



The Window

The Newsletter of Fort Hill Presbyterian Church

Message From the Pastor

February 2024

Do You or Did You Experience Post-Pandemic Burnout?

In January several of you shared an AP news article about US pastors struggling with burnout after the pandemic, and half considered quitting (<https://apnews.com/article/christian-clergy-burnout-pandemic-survey-24ee46327438ff46b074d234ffe2f58c>). Very kindly, our Personnel and Program Support leaders expressed concern for us by sharing this. Another member brought me a copy and said she always prayed for the pastors. I so appreciate this about the Fort Hill way. People are genuine and caring, and your pastors are most grateful.

Many of you, no matter your work, or family situation, personal health, or needs, may have experienced burnout, too. It is very understandable. I was most concerned for our church teachers, leaders, servants, who carried this congregation in so many ways, going the extra mile. I was glad to say to our Return to Church commission, officers, and ministry members, "well-done, good and faithful servant, now take a break!" And Mary and I were both able to take timely sabbaticals to be refreshed. I think we all did well at Fort Hill and here are a few reasons, I think:

- Presbyterians work by committee (aka Ministry Teams).** The beauty is that the work falls to a group to work, make decisions, and support each other. The church is better when we have many minds, hearts, and hands to do what God calls us to do.
- Presbyterians rotate and rest.** We have classes of leaders. Officers and ministry members rotate and take time off. Did you know that an officer can serve two consecutive terms but must take the 7th year off? Yes, a sabbatical. Just like pastors have sabbaticals around year seven. Rest and spiritual renewal are gifts from God structured into our system.
- Presbyterians practice "mutual forbearance" and trust.** We listen to one another and hear different perspectives as we make decisions and plans. We trust one another. We work together with humility, knowing we do not know it all, and everything will not be "our way" but we trust the Holy Spirit to guide us, especially when we are in crisis.
- Presbyterians value education and science.** We believe God gives us minds to use to glorify God and serve others. Science and education have been suspect in the current climate but our faith teaches us to value learning.

In today's world this is countercultural, even old-fashioned, some may say, but it is the model of the church as we see lived out in Scripture and with the guidance of those wise ones who have come before us. The Holy Spirit is really working in and through Christ's church as we follow "best practices" like these. I found myself weary during the pandemic, exhausted as we started with all the things, but energized. That is because Fort Hill has a wonderful staff team, is filled with loving, faithful people, and we trust God in all things — quite literally. So, thank you, Fort Hill, for the ways you live out faith and support one another. It is a joy to serve as your pastor.

Blessings and Peace,

Pastor Laura

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.

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Weekly Lectionary Scriptures

- 2/4 5th Sunday after Epiphany**
Isa. 40:21-31; Ps. 147:1-11, 20c;
1 Cor. 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39
- 2/11 Transfiguration of the Lord**
2 Kings 2:1-12; Ps. 50:1-6;
2 Cor. 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9
- 2/18 1st Sunday in Lent**
Gen. 9:8-17; Ps. 25:1-10;
1 Pet. 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15
- 2/25 2nd Sunday in Lent**
Gen. 17:1-7, 15-16; Ps. 22:23-31;
Rom. 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38 or 9:2-9



ASH WEDNESDAY *Worship Service*

**Wednesday, February 14
7:00 pm in the Sanctuary**

Ordination & Installation of New Officers

**Sunday, February 25
10:45 Worship Service
& Fort Hill Church's
YouTube Channel.**

March

The Window Deadline

The deadline for articles, announcements, and features for the **March** issue of *The Window* is **Thursday, February 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.

What Do We Mean by the Season of Lent?

An excerpt from the *Companion to the Book of Common Worship* (Geneva Press, 2003, 110-111)

What we hear during Lent is the power and possibility of the paschal mystery, and that the way of the cross, the way to Easter, is through death. To appropriate the new life that is beyond the power of death means we must die with Christ who was raised for us. To live for Christ, we must die with him. New life requires a daily surrendering of the old life, letting go of the present order, so that we may embrace the new humanity. "I die every day!" asserts Paul (1 Corinthians 15:31). Resurrection necessitates death as a preceding act. The church's peculiar Lenten claim is that in dying we live, that all who are baptized into Christ are baptized into his death. To be raised with Christ means one must also die with Christ. In order to embrace the resurrection, we must experience the passion of Jesus. The way of the cross, the way to Easter, is through death of the "old self." In dying, we live.

Therefore, at the beginning of Lent, we are reminded that our possessions, our rulers, our empires, our projects, our families and even our lives do not last forever. "You are dust, and to dust you shall return" (Genesis 3:19). The liturgies throughout Lent try to pry loose our fingers, one by one, from presumed securities and plunge us into unknown baptismal waters, waters that turn out to be not only our death tomb but surprisingly our womb of life. Rather than falling back into nothingness, we fall back on everlasting arms. Death? How can we fear what we have already undergone in baptism?

It is the power of the resurrection on the horizon ahead that draws us into repentance toward the cross and tomb. Through the intervention of God's gracious resurrection, lifelong changes in our values and behavior become possible. By turning from the end of the "old self" in us, Lenten repentance makes it possible for us to affirm joyfully, "Death is no more!" and to aim toward the landscape of the new age. Faithfully adhering to the Lenten journey of "prayer, fasting, and almsgiving" leads to the destination of Easter.

During the final week, Holy Week, we hear the fullness of Christ's passion, his death, and resurrection. From Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and on to the Triduum (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday), all of Holy Week focuses on the passion. As his followers, we travel Christ's path of servanthood through the Lord's Supper and the suffering of the cross toward the glory of Easter, all of which underscores the inseparable link between the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Lent & Easter *God's Covenant Promises*

Ash Wednesday Worship Service

Wednesday, February 14 - 7:00 pm - Sanctuary

Lenten Bible Study - six week study

Wednesdays - 10 am & 6 pm - Club Room (2/14 through 3/20)

Palm Sunday Worship Service

Sunday, March 24 - 8:30 in Tartan Hall & 10:45 in Sanctuary

Maundy Thursday Worship Service

Thursday, March 28 - 7:30 pm - Sanctuary

Easter Sunday Worship Services

Sunrise Service @ Old Stone Church - 7:00 am

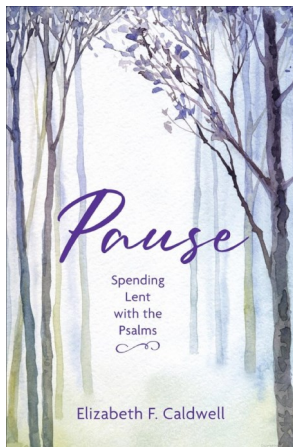
8:30 Worship Service in Tartan Hall (no nursery)

10:45 Worship Service in Sanctuary

Lent Offerings

In the upcoming season of Lent, we will have two offerings for people within our community to grow closer to God in the season of Lent. We hope that you will take advantage of these opportunities, and take time for intentional study or community building here at Fort Hill!

1. **Covenant Groups** — This year our theme of “covenant” during Lent allows the opportunity for groups of people to come together. In these small groups, individuals will have times of “word-share-prayer.” Each group will begin with scripture, then will have the opportunity to respond to questions together, and conclude with prayer for one another. Sign-ups for this opportunity will be available over the next few weeks!
2. **Wednesday Bible Study** — **PAUSE: Lent in the Psalms** by Elizabeth Caldwell



“The season of Lent encourages Christians to consider a different pace — one of slowing down, noticing, pausing — than what our dominant culture values. The invitation to pause with the Psalms begins on Ash Wednesday, starting with a mark of ashes on our foreheads that reminds us that in spite of our failures — things we have done or failed to do — we belong to God. Readers are then guided into an exploration of Psalm 41 and the theme of a clean heart. Each chapter helps readers to connect an image drawn from that psalm, such as paths, faces, blessing, tables, waiting, thanksgiving, listening, being alone or abandoned, and hands, with their own lives. At the close of each chapter, readers are invited to try a

different prayer practice to help them continue to reflect on the theme and psalm each day. This intentional engagement — without feeling burdensome — opens just enough space and time for a creative spiritual practice to flourish, sustaining the life of faith during the Lenten season in ways that can make a difference in God’s world.

During Lent, we will offer our Bible Study two times on Wednesday! We will have the Wednesday morning class at 10:00, and then the same class will be taught again on Wednesday evening at 6:00.

Discovering Faith Lunch

Sunday, February 11

Interested in Learning More About Joining Fort Hill Church?

Our next Discovering Faith Lunch for those interested in exploring membership will be held after the 10:45 worship service in the Club Room. Please contact the church office at communications@forthillchurch.org if you would like to attend and if you need childcare.

Checking In on Fort Hill Youth Ministry

What an exciting start to the year of Fort Hill Youth Ministry. This year, we kicked off our year with a great group of High Schoolers at the Foothills Presbytery Retreat. Not only did we have five youth attending the retreat, we had three High Schoolers (Walton Bost, Dulcie Mohr, and James Kwist) serve as leaders on the Presbytery Youth Council. This year our theme has been “What Comes Next?” It can be scary to not know what is coming next, but we know God is with us. In 2024, we know that God is with us, and will be with us. That God is calling us as Fort Hill Youth into community with one another, and we will grow closing together. Indeed, it’s a great time to be involved in the Fort Hill Youth Ministry.

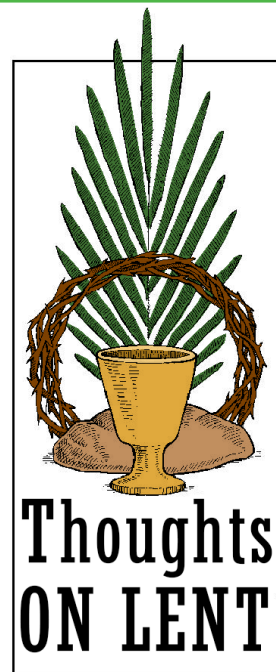
Sunday Servants

Pastor on Call

2/4	Mary Morrison
2/11	Colin Pettigrew
2/18	Laura Conrad
2/25	Jacob Kennedy

Elder of the Day

2/4	Diane Egan — 8:30 Rick Hegenberger — 10:45
2/11	Hugh Spittler (one service)
2/18	Jim Thomas — 8:30 Ben Trammell — 10:45
2/25	Kevin Bronson — 8:30 Vernon Burton — 10:45



Thank you

We are so grateful for our church family! Thank you for all of the messages, calls, meals, and prayers for Elizabeth as she went through surgery and recovery. We truly believe that all of your love and prayers got her (and us!) through this with relative ease. God is good!

*With love,
Bo Crader & Debbie Vaughn*

Preschool Update



Happy New Year from Fort Hill Preschool! What a wonderful first semester we had with our precious little ones! We have had a great time playing, learning, crafting, and singing our way through the days! Our 4K classes visited the Pumpkin Patch in the fall and we all enjoyed making Christmas crafts for our families. We are so thankful for our church family that continues to love, pray, and support our ministry to these families.

We adore our Preschool!

Kayla Webb

Fort Hill Church Preschool Director

2024-2025 Preschool Registration

Registration priorities are in effect:
February 1—March 1

Registration Drop Off for
Church Members
February 1-3

In-Person Registration Drop Off
for Enrolled Students & Siblings
February 20
(Drop off at Narthex between 9-10 am)

In-Person Registration Drop Off
for New Students
February 21
(Drop off at Narthex between 9-10 am)

Please contact Kayla Webb,
with any questions at
preschool@forthillchurch.org.

Choir Corner

Here we are in February — the shortest month of the year! I am a February baby. I was born on the 13th between Abe Lincoln and Cupid!! Growing up, it always felt so special that people sent me cards with hearts on them saying that they loved me. I didn't realize that other people also got those cards, and it wasn't just for me!!

One of my most poignant memories as a child was right before my 7th birthday. My dad was working out of town in Abbeville, SC. He went to attach a crane boom to a piece of pipe for it to be moved. It was something he was accustomed to. Unfortunately they were working near many high voltage lines. As he went to attach the boom to the pipe, it was too close to the lines, and the electricity arched causing 44,000 volts of electricity to pass through his body. It went in his left hand, crossed through his body under his heart (fortunately) and exited through his right food. My understanding is that it threw him several feet into the air. My mother got a call and I stayed behind with my aunts. My dad was transferred from Abbeville to the Anderson hospital where we would be closer and he would receive incredible care for several months. To graph skin, they attached his hand into the stomach area and his right foot into his left thigh. It was a long process. My dad was disabled and could not work, but he lived to be in his late 70s. It was truly a miracle.

The reason I tell you this story is because during that time I heard a beautiful song being sung one night on the television. It was George Beverly Shea, a wonderful soloist with the Billy Graham crusade. He was singing "How Great Thou Art". I remember that chorus well, as I'm sure many of you do. It said, "Then sings my soul, my Savior, God to thee. How great thou art! How great thou art!" I actually sang that as a solo at my home church when I was 10 years old. It was our family's favorite and was sung at every funeral of my parents and aunts.

We all have favorite hymns that may bring back special memories. May this be a reminder for you to listen to or sing those special songs in your life that bring you comfort, strength, and God's presence. Music is healing and comforting.

Keep a song in your heart and keep smiling-n-singing.

Margaret

Media Improvements Coming to Fort Hill

Over the last four years, Fort Hill has invested in media capabilities in ways that might not have been anticipated prior to the pandemic. Among those was the introduction of projection and livestreaming to enable delivery of "inward care and outward proclamation." In continuing that investment, the Media Team has led a project to implement improvements based on identified needs and in response to inputs from the congregation. A group representing the primary stakeholder ministry areas and the staff was formed to collaboratively generate, review, and specify the project requirements and assess options. Two project phases have been defined, the first addressing improvements to support projection in the Sanctuary, installation of confidence monitors for those leading at the Chancel area, and providing the livestream video feed to the Narthex TV during the worship service or program. The second phase will focus on relocation of the systems' control position in the balcony and the addition and installation of cameras for livestreaming and recording. The delivery of the first phase is currently in work. These changes and improvements have been thoughtfully and prayerfully considered by the project group, and the respective ministry teams, approaching questions in open, honest, and respectful discussions. And at all times seeking for the proposed actions to enhance and deepen the worship experience a person might encounter at Fort Hill. As these changes come to fruition, the hope is that all will find them to be a blessing.



Fellowship Ministry Update

The **Epiphany Breakfast** began 2024 with a wonderful celebration of conversation, laughter, and yummy food! Thank you to all who joined the fellowship and brought delicious breakfast treats. A big **thank you** to Debbie and Preston Shealy for creating a celebratory atmosphere.

The **Book Swap** will be located in the arcade nearest the library during the week **between February 4 and February 11**. Please choose from the books provided. You are encouraged to take books for you and your friends.

Book Club meets on the **second Monday** at 7:00 pm in the Gathering Space next to the Bridge. Contact Debbie Shealy (panddmom1@aol.com), or Lisa Britt (lisabritt79@gmail.com) for additional information.

February 12 [The Secret Book of Flora Lea](#) by Patti Callahan Henry

March 11 [American Dirt](#) by Jeanine Cummins

April 8 [Trouble the Water](#) by Rebecca Bruff

May 13 [Lisette's List](#) by Susan Vreeland

Wednesday Night Potluck Supper is scheduled in Tartan Hall from 5:30-7:00 on **March 20** and **April 17**. Bring your favorite supper dish to share. Children will be served first in order to attend their activities.

Craft Connections continues on the fourth Sunday at noon until about 1:30 in the Club Room. Bring your current project to work on while we chat and share ideas. Contact Cyndi Davis (davisdcr@bellsouth.net).

Meet and Eat, a small group dining opportunity, will schedule three to four opportunities to meet during 2024. Contact Holly Ridgell (hridgell@gmail.com) for more information or to sign up.

The past three years have been an exciting journey as our congregation has been able to engage in renewed and new activities. So many people have worked to make them possible. I would like to thank our church family for supporting the Fellowship Ministry members' efforts. Please continue to share ideas and join events. You could even join the Fellowship Ministry team! Please contact the new moderator, Debbie Shealy, to learn more.

I have been blessed to work with this wonderful ministry team to serve our Church family. Thank you for being a supportive family.

Cyndi Davis

News from Presbyterian Women

Circle 1 — Monday, February 5, 10 am in the Club Room — Carolyn Stroup, (843) 319-9023

2nd Tuesday Evening Circle — Tuesday, February 13, 6 pm in the Library — Nan Jones, jones4927@bellsouth.net

Trinity Circle — Monday, February 12, 10 am in the Club Room (fellowship starts at 9:30) — Gail Williams, gswilliams@bellsouth.net

Circle of Hope — Thursday, February 1, 2 pm at Clemson Downs Corley Room — Judy Blackwell, mikeandjudyblackw@currently.com

Helping Hands Paper Goods Drive

Donations of paper goods for Helping Hands group children's home is 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. These will be taken to Helping Hands the middle of each month. Contact: Carolyn Stroup, (843) 319-9023,

Valentines for FHPC College Students

Each year the PW sends Valentine boxes to the Fort Hill college students. \$5 gift cards or donations to purchase the gift cards can be made to help out with this project. Lauren will need the cards/donations by **February 7**. She has requested that parents of Fort Hill college students send her student mailing addresses *regardless of whether they've sent it in the past*. Addresses are needed every year to make sure they're updated. Please contact Lauren Young for details on where you should leave contribution and the updates on student addresses. Lauren Young, lauren.esh.young@bellsouth.net.

Fort Hill Presbyterian Women's Annual Birthday Luncheon

Saturday, March 11, 2023

11:30 am in Tartan Hall

A representative from the Project Hope Foundation will be our speaker. The foundation was founded in 1997 by two moms looking for services for their young sons with autism. Their mission is to expand autism services to children and adults in the Upstate. A new service center will be opening soon in our community.

This program is open to ALL who wish to attend. Bring a salad, bring a friend and learn more about the Project Hope.



February Fort Hill Church Activities

Thursday, February 1

2:00 pm Circle of Hope — Downs Corley Center

Sunday, February 4

Scout Sunday

12:00 pm Fellowship Book Swap — Arcade
Scouts Parent Meeting — Club Room

Monday, February 5

10:00 am PW Circle 1 Meeting — Club Room

Tuesday, February 6

8:30 am Men of Church Breakfast — Eggs Up, Clemson
3:00 pm Personnel & Program Support Meeting — Club Rm
5:00 pm Healing Bridges Board Meeting — Conference Rm
6:00 pm Christian Action Ministry Meeting — Library
7:00 pm All Discipleship Meeting — Tartan Hall
Adult Ministry Team Meeting — Conference Room
Youth Ministry Team Meeting — Den

Wednesday, February 7

3:00 pm Buildings & Grounds Meeting — Library

Sunday, February 11

9:30 am Officer Study Session — Conf. Rm. (optional)
12:00 pm Discovering Faith Lunch — Club Room
Fellowship Book Swap — Arcade

Monday, February 12

9:30 am PW Trinity Circle — Library
7:00 pm Book Club — Gathering Space

Tuesday, February 13

10:00 am Ben Sill's Men's Group — Library
2:00 pm Planning Meeting—Pastor's Office
4:00 pm Finance Ministry Meeting — Library
5:00 pm Worship Ministry Meeting — Conference Room
6:00 pm PW Circle 2 Meeting — Library

Wednesday, February 14

7:00 am Youth Doughnut Pick-Up — Porte-cochere
7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service — Sanctuary

Thursday, February 15

1:30 pm P&PS Meeting — Library
5:00 pm Old Stone Church Commission Meeting — Library

Saturday, February 17

1000 am RISE Against Hunger — Tartan Hall

Sunday, February 18

10:30 am Special Session to Receive New Members — TH
12:00 pm Maggie Pettigrew Baptism Reception — Club Room
12:00 pm Children's Ministry Team — Nest

Tuesday, February 20

Presbytery Meeting — all pastors away
6:30 pm Session Examination for New Officers — TH
7:00 pm Session Meeting — Club Room

Wednesday, February 22

2:00 pm Staff Bulletin Review — Conference Room
5:30 pm Wild Card Wednesday Potluck Dinner — TH

Thursday, February 22

5:00 pm He-Brews — Brews at the Square, Pendleton

Saturday, February 24

9:00 am Youth Mental Health First Aid — Tartan Hall

Sunday, February 25

10:45 am Ordination of Officers — Sanctuary during worship
12:00 pm Craft Connections — Club Room
12:15 pm SAFE Place Training — Den
2:30 pm NAMI Family-to-Family — Club Room

Tuesday, February 27

10:00 am Ben Sill's Men's Group — Library
7:00 pm Fellowship Ministry Meeting — Club Room

Recurring Weekly Activities

Sunday

8:30 am Early Worship Service — Tartan Hall
9:00 am Sojourners Class — Zoom
9:30 am Kindred Spirits Adult Class — Club Room
10:45 am Livestream/In-Person Worship — Online/Sanctuary
Nursery (birth-3yrs) — Nursery Room
Bible Fun (2-4 yrs) — Honeybee Room
WeeKirk (children's worship 4K-1st gr) — following
Children's story in worship — Nest
WOW (worship education—2nd-5th gr) — E209
2:30 pm Cub Scouts — Ed. Building (2nd & 4th Sundays)
NAMI Family-to-Family Course — Club Room
5:00 pm Youth Group — The Den & Backyard
6:00 pm College Dinner & Program — PSA Center

Monday

9:30 am Preschool Chapel — Sanctuary
2:30 pm Organ Lessons — Sanctuary
6:30 pm Boy Scouts — Porte-cochere/Backyard

Tuesday

10:00 am Staff Meeting — Conference Room
4:30 pm Folk Dancing — Tartan Hall
5:00 pm Organ Lessons — Sanctuary

Wednesday

10:00 am Lent Bible Study — Club Room (six weeks beg. 2/14)
6:00 pm Lent Bible Study — Club Room (six weeks beg. 2/14)
Wednesdays @ The Fort — Nest/E-208
6:10 pm Children's Choir — E209
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal — Choir Room

Thursday

9:15 am Small Group — Library

Weekly AA Meetings

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



February BIRTHDAYS

2/1	Bradley LeCroy	2/8	Eileen Homan Chloe Satzger Tom Scott Beth Tanner Hack Trammell	2/19	John Martin Lawrence Mudge
2/2	Hayden Anderson Devon Broome Robby Clanton Linda Davis Matt Wetsel	2/9	Shuler Wilson	2/20	Joyce Christenbury
2/3	Dianne Bitzer Stacey Miller Tom Donegan	2/11	Laurie Lefevre Aleta Robinson	2/21	Kate Hollingsworth Bob Jones Jeffrey Weir Joseph Weir
2/4	Brian Brown Donna London Melissa Moede Alena Nebesky Debbie Vaughn (Crader)	2/12	Bennett Bost	2/23	Holly Burchfield Whitsun Kyle Smith
2/5	Laura Conrad Adam DeWitt	2/13	Ann Gilreath Bud Hicklin Margaret MacKay	2/24	Tom Cleveland Hansen Wetsel
2/6	Charles Rutland Jimmy Weir	2/14	Jason Kohlmayer Patrick Pettigrew Sarah Van Daele	2/25	Tripp Mostertz
2/8	Scott Callison Arlene Cheatham	2/15	Linda Burton Cathy Morton Shannon Sharkey	2/26	Ron Austin Janet Cantrell Harrison Catoe Becky Fant Steve Hunter Laurel Whisler Alexis Winchester Spencer Wright
		2/17	David Barkley Linda Hudgins	2/27	Marian Wooten
		2/18	Lauren Chavis Rodney Johnson	2/28	Amelia McMullan
		2/19	Jessica Christenbury Jim Dusenberry	2/29	Jacob Poetz

February ANNIVERSARIES

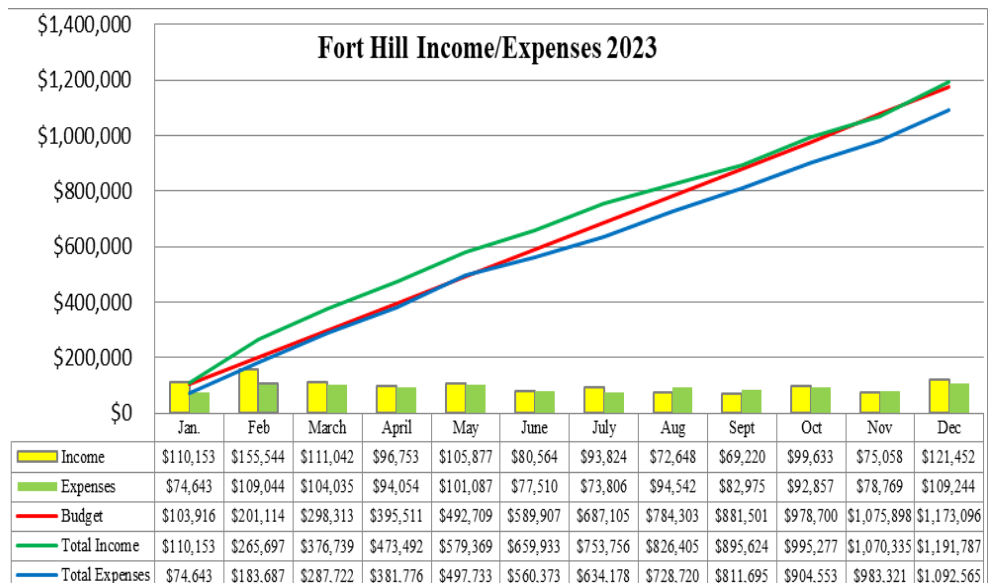
2/6	Michelle Blackwell & Drew Porter	2/14	Bill & Jane LaGrone	2/22	Steve & Stacey Miller
2/14	David & Debbie Collins Tim & Ann Howard	2/18	Trip & Necia Ross	2/23	Tootie & Steve Poteet
		2/21	Michael & Joy Van Daele	2/28	Tom & Ceci Arthur

From the Finance Ministry

2023 has come to a close and total pledge and offering income was \$1,075,670 while expenses were \$1,092,565. Other income (special fund transfers, fundraising income, prior year surplus, etc.) brought the year-to-date total income to \$1,191,787 providing a surplus of \$99,222 (surplus of \$36,359 without transfers). Income finished 1.5% above budget for the year while expenses were approximately 9% below budget. **Thank you** for making this past year financially successful. Your ongoing financial support is needed for 2024, so Fort Hill can continue its ministries to members, community, and around the world.

Bridging Generations Update:

Loan Principal Balance: \$195,829





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Return Service Requested

Christ Child Box Success

The Christian Action Ministry would like to thank the congregation for your enthusiastic support for the Christ Child Box Collection for Clemson Community Care. We have had a few challenging years lately with Covid and the shut down of in-person worship and while those are behind us, inflation has presented a new challenge this year for a number of the local ministries we support. Clemson Community Care has felt this effect in a big way as many of the families they serve are struggling to make ends meet. You have really made a big difference with many of you filling more than one box and Clemson Community Care has reported that we collected a whopping 3,402 pounds of food and other supplies to restock their pantry.

We filled 140 boxes and that and the weight of 3,402 pounds sets a new record for Fort Hill. The spirit of giving is definitely alive and well and we hope you were able to make this a family affair. As 2024 unfolds, we would encourage you to continue to support this ministry that is so important in our community. They accept donations of food items as well as monetary donations throughout the year.