

FOREST HILL FAMILY

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Join us in rejoicing the arrival of our new pastor, Rev. Katherine Todd

Katherine completed her BA in Religion/Philosophy with a Minor in Music at Presbyterian College, Clinton, SC, in 1998 and her Masters of Divinity at Union Presbyterian Seminary here in Richmond, VA, in 2002. She was ordained in 2009 as Pastor in the Presbyterian Church (USA) and is a member of the Presbytery of the James. Her experience includes 20 years of ministry: 14 years in various lay ministry opportunities and 6 years in ordained ministry, most recently including Assistant Director of Camp Hanover, birthing a new worshipping community, and contracted solo pastor positions. A committed bi-vocational tentmaker (just like the Apostle Paul), Katherine serves as Maintenance Coordinator at Bandazian and Company, Real Estate Group, and she serves as Studio Assistant to a local Potter for the Business, Birds at Noon.

Joining FHPC as Covenant Pastor II, for a one-year renewable term, Katherine will work part-time (20-hours/week), allocating her responsibilities among these ranked priorities: worship preparation and leadership; pastoral care and visitation; administration (Session and Congregational meetings, and working with staff); and working with John Vest on the church's new vision, mission, and action plan. Clearly that looks like a full-time job; so we must be patient together as we pare back our expectations.

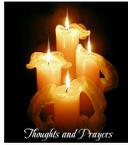
In Katherine's own words: "I care deeply about people and community. I believe one of the greatest gifts we can give one another is to be authentically present. I practice active and prayerful listening. I seek to come alongside and strengthen the life in others and to live and work in ways that foster justice, equity, and wholeness... I believe God is calling me to work in ministry that employs my passion for social justice-making our world a more just and whole place. Through preaching, worship leadership, compassion, and share life, I want to encourage individuals and communities in their life of faith -- to walk with others as we seek together to find greater wholeness, depth of joy, and meaning in every day. Part of my calling is to help fan the flame of God's Spirit in individuals and communities -- helping them identify and follow God's call in their lives. I want to serve in a ministry setting that affords me the opportunity to strengthen the life in others while sharing the joys and pains of everyday life. I want to serve side by side with folks who are working to live in the world in ways that honor and strengthen the life in their fellow travelers, both near and far, and that honor and work to protect the beauty and wholeness of our created world."

Katherine also describes her leadership style in this fashion:

- strategic - designing innovative plans and finding ways to overcome obstacles;
- collaborative - in both discernment and action, resourcing the varied talents of others;
- activator - inspiring and sparking enthusiasm and sense of purpose in others;
- maximizer - leading out of my own strengths and focusing on the talents and strengths of others to help maximize the potential of a given situation; and
- protector – I value and champion people over things."

From our multiple interactions with Katherine, and affirmations from her references and POJ representatives, we know Katherine can teach our minds, touch our hearts, and move our wills closer to God. Katherine is thrilled at the prospect of collaborating with John Vest to help us discern what's next for FHPC. With their leadership, Forest Hill Church will continue to listen to God's call as we seek a stable and spiritual path to the future. We want to honor our rich history and "begin again" rebuilding in new directions that embrace our broader Forest Hill community.

Surely you are as eager to meet Katherine as we are to introduce her to you! Noted for our hospitality, join us now in making her welcome at Forest Hill Church. **A formal welcome gathering will be held after worship on Sunday, June 11th.**



IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

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Sol Wrenn, at home.

YOU AND MISSION

Jim Irving, Phylliss Moret, Donna Stafford, Jayne
Clements, Gay Olsen

**Mark Your Calendars for Mission &
Outreach Initiatives**

- June--Child Care Center's Fannie Pharr Scholarship special offering
- June & July – Monetary Collection for 2nd Mile Fund for distribution to the Fisher House
- TBA– Evening Vacation Bible School at FHPC
- August – Back-to-School Supplies Drive for Eastminster Presbyterian Church's Kids Closet

More Mission Support in 2017

Grants now totaling \$15,000 have been recommended by the Mission and Outreach Committee and approved by Session as of January 2017, and distributed from the Second Mile Endowment Fund (SMEF) for these mission and ministry supports:

- a. \$3500 FHPC Good Samaritan Fund
- b. \$2500 Roses and Wings
- c. \$2500 Matthew and Teresa Lee-Wycliffe Translators
- d. \$3500 Cindy Corell-Presbytery of James Missionary-Haiti
- e. \$1500 Presbytery's Hunger Fund

- f. \$500 Massanetta Springs Conference Center
- g. \$1000 ACTS supporting and counseling families in crisis

With gratitude for the generosity and wisdom of our members who started the 2nd Mile Endowment Fund 25 years ago -- to carry on religious, charitable, benevolent, and educational purposes of the church -- we pray that we will continue to demonstrate generosity and wisdom as Jesus' good disciples as stewards of the 2nd Mile Fund.

What Can You Do to be Christ's Good Local Missionaries Right Now?

As God's disciples, we are meant to be good local missionaries right here, right now.

1. Support the Church's Mission and Outreach Initiatives above!
2. Make a contribution to the 2nd Mile Endowment Fund. Make your check payable to FHPC and note "2nd Mile Fund" in the 'For' section of your check or on your tithe envelop
3. Make a contribution to the Good Samaritan Fund (GSF), which provides a one-time gift to individuals in need. About 40+ individuals are helped each year with a variety of needs, from gas to food requests, each averaging \$50 - \$100. Make your check payable to FHPC and note "GSF" in the 'For' section of your check or on your tithe envelope.

Galatians 6:9

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

Sign up in the Fellowship Hall to **host a Sunday reception** as many of our church families do. The next open dates are: July 9 and 23.

Volunteers are needed to serve as Duty Officer ushers and greeters for our Sunday morning worship services. Please call the church office to sign up.

If you would like to be a lay reader for our Worship Service please let Rev. Todd know. She would welcome your help!

See Anna Margaret Price to help prepare **communion** as some of our members do.

CHILD CARE CENTER
Jan Clarke, Director

Our summer program officially starts on June 19. We have some special extra activities planned for the summer program including Creative Folk Songs with Monica, Kids' Yoga and Mad Science Workshops. We also hope to get in a visit from Jonathan the Juggler and Magical Puppets.

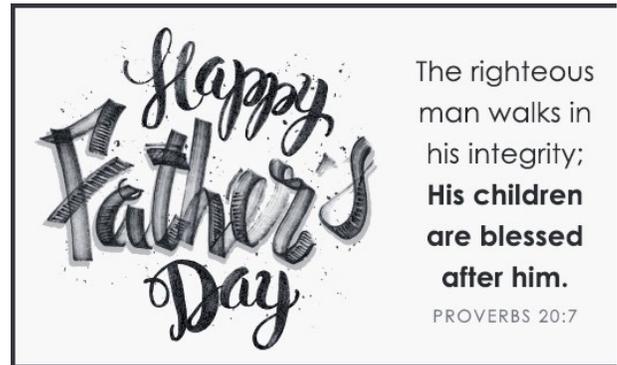
We raised \$473.50 for St. Jude's Children Research Hospital with our May 19 Trike-a-thon. The children had a great time riding their bikes.

We will celebrate Father's Day on June 16 with a simple reception and program.

The Fannie Pharr Memorial Fund donation day is Father's Day June 18th. Dan Pharr will speak to us about it's history and importance, but in case you are unable to attend church then and wish to donate to the fund on another Sunday or mail your donation to the church, the money provides tuition payments for families who have an unexpected hardship for several months until they are back on their feet. It is used about once or twice a year and the families are most grateful!



Church World Service is resettling 30 families in June and needs furniture and household items as well as kitchen supplies and small appliances and children's clothing. If you have items to donate, please contact Carol Stephen at 804-658-3565 or bring manageable items to the church on Sunday.



Father's Day
Sunday, June 18th

We celebrate all of the fathers, grandfathers, step-fathers and volunteer fathers who encourage, inspire and guide us. We are so fortunate to have them in our lives.



MUSIC MINISTRY
Patrick Carlin, Music Minister

Happy Pentecost and the return to Ordinary Time! June 4, Pentecost Sunday, is our final Women's Ensemble Choir Sunday for 2016-2017. The Women's Ensemble Choir will return in September! Thank You, Women's Ensemble, for another year of glorious music ministry! During our Summer Worship, guest soloists and members of our FHPC Faith Community will offer their musical gifts. Beginning on Sunday, June 11, due to the absence of air conditioning in the Church Sanctuary, we will return to the Fellowship Hall until October 1st.

Our June Worship will include:

June 4 Pentecost Sunday

Organ Prelude "Prelude on SHALL WE GATHER AT THE RIVER" (Sam Batt Owens)

Choir "Come Holy Spirit" (Judith Snowdon)
Come, Holy Spirit, may your presence fill this place, may your fragrance pervade us and cleanse us by your grace. Come Holy Spirit, gracious giver of life, come renew us and heal us and fill us with your light. For we know that you promised you'd never leave us alone, that you'd always be with us, and make this house your home. Come, Holy Spirit, come and water this ground, so the fruit of your Spirit may in our lives be found. Come, Holy Spirit of truth, may you lead us and guide us, and show us what is good. Come to us, we pray.

Organ Postlude "Laudation" (Gilbert Martin)

June 11

Piano Prelude "Prelude" (Catherine Rollin)
Reflection "Take, O Take Me As I Am" (John Bell)
Phylliss Hunt Moret, Vocal Soloist

June 18

Piano Prelude "Andante" (Beethoven)
Reflection "Blessed Assurance"
Corinne Messan, Vocal Soloist

June 25

Piano Prelude "Aria" (Giacomo Puccini)
Reflection "Vocalise" (Sergei Rachmaninoff)
Katherine DeLoyht, Guest Vocal Soloist, Voice Student of Patrick Carlin

God's Blessings on you, your loved ones, FHPC, and our shared ministry of evangelization - being Christ in the world! Pat C.



The Pentecost Offering helps our youth begin life with a strong start — a solid foundation of faith formed in the first third of life, from childhood through young adulthood.

Each year on Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the arrival of the Holy Spirit as a bringer of new life with an Offering intended to nurture the faith of those newest among us. We will receive the offering on Sunday, June 4th during worship time.



Film Preview
From the Ashes

From the Ashes is a documentary about the coal issue. It will be shown on National Geographic Channel on June 25th. Our church is offering a preview showing for the public along with a discussion afterward on **Thursday, June 22nd at 7:15 pm**. We hope that you will attend and will spread the word to your friends, family and neighbors. We would also like to provide some light refreshments that evening, so if you would like to donate some cookies, fruit, nuts, whatever, please let Carol Stephens know.

A flyer can be found on the last page of this newsletter for the film if want to use it to invite folks to join us that evening.



You are invited to attend a special screening of ***From the Ashes*** groundbreaking new documentary that goes beyond the rhetoric of the “war on coal.” Presented by @NatGeoTVUS, the film is a compelling and often heartbreaking look about what’s at stake for our economy, health, and climate.

Hosted by: **Forest Hill Presbyterian Church**

Date & Time: **Thursday June 22nd 7:15 pm - 9:15 pm**

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