Faith Happenings November



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY CELEBRATED – OCTOBER 4th



World Communion Sunday is an annual ecumenical celebration held on the first Sunday of October that promotes Christian Unity. The tradition started in 1933 at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, PA. Congregations use the celebration of the Lord's Supper to symbolize that believers are part of one global body of faith, regardless of cultural, linguistic, or denominational divides.

Faith member, Vicki Elwell to created an assortment of handmade global breads that symbolized the worldwide unity of Christians on this annual demonstration of the sacrifice made by God's son for our salvation.

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 **10:30** Worship & Communion **Time & Talent Fair Continues**	**2**	**3** **10:00** Faith Group **10:00** Staff Meeting	**4** **6:00** LLL at the Senior Center	**5** **4:30** Choir Practice **5:00** Special Olympics	**6** **OFFICE CLOSED** **12:00** Founders Room Reserved	**7** **9:00** Men's Breakfast
8 **10:30** Worship & Stewardship Commitment Sunday **11:45** Thanks for Giving Second Sunday	**9** **10:00** Personnel Meeting **10:00** Tai Chi for Men/Women	**10** **10:00** Staff Meeting	**11** **OFFICE CLOSED** ***Veterans Day*** **11:00** Baker Bible Study **6:00** LLL at the Senior Center	**12** **3:00** Book Club **4:30** Choir Practice	**13** **OFFICE CLOSED**	**14** **8:00** Trout Unlimited
15 **10:30** Worship **12:00** Shared Values Conversations	**16** **1:00** Administrative Planning Team Meeting	**17** **10:00** Staff Meeting	**18** **9:30** reKindle **11:00** Baker Bible Study **12:00** Stated Session Meeting	**19** **10:00** Mineral Springs Support Group **4:30** Choir Practice	**20** **OFFICE CLOSED** **9:30** Senior Center **6:00** Jewish Congregation of Blue Ridge	**21**
22 **10:30** Worship	**23** **1:00** Women of Faith	**24** **10:00** Staff Meeting **2:00** Hanging of the Greens Service	**25** **OFFICE CLOSED**	**26** **OFFICE CLOSED**	**27** **OFFICE CLOSED**	**28** **10:00** JCBR Torah Study
29 **First Sunday of Advent** **10:30** Worship	**30**					

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS

Worship & Discipleship Planning Team

Women of Faith

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



The Faith groups are on hiatus until 2027. More information will be in the upcoming newsletters. Facilitators of our Faith Groups are:
Tuesday – Patty Morris, Max White, and Chuck Huckleberry
Thursday – Sylvia Goodyear and Greg Duncan



Baker Bible Study

Please check the calendar for upcoming dates: November 11th & 18th in the Founder's Room. Please contact Frances Young for more information. Rev. Berke Landrum is the facilitator.

All are always Welcome!

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Congregational Care Planning Team

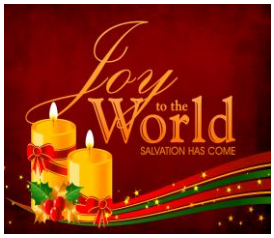


Celebrating Birthdays in November

Clark Chitwood, Drue Daniel, Nancy Goodson, Al Gnann, Susan Haynes, Ralph Henning, Rick Kruse, Craig Learn, Alison McKee, Ken McKenzie, Dorothy McLain, Doug Morris, Dick Schmus, Melinda Tharpe, Bill Young



Stewardship Commitment Sunday is November 8th. We will celebrate with our ***Thanks for Giving Luncheon***. Turkey, ham and dressing will be served. Please bring your favorite Thanksgiving side dish or dessert.



The signup sheet for the **Women's Christmas Luncheon** is in the Narthex. Pick up a menu soon by the sign-up sheet and make your meal selection. The site is **The Tavern at Old Toccoa Farm**. There is a 40-person limit so sign up now!



Men's Breakfast

The next Men's breakfast is scheduled for November 7th at 9 a.m.
Coffee starts at 8:30 a.m.
Contact Bill Young if you are willing to provide a food item for breakfast.



November 15th - VETERANS will be honored during the church family news and announcements. Please remember to submit your photo to the office by the end of church service on November 8th.

Ushers

November 1
Anne Williamson
Lynda & Phil Ray
Candy Frank

November 8
Chuck Huckleberry
Steve Williamson
Renee & Charlie Lunney

November 15
Susie & Bob Wasielewski
Belinda Bennett
Frances Thompson

November 22
Carol & Bill Furtwengler
Cynthia Chitwood
Treva Wheatley

November 29
Chris Martinez
Vicki Elwell
Liz & Roger Charbonneau

Counters

November 1
Charlie Lunney
Lynda Fitch

November 8
Vicki Elwell
Bill Young

November 15
Chris Martinez
Peggy Reich

November 22
Randy Griggs
Phil Ray

November 29
Charlie Lunney
Debbie Peterson



Pastor Appreciation Day

A reception was held after worship service on October 11th to honor Susan on Pastor Appreciation Day.

Thank You, Pastor Susan!



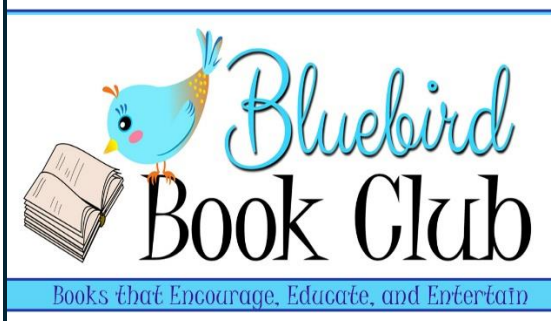
Campfire Sing-Along Huge Success!

The November 7th Campfire Sing-Along was attended by over 50 members and guests. Everyone enjoyed the sing-a-long accompanied by Robert Reed and Max White. Thanks to the hands that prepared the meal and those that helped with the clean up at the end of the event. Weather was perfect and was a great social event.

When is the next one?



The Congregational Care Team would like to thank the CC Committees and the congregation for their help with several events this month. On the 4th and 18th , we celebrated the lives of Faith members John Thompson and Susan Learn. As always you supported us with your help with food, setup, cleanup, and your attendance. On the 7th , you supported our first ever Campfire Sing-Along with your strong presence. Again, you helped with the setup, food, cleanup and your uplifted voices. None of these events happen without you, and we are truly grateful for your willingness to serve.



November 12th - Bluebird Bookworms will meet at BR Adventure Dog Park at 3:00 pm for our November meeting. This month will be slightly different. Bring a book that you have enjoyed reading and be prepared to share it with fellow members. Hopefully, you may hear several that you may want to read.

The December Book Club with meet at Sherry Mikol's house for a Christmas social. Additional info will be forthcoming.

Mission Planning Team

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.
Peter 4:10

Special Olympics

The Faith Congregation has always been supporters of the Special Olympics. Volunteers have always been abundant. This year on November 5th will be no exception. The location is the Fannin County Recreation Center at 9 a.m. until noon. If you are a volunteer, your lunch will be provided and you will receive your tee shirt at sign in.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Patty Morris.



Triple LLL Back in Action Starting in November!

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 and the time the same will be a huge improvement. Thank you for your continued prayers, support, and love. Please contact Roger Charbonneau if you are interested in participating with this ministry. ***Contact:*** ***rogcharb@msn.com***

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 in the Narthex is the collection point.*

Monthly Senior Center Ministry is Resounding Success!



One long term ministry of Faith Presbyterian Church is their monthly activity luncheon at the Blue Ridge Senior Center. The volunteers prepare a scrumptious meal for the seniors, and they always have a creative craft project for the seniors to complete. The greatest reward for the volunteers are the thanks given by the seniors. The activities have been hula dancing, clown performances, and games to name a few. Sounds interesting? Give Kim King, Debbie Peterson, or Renee Lunney a call and volunteer to cook, serve, assist with craft activities, or just listen to the stories told by the seniors.







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New Blue Ridge Habitat Builds

HFH Fannin and Gilmer counties will begin Homes 24 and 25 in Blue Ridge this fall. The infrastructure for the duplex has begun on Wilson Street in the city of Blue Ridge. We hope to have a groundbreaking in early November with the new homeowner. We have one homeowner selected and are still seeking another. The goal will be to start framing in December depending on the weather etc.

If you are interested in volunteering to build the home, please contact Anita Hardy at info@hfhfanningilmer.org. If your would like to provide a lunch for the volunteer workers, please email dspeterson214@gmail.com.



Tour beautifully decorated homes throughout the area and get into the Christmas spirit while supporting the programs and services of Fannin County Family Connection.
The afternoon will also feature raffle items, holiday surprises, and community booths featuring local businesses and organizations.

All proceeds benefit Fannin County Family Connection and its work supporting local families.

Outreach Planning Team





Halloween Safe Zones

Faith Presbyterian Church has hosted sites at Halloween Safe Zones in both Blue Ridge and McCaysville for many years. The number of treat bags has increased steadily over the years. The Outreach Planning Team appreciates those who provided candy, those who prepared the treat bags, and those who volunteered to distribute the treat bags at the Halloween Safe Zones. Over 2000 treat bags were given out!

The Light Up Blue Ridge Gingerbread House Contest

The Outreach Planning Team is excited to announce that Susanne Petersen has volunteered to create the gingerbread house for Faith to enter in the contest at the Blue Ridge Art Center. **Thank you, Susanne!**

Administration Planning Team

Church Garden Fall Alert . . .

Fall leaves are considered trash by most homeowners. Fall leaves are pure gold when bagged and brought to the church garden, spread and cultivated into the soil. Doing this every year greatly enriches our church garden with the nutrients needed.

ATTENTION!

All written articles or information for the newsletter need to be emailed to:
office@faithpresbyterianusa.org

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

Deadline for newsletter submission items:
November 23, 2026



Final Results and Totals from Garden 2026

We had a small pumpkin crop from the garden this Fall. We were happy to get any because we battled powdery mildew without much success. It was our first experience growing pumpkins, but we learned a lot and are anticipating a better crop next year 😊. The vines are dying, but we've harvested about 10 pumpkins that were shared with Kinship Care families. There will be more to harvest and those will be made available to the congregation for anyone interested. They're small and great for decorating or can be used to make pumpkin pies. Our first year of growing watermelons was rewarding, as well as the beautiful pollinator flower garden. We're hoping to plant the flowers outside of the hot wire fence next year for a possible U-Pick to make it easier for our congregation to enjoy. The last of the watermelons were picked on August 29th making our harvest grand total: 81 melons, 896 pounds! We welcome garden helpers (it's hard but fun and rewarding work), so if you're interested in helping with next year's garden, please let Sally Crawford or Terri Charron know.



Jim Cuppia, along with Bill Young & Bud Wheatley, provided welcome structure and organization to our shed.

Prayer Requests

Prayer requests for immediate needs relating to persons connected to members and friends of Faith may be shared by email or in the weekly and monthly newsletters. Prayer requests are only shared with permission.

For prayer requests, contact Rev. Susan Haynes • 678-697-0822 • susan.haynes@faithpresbyterianusa.org

George Piros	George's hip replacement surgery on Nov. 2 went well. George and Susan appreciate our prayers.
Jimmy, brother of Betty Benedict	Jimmy needs stents placed in his heart, but due to the buildup of fluid around the heart, he is currently at home with medications. After the fluid has reduced, the doctor will determine next steps. Betty asks for prayers for Jimmy and his family.
Elizabeth Karnavas, daughter of FPC's Tai Chi Instructor	Update: Elizabeth, who is 30 and has been diagnosed with a pituitary tumor which has caused her blood pressure to be low, was seen at the Mayo Clinic. There is no treatment plan in place currently. Elizabeth's family appreciates our prayers.
Mark McLain	Mark had successful shoulder replacement surgery on TU, 10/27, and is doing well.
Sue Canady	Sue (a new member of Faith), has 5 deteriorating discs in her back and recently had a medial branch block. She is having ongoing stomach issues. Prayers appreciated for Sue and Bill.

Martha Heffner's nephew and wife	They are missionaries in a Middle Eastern country. They are experiencing difficulties and ask for prayers that they are allowed to stay.
Cynthia Salamone	Cynthia fell two weeks ago and has a broken thumb. Trying to get into the orthopedist has been a challenge. Cynthia is still navigating the diagnosis of chronic gastritis. Prayers appreciated.
Bill Cox	Update: Bill is now home from the hospital with a drain and on antibiotics and is making progress.
John Farley, friend of Carl Riggs	John is a fraternity brother from Georgia Southern College and is having heart bypass surgery on Friday, November 6 at Wellstar Kennestone. Prayers for his wife, Doris, as his caregiver.
Pastor Susan	Update: Due to a fall the evening of 10/27, the screws that reattached the Achilles tendon to the heel became unattached, necessitating a second surgery, currently scheduled for Nov. 11. Susan is very thankful for the prayers of her Faith family.
Larry Giles	Update: Larry's surgery to implant a new dialysis port was moved to Oct. 21 and he appears to be healing well. He and Hilda will continue to go back and forth to Marietta for dialysis until the surgery site heals.

ONGOING PRAYER CONCERNS

We lift in prayer those with ongoing health challenges and who appreciate our continuing prayers: Ken McKenzie, Joyce Williams; Annette Lane; Brendan Hewett; 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.