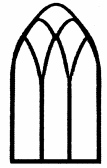


THE WINDOW



THE NEWSLETTER OF FORT HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH * CLEMSON, SC 29631 * (864) 654-2061

This past month we celebrated Easter and the usual rites of spring. We began Easter morning in the cemetery remembering that because Christ is raised we too will be raised on that “great gettin’ up mornin’” as the spiritual goes. To the people driving by who were wondering why folks were in the cemetery at that early hour, we were witnessing to our faith, honoring the saints that have gone before us, and to give thanks to God who conquered death. But to those passers-by (and even some of you who were dragged out of bed) it may have just appeared odd. But morning has broken like that first morning and we will never be the same. We are odd people.

My husband, Chuck’s family has spent every Easter sunrise in a Moravian cemetery. The Moravians are Christians in the reformed tradition like us who are distinctive in their history. If you have visited Old Salem in Winston Salem, you will notice distinctions like communal life marked by sisters (unmarried women) and brothers (unmarried men), married women and men being laid to rest in their cemetery in sections. Families are not buried together. They still do it this way. Some of us might think this odd, but to them it is their theological understanding of the resurrection. When that great gettin’ up mornin’ happens, they will be raised with Christ and all be one family in God’s eternal dwelling place. That is why the feet of their graves are facing east so they can “RISE UP” when the trumpet sounds on that morning.

Christians are odd by nature. We are to be different somehow from the world. A young minister was working with her Confirmation class and preparing for Confirmation Sunday. One young man had not been baptized as an infant and would be on Confirmation Sunday. When she met with him to teach him what we believe about baptism, he asked why he could not just be baptized that day at the lake with all his buddies. She gave all the appropriate reasons why...we are baptized into a community of faith...we baptize in regular worship so all may renew their baptismal commitment to Christ...and on and on. “Then she thought of an insightful question, ‘If you got baptized out there away from the folks in the church, how would they ever know that you had been baptized?’ Without skipping a beat, he said, ‘why, by the way I act, of course.’” The kid understood that being baptized meant you acted a certain way by your behaviors and your ethics. At times, this puts us at odds with norms and expectations of our peers and our neighbors.¹

This Sunday, May 2 we will celebrate Confirmation Sunday- confirming the promises God makes in our baptisms and the promises made by those who raised us in faith. We can all have the opportunity to renew our faith commitments to be the “odd people of God.” And we will grin with praise as Jake Alexander, Dylan Bolger, Mimi Borick, and Ashley Jarrett make commitments to live as Christ’s disciples and to say with their actions who they believe in... the God who believes in them. The proof will be in the way all of us baptized believers live.

Grace and Peace,
Laura Conrad, pastor

1. Michael Lindvall, *A Geography of God; Exploring the Christian Journey* (Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2007), 93.

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Upcoming Scriptures for Sunday Worship

May 2nd - The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148; Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35

May 9th - The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21:10, 21:22-22:5; John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9

May 16th - The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97; Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21; John 17:20-26

May 23rd - The Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21 or Genesis 11:1-9; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Romans 8:14-17; John 14:8-17 (25-27)

May 30th - Trinity Sunday

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Psalm 8; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

May Worship Highlights

May 2 Confirmation Sunday

Special Session at 9:15 am in the Club Room to Examine Candidates

May 9 Psalmfest; a Celebration of Psalm Singing

May 23 Pentecost Sunday

May 30 Senior Sunday: Celebrating with our High School Graduates

June 2010 WINDOW DEADLINE

The deadline for articles, announcements, and features for the June 2010 issue of *The Window* is Friday, May 21. 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 FHOG office.

Presbyterian Women

Circle 5 Pounding

We are all excited about the planning of our first "pounding" for our Habitat family, the Kerswells. This is a custom dating back to Quaker founding days. When a couple move into the neighborhood, a welcome wagon type of get together would be called where all the neighbors would bring a pound of sugar, flour, or whatever, to help stock up the new neighbors' cupboards. These days it is a church event where you bring any essentials to add to the couple's stock.

The home the dedicated men and women have built along with the Kerswells is beautiful. We want to add to their excitement by providing a full pantry. We anticipate an early May move in date and can't wait to take part in this extraordinary effort.

PW will be collecting books, magazines and puzzles during the month of May for the Richard Campbell Veterans Hospital and Harris Psychiatric Hospital. Bring your donations to the donation room.

ATTENTION FORT HILL KEOWEE KEY

members and friends: A fellowship breakfast is planned for Tuesday, May 18, 2010 at 8:30 am in the Magnolia Room at The Club at Keowee Key. Our ministers will join us for this informal gathering. Please call The Club by Wednesday, May 12th with your member number to make your reservation. The price for the breakfast will be \$15.50 each. Please wear your name tag. We look forward to seeing you at the breakfast! Call Alice Thalheimer at 944-5450 with questions or concerns.



Habitat House Update

The FHPC sponsored Clemson Homecoming Habitat for Humanity house started in

October 2009 should be completed by mid May at the latest. Approximately 120 volunteers have worked on building this home for Keith and Christina Kerswell and their four children. Twenty Fort Hill members along with many Clemson University students, the regular Tuesday and Thursday crew of retirees, students from various universities who worked during spring break, and those who have provided wonderful snacks every Saturday have all been instrumental in the construction of the house. Thank you to all Habitat volunteers for your time, support, and talent in building a home for the Kerswell family.

 * **Spring Clean-up at the Fort** – The *
 * Building and Grounds Ministry has set Saturday *
 * May 8th for our annual “Spring Clean-up at the *
 * Fort” day. Work will include general lawn and *
 * garden cleanup. Other activities may be *
 * suggested by the congregation as needed. *
 * Considerable progress has been made with our *
 * Adopt A Garden program. Didn’t the gardens in *
 * front of the sanctuary look wonderful Easter *
 * morning? This cleanup day is intended to take *
 * on other areas that need attention. We will *
 * begin at 9:00 and work until 12:00 noon. *
 * Ministry members will direct teams on specific *
 * projects. This is a wonderful opportunity to get *
 * dirty with fellow church members and have a *
 * good time working together. If you can *
 * participate, and/or you have suggestions of *
 * work that needs to be done, please call Will *
 * Gregory at 654-6347 or email at *
 * wgregory991@hotmail.com. *
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Church Mouse

Spring is here and I’m now yellow with pollen. That means that it’s good for me to stay indoors.

Were you here on Easter? There were so many people at the second service (heard Miss Fran say 584) that I almost got stepped on. I just love to listen to MISS JUDY play the organ on Sundays while MR. BILL leads the choir but it was dangerous for someone as little as me to be running around with all those people. It was good to hear the music but not very safe or relaxing for me.

I saw many Deacons and Elders serving communion under the direction of DONNA CRADER AND MARY HUGHES: CHRIS BANDY, ELIZABETH BOST, PANSY DUKE, AMY ELROD, BOB JONES, CAL SAWYER, SAMANTHA YOUNG, WILL GREGORY, KRISTEN McINNIS, LINDA GAHAN, MERI KATE MARCUM, HACK TRAMMELL, ROB KEY, BRYAN YOUNG, NAN JONES, & HARVEY SPRINGER.

I think all of us at Fort Hill ought to thank those who served for 3 years as Deacons or as Elders and just rotated off: Elders – CALEB BAILEY, BILL CATO, BOB FOLSOM, BOBBY SKELTON, WILLIAM SPITLER, JOHN SPRAGINS, ALICE THALHEIMER, & LINDA WOFFORD; Deacons – MYRA CATO, LEE CHURCHFIELD, BETTY DEAN, JOAN DIXON, CYNTHIA GRAVELY, EDMEE REEL, CATHY SPRAGINS, & TOM WOOTEN.

Did you know how many people helped with those photographers who took all the pictures for your new church directory? JESSICA & LARRY GOODWIN, SANDY McLEOD, JIM CULPEPPER, FRAN LILLY, MARCIA SHERMAN, BOB & BETH WILKINSON, LEE CHURCHFIELD, BECKY FANT, BOB & EVA WILLIAMSON, HARVEY SPRINGER, MARY HUGHES, MILTON BENSON, FRAN SOLESBEE, & PANSY DUKE. (Hey, I wonder why I’m not in the directory?)

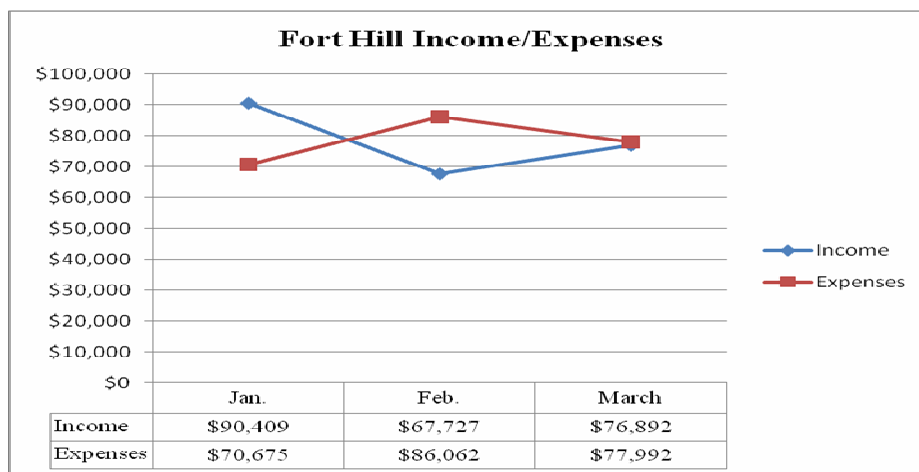
More on snacks for those Habitat workers: CIRCLE 3, JANET & GENE JOHNSON, JESSICA GOODWIN, JACQUIE McFALL and there are more but MISS FRAN and I are still searching for the names.

Right before Easter at the Maundy Thursday service they had a washing of the feet or hands done by PASTOR LAURA, PASTER RODNEY, PASTOR MARY & KERIN WATTS. Communion was served with guidance from PANSY DUKE & LISA BRITT.

Oh, my there’s so much going on at dear old Fort Hill!

From the Finance Ministry – The 1st quarter of 2010 is complete and through April General Fund income was \$223,093 (24% of budget) while total expenses was \$235,235(26% of budget). Thank you for your financial contributions so far this year in support of Fort Hill’s ministry.

The mortgage balance as of 3/31/2010 was \$402,063.46. 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.



Education Explosion in July!

Preschool Mission Mania
 July 12-16, 2010
 9am – 12pm

Join us for a combined VBS/Mission experience for our children 2 years of age up through rising 1st graders. Registration begins in mid-May.

Mission Mania
 July 19-23, 2010
 9am – 4pm

A full-day Mission camp that combines hands on mission activities with Bible Study and fellowship just for our rising 2nd – 6th graders. Registration begins in June.

Sunday Summer Celebration

Mark your calendars for a summer Sunday evening experience (July 11, 18, and 25) for families. We will gather on Sunday evenings from 5:30-7:30pm for a potluck supper before splitting out in special classes/activities for children and adults. Come one Sunday or come all to enjoy reconnecting with your church family and friends during the summer!

Mother's Day Fellowship Event

Bring your mom and her favorite dessert or a plate of finger sandwiches for a relaxing time of fellowship with our Fort Hill family. (Hats and gloves are optional). We will meet at 5:30 in Tartan Hall, Sunday, May 9. There will be games in the courtyard and fun for all!

May 2010 Fort Hill Church Activities

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><u>Sunday Schedule</u></p> <p>8:30 am Worship-TH</p> <p>9:15 am Sunday school</p> <p>10:30 am Worship-Sanctuary</p> <p>4:30 pm MS youth group</p>	<p><u>Every Monday at 7:00 pm</u> Boy Scouts-CR, TH, dungeon</p> <p><u>Tuesday at 6:00pm</u> Folk Dance Group-CR</p> <p><u>Wednesday</u></p> <p>6:15 pm Handbell rehearsal-Choir Room</p>	<p><u>Key to abbreviations:</u></p> <p>CR-Club Room</p> <p>TH-Tartan Hall</p> <p>Conf. Rm.-Conference Room</p> <p>CCR-Cooper classroom</p>				<p>1 11:30am PW Birthday lunch-TH</p>
<p>2 2pm Bear Den-BH 2:30pm NAMI-CR 3pm AED class-TH</p>	<p>3 12:15pm Circle 1-CR 3pm Circle 5-CR</p> <p>5pm Christian Action-Library</p> <p>7pm Boy Scout troop court of honor</p>	<p>4 7:00am Men of church b'fast-TH 9:30am Staff mtg 6-8pm Folk Dance Group-CR 6pm Building & Grounds-Conf. rm. 7pm Personnel-Conf. rm.</p>	<p>5 5-6:30pm Webelos-CR</p>	<p>6 10-11:30am OLLI-CR</p>	<p>7 8am-noon Pre-school Mother's Day Tea-CR</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>9 2-4pm Cub Scouts-BH</p>	<p>10 9:30am Circle 3-CR</p> <p>5:30pm Girl Scouts-BH</p> <p>6:30pm Y/YA mtg-Youth Room</p> <p>7:00pm Preschool board mtg-Lib.</p>	<p>11 5:30pm Music-Conf.rm. 6-8pm Folk Dance Group-CR 6:00pm Fellowship-Lib. 6:30pm Worship-Conf.rm. 6:30pm Finance-BH 7-8pm Cub Scouts-TH 7:15pm CE-rrom 206</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 10-11:30am OLLI-CR</p>	<p>14 11:30am OLLI-CR</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16 2-4pm Bear Den-BH</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 8:30am Keowee Key breakfast 9:30am Staff mtg-Conf.rm. 9:30am PPPW Coord. Team-CR 6-8pm Folk Dance Group-TH 7pm Session-CR</p>	<p>19 5-6:30pm Webelos-CR</p>	<p>20 10-11:30am OLLI-CR</p>	<p>21 Window Deadline 7:30am-1:00pm Mental Health board mtg-TH, CR, dungeon</p> <p>5pm Simmons/Slingerland</p>	<p>22 5pm Simmons/Slingerland wedding</p>
<p>23 2-4pm Cub Scouts-BH</p> <p>5-7:30pm Girl Scouts-TH</p>	<p>24 9:15am Circle 7-Lib.</p>	<p>25 6-8pm Folk Dance Group-CR 7-8pm Cub Scouts-TH</p>	<p>26 1:30-3:30pm OLLI-CR</p>	<p>27 10-11:30am OLLI-CR</p>	<p>28 Window Printing</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30 11:30am Senior lunch-TH</p>	<p>31 Memorial Day Church Office Closed</p>					

May 2010 Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>Anniversaries:</i> 5/1 Charles & Mary Barron 5/1 Gene & Carol Goodwyn 5/9 David & Veta Finch	5/10 George & Sally Alexander 5/10 Jim & Donna London 5/12 David & Marlene Nicholas 5/15 Greg & Jenifer Griffis	5/19 Josh & Emily Poetz 5/21 Bill & Bonnie Lanier 5/22 Mike & Kathy Moore	5/23 Ron & Kathy Hughes 5/26 Rodney & Nina Norris 5/27 Norm & Jackie Ellis	5/28 Danny & LeAnne Greene 5/28 Bob & Lou Mixon 5/28 Bob & Marge Olthoff	5/29 John & Gail Rabai 5/31 Jim & Elaine Prock 5/31 Hack & Cheryl Trammell	1 Jim Barker Susan Beckwith Lucy Martin Annie Platt Kate Reynolds Peggy Rutland
2 Lauren Young	3 Audrey Sehorn	4 Paul Borick	5 George Reynolds Sara Varnado	6 Judy Lindsay	7 Amanda Crum Katelyn MacRae Tootie Poteet Linda Redman Ben Sill	8 Jill Weir
9 Ben Street Pam Waddle	10 Will Turner	11 Pansy Duke Alex Hicklin Eva Williamson Shelly Wilson	12 Gwen Hart	13 Bill Lindsay	14 Carol Goodwyn Paul Mahin Alison Reynolds	15 Jackie Ellis Ella Griffis Tim Howard
16 Joan Dixon Mason Holmes Glenn Quattlebaum Ellis Rutland Carol Stout Art Williams	17 Claudia Harris Greg Sosebee	18 Leo Bidez Ed Burchfield Don Davis Kevin Hoyle Bill Mostertz Jonathan Mudge Rodney Norris Pat Rutledge Rebecca Street	19 Donna Crader Wayne Howell Eddie Payne	20	21 Jessica Lanier	22
23 Joan Borick	24 Jamie London	25 Jacqui Hudak Ginger Littlejohn Lucy Sanders Keith Smith	26 Bob Lightsey Sarah Massios Eleanor McCallum	27 Randy Moore Laura Shick	28 Harles Carter Linda Wofford	29 Miriam Hutto Pat McCallum Rameth Owens
30 Maranda Arnold Elaine Rogers Cindy Sloan	31 Mavis Sabin Florence Stewart					

May Sunday Servants

Pastor on Call

May 3-9 Rodney Norris
May 10-16 Mary Gause
May 17-23 Laura Conrad
May 24-30 Rodney Norris

Elder at the Font 8:30 Service

May 2 Helen Wooten
May 9 Ethel Pettigrew
May 16 Tom Shealy
May 23 Tom Shealy
May 30 Linda Gahan

Elder at the Font 10:30 Service

May 2 Meri Kate Marcum
May 9 Terri Bruce
May 16 Leslie Hicklin
May 23 Randy Moore
May 30 Charles Barron

Infant Nursery

May 2 Jackie Ellis
May 9 Lou Phillips
May 16 Amy Worley
May 23 Jeannie Bailey
May 30 Eva Williamson

Toddler Nursery

May 2 Tracy and Tommy Bolger
May 9 Tim, Ann & Alyssa Howard, Finley Wiles
May 16 Mark and Kerri Kwist
May 23 Lauren and Samantha Young
May 30 Joan Dixon and Virginia Ellis

2 & 3 year old Nursery

May 2 Claudette Bennett and Barbara Westall
May 9 Myra Cato and Jenifer Griffis
May 16 Heather Wright and Beth Gregory
May 23 Donna & Corey McCubbin, Helen & Kenny Mohr
May 30 Emily Bartels and Kristy MacRae

4 & 5 year old Nursery

May 2 Mark and Kristen McInnis
May 9 Leslie, Alex, & Evan Hicklin
May 16 Pete and Jake Crowther
May 23 LeAnne Greene and Corey Norris
May 30 Chris and Maggie Bandy

10:30 Head Ushers for March

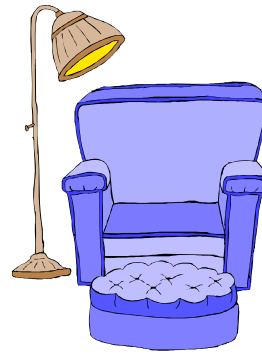
George Dunkelberg and Linda Gahan

Announcements and Concerns

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Mary Principe and family upon the death of her husband, Fort Hill Church member Tony Principe, on April 9.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Janet Bean upon the death of her grandmother on April 9.

SAFE HARBOR – FURNITURE FOR TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM NEEDED



In 2009 Safe Harbor received a grant from the Department of Justice to begin a transitional housing program for victims of domestic violence and their children in our four county area (Greenville, Anderson, Oconee, and Pickens). This program allows Safe Harbor to have seven apartments and six houses throughout the four county service area for Safe Harbor shelter clients who qualify for the transitional housing program. The transitional program is two years long; during that time clients will participate in Goodwill's job preparation program, receive assistance with living expenses and have counseling and case management through Safe Harbor. The objective of this transitional plan is to gradually move victims from complete cost-free shelter service to living independently, while providing them with the necessary tools to maintain that independence. Furniture for bedrooms, living rooms and kitchens is urgently needed as are kitchen supplies/appliances. The donation pick-up staff will pick up furniture from your home. Please contact Dave at 864-467-3637 if you can donate.

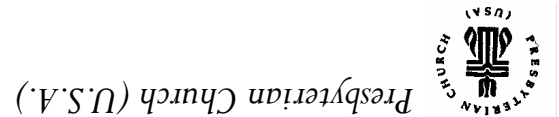
For those who use online banking for contributions to Fort Hill Church, please have your financial institution change the church mailing address to 101 Edgewood Avenue.

Camp Buc

Camp Buc and Camp Fellowship, operated by the Trinity and Foothills Presbyteries, provide a Christ-centered camping experience to children from K-12th grade. The camps offer children numerous camping activities including canoeing, hiking, swimming, arts and crafts, worship services and Bible studies, and is often a life-changing week for its campers.

Every year, a few of the children at Camp Buc come from families who do not have the financial means to send them. Thanks to your generosity, Fort Hill has sponsored nearly 220 children to camp over the past twelve years. This year the goal of Fort Hill's Christian Action Ministry is to send at least 12 and hopefully 15 children to camp; in order to do this we need your help. The average cost of sending one child this year is \$500. There is no money budgeted for Camp Buc; the thousands of dollars we spend each year to send these children to camp come solely from individual donations. Please consider helping send a child to summer camp by donating to the Wylie Hogue Camp Buc Scholarship Fund. Simply note 'Camp Buc' on your check to FHPC if you would like to help. Many small donations put together can make enough for many scholarships.

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