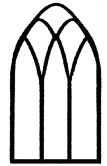


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God Can Bring about Transformation

You may have heard the phrase “Transformation Team” or see a meeting listed in the bulletin. You may also wonder what it is. The Planning Ministry of Session has initiated our involvement in a process called the Acts 16:5 Initiative with other churches in Foothills Presbytery. Let me share with you the purpose of this endeavor according to Stan Ott of the Vital Churches Institute:

We want to affirm what God has done and is doing in our congregation, while seeking God’s vision for our future- ways to grown in transformation, the changing of our own lives in discipleship and well-being- the ways to grow in our Missional endeavor as we connect with our community and world in ways that touch people with the good news and compassion of our Lord.

Fort Hill is a wonderful, healthy congregation of God’s people. We want to celebrate what we are doing that is reaching people and helping them grow in faith and witness. But we also want to be the most vital church for the sake of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We pray that our efforts will serve God’s Kingdom.

Members of the Transformation Team and Session will first be learning about the shifts that have taken place in our culture. We will learn how the church can respond to those changes going on in people’s lives so we might respond in faith. We have a vision and mission which we hope to build upon. Then we hope to engage many of you in the conversation.

I covet your prayers for the leadership of the church, and especially for the members of this Transformation Team who have committed to this ministry for three years. They are: Laura Conrad, Donna McCubbin, Randy Moore, Ben Sill, Hazel Sparks, Robin Weeks, and Art Williams.

I know God is leading us and will be faithful. **“For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.”** Jeremiah 29:11

Faithfully Yours,
Laura Conrad
Pastor

July 2010

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Jack Stevenson, Pastoral Counselor

Don't Forget!!!!
Worship begins at 10am in the
sanctuary during July!

Upcoming Scriptures for Sunday Worship

July 4th-14th Sunday in Ordinary Time:

2 Kings 5:1-14, Psalm 30, Galatians 6:(1-6) 7-16,
 Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

July 11th-15th Sunday in Ordinary Time:

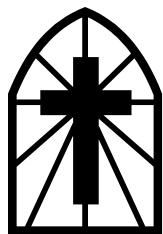
Amos 7:7-17. Psalm 82, Colossians 1:1-14,
 Luke 10:25-37

July 18th- 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Amos 8:1-12, Psalm 52, Colossians 1:15-28,
 Luke 10:38-42

July 25th- 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Hosea 1:2-10, Psalm 85, Colossians 2:6-15 (16-19),



**Young Adult Volunteer in Mission:
Beth Olker**

This coming year I have been given the opportunity to be a missionary in the Presbyterian Church. I will be moving to Nashville, TN to live in community with other young adults seeking to serve God's community in the city. My job will entail working with refugees mostly from Eastern Africa who have been resettled in the USA. If you would like to know more about this exciting venture or how you or your circle, men's group, Sunday school class, etc., can help me to raise the funds I need to be able to have this experience, feel free to email me at eg.olker@gmail.com or call my cell phone (864) 650-5655. Peace! Beth Olker

August 2010 WINDOW DEADLINE

The deadline for articles, announcements, and features for the August 2010 issue of *The Window* is Friday, July 23. Please email your item as a Microsoft

WORD document (.doc) to Amy Elrod at window@forthillchurch.org. or type the item directly into your email and send. If you don't have access to a computer, please leave the item in *The Window* mailbox in the FHOOG office.



Church Mouse

Oh, my. I just love summer and being able to enjoy running around outside.

Did you know that the Habitat House is all finished? What a wonderful place it is. I hopped a ride out there one day with WES WORLEY, the Fort Hill coordinator. I had the best time running around and watching all those folk work so hard to complete the house. Helping him were MARCIA & JOHN SHERMAN. What a great job he and the VOLUNTEERS from FORT HILL & OTHER PLACES did getting this job completed. Over the course of time many groups provided snacks for those working. Here are just some of them : CIRCLE 2, CIRCLE 3, GENE & JANET JOHNSON (now you can understand why the PW recognized her with Honorary Life membership Award), JACQUIE McFALL, LAUREN YOUNG, FRAN LILY, SHERRY KANTZLER, CLAUDETTE BENNETT, BETTY LONG, LAURIE LEFEVRE and EVA HENRY, who organized much of the effort to provide snacks. Be sure to thank all those who helped make this such a success. LAURIE LEFEVRE organized something called a "pounding" when people from CIRCLE 5 and OTHERS in the church provided all kinds of food items for the family in the new Habitat House. She was able to take several containers of food for the family to help them start out in their new house.

Did you know that Fort Hill has an "Adopt A Garden" program? Yep. People can pick a garden and work on it. I watched JIM EIDSON, BRYAN YOUNG, JACQUIE McFALL, & KATHY McGEE as they worked on the gardens here at Fort Hill. It was fun to run through the pulled weeds when they weren't looking and see the garden develop into something really pretty. You didn't think that those gardens just appeared all by themselves, did you?

I just want to be sure that we don't forget to thank all those great SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS from this past year. Here goes: 2/3 YEAR OLDS - EMILY BARTELS, JUDY BLACKWELL, JENIFER GRIFFIS, SALLY MARTIN, STEPHANIE SCOTT, and sub MARY STUART TURNER; 4/5 YEAR OLDS - MARCIA BARKER, REAGAN & ANDY BLONDEAU, BECKY DEWITT, JACKIE MARTIN, and HAZEL SPARKS. I gave those 40 who were teaching the elementary grades before. MIDDLE SCHOOL - CATHY OLKER & JEANNIE BAILEY; CONFIRMATION CLASS - LAURA & DICK SHICK and PASTOR RODNEY; SENIOR HIGH - JOAN BORICK; ADULT TEACHERS and COORDINATORS - TERRI BRUCE, DONNA CRADER, STEVE PETTIGREW, JIM PHILLIPS, JANE POLK, HUGH SPITLER, CAROL STOUT, JEREMY & HEATHER WRIGHT. These are all done through the direction of the Christian Education Committee: AMY ELROD (CHAIR), JEANNIE BAILEY, LISA BRITT, EDDIE CHAVIS, JACKIE ELLIS, KRISTEN MCINNIS, KAREN SAWYER, BLYTHE SMITH, BRYAN YOUNG, and, of course, PASTOR MARY. Wow! That makes 77 all together who help make our Sunday School a success.

I hear that JOYCE & JERRY CHRISTENBURY did a lot of work to help get Camp Buc ready for this summer's programs. That's a lot of trips to the mountains by them.

Oh my, oh my that's a lot of people to thank.

July Sunday School

9:00 - 9:45am



July 4 All ages are invited to bring something to share and join in the fellowship breakfast in the Club Room!

All other July Sundays:

- Preschool: Age 2 - 3 in room 105.
Age 4 - completed kindergarten room 107.
- Elementary: Completed first grade - completed fifth grade in room 206.
- Youth: Completed sixth grade - high school in Senior High Room.

Adult Options:

- Cooper: The Present Word, Christian Commitment in room 210.
- Sojourners: July 11: "Prayer" led by Donna Crader.
July 18: "To be determined" led by Hack Trammell.
July 25: "Being like..." led by Tom Shealy.
Sojourners meets in the Club Room.
- Seekers: The Apostles' Creed in room 205.
- Fellowship: Coffee and informal conversation in Tartan Hall



Elementary Mission Mania

All Fort Hill church elementary children (completed first grade—completed fifth grade) are invited to join on a week of Mission Mania! We will gather from 9am-4pm during the week of Aug 2-6 to spend the day living out the gospel message to "Feed my Sheep!" Each day will include group building, bible study, fellowship and a mission activity that explores what it means to "Feed sheep!". The cost is \$60 per child and includes all fees, lunch each day and a T-shirt. To register, download a form off the church website (www.forthillchurch.org) or call Mary to have one sent to you. Registration is limited to children who attend Fort Hill church...and may be open to grandchildren or other friends as we get a clearer idea of numbers. Hope you can join us!

Summer Sundays



Join us Sunday evenings (July 11, 18, and 25) for an evening of family style fun. We will gather at 5:30pm each week for a potluck supper before we split into age groups for fun and educational programming.

- 5:30pm Potluck Supper
- 6:00pm Preschool/Elementary Classes Begin
- 6:30pm Adult Film Class:
 - 7/11 led by Laura Conrad
 - 7/18 led by Hugh Spittle
 - 7/25 led by Bill Gause

To register, download a form from the church website (www.forthillchurch.org) or contact Mary in the church office.

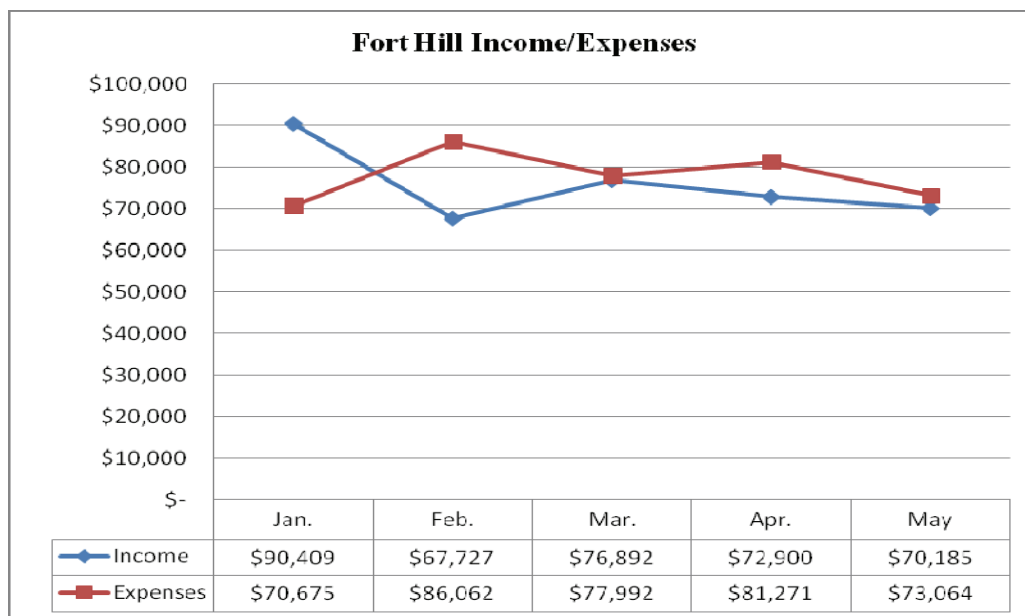
Dear Fort Hill,

Thanks to everyone at Fort Hill Presbyterian for a great senior day. A special thanks to all the junior class families for the great luncheon and gifts. Thanks to Ms. Davis for the pillowcase—it will be great for when I travel, Ms. Merrill and friends for the scarf—perfect for the cold winters in Lake Tahoe, and Ms. Hawthorne for the collage—a great item for my dorm room to remind me of fun times the past few years. Last, but definitely not least, a BIG thank you to Rodney, Ms. Greene, Ms. Davis, and Mark for being super youth group advisors. These years of youth group were amazing and I will miss it. Thanks again!

Sincerely, Jonathan Mudge

From the Finance Ministry – Five months into the year and through May General Fund income was \$306,409 (40% of budget) while total expenses was \$389,496 (42% of budget) leaving a deficient of \$21,087. Thank you for your contributions so far this year in support of Fort Hill’s ministry. Contributions are typically slow during the summer months, so please continue your pledges and offerings to avoid shortfalls.

The mortgage balance as of 5/31/2010 was \$374,557.59. With a monthly payment of \$15,427.58, the mortgage will be paid in approximately 2 years. As a reminder, you are no longer required to designate your check to the Building Fund as the mortgage payment is part of the General Fund operating budget.



PRE-SCHOOL Mission Mania is almost here!

We invite you to witness the sharing of the faith with our youngest members as we'll be transforming the Club Room and education building into a jungle built around the Baobab tree. We'll play, sing, create and share stories together with our 2 year olds – rising 1st graders the week of July 12-16. Registration is full and we're excited to offer this opportunity for our children to make the church their second home. It'll be a sight to behold! If you're willing to provide snacks for our 'volunteer lounge', please let us know. Questions? Contact Heather Wright (heatherdesigner@yahoo.com) or Meri Kate Marcum (pwmkm@bellsouth.net).



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
 Thanks to the efforts of many volunteers, the 2009 Clemson “Homecoming” house (and Fort Hill sponsorship house) has been completed, and the Kerswell family has moved into their new home. John Sherman, our church Habitat coordinator, has since been asked to join the local Habitat Board, and is looking for a replacement for job-site work at future houses sponsored by our church. Habitat for Humanity presents a greatly appreciated opportunity to “share God’s love in our community” and it is hoped that a new volunteer coordinator can be found. If you are interested in this sort of outreach, please contact John for more details....654-1957 or johnms Sherman@bellsouth.net.

July 2010 Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <i>Becky DeWitt</i>	2	3 <i>Tim Fowler Tom Hunter Nan Jones James Prock</i>
4 <i>Ann Marie Hudak</i>	5 <i>Benjamin Adams Avery Conrad Hallie Conrad Bruce Salley Jane Van Senus Tom Wooten</i>	6 <i>Jerry Barton Jessica Goodwin Greg Griffis Melissa Marcengill</i>	7 <i>Corrine Cannon Sherry Kantzler</i>	8 <i>Cita Ferguson</i>	9 <i>Lee Churchfield Randy Poole</i>	10 <i>Shirley Muzii Lauren Rose Ross Evanne Thies</i>
11 <i>Ian Dixon Fowler Will Hendricks Craig Horton</i>	12 <i>Corey McCubbin Hugh Spitler</i>	13 <i>Denise Anderson Ken Chappell Marie Staedeli</i>	14	15 <i>Mike Blackwell Maegan Blackwell Ethel Pettigrew Virginia Wiley</i>	16 <i>Mary Lou Phillips</i>	17 <i>Patrick Adams Barbara Fox</i>
18 <i>Caroline Jarrett Sandy McLeod</i>	19	20 <i>Edmee Reel</i>	21 <i>J. Barry Hart Grant Jones Cindy Pickett</i>	22 <i>William Nisonger</i>	23 <i>Nancy Spitler</i>	24 <i>Cathy Pollard Adam Scott</i>
25 <i>Mary Gause Laurence Horne</i>	26 <i>Bob Folsom Tony Mayne</i>	27 <i>Leon Davis Dave Richwine Doris Sponsler</i>	28 <i>J.T. Bandy</i>	29 <i>Marlene Nicholas Brady Tilson Jeremy Wright</i>	30 <i>George Dunkelberg Caroline Rash</i>	31 <i>John Gilreath Nancy Hutson John Sherman Harrison Steele</i>
<i>Anniversaries: 7/4 Bill & Alice Thalheimer 7/5 Rudy & Leanne Simpson 7/6 Claude & Fran Lilly</i>	<i>7/7 Chip & Diane Egan 7/8 Allen & Betty Pettigrew 7/18 Dan & Denise Anderson 7/19 Rob & Jennie Griffin</i>	<i>7/19 Jim & Jane Van Senus 7/21 Steve & Laura Hunter 7/21 Ryan & Kristy MacRae 7/22 Charles & Pam Baker</i>	<i>7/29 Henry & Nancy Oates</i>			

July 2010 Fort Hill Church Activities

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sunday Schedule 9:00 am Sunday school 10:00 am Worship-Sanctuary	Every Monday at 7:00 pm Boy Scouts-CR, TH, dungeon			1 10am Transformation Team mtg-Conf. rm.	2	3
4 Hot diggity-doggone holiday lunch after 10am worship service	5 Church Office Closed	6 9:30am Staff mtg-Conf. rm. 6pm Folk Dance-CR 6pm Building & Grounds-Conf. rm. 7pm Personnel mtg-Conf. rm. 7:15pm Christian Ed mtg-room 206	7 3pm Sermon Starters-Downs	8 6:30pm OSC Commission mtg-Library	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Preschool Mission Mania—9am-noon					
	6:30pm Youth & Young Adult Ministry mtg-Youth room	9:30am Staff mtg-Conf. rm. 5:30pm Music mtg-Conf. rm. 6pm Folk Dance Group-CR 6:30pm Worship mtg-Conf. rm. 6:30pm Finance mtg-BH class	3pm Sermon Starters-Downs		Deadline for The Window	
18	19	20 9:30am Staff mtg-Conf. rm. 6pm Folk Dance Group-CR	21 3pm Sermon Starters-Downs	22	23	24
25	26	27 9:30am Staff mtg-Conf. rm. 6pm Folk Dance Group-CR	28 3pm Sermon Starters-Downs	29	30	31 Key to abbreviations: CR-Club Room TH-Tartan Hall Conf. Rm.-Conference Room CCR-Cooper classroom

July Sunday Servants

Pastor on Call

- June 27-July 3 Mary Gause
- July 4-July 10 Laura Conrad
- July 11-July 17 Mary Gause
- July 18-July 24 Laura Conrad
- July 25-July 31 Mary Gause

Infant Nursery

- July 4 Steve, Laura & Caroline Hunter
- July 11 Don and Janna McKale
- July 18 Megan and Eddie Chavis
- July 25 Jackie Ellis

Toddler Nursery

- July 4 Edmee Reel and Austin Adams
- July 11 Joy Van Daele
- July 18 Tommy and Tracy Bolger
- July 25 The Howard/Wiles Family

2 & 3 year old Nursery

- July 4 Allison and Josh Young
- July 11 Claudette Bennett and Barbara Westall
- July 18 Myra Cato and Jenifer Griffis
- July 25 Heather Wright and Beth Gregory

4 & 5 year old Nursery

- July 4 John and Kelly McRoberts
- July 11 Mark and Kristin McInnis
- July 18 Pete and Jake Crowther
- July 25 LeAnne Greene and Corey Norris

Offering Counters

- July 4 Raenota and Jack Merrill
- July 11 Linda Gahan and Janet Bean
- July 18 Betty and Jimmy Dean
- July 25 Evelyn Rabey and Diane Sherrick

Elder at the Font 10:00

- July 4
- July 11 Joanne Trenholm
- July 18 Meri Kate Marcum
- July 25 Randy Moore

Announcements and Concerns

CONGRATULATIONS to Chip and Dianne Egan on the birth of their grandson, William "Liam" Scott Miller Egan on June 15th. Proud parents are Patrick and Gillian Egan.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Becky and Bob Fant and family upon the death of Becky's father, Dr. John Otts, on June 12 in Black Mountain.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Patrick Adams and family upon the death of his grandmother, Mrs. Sue Gilmer, on June 17 in Aiken, SC.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Mary and Charles Barron upon the death of Mary's mother, Helen Epting, on June 18 in Columbia, SC.

FHPC New Members

Please tuck this into your new directory!

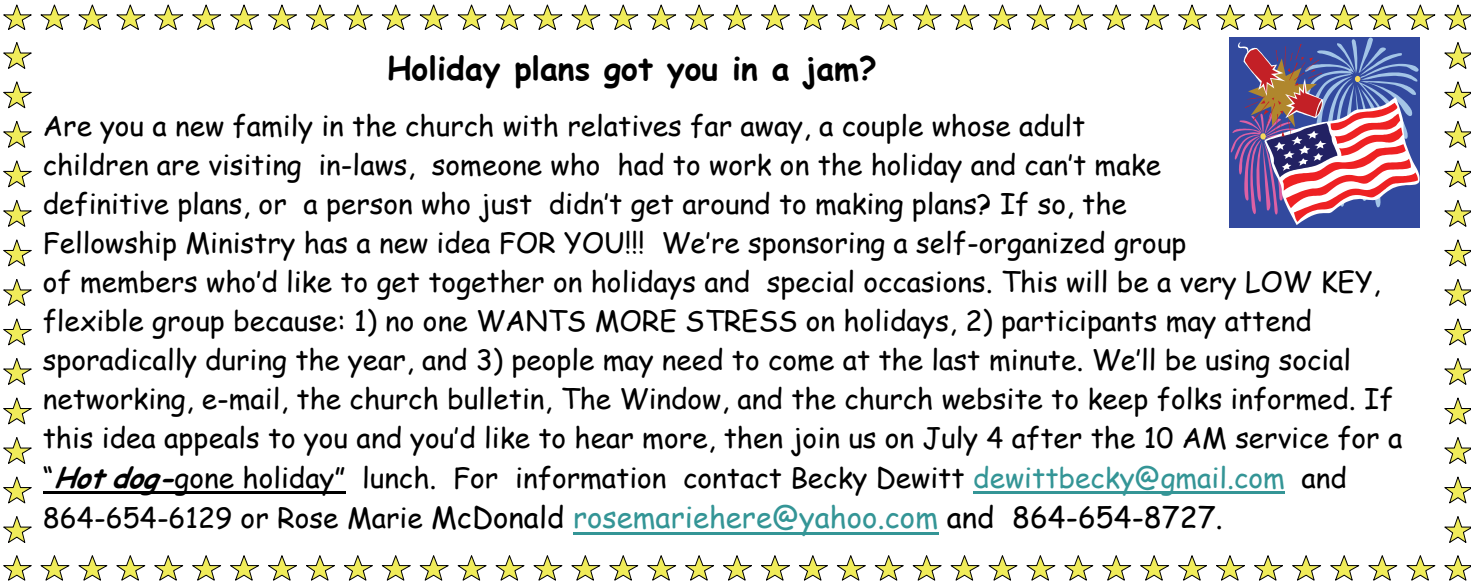


We welcome Carole Kohlmayer to FHPC. Carole joins up by reaffirmation of faith. She enjoys reading and spending time with her friends and family.

Carole's contact information:
100 A Cypress Run, Anderson, SC 864-225-2665

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We welcome Libba and Jeral Shelton to our FHPC family. Libba and Jeral joined by reaffirmation of faith. Both enjoy ready and music. They enjoy spending time with their 10 grandchildren. Jeral loves to golf and is a movie buff. Libba is newly enjoying basketweaving and is determined to make baskets. They have been enjoying the Sojourner Sunday School class. Their address is 227 Nebo Church Road in Seneca, SC 29678.



Holiday plans got you in a jam?



Are you a new family in the church with relatives far away, a couple whose adult children are visiting in-laws, someone who had to work on the holiday and can't make definitive plans, or a person who just didn't get around to making plans? If so, the Fellowship Ministry has a new idea FOR YOU!!! We're sponsoring a self-organized group of members who'd like to get together on holidays and special occasions. This will be a very LOW KEY, flexible group because: 1) no one WANTS MORE STRESS on holidays, 2) participants may attend sporadically during the year, and 3) people may need to come at the last minute. We'll be using social networking, e-mail, the church bulletin, The Window, and the church website to keep folks informed. If this idea appeals to you and you'd like to hear more, then join us on July 4 after the 10 AM service for a "Hot dog-gone holiday" lunch. For information contact Becky Dewitt dewittbecky@gmail.com and 864-654-6129 or Rose Marie McDonald rosemariehere@yahoo.com and 864-654-8727.

Spring Cleaning Thanks!



Special thanks to Joan Booth, George Booth, Wes Koch, Bob Wigger, Will Gregory, Bill Cato, Jack Merrill, and Alice & Bill Thalheimer, for participating in Spring Clean Up Day in May. While a small group, they were extremely hard working and accomplished most of the planned projects. Thanks for all your hard work and service!

*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.*



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