

Faith Happenings SEPTEMBER



Faith Prayer Walk
has been completed. Thank you to
our Visioning Teams.
This walk is 1/10th of a mile. Look
for more information coming soon
regarding benches and shrubs.

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Faith Trail, along the meadow and garden side of our property,
is almost finished. Thank you to Jim Reich,
Bill Young and Peggy Reich (our Administration Elders) for
overseeing this wonderful project from the Visioning Team.





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10:00 Staff Meeting	2	3 4:30 Choir Practice	4 OFFICE CLOSED	5 9:00 Men's Breakfast
6 10:30 Worship & Communion	7 LABOR DAY- HOLIDAY- OFFICE CLOSED	8 10:00 Personnel Committee meeting 10:00 Staff Meeting 1:00 Safety and Security Training	9 11:00 Baker Bible Study 12:30 Library Committee	10 1:00 Faith Group 3:00 Bluebird Book Club 4:30 Choir Practice	11 OFFICE CLOSED	12 8:00 Trout Unlimited Meeting
13 10:30 Worship & Second Sunday Lunch	14 10:00 Tai Chi for Men/ Women	15 10:00 Staff Meeting	16 9:30 reKindle	17 10:00 Mineral Springs Support Group 1:00 Faith Group 4:30 Choir Practice	18 OFFICE CLOSED 9:30 Senior Center 6:00 Jewish Congregation of Blue Ridge	19
20 10:30 Worship 11:30 Congregational Meeting to Elect Elders 12:00 Head Usher meeting	21 10:00 Tai Chi for Men/ Women	22 10:00 Staff Meeting	23 11:00 Baker Bible Study 12:30 Library Committee Meeting	24 1:00 Faith Group 4:30 Choir Practice	25 OFFICE CLOSED	26 10:00 JC BR Torah Study 1:00 Bill Young HOA meeting
27 10:30 Worship 11:30 Sukkot picnic	28 10:00 Administrative Planning Team meeting 10:00 Tai Chi for Men/ Women 1:00 Women of Faith	29 10:00 Staff Meeting 10:00 Faith Group	30 9:30 Stated Session Meeting			

Each Sunday

9:45-10:10 a.m. Coffee and Conversation

10:30 a.m. Worship

The worship service is live-streamed every Sunday to the FPC website-www.faithpresbyterianusa.org.

The recording of the weekly Service of Worship is available on the church website following the service.

If you would like a copy of the sermon from any past Sundays' worship services, please call or email the church office.

Worship & Discipleship Planning Team



Women of Faith

We will be meeting the fourth Thursday of every month @ 1:00 p.m. 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** beginning Thursday, September 10th at 1:00 p.m. Please contact Greg Duncan or Sylvia Goodyear for a book.

Tuesday Faith Group will begin on September 29th . We will continue our study of 1st Peter and continue on to 2nd Peter. Our sessions will be 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.

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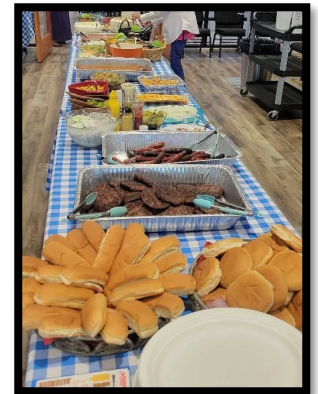
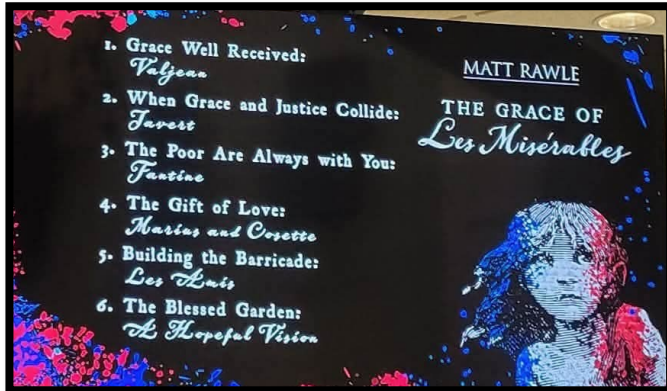
Sandy Cuppia
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Belinda Bennett
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Lauren and Robert Reed sang the Offertory on Sunday, August 23.
Thank you for sharing your talents.



2026 Summer Learning Series

pondered the themes of Grace, Poverty, Justice, and Love. We were able to draw parallels between the iconic story and our Christian calling. The last day we celebrated with a cook-out. We look forward to this annual study.



Exploring the Biblical Concept of Justice. In the first meeting, the Rev. Berke Landrum portrayed Joseph in his coat of many colors discussing how Joseph's older siblings must have felt when he received preferential treatment.

Frances Young presented Mark Snoddy with a check for \$2,707.06. The Women of Faith collect money after each of their meetings for their chosen mission project. This money will go to the Guatemala Boarding School through the International Mission Board. The mission project for 2026-27 will be **Street Grace** through the North Avenue Presbyterian Church in Atlanta. It supports children who have been trafficked and sexually exploited.





Women of Faith started back for the 2026-2027 year on August 24th. Our mission for this year is Street Grace; an organization that supports children who have been involved in human trafficking. We are studying the book of Esther . Wonderful fellowship and goodies! Join all the women at our next meeting September 28th at 1:00 p.m. Frances Young is our facilitator.

Congregational Care Planning Team

Ushers

September 6

Konda & Steve Williamson
Debbie Duncan
Randy Griggs

September 13

Lynda & Phil Ray
Candy Frank
Chuck Huckleberry

September 20

Dorothy & Mark McLain
Carol & Bill Furtwengler

September 27

Jamielee Green
Lisa Brock
Vicki & Bob Elwell



Sonya Burleson, Garrett Frank, Chuck Huckleberry,
Renee Lunney, Cynthia Maude, Lori Nesz, Candy Peebles,
Peggy Reich, Sandy White

Wendy and Bill Cox, Barbara and Dick Schmus,
Sandy and Jim Cuppia,
Janeese and Gale Glascock, Lynda and Phil Ray



Second Sunday Lunch



We celebrated the up coming marriage of June Stanford and Alan Schulman at the August Second Sunday lunch.

Join us September 13th for a delicious meal of fried chicken provided by the Women of Faith. Bring a side or a dessert and enjoy the food and fellowship.

Counters

September 6

Vicki Elwell
Charlie Lunney

September 13

Lynda Fitch
Phil Ray

September 20

Randy Griggs
Peggy Reich

September 27

Charlie Lunney
Bill Young



Men's Breakfast

The next Men's breakfast
is scheduled for
Saturday, September 5th
at 9:00 a.m.
Coffee starts at 8:30 a.m.



Campfire Sing-Along

sponsored by the
Congregational Care
Planning Team, on the
church grounds, is
**Wednesday, October 7th
at 5:00 p.m.**



Books that Encourage, Educate, and Entertain

The Bluebird Book Club will meet September 10th at Blue Ridge Adventure Park at 3:00 p.m.

Vicki Elwell will facilitate **The Dutch House** by Anne Patchett.

October 8: More Than Enough by Anna Quindlen; Facilitated by Jane Gray Collier

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



Faith women enjoyed lunch & good fellowship at **Southern Charm** in downtown Blue Ridge. It was a beautiful day and we enjoyed sitting on the front porch waiting for everyone to arrive. (Thankful for the fans on such hot summer day.) Our next lunch bunch will be October 9th. Please come and share the blessing of friendship, "...so I commend the enjoyment of life, because there is nothing better for a person under the sun than to eat and drink and be glad." Ecclesiastes 8:15



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.)



Faith Rock made an appearance at Antler Arches in Jackson Wyoming Town Square with Doris and Carl Riggs and their goddaughter.

Mission Planning Team

LABOR DAY BAR-B-Q
Blue Ridge, GA

Sponsored by Good Samaritans of
Fannin County, Inc.
Celebrating 45 years 1981-2026



Lunch/Dinner at Blue Ridge City Park

- SATURDAY, September 5th @ 11am-4pm
- SUNDAY, September 6th @ 12:30pm- 5pm
- BBQ plate includes pulled pork sandwich, slaw, baked beans, apple and cookie
- Price is \$16 per plate OR two plates for \$30
- Hot dogs (kids under 10) \$2
- Water \$2 or Iced tea \$3

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 6:00-8:00 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



Thank you! Thank you! to the kids from Fannin High School for helping pack and load for reKindle in August! Your help was greatly appreciated. We are always looking for volunteers. Contact Chris Martinez or Sylvia Goodyear for more info.

Senior Center News



In August at the Senior Center, we hold our annual Luau. The clients always enjoy this event. Our own Shirley Copeland, led us in hula lessons and we did a mosaic type fish picture for the art project. We were so busy; we didn't even have time for BINGO before our delicious lunch. Join us September 18th at 9:30 a.m. for lots of laughter. You will leave with a warm heart.





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 we support:

The Open Arms for Children, Georgia Mountain Health, Breaking Chains, Snack-in-a-Backpack, and Family Connections for monetary donations, and *The Craddock Center for Family and Child Enrichment*, for 141 brand new children’s books.



SAVE YOUR CHANGE! JAR IN A CAR

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



Our yarn closet is really getting low. We are knitting hats for the Snack-in-a-Backpack Christmas bags. (Last year we needed 700 hats.) If you would like to donate yarn, we are not picky—just nothing too thick or thin. We would prefer no pastels as we don’t know if a boy or girl will receive the hat. Just leave what you find/buy in the office.

Our first blood drive with **Blood Assurance** was a success. The organization was very professional and efficient. Stay tuned for more opportunities to help save lives. Did you know that each bag of blood you donate helps 3 people? A big **THANK YOU** to all those who donated.





Here are two fun opportunities to help support some of our local mission.

First Annual Grumpy Games Sunday Sept 6th 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Location: Grumpy Old Men Brewing
1315 Main Street, Blue Ridge Georgia

What is Grumpy Games?

A series of friendly, fun and competitive games. Like waiters' race, obstacle course, beer keg lasso, etc. Enjoy a day of friends, fun, beer and food...all benefitting Snack

Why?

To benefit Snack in a Backpack's school year program providing weekend meals for children. Thank you.

How does it work?

3-person teams – register to complete for \$30 per team. Use QR code on the reverse side. Teams will be directed to a starting time to line up.

Ask Bethany.....LOL

What else is there to do?

Great silent auction, with winners announced at 4:30.

50/50 raffle, throughout the day.

The day starts with a non-profit Pickleball tournament at Tammen Park from 11:00 – 1:00.... all welcome to watch and cheer.



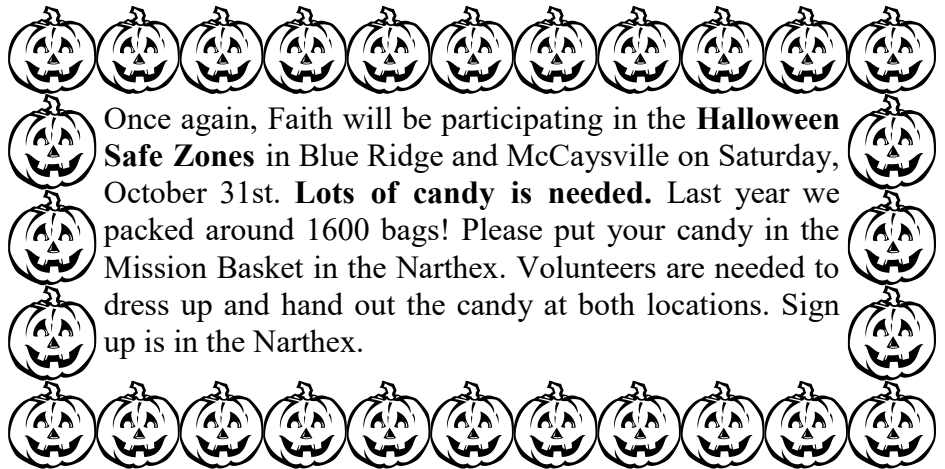
Feeding Youth, Fighting Hunger
Since 2009

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.



Did you know we have a Geocache behind the Little Library? These folks treasure hunt using GPS and found us! Geocaching can be considered a real-world, outdoor treasure-hunting game.

A typical cache is a small waterproof container containing a logbook and a pen.

The *geocacher* signs the log with their established code name/username and dates it, to prove that they found the cache. After signing the log, the cache must be placed back exactly where the person found it. How cool!!!

Administration Planning Team

Save the Date

Saturday, October 3rd, we will have a combined breakfast of Men's Breakfast Group, Outdoor Property Maintenance Committee and Memorial Garden Committee, followed by a church grounds workday. Any questions, contact Peggy Reich at peggyreich1663@gmail.com.



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:

October-September 23

November-October 23

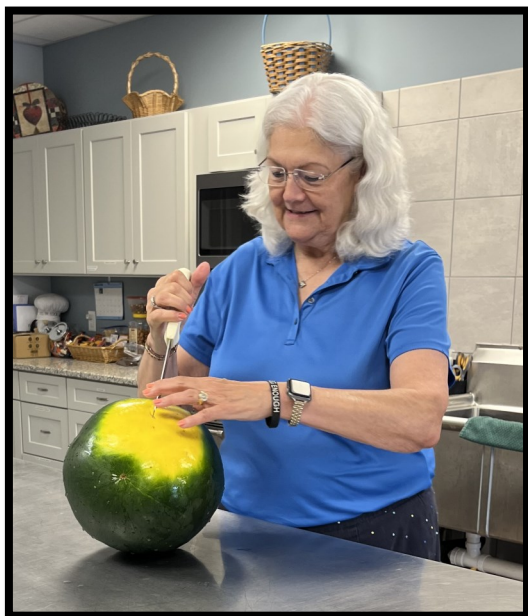
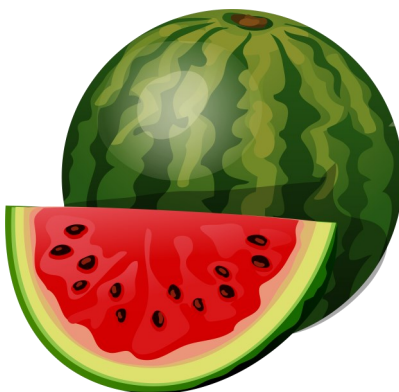
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Watermelon Harvest



We have exciting church garden news to report. We planted watermelons back in June and had our first harvest August 19th and our second harvest August 24th. We picked a total of 59 watermelons totaling 720.75 pounds! There will be a third harvest soon and we will report the “grand total” in next month’s newsletter. The Senior Center enjoyed sliced watermelon with the August lunch. Ten of our melons went to Kinship Care and the remaining melons were delivered to Family Connections to give away with other fresh produce provided by Feed Fannin for those in need. We have pumpkins planted in another section of the garden that should be ready to harvest at the end of October. Our pollinator flowers and bees have been a big bonus this year. There has been a constant presence of bees pollinating our fruit blooms all season which, undoubtedly, contributed to the garden’s success.

Stay tuned for more harvest news!





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**

Susan Learn	Susan's memorial service and reception will be Saturday, Oct. 17 at 11 a.m. at Faith. Please continue to keep Craig and their daughters Jennifer and Kathryn in your prayers.
John Thompson	John continues in hospice care. They have been enjoying time together with their two sons and family. Please continue to remember Frances and John and their family during this time for God's comfort to surround them.
Larry Giles	Update: Larry and Hilda are now able to come home for a few days over the weekend and then they return to Woodstock mid-week for Larry's hemodialysis.
Kristin Boynton	Update: Kristin is now doing physical therapy to strengthen her hip. She currently does not plan to have additional hip surgery.
Lisa and Mickey Goggans	Lisa and Mickey are Faith's neighbors on Bluebird Road and we often see Lisa walking the perimeter of our property. Please keep Lisa and Mickey in your prayers for God's peace and comfort. In the last two weeks, Mickey's mom passed away and his brother passed away from pancreatic cancer.
Toni Creed, daughter of Lynda Fitch	Update: Toni did have a heart attack and is now home. Lynda is very thankful for the prayers for her daughter.
Marshall Burke, frequent FPC visitor	Marshall recently had a procedure and has returned to Blue Ridge Assisted Living. He needs to regain his strength before he will be able to again join us for worship.
Christy Wright, friend of Riggs' daughter	Christy has just been diagnosed with cancer and will begin chemo soon. Prayers for Christy are requested by the Riggs.

We lift in prayer those with ongoing health challenges and who appreciate our continuing prayers: Judy Evans; Swan McKnight; Sonya Bureson; 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.