



# The Window

The Newsletter of Fort Hill Presbyterian Church

## Message From the Pastor

November 2024

### Be Still...and Know That I AM God (Psalm 46:10)

The U.S. Surgeon General declared last month that parents are experiencing a health crisis.

“Parents have a profound impact on the health of our children and the health of society. Yet parents and caregivers today face tremendous pressures, from familiar stressors such as worrying about their kids’ health and safety and financial concerns, to new challenges like navigating technology and social media, a youth mental health crisis, an epidemic of loneliness that has hit young people the hardest. As a father of two kids, I feel these pressures too,” said U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy. (hhs.gov)

I see it in the faces and in conversation with parents, and I remember that stress very well. As parents, Chuck and I look back and wonder how we did it. We all have to set boundaries and structures that help our families thrive. I remember the conversations about when the phone goes up at night and how many activities our kids could take on. Lucky for us, our kids had no extracurricular commitments on Sunday and could be here in our faith community. I do not know how we could have done it without you, Fort Hill.

We believe that the God who created us in love, redeemed us by the grace of Jesus Christ, fills us with the Holy Spirit to live and breathe in us. We are called to BE. We are human-beings but get caught up in human-doing. We are called back to the presence of God, to remember the One who loves us and in whose presence we are fully known. Once we know we are beloved children of God, we can live fully in that abundant life Jesus offers.

We are created for abundance not busyness, for wholeness, not scatteredness. God gives us ways to be in relationships with ourselves, God, and others that help with life’s challenges. So that is why this fall stewardship theme is “Just Be” the people God made us to be. As we are stewards or caretakers of our lives, our time, our money, our resources, we are called to be who God made us to be, Beloved Children of God.

Everything else flows out of that identity. We belong to a faith family who helps us believe. In response to God’s grace, we can be grateful and return thanks to God. And most importantly, for us to thrive, we get to be here to grow and serve. The faith is always caught rather than taught. We are here to help each other, especially those who are struggling.

In Christ’s Love,

*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

**11/3 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
Ruth 1:1-18; Deut. 6:1-9;  
Heb. 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34

**11/10 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17; 1 Kgs. 17:8-16;  
Heb. 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

**11/17 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
1 Sam. 1:4-20; Dan. 12:1-3;  
Heb. 10:11-14 (15-18), 19-25;  
Mark 13:1-8

**11/24 Reign of Christ Sunday**  
2 Sam. 23:1-7; Dan. 7:9-10, 13-14;  
Rev. 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37

### December

#### *The Window* Deadline

The deadline for articles, announcements, and features for the December issue of *The Window* is **Friday, November 15**.

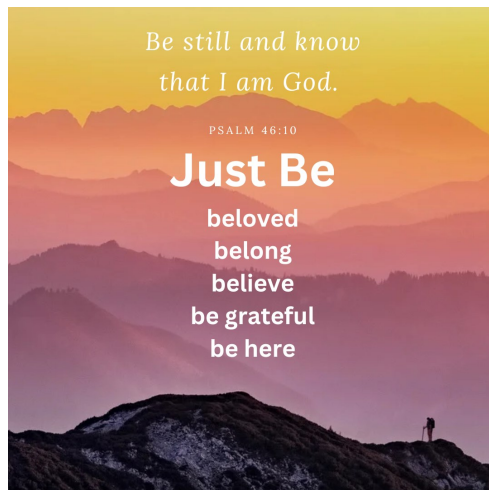
Please email your item as a Microsoft Word document to the church office at [window@forthillchurch.org](mailto:window@forthillchurch.org) or type the item directly into your email and send. If possible, please keep your articles to 500 words or less.

## Happy Birthday Hazel!



Hazel G. Pittendreigh celebrated her 100th birthday on October 25. Her three children hosted a celebration in her honor on October 27, 2024 at Corley Center at Clemson Downs.

## 2025 Stewardship Campaign — Dedication Sunday, November 17



This fall at Fort Hill, as we consider how to respond to God's grace in our lives, we are following a theme of "Just Be." Life for all of us is busy and at times messy, but we need to find some time where we can just be.

This past year has been a time of re-focusing our ministries and staff. To enrich our congregational life, Fort Hill has grown the staff to include a full-time Faith Formation Coordinator and is now seeking a Music and Worship Arts Coordinator to enhance visual arts in worship.

The different ministries of the church are busy making plans for next year — for children and families and youth ministry, for faith formation, for reaching out to those in our community and the world, in college ministry, and in taking care of the physical buildings in which we meet. We will wait to finalize those plans until the end of this year, when pledge cards have been returned and the Finance Ministry has a better idea of what resources will be in place.

Would you consider making a pledge for your giving to Fort Hill for 2025 and in doing so, being a part of how our congregation is growing disciples and sharing the love of God in our community and beyond? You will be receiving a mailing later this month with more details.

I hope you'll take some time and prayerfully consider this. You can respond by bringing your pledge on **Dedication Sunday, November 17**, or by using the QR code below.

Thank you for being a traveler on the journey of faith at Fort Hill.

*Nancy Spittler & Lellanne Greene,*

Stewardship Co-Moderators

## Youth Ministry: Sending Out Shalom

Our Youth group theme this year is "Sustaining Shalom" for all to see! With the aftermath of Hurricane Helene, many of our youth wondered how they might be involved with organization of supplies going to Black Mountain. On a Sunday night, while some of our students had no power, they gathered at the Church to organize the supplies the congregation dropped off in the Narthex. The Youth were able to share shalom to all people who were hurting or in pain in the Western North Carolina. The Youth wanted to say thank you to the congregation for their support of spreading shalom through the donation of supplies. Remember to follow Fort Hill Youth Instagram: @forthill.youth.





# Thanksgiving Worship Service at Old Stone Church 10:00 am, November 28

Join your neighbors in giving thanks. Old Stone Church meeting house is on the corner of Hwy. 76 and Old Stone Church Road. Together we will worship and praise God for the abundance of gifts God has shared with us. Remember the stone building is not heated and often does not warm up until the afternoon, so bring a coat and/or a blanket.



## Advent Activities

### Hanging of the Greens

Please join us in the sanctuary at 2:00 on **Sunday, November 24**, as we “deck the halls” with wreaths and greenery in preparation for Advent. Adults and youth are invited to share the joys of the season.



### Lighting of the Advent Wreath

At the 8:30 and 10:45 services prior to Christmas, as well as the two (2) Christmas Eve services, we light the Advent wreath as we reflect on the message of hope with the birth of Christ. This is a meaningful tradition and we invite you and your family to participate in this celebration on one of the following dates and times: **December 1** at 8:30 and 10:45; **December 8** at 8:30 and 10:45;



**December 15** at 10:45 only (Lessons and Carols), **December 22** at 8:30 and 10:45, and **Christmas Eve** services at 5 and 9 pm. Your participation will include a brief reading that will be forwarded to you prior to your selected service and ask that you arrive 30 minutes in advance of the service for a review/practice. Please contact Caroline Thomas at [thomascb160@att.net](mailto:thomascb160@att.net) if you are interested with optional dates and service you would like to participate.

### JOY Offering Memorials

During this season of giving and remembrance, we invite you to ‘honor’ or ‘remember’ family and friends who have impacted your life by making a contribution to the JOY offering. Your gift, of any value, will be used for wreaths, greenery, poinsettias for FHPC and support underserved communities. Please complete the Honor and Remember form that is available in the Narthex, FHOG office, or by contacting Morgan in the Church Office (864-654-2061 or [communications@forthillchurch.org](mailto:communications@forthillchurch.org)). Checks payable to FHPC and the completed form should be submitted to the church office by **December 1**. Memorials and honorariums will be recognized in the bulletin and The Window. Poinsettias will be available for pick up following the Christmas services.



## Sunday Servants

### Pastor on Call

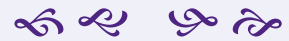
11/3	Pat Rabun
11/10	Laura Conrad
11/17	Jacob Kennedy
11/24	Colin Pettigrew

### 8:30 Service Elder of the Day

11/3	Helen Steele
11/10	Diane Egan
11/17	Ben Sill
11/24	Jim Thomas

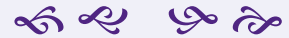
### 10:45 Service Elder of the Day

11/3	Donna Crader
11/10	Rick Hegenberger
11/17	Hugh Spittler
11/24	Ben Trammell



## Called Congregational Meeting on Sunday November 17

There will be a Called Congregational Meeting on **Sunday, November 17**, after 10:45 worship service to elect Deacons and Ruling Elders.



### Christian Sympathy is extended to:

The family of **Bruce Salley** upon his death on September 19 in Seneca.

**Michael, Helen, & Harrison Steele**, on the death of his grandmother Rose Stancil in Southern Pines, NC.

**Erika, Mandy, Cooper, & Sawyer Hays** on the death of **Barbara Sebenick** on October 14 in Anderson.

**Rose, Joe, Maggie, & Joey Wilson** on the death of her mother Candice “Candy” Boren on October 19.



Sunday, November 3, 2024



## Church Mouse

Fall is here, fall is here. I just love running through those leaves outside in the cool mornings.

But the church has been busy too. The funeral for Dyke Spencer was staffed by **Donna & Jim London, Ceci Arthur, Diane Egan, and Stephanie Scott. Helen & Michael Steele, Gary Clary, Grady Jordan, Cindy Sloan, Charlotte Grusso, Sue Limber, Bette Bronson, Sally Martin, and Jennifer Griffis** were those serving communion under the direction of **Beth Chapman. Cyndi Davis and Donna Crader** were those serving communion at the first service. **Beth & Jerry Chapman** were those that prepared the communion.

But there was so much activity in the Narthex, I didn't know what to make of it. People kept bringing supplies and **Nan Jones** kept putting them in boxes and stacking them up. I heard them saying they were going to take it all to Black Mountain Presbyterian Church because of something called Helene. I found out it was the remains of a hurricane that blew through there on a Friday and rained some 20 inches up in the mountains of NC. I can't imagine that much rain, to me 4 inches is a lot. **Kelly McCord** directed the youngsters to put the supplies for the needy that we had in the church into colorful bags. They were **Charles & Margaret McCord, Austin Dickerson, Ann Kathryn Pollock, Thomas Baker, Jackson Kirr, Ellie Faithful, Grace Collins, Adelyn Hudak, James Horton, Reese** (friend of James), **Ethan Nihoul**, and **Derge Chen. Nina Moede** helped with the effort.

On Wednesday, October 2, there were lots of people helping load **Chuck Conrad's car, Pat Street's truck, and Cal Sawyer's truck and trailer** with all the items in the Narthex — well most of them. **Pat Street, Cal & Karen Sawyer, Chuck & Pastor Laura Conrad, Pastor Pat Rabun, Pastor Jacob Kennedy, Lisa Britt, Nan Jones, Mason Young, David Durham, Lin Dearing, Dick Shick, Scott Thrailkill, and Jay Jones.**

There is more to come next month.

Thanks be for those that help our church carry our the mission.



## News from Presbyterian Women

October was a challenge with the storm and we thank God that we made it through. We pray that the people still affected will find relief soon.

**One Trinity Circle** meets November 4th in the FHPC Club Room at 9:30 AM for social gathering and the meeting starts at 10:00 AM.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday Evening Circle** meets November 12th in the FHPC Library at 6:00 pm.

**Circle of Hope** meets November 7th at 2:00 pm in the Corley Center at Clemson Downs.

### October Clothing Drive

We thank Mary Beth Clanton for coordinating this effort.

### Honorary Life Membership

Nominations are requested by the end of December. The nominee does not need to be from the circles and includes men as well as women of the church. This award honors persons who have given long and dedicated service to the church and who reflect the love of God and His church and have made a difference in the spiritual lives of the community. Nomination forms are available in the Narthex of the Church and in the FHOG office.

### Helping Hands Paper Goods Drive

Monthly collections will concentrate on paper goods, i.e., paper towels, toilet paper, Kleenex, napkins, etc. Please leave your donations in the collections room below the FHOG office or bring them to your Circle meetings.



## Officer Nominating Committee

A Congregational Meeting will be held on **November 17th after the 10:45 worship service** to elect the Class of 2028 Slate of Officers. We are pleased that the following have answered a call to serve:

### Slate of Officers for Class of 2028

#### Elders

1. Helen Adams
2. Tom Arthur
3. Carol Austin
4. Brian Baker
5. Joan Dixon
6. Debbie Durland
7. Charlie Pratt
8. Ben Trammell
9. David Durham (Youth)
10. Spencer Wright (Youth)

#### Deacons

1. Susan Best
2. Mary Beth Clanton
3. Becky Fant
4. Lanie Hedrick
5. Barbara Madison
6. Debbie Miles
7. Stephanie Scott
8. Carolyn Stroup

Pictures and Bios will be in the Weekly Updates starting November 6th. I'd like to thank the Officer Nominating Committee for their thoughtful and prayerful work in completing this assignment. We look forward to the future of Fort Hill with these wonderful new Elder and Deacon Leaders!

Officer Nominating Committee: Cindy Trammell (Chair), Susan Best, Amy Elrod, Garland Gravely, John Prather, Holly Ridgell, Cindy Sloan, Carolyn Stroup, Karen Ware, Spencer Wright (Youth), and Laura Conrad (Ex-Officio).



# Fellowship Opportunities

## Church Barbeque

We had a wonderful time at the annual church BBQ, 93 people attended and enjoyed a great meal and an opportunity to mingle with our wonderful PSA students attending Clemson.

## Book Swap

Time again to get rid of all those books you have read or just don't want anymore. Bring your unwanted books to the arcade through the week of **November 3rd** and we will have tables set up for you to deposit your old books and to take any books home with you that interest you. The book swap will continue until **November 17th**.

## November Notes of Thanks

Each November our congregation sends out cards of thanks to our members living at Clemson Downs, Foothills Presbyterian Community in Easley, and those not able to attend services due to health issues. Please sign cards that will be in the Narthex and Arcade for these friends on **November 3rd and 10th** to remind them that we are thinking and praying for them and giving thanks for their lives.

## Other Fellowship Opportunities in the Fall:

**Book Club** (normally occurs on the second Monday of each month at 7 pm in the Den downstairs)

**Thursday, November 14th**, our own Ron Rash will join us to discuss his recent book, The Caretaker (notice this is on Thursday, instead of on Monday).

Book Club members will be having a potluck at the home of Mary Barron on **December 9th** at 6:30 pm. Each member will bring a children's book to donate to the Clemson Child Development Center.

Monday, **January 13th** we will discuss The Refugee's Daughter by Carolyn Newton. Carolyn is a member of FHPC and this is her first book to be published! She will share her story with us, so come and join us!

### Craft Connections

We will meet **November 24th** after the 10:45 worship service in the **Club Room**. Bring a craft you are working on and join in the fun conversations and fellowship.

**Supper Club** cancelled its kick off dinner at the Ridgell's house on September 29th because of the hurricane. Look for upcoming dates in the weekly updates on Wednesday and Friday. Supper Club is made up of small groups who meet for a meal and conversation at someone's house or at a chosen restaurant. This is an awesome way to meet new friends or join with old friends as you spend time together over good food and laughter. Call Holly Ridgell at [hridgell@gmail.com](mailto:hridgell@gmail.com) to join in the fun.

Please consider joining our team as we plan and host parties and fun gatherings for our church family. You can join the Fellowship Ministry by calling or texting Debbie Shealy at 912-656-4596. We would love your input and new ideas.



## Children's Corner

As we welcome November, let's start by giving gratitude for October! God, we are grateful for last month's highs and lows. We take each high and low as a teaching moment to grow closer in our relationship with you. We looked for helpers, communed, shared our singing gifts, cared for your creation, and distributed kindness rocks. We dressed in tartans and costumes, and of course, we played! As leaves change and the weather cools, we will gather in fellowship at Denver Downs on November 9th and for Friendsgiving on November 24th.



# November Fort Hill Church Activities

## Sunday, November 3

- Homebound Communion — various locations
- Fellowship Book Collections — Arcade/Tartan Hall
- 2:30 pm NAMI Family-to-Family — Club Room

## Monday, November 4

- 8:30 am Buildings & Grounds — Library
- 9:30 am PW One Trinity Circle Meeting — Club Room

## Tuesday, November 5

- 8:30 am Men of the Church Breakfast — Egg's Up
- 3:00 pm Personnel & Program Support Meeting — Library
- 6:00 pm Christian Action Ministry Meeting — Club Room
- Adult Ministry Team Meeting — Conference Room
- 7:00 pm Youth Ministry Team Meeting — The Den

## Thursday, November 7

- 3:30 pm PW Circle of Hope — CD Corley Center
- 4:30 pm Scouts Troop Exams — various locations

## Friday—Sunday, November 8–10

Middle School Presbytery Retreat/Kelly away

## Saturday, November 9

- 4:30 pm Children's Ministry Fellowship Event at Denver Downs

## Sunday, November 10

- Fellowship Book Swap — Arcade/Tartan Hall
- 9:30 am Seekers Class — E209
- 2:30 pm Cub Scouts — Conf Rm/Tartan Hall/Ed Buildings

## Tuesday, November 12

- Presbytery Meeting — All Pastors Away
- 10:00 am Men's Bible Study (Ben Sill) — Library
- 4:00 pm Finance Ministry Meeting — Library
- 5:00 pm Worship Ministry Meeting — Conference Room
- 5:30 pm Healing Bridges Board Meeting — Club Room
- 6:00 pm PW Circle 2 Meeting — Library

## Wednesday, November 15

- 2:00 pm Staff Bulletin Review — Conference Room

## Thursday, November 16

- 7:00 pm Book Club — The Den

## Saturday, November 16

- 2:00 pm Barbara Sebenick Memorial Service — Sanctuary/TH

## Sunday, November 17

Stewardship Dedication Sunday

Congregational Meeting after 10:45 worship

- 12:00 pm Fellowship Book Swap — Arcade/Tartan Hall
- Children's Ministry Team Meeting — The Nest
- 6:00 pm PSA College Friendsgiving — TBD

## Monday, November 18

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

## Tuesday, November 19

- 7:00 pm Session Meeting — Club Room

## Thursday, November 21

- 5:00 pm Old Stone Church Commission Meeting — Library
- He-Brews — Kite Hill Brewery

## Sunday, November 24

- 9:30 am Children's Ministry Friendship Breakfast — The Nest
- Seekers Class — E209
- 12:00 pm Craft Connections — Club Room
- 2:30 pm Cub Scouts — Backyard/Tartan Hall/Ed Building
- 5:00 pm Youth Group Friendsgiving — Tartan Hall

## Tuesday, November 26

- 7:00 pm Fellowship Ministry — Club Room

## Thursday, November 28

Thanksgiving Day — Church Office Closed

- 10:00 am Thanksgiving Worship at Old Stone Church

## Friday, November 29

Church Office Closed



## Recurring Weekly Activities

### Sunday

- 8:30 am Early Worship Service — Tartan Hall
- 9:30 am Praying in Color Class — The Nest
- Feasting on the Word Class — The Den
- Sojourners Class — Library
- Kindred Spirits Class — Club Room
- 10:45 am Worship/Livestream — Sanctuary/Online
- Nursery (birth — walkers) — Nursery Room
- Toddler Time (walkers-2 years) — Turtle Room
- Bible Fun (3-4 years) — Honeybee Room
- WeeKirk (children's worship—5K-1<sup>st</sup> Grade) — (following Children's story) — Owl Room
- WOW (worship education—2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade) — The Nest
- 5:00 pm Youth Group — Tartan Hall/The Den
- 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 Morning Bible Study — Club Room
- 5:30 pm Wednesdays @ The Fort — The Nest/E208/Courtyard
- Children's Choir Rehearsal — E209
- 6:00 pm Evening Book Study — Club Room
- 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, and Thursday evenings at 8:00 pm and Friday at 12:30 pm in Room E205 of the Education Building.





11/1 Marie Nebesky	11/10 Walton Bost	Alex DuBose	11/23 Danny Winchester
Steve Poteet	11/11 Jake Crowther	William Spittler	11/24 Noelle London
Bruce Whisler	Tyler McCall	Shannon Spratt	11/25 Barbara Colman
11/2 Chris Collins	11/12 Mary Hughes	Anndie Young	Jan Fredman
11/3 Samantha Young-	Lisa Street	11/15 Mik Fredman	Kerri Kwist
Grunsky	Andrew Trammell	Ebb Horton	11/26 Mary Barron
Cortland Young	Kyle Winchester	Dorothy Horton	Greg Bearden
11/5 Henry Crader	Bryan Young	11/16 Ben Martin	11/28 Nancy Lloyd
11/6 Ette Ruppert	Mason Young	Emma Simpson	11/29 Carter Bandy
11/7 Evan Hicklin	11/13 Trent Fagan	11/17 Jim Eidson	Amelia Hedrick
Elyse Hollingsworth	Gary Gardner	11/18 Savannah Aaron	Catherine Henry
11/8 Bill Cato	Rose Marie McDonald	Austin Adams-	11/30 Dan Anderson
Bob Williamson	11/14 Lin Dearing	Donnelly	Kenny Mohr
		Jackie Kirr	Ann Wetsel
		Charlie Pratt	Savannah Worley
		11/20 Teresa Hollingsworth	
		11/22 Steve Miller	
		Larry Sloan	
		11/23 Charlotte Poteet	



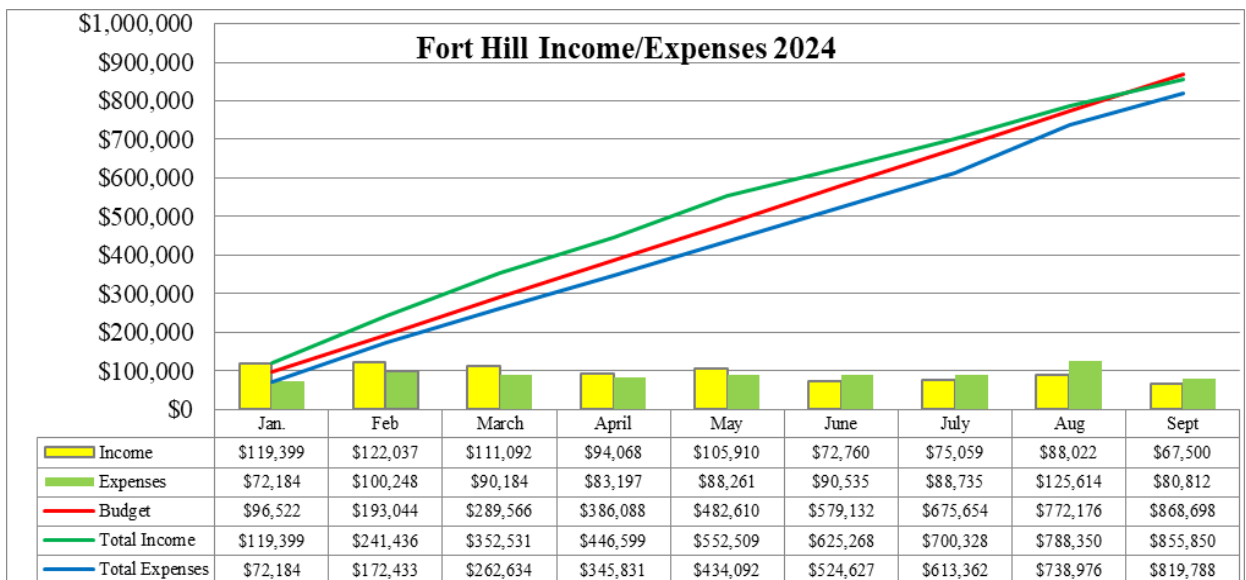
11/3 Jerry & Pam Waddle	11/21 Bud & Leslie Hicklin
11/5 Jacob Kennedy & Ally Pexa	11/22 Charles & Peggy Rutland
11/6 Paul & Gail Caley	Danny & Angie Winchester
11/9 Jody & Mollie Faithful	11/29 Lynn & Carol Hipp
11/20 Troy & Susan Nunamaker	Steve & Ethel Pettigrew

## From the Finance Ministry

Through September, total income was \$855,850 while expenses for the first nine months were \$819,788 providing a surplus of \$36,062. Overall expenses are at 69% of budget, while income is at 75%. As you can see, income is on budget while expenses are 6% 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 II Update:** Through the end of September, total income was \$228,397.62 out of \$409,994 in total pledges. We spent \$180,000 of those funds to pay off the Building Fund loan with the final payment made in June. The balance and additional money received will be used for projects with include replacing the sanctuary 33-year-old lighting system and

updating the sound technology for in-person and on-line worship. Another project is the development of the outdoor space in the "backyard" that all ministries of the church can use to support their specific activities.



# Welcome Fort Hill New Members



## Joe Geer

**Address:** 113 N Harbour Dr. Seneca, SC 29672

**Phone:** 864.376.6910 (cell)

**Email:** jgeerjr@gmail.com

Joe is retired and spends his time as a hospital and hospice volunteer. Prior to joining Fort Hill, Joe is a deacon, and was a Sunday School teacher and Boy Scout volunteer. He also enjoys gardening and lot projects.



## Jeff & Lisa Gilstrap

**Address:** 1009 West Pinnacle Dr. Salem, SC 29676

**Phone:** 864.304.1156 (Jeff); 864.420.2331 (Lisa)

**Email:** jeffgilstrap60@gmail.com; spillingsunshine@gmail.com

Jeff & Lisa joined Fort Hill by Letter of Transfer from churches in Greenville and Taylors. Prior to joining Fort Hill, Jeff was an elder at John Knox Presbyterian and served at St. Andrews Presbyterian in Taylors. Lisa was on the Mission and Fellowship Teams at St. Andrews. Jeff & Lisa enjoy running, water skiing, wake surfing, hiking, and Lisa enjoys golf.



## Jake & Margaret O'Brien Rosalie & Lillian (1)

**Address:** 201 Riverbirch Run Clemson, SC 29631

**Phone:** 678.850.1460 (Jake); 803.917.4008 (Margaret)

**Email:** obrien.jake@gmail.com; margaret.flatt@gmail.com

Jake & Margaret joined Fort Hill by Reaffirmation of Faith. They spend most of their time with their twins, Rosalie & Lillian. They also enjoy Clemson sports and traveling.



## Mark & Anne Williams

**Address:** 127 Cadet St. Clemson, SC 29631

**Phone:** 704.231.0825 (Mark); 704.953.4368 (Anne)

**Email:** markmcleanwilliams@gmail.com  
aawilliams0678@gmail.com

Mark is self employed and Anne is a retired teacher. Prior to joining Fort Hill, Anne was a youth group leader and the head of volunteers for the church gift shop. Mark was a vestry.

## Joe & Rose Wilson Maggie (2) & Joey (6 months)

**Address:** 313 Kings Way Clemson, SC 29631

**Phone:** 864.908.6966 (Joe); 864.908.6234 (Rose)

**Email:** joewilson33@gmail.com; rosewilson86@gmail.com

Jake & Margaret joined Fort Hill by Letter of Transfer from Easley Presbyterian. Prior to joining Fort Hill, Joe played in the bell choir and Rose was in the choir. Joe enjoys Clemson football and playing the piano & guitar. Rose enjoys singing, reading, and hiking.



# The Pansy Duke Scholarship

## Scholarship Background:

The Scholarship has been established by Ms. Pansy E. Duke, a longtime and faithful member of the Fort Hill Presbyterian Church, Clemson, South Carolina. Pansy served Fort Hill as Director of Christian Education beginning in March 1981 until her final retirement as Parish Visitor in November 2015.

Pansy attended Montreat College (1956-1959), graduated from Flora MacDonald College in 1960. She then served as the youngest missionary without experience in the denomination teaching children of missionaries in Brazil. In 1965 she received her Masters of Christian Education degree from the Presbyterian School of Christian Education in Richmond, VA. She served as Director of Christian Education and Youth Director in Presbyterian churches in Florence, SC, Morristown and Nashville, TN, and Tampa, FL. Her ministry at Fort Hill fostered faith in children, youth and young adults as well as all ages of adults through Christian educational programs in Clemson, at Montreat and on many retreats and mission trips. She played the key role in organizing the first "return to Bethlehem" in 1990. Her love of discipleship in Jesus Christ is the foundation of the Scholarship to provide for supporting persons seeking to live out their vocation in Christ.

The Scholarship is awarded annually to qualified individuals based on leadership, academic excellence, and the commitment to explore means to attain a life of faith-based servant leadership. All qualified individuals with exceptional leadership and faith-based service, including seminary-bound students, are encouraged to apply and will be equally considered.

Strong candidates will have demonstrated a commitment to the Presbyterian Church (USA) and service to others. A limited number of awards are available each year. The Scholarship may be renewable provided a recipient is involved in meaningful ways in the life of the Church and in service to others and remains in good academic standing.

## Qualifications:

- Active membership in a Presbyterian Church congregation or Presbyterian Student organization for at least the past two years
- Nomination/recommendation from a Presbyterian Church professional (minister or Christian education director), or a former or current officer (elder or deacon)
- Evidence of academic achievement
- Leadership qualities as evidenced by involvement in church, school, or community activities
- Evidence of service or ministry to others
- Evidence of need for financial support

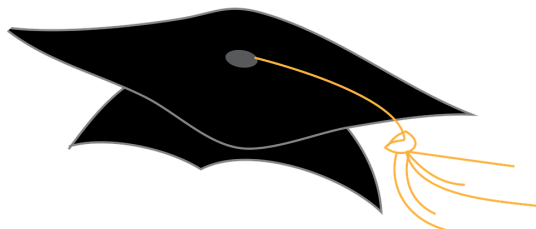
## Applicants must provide the following information:

1. Fill out the Pansy Duke Scholarship Application form that is **available in the Weekly Update or by contacting [communications@forthillchurch.org](mailto:communications@forthillchurch.org)**.
2. Develop a statement of goals for how you plan to work toward attaining a life of faith-based servant leadership including past leadership and service-related activities.
3. Provide transcript from latest educational institution to demonstrate academic achievement.
4. Provide recommendation letter from Presbyterian Church professional or officer.
5. Develop statement of need based on your current financial situation and the cost for your educational goals.
6. Submit application with all documentation to the Discipleship Ministry of Fort Hill Presbyterian Church.

**Deadline to submit applications is January 10, 2024.**

Applications may be sent to: Discipleship Ministry  
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or emailed to [discipleship@forthillchurch.org](mailto:discipleship@forthillchurch.org).





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