays @ the Fort — Nest/E208/Courtyard
6:10 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal — E209
7:00 pm PSA College Bible Study — PSA Student Center
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal — Choir Room

Thursday

9:15 am Small Group — Library

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



- 10/1 Curtis Arnold
Mimi Borick
Jim Roberts
- 10/2 Wanda Glenn
Char Harvey
Evan Matthews
Hank McLaurin
- 10/3 Ransom Broome
Laurie Sherrod
Ben Wofford
- 10/4 Bill Beckwith
Emma Job
- 10/5 Hunter Crenshaw
Marv Dixon
Tom Lawrence
- 10/7 David Alexander
Harper Simpson
- 10/8 Jan Beckwith
Emily Ewoldt
- 10/9 Clarence Rogers
Guy Sabin
- 10/10 Tommy Bolger
Camille Horton

- 10/10 Jan Kenney
Katherine Mostertz
Salley Ouellette
- 10/11 Emma Van Daele
- 10/12 Nancy Horton
Gregg Morton
- 10/13 Charlotte Neidenbach
- 10/14 Beth Weber
- 10/15 Beth Chapman
Elaine Smith
- 10/16 Jerry Reel
Jason Smith
Mike Worley
- 10/17 Peggy Garner
Benjamin Wofford
- 10/18 Ashley Burriss Kirksey
Barbara Curl
Lib Gage
Corey Greene
Deanna Ramey
Alan Torrence
Ally Wilson

- 10/19 Andy Blondeau
John Prather
- 10/20 Tatum Rose Bronson
Fred Burgett
Grace Cook
Rick Hegenberger
Jeff Johnson
Jacob Kennedy
- 10/21 Helen Efland
Clarice Gustafson
Kristen McCall
Whitney Money
Phil Ulrich
- 10/22 Charlotte Phillips
- 10/23 Judy Bonham

- 10/24 Don McKale
- 10/25 Sam Drummond
Gary DuBose
Hazel Pittendreigh
- 10/26 Evelyn Rabey
Tripp Ross
- 10/27 Russ Phillips
- 10/28 Tina Mostertz
- 10/29 Elizabeth Bost
- 10/30 Bob Brown
Ed McLaurin
Chuck Moede
- 10/31 Jessica Aaron
Gail Caley
Pickens McCall



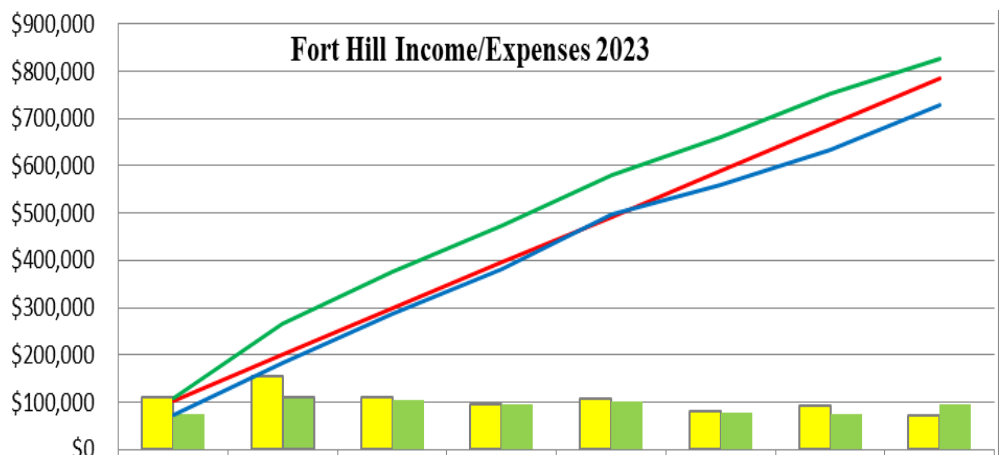
- 10/2 Bill & Diane Carnes
Anne & Steve Cash
- 10/3 Patrick & Helen Adams
- 10/6 Kyle & Robin Weeks
- 10/7 Ed & Jillian McLaurin
- 10/8 Chris & Maggie Bandy
- 10/10 Mike & Judy Blackwell
- 10/17 Shirley & Mario Muzii

- 10/20 Kevin & Bette Bronson
- 10/22 Ed & Nancy Hutson
- 10/23 Michael & Hilarie
Sehorn
- 10/24 Tyler & Kristen McCall
- 10/29 Wade & Melanie Job
- 10/30 Marv & Joan Dixon



From the Finance Ministry

Through August, total income was \$826,405 while expenses for the first eight months were \$728,720 providing a surplus of 97,685. Overall expenses are at 61% of budget, while income is at 70%. As you can see, expenses are approximately 5% below budget and income is roughly 4% above budget. Thanks to your financial support, Fort Hill Church 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 or your Realm profile account.



Bridging Generations Update:

Loan principal balance:
\$203,487

Clemson Presbyterian Student Association

Fall 2023



A Message from Reverend Colin Pettigrew

A year ago, I wrote to y'all about how excited I was to be back in this place and about the anticipation of the new things that God was calling us to here at PSA. Our first year together did not disappoint! We spent the year building new bonds in old places, and we ended the year with a wonderful core of students ready for the journey ahead.

Now I can't believe that we are already into October! As I reflect on the first couple few weeks of the semester, it is amazing to see the ways God is working in and through our students. They are so excited to be back in Clemson, and they bring so much energy for our ministry. They have a great desire to be together and welcome the new students into our PSA family. They are so engaged in our devotions, Bible studies, and speakers, and are willing to ask the questions that help them navigate their faith journeys. And, they are so ready for more that they are always thinking of new ways that we can do ministry and have fun together!

I know I am biased, but I don't think you will find a better group of students anywhere on campus. It is truly a blessing to get to be a part of their lives and see the ways in which God continues to guide them in this season. I can't wait to see where the Spirit leads us next!

Peace,

Colin



The purpose of Clemson PSA is to provide a place for worship and discussion, as well as to encourage community, friendship, and service to the campus of Clemson University in affiliation with the Presbyterian Church USA.

Scott Dillon

A sophomore from Columbia, Scott is an architecture major whose home church is Spring Valley Presbyterian. Interestingly, with a minor in music with a focus on piano, his goal is to become a licensed architect and a “back-up” church pianist. What got Scott in the door of PSA were stories of his dad’s experiences with PSA as a student at Clemson. What has kept him there are his fellow students and the congregation. From Sunday night programs to Bible Study to lunch bunch, he feels as though his life has been impacted in every way possible. He appreciates the opportunities for worship, fellowship, learning, and questioning. PSA is full of “his people”. He has also really enjoyed the connector program with a shoutout to Joan and Marv Dixon for serving as his connection to the larger Clemson community. His favorite memory of PSA is staying after the Sunday night program to hang out and watch Kid Nation. For him, PSA is like a “youth group experience with more freedom, more maturity, and more meaningful experiences.” He counts his PSA friends as “friends for life.”



Scott Dillon



Elyse Hollingsworth

Elyse Hollingsworth

A senior nursing major from Clemson, Elyse has been attending Fort Hill since she was a young child, and she currently serves as the Fellowship chair for PSA. Upon graduation, she intends to be a bedside nurse. For Elyse, becoming an active member of PSA was the result of wanting to get more involved with her home church in a way that included more people her age. She shares that PSA has given her a great group of friends and made her time as a Clemson student more enjoyable. Her favorite PSA memory centers on beach week and the opportunity to relax and play games with everyone. Elyse appreciates the fact that PSA helps college students create a church family to interact with each other but also to be supported by the larger congregation. If you see Elyse studying hard for a nursing exam, she might be enjoying a snack of cheesy potato casserole (her favorite food), while wearing purple (favorite color). And while we know she’s a die-hard Tigers fan, her favorite animal is the mighty elephant (not the Alabama version).

For more information: Colin Pettigrew, Associate Pastor for University Ministry, PSA.Pastor@FortHillChurch.org or 853-654-3705

Sundays

Worship at Fort Hill
10:45 AM

Breakfast - 9:30 AM

PSA Dinner,
Devotion, and
Discussion
6-8 PM

Wednesdays

Bible Study
7 PM

Thursdays

Lunch Bunch
12 PM

Fall Retreat

Sept 29th - Oct 1st

Trunk or Treat

October 29th

Friendsgiving

November 19th

Worship at Old Stone Church

December 10th



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Sunday, October 29

4:00 - 6:00 pm

FHPC Parking Lots

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