

Faith Happenings October



Sukkot is a seven—day Jewish festival that begins five days after Yom Kippur. It celebrates the end of the agricultural year and gives thanks for the fall harvest. It remembers the 40 years the Israelites lived in temporary shelters in the wilderness after leaving Egypt. We have celebrated with our friends for six years now. The temporary hut is built bedside Faith's building and we enjoy fellowship and food with our Jewish Congregation of Blue Ridge.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 1:00 Faith Group 4:30 Choir Practice	2 OFFICE CLOSED	3 11:00 Visitation & Video Tribute for John Thompson 12:00 Memorial Service John Thompson 1:00 Reception John Thompson 5:00 Sukkot Meeting
4 10:30 Worship & Communion World Communion Sunday	5 10:00 Tai Chi Women & Men 1:00 Congregational Care Planning Team	6 10:00 Faith Group 10:00 Staff Meeting 12:30 Worship & Discipleship Planning Team 2:30 Outreach	7 5:00 Campfire Sing-a-long & Supper	8 1:00 Faith Group 3:00 Bluebird Book Club 4:30 Choir Practice	9 OFFICE CLOSED 12:00 Ladies Lunch Bunch	10 8:00 Trout Unlimited 10:00 Arts in the Park
11 STEWARDSHIP KICK-OFF 10:30 Worship 11:45 Second Sunday Lunch	12 OFFICE CLOSED FOR COLUMBUS DAY 10:00 Tai Chi Women & Men	13 10:00 Faith Group 10:00 Staff Meeting	14 11:00 Baker Bible Study 12:30 Library Committee Meeting 2:00 FOT-Zoom	15 10:00 Mineral Springs Support Group 4:30 Choir Practice	16 OFFICE CLOSED 9:30 Senior Center 6:00 Jewish Congregation of Blue Ridge	17 11:00 Memorial Service & Reception for Susan Learn
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Worship & Discipleship Planning Team



Women of Faith

We meet the fourth Monday of every month @ 1:00 p.m. Our mission for this year is *Street Grace*, an organization that supports children who have been involved in human trafficking.



“When God Doesn't Fix It” by Laura Story is the **Thursday Faith Group's** fall study at 1:00 p.m. in the Founders Room. Please contact Greg Duncan or Sylvia Goodyear.

Tuesday Faith Group will continue our study of 1st Peter and on to 2nd Peter. Our sessions are held on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Founders Room. All are welcome! Max White, Chuck Huckleberry & Patty Morris are the facilitators.



Baker Bible Study

Join the Bible study on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. in the Founders Room. Please contact Frances Young for more information.



Thank you to everyone for your interest, support, & participation in the August workshops—Exploring the Biblical concepts of Justice. Because of your efforts, we were able to identify some of Faith's shared values and place those, painted on stones in the stream bed on our property for all to view. Sunday, November 15th is an opportunity for us to explore how our shared values already show up in our own lives and in the life of the congregation. This will be causal conversation over lunch, not a presentation. Just a chance to be together and talk. Come join and help create the conversation after worship on November 15th!

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Congregational Care Planning Team



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Joe Nelson, Lynda Fitch, Patty Morris,
Diane Shillcutt, Chuck Huckleberry



Susan & George Piros, Treva & Bud Wheatley,
Carol & Bill Furtwengler



Campfire Sing-Along sponsored by
the Congregational Care Planning
Team, on the church grounds, is
**Wednesday, October 7th at
5:00 p.m.** Dinner will be provided—
Chili, baked potato bar, salad and
dessert. Sign up is in the Narthex.

Men's Breakfast

The next Men's
breakfast is
scheduled for
November 6th at
9:00 a.m.
Coffee starts at
8:30 a.m.



Ushers

October 4

Konda Williamson
Steve Williamson
Anne Williamson
Cynthia Chitwood

October 11

Melinda Tharpe
Bobby Tharpe
Candy Frank
Bruce Burn

October 18

Debbie Peterson
Vicki Elwell
Chris Martinez
Cynthia Chitwood

October 25

Randy Griggs
Debbie Duncan
Anne Williamson
Chris Martinez

Counters

October 4

Clark Chitwood
Bill Young

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Phil Ray

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Books that Encourage, Educate, and Entertain

The Bluebird Book Club will meet October 8th at the Dog Park in Blue Ridge at 3:00 p.m.

Jane Gray Collier will facilitate **More Than Enough** by Anna Quinlin

November 12: Sharing books we like...

December: Christmas Party

Please contact chris.martinez8258@gmail.com for more information.

All are invited to attend our monthly meetings.



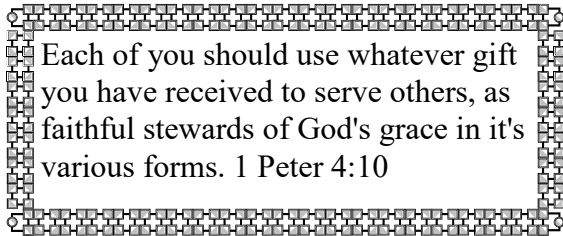
Ladies' Lunch Bunch will be held at *Vincent's Coppertop Restaurant and Pub* on Friday October 9th at 12:00 noon. The restaurant is located at 130 Blue Ridge Street Blairsville, GA. **RSVP by October 7th** Hope to see you there for good food and good fellowship!

Snack-in-a-Backpack - RAISIN DRIVE



Yes, folks it's that time again - back to school and the annual raisin drive is in full swing. Drop your individual size boxes of raisins in the Mission basket by the office door. If you happen to be going to Blairsville, Ellijay or down Atlanta way, get your raisins there so we don't wipe out the local supply. Walmart and Aldi seem to have the best prices. These donations are greatly appreciated by Snack and the teachers. (Raisins are not considered common food allergens.)

Mission Planning Team



Come visit our very own Bob Elwell's exhibition and sale of his beautiful barn quilts on Sunday, October 18th, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. at Blue Ridge Adventure Dog Park. Bob has painted over 300+ barn

quilts that now adorn the many barns, cabins and sheds in the North Georgia, Tennessee, and Western North Carolina area. The stunning colors of the mountains, woods, lakes, rivers and streams provide the inspiration for much of his work. Bob will share how he creates his pieces and refreshments will be available.

Please continue to save the plastic utensils



that you get with take out food. The ones wrapped in plastic with a napkin and condiments are perfect. We will be using these for the LLL project. The Mission basket is in the Narthex for collection.

Triple L

Triple L will start back up in November. We will be serving the 1st and 2nd Wednesdays of each month from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at the Senior Center. Keeping the days the same and the time the same. Thank you for your continued prayers, support and love. Please contact Roger Charbonneau if you are interested in participating with this ministry. rogcharb@msn.com



Faith Presbyterian is faithful in supporting Fannin County Special Olympics with volunteer service. Patty Morris is the volunteer coordinator for Fannin County SpO and is updating her volunteer contact information. Please let her know via email if you are interested in being on the volunteer email list. If you are already on the list, she still has your name so no need to contact her. The next event is October 29th at Fannin Rec Center. For more information and for information on future events, please submit your name for the contact list.

THANK YOU FAITHFUL VOLUNTEERS!

email Patty at pattymorris1029@gmail.com

Senior Center News

Happy Fall Y'all



We enjoyed our time at the Senior Center . Our art project had a “Fall” theme - reminding us that “God never leaves you.” The boot full of candy was decorated as an apple and Shirley Copeland made sure that everyone got up and **MOVED!** The Lunney's provided a delicious lunch of spaghetti. Join us on **October 16th** for our annual **PAJAMA PARTY!** Yes, a good excuse to go buy a new pair of pj's and come join the fun!





Proverbs 19:17

“Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done.”

We received Thank You notes from the following organizations the we support:

Fostering Fannin and Her Hope

Faith’s neighbor, Nick Goggins, send a thank you for the prayer shawl he received after the passing of his brother and mother.



SAVE YOUR CHANGE! JAR IN A CAR

Your contributions continue to go to the local Veterans Program. Glass jars for the cup holders in you car (to collect spare change) are available in the Narthex on the credenza.



Thank you to all who have donated yarn to the yarn closet! The bins have been replenished and we are happily knitting away hats, prayer shawls, and prayer squares.



We had such an abundance of watermelons in Our Faith Garden this year, that we were able to share with our friends at Family Connections. Food Bank.



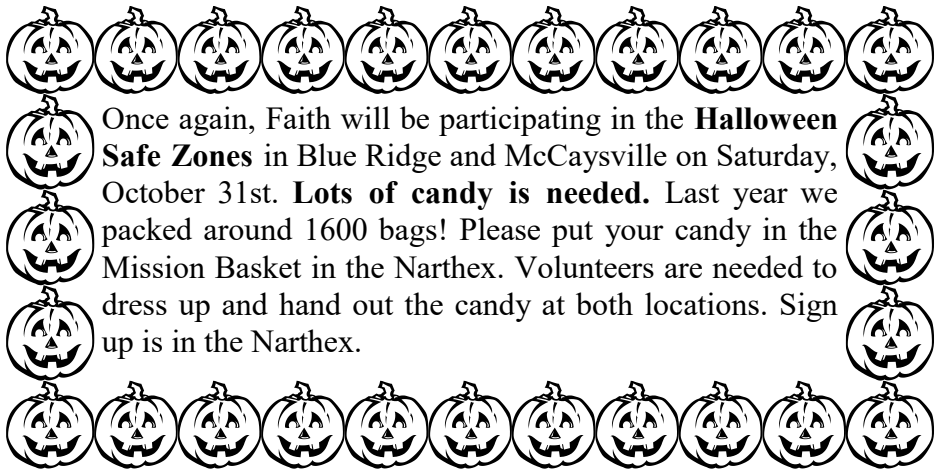
It was a beautiful day for the annual Rivers Alive cleanup. Among items pulled from the river—a couch, snow sled, baby car seat, and an assortment of chairs and tires. Thank you to everyone for their time and energy.

Outreach Planning Team



Arts in the Park will be held on Saturday, October 10th in downtown Blue Ridge. Faith will have a booth this year making bead bracelets with the children. Volunteers are need Friday evening at 5:00 p.m. to set up and Saturday starting at 10:00 a.m. Sign up is in the Narthex.

See Sandy Cuppia or Belinda Bennett for more info.



Once again, Faith will be participating in the **Halloween Safe Zones** in Blue Ridge and McCaysville on Saturday, October 31st. **Lots of candy is needed.** Last year we packed around 1600 bags! Please put your candy in the Mission Basket in the Narthex. Volunteers are needed to dress up and hand out the candy at both locations. Sign up is in the Narthex.



Cynthia and Clark Chitwood's granddaughter, Anna Beyer, left one of our Faith rocks at Great Basin College in Elko, Nevada.

Administration Planning Team

Faith members gathered for a work day of mulching, leaf blowing, weeding, and the start of the edging for the prayer walk with pavers. Thank you to all who came out to work.



Attention!

All written articles or information for the newsletter needs to be emailed to:

office@faithpresbyterianusa.org.

**Please don't use personal email/text to
submit for the newsletters.**

Deadline for newsletter submission items:

November-October 23

December-November 20



Prayer requests for immediate needs relating to persons directly connected to members and friends of Faith are circulated via e-mail and others are included and published in our weekly and monthly newsletters. Prayer requests are only shared with permission

**For prayer requests, please email or call Rev. Susan Haynes,
678.697.0822 or
susan.haynes@faithpresbyterianusa.org**

John Thompson	John's memorial service and reception is this Saturday, October 3, at noon. Visitation and video tribute from 11:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m. Please continue to remember Frances and their family.
Susan Learn	Susan's memorial service and reception will be Saturday, October 17 at 11:00 a.m. at Faith. Please continue to keep Craig, Jennifer and Kathryn in your prayers.
Ken McKenzie	Ken will have surgery to remove the prostate on TH, October 8, at Northside Cherokee.
Joyce Williams	Joyce Williams had a bad fall and is currently at Fannin Regional Hospital recovering.
Brendan Hewett, son of Kay Hewett	Brendan, who lives in Australia, is currently having kidney and bladder problems which have been complicated by reactions he is having to medications.

We lift in prayer those with ongoing health challenges and who appreciate our continuing prayers: Larry Giles, Marshall Burke; Judy Evans; Swan McKnight; Sonya Burleson; Jenny Morrison; Virginia McPhee; Thomas Boulware, father of Sherri Daniel; Sandy Gagliardi, sister of Patty Morris; Cynthia Maude; Carol Smith; Joe Oberle; Dianna Gnann; Vicki McKenzie; Therese Howell; Fran Inghram.