



Faith Presbyterian Church Happenings!

March 19, 2018



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Calendar for the Week of March 19-26, 2018

MONDAY, March 19

Church Office: Peggy Reich and Marlene Nelson

1:00 Women of Faith

5:30 Realm Meeting, Pastor's Office

6:00 FFA Dinner Meeting sponsored by Men of the Church/Hemlock Talk

TUESDAY, March 20

Church Office: Janice Cary

10:00 Personnel Committee Meeting

WEDNESDAY, March 21

Church Office: Janice Cary

Noon Lenten Lunch and Learn – "Finding Our Voice" Using the movie, "The King's Speech"

4:00 Building Finance Subcommittee

5:30 Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, March 22

Church Office: Lynn Hayes

Faith Serves at Food Pantry:

10-12 Bud and Treva Wheatley

1-3 Carole Ulnick

FRIDAY, March 23

Church Office: Treva Wheatley

SATURDAY, March 24

Merry Maids: Bud and Treva Wheatley

SUNDAY, March 25, Palm Sunday

9:00 Discovery Class

9:00 Choir Rehearsal

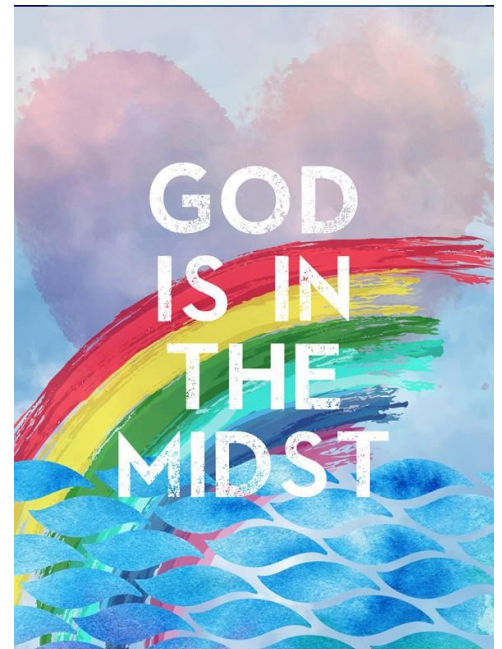
10:30 Worship

Reception of New Members

2:45 Joint Choir Rehearsal for Good Friday Service

MONDAY, March 26

Church Office: Peggy Reich and need receptionist



Worship Attendance March 18th: 88

March Head Usher: John Thompson

Ushers for March 25: Sally Crawford, Garrett Frank, Rick and Randy Borden



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We will also need 5 ushers for Good Friday Service(30th) that will be hosted at Faith. If you are available to usher at this evening service, please let John Thompson know at jkentthompson@yahoo.com

Worship Information at Faith Presbyterian Church



LENT 2018

See this week's Lent Video on the Faith Presbyterian Church Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/FaithPresbyterianBlueRidge/>

This Wednesday March 21, 2018... Noon – 1:15 p.m.

Lenten Lunch and Learn program

Finding Our Voice (5) “Eloquence for evil and stammering for good.”

Using movie clips from “The King’s Speech”.

Have you ordered your lunch? DQ Sandwich and Ice Cream and Anniversary cake. Call or email the church office to add your name to the list of attendees. faithpcbblueidge@gmail.com

This Sunday March 25, 2018... Palm Sunday

GOD IS IN THE MIDST 6. Love Arriving

Revised Common Lectionary Readings for this Sunday of the Year: Liturgy of the Palms
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Mark 11:1-11 John 12:12-16. Liturgy of the Passion Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16 Philippians 2:5-11 Mark 14:1-15:47 Mark 15:1-39, (40-47)

Scripture Readings: Psalm 118:1-2,19-29 and Mark 11:1-11

Sermon Title: “New King, New Kingdom”

9:00 a.m. Discovery Class

Our next **Discovery Class** is scheduled for **Sunday, March 25, 2018**. If you would like to discover more about the life of Faith Presbyterian Church, or are ready to be welcomed as a member, please contact Pastor Jim Simpson Jim.Simpson@tds.net and plan to attend the Discovery Class, a one Sunday introduction and welcome to Faith Presbyterian Church, including a welcome to the congregation during the 10:30 a.m. Service of Worship.



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Holy Week 2018 @ Faith Presbyterian Church

Wednesday, March 28, 2018... Noon – 1:15 p.m. Lenten Lunch and Learn program Finding Our Voice (6) “Having your say.”

Using movie clips from “The King’s Speech”.

Have you ordered your lunch? Cuban Sandwich. Call or email the church office to add your name to the list of attendees. faithpcblueridge@gmail.com

Thursday, March 29, 2018... 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Communion Service

Once again, we are all invited to gather at and sit around the tables, as we recall the night of Jesus’ betrayal and arrest following the Institution of the Lord’s Supper, and the Great Commandment (mandate) “Love one another”.

Friday, March 30, 2018... 7:00 p.m. Ecumenical Service for Good Friday

The congregations of Faith Presbyterian Church, Blue Ridge United Methodist Church, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church and St. Luke’s Episcopal Church invite everyone to a Service of words and music for Good Friday. This year the Service is hosted by Faith Presbyterian Church. A retiring offering will be received in support of the work of The Good Samaritans of Fannin County.

The Sunday after next April 1, 2018... Easter Sunday

LOVE COMES TO LIFE 1. Resurrection

Revised Common Lectionary Readings for this Sunday of the Year: Acts 10:34-43 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 John 20:1-18 Isaiah 25:6-9 Mark 16:1-8

Scripture Readings: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 and Mark 16:1-8

Sermon Title: “Go!”

The Lord’s Supper will be celebrated and shared

From yesterday’s sermon: “New pathways”

“.....The covenant, the new covenant that God, the God who is in the midst, has and continues to make with all people is a covenant that frees all to hear, see, taste, touch, and experience most fully and most closely the love and goodness of God. God’s covenant secures a changed future, a new sense of being. God’s covenant brings about a whole new reality into which all of us are invited to step. Brought close to God, the God of love and grace, **changes us, must change us, changing us towards the image and likeness of God, changing us towards love, peace, justice, mercy, away from vindictiveness, away from anger, away from pride and greed, ever towards God.**



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As we have progressed through this Lenten season we have already responded to some of the many stories in the Old Testament about covenant, from Noah and the rainbow, through Abraham and Sarah and their many descendants (including us), to Moses and the people at the foot of Mt. Sinai. In this week's reading from Jeremiah, we hear God promise through the prophet, a covenant not of stone and not external, a covenant written deep inside, on the very hearts of the people.

In the context of the ministry of Jeremiah this Covenant speaks of rescue and release... restoration and return... to captives. We must remember that this promise from God to the people of Israel comes while they are in captivity, still in exile, still stuck in Babylon, far from home, steeped in their overwhelming sense of loss and grief that had broken their hearts and their spirits. Their nation has been overrun, their capital city has been destroyed and their conqueror Babylon has carried away their leaders to the far-off capital of its powerful empire.

All of this defeat, despair, exile had been predicted by a younger Jeremiah who had scolded his own people asking them, begging them, to be faithful to God. Now, this self-same prophet, Jeremiah speaks a different word from God to the people. To a defeated people the prophet shares good news, to a troubled people the prophet proclaims comfort and hope. This is the message that Jeremiah the prophet speaks but of course it is not his message but God's message... it is God who has compassion for the people; it is God's heart that has been touched by their suffering, and God has resolved to forgive them and start all over again. **All over again, God will start all over again!**

Once again, in this time of brokenness and exile and seeming hopelessness God, as in all the covenant stories previously, promises to be in relationship with the people -- like the promises God made to Noah and to Abraham and Sarah, and to Moses and the people at Sinai, God now promises to be with and abide with the people. **God says, I will be your God, and you...you will be my people....."**



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One Great Hour of Sharing at Faith on Easter Sunday

One Great Hour of Sharing makes a difference in the world.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) works alongside communities as they recover and find hope after the devastation of natural or human-caused disasters, and support for refugees. It receives 32% of the funds raised.

Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP) acts to alleviate hunger, care for creation, and the systemic causes of poverty so all may be fed. It received 36% of the funds raise.

Self-Development of People (SDOP) invest in communities responding to their experiences of oppression, poverty and injustice and educates Presbyterians about the impact of these issues. It receives 32% of the funds raised.

National aid: 25 states received help following natural and human-caused disasters, including flooding in North and South Carolina, Texas, Missouri, Kansas, Indiana, Michigan and New York; wildfires in California, Tennessee, Texas and Kansas, ongoing response to hurricanes and various public violence incidents.

International aid: In the first half of 2017, 11 countries received aid and support after catastrophic events, including the violence and famine in South Sudan, flooding in Peru and Colombia, cholera prevention and food security in Haiti, drought in Malawi and Kenya, and ongoing assistance for refugees and internally displaced person related to Syria.

Seder Meal: The Jewish Congregation of Blue Ridge has invited Faith Presbyterian Church to a Passover Seder which includes dinner. **There is currently a waiting list for this service.**

Date: Thursday, April 5, starting promptly at 6pm Location: Craddock Center, [947 Cherry Log Street, Cherry Log](#) Donation: \$5 per person (Limited seating based on a first reply basis)

“We will celebrate the ritual of reading the Passover story (Haggadah), enjoy a buffet dinner complete with homemade Passover dishes and then complete our reading.”



Building Campaign information regarding our new church building plan is available online at: [Faith Presbyterian Church Capital Campaign Information here](#) This same link will also take you to the promo or trailer for our new video series Faith Presbyterian Church: The Early History....



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New Building Update



Exciting news! More updates and pictures to follow.

Here is the first step in supplying water to the Faith property on Bluebird Road. Last Thursday the county contractor installed a large water tap into the McCaysville water line. The next step is to bore under the driveway for the Valero station on the corner of Hwy. 60 and Hwy. 515.

The New Building Committee has released the new church project at Blue Bird Road to our Contractor, RCCI, to develop the drawings for pricing and construction. This phase can take a few months as there is much to be engineered and designed at this time. It's an exciting milestone to reach and we are eager to review these drawings and soon thereafter entertain pricing for the project. Please continue to pray for God's direction, guidance and wisdom as our Committee and Contractor work through the details.

American Red Cross Disaster Shelter is Coming to Morganton Baptist Church

April 3rd 10 AM to 12 PM



- Experience how a Disaster Shelter helps those in need.
- Volunteer to be a "Resident"—a person needing help.
- Check into the gymnasium building beginning at 10 AM.
- Some Residents will be given a role to play.
- To get the total experience of this Disaster Drill, meet at the Fannin Middle School parking lot at 10 AM and get a school bus ride to the disaster shelter at Morganton Baptist Church, and yes, you will get a ride back to the Middle School.
- Shelter Overview Presentation will be in the sanctuary on March 21 from 5-7 PM.

The New Building Committee (NBC) and the Capital Campaign Committee (CCC) continue their work. Members of the committees are:



Reverend Simpson serves, ex-officio, both committees.

New Building Committee (NBC)	Capital Campaign Committee (CCC)
Bruce Burn	Janeese Glascock
Candy Frank	Bill Green
Tim Huffstetler	Tom Barrentine
Diane McMillan	Grace Thomas
Jim Reich	Rick Borden
Carl Riggs	Carl Riggs
Barbara Schmus	
Bill Young	



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Faith Presbyterian Church and the Men of Faith will host a dinner meeting of the Young Farmers of Fannin County Association today, Monday, March 19th at 6pm.

Jim and Peggy Reich will be guest speakers, representing Georgia Save the Hemlocks.

We will need a few volunteers to set up sanctuary as well as to cook and serve dinner and drinks. Following the meeting cleanup and reset the sanctuary. All are welcome and please contact Carl Riggs to attend or volunteer. 7turns@tds.net or [678-371-7191](tel:678-371-7191)

Easter Lunch Sunday, April 1st



Worship with us, then come and celebrate Easter at lunch with your Faith family.

We have the downstairs of Harvest on Main reserved for after church Easter Sunday. They can seat 40 of us, so sign up early. The signup sheet is on the Congregational Care board in our Gathering Room. We hope to see you all there.

Faith Church Garden 2018 – Garden coordinator Terri Charron is gathering names of returning and new volunteers. If you like to “play in the dirt” and help feed needy members of our community, let Terri know to include you in the Team. sweetwatergsp@gmail.com

Who Wants to Go to Scotland?

Several people at Faith are interested in a 2019 visit to our Pastor’s homeland,

led by Jim Simpson. If enough interest is expressed, the Congregational Care Planning Team is ready to move forward with the planning. Estimated trip departure will likely be sometime in 2019 or 2020 to be sure we do not miss our move into the new church building. If you think this trip might be for you, text Connie Griggs at 334-790-0876 or email her at griggs.connie@gmail.com. (An expression of interest does not obligate you in anyway.)





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Saturday, May 19, 2018

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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\$25 per person + \$5 for optional keychain mask

A signup sheet is on the Congregational Care
bulletin board in Gathering Room

Robert Graham, Fannin Co. EMS Director, will conduct CPR and AED (Automated External Defibrillator) training at Faith on Saturday. Learn to respond to cardiac, breathing, and first aid emergencies AND how to use our AED. Class size is limited to 16 students; we will schedule another class if there is enough interest.



Red Cross Blood Drive

Thanks to all who gave or tried to give blood and to those who helped make the drive happen.

Jim Reich, **Blood Type A+**

From North Georgia Mountain Crisis Network: “Thank you for your recent generous donation. Please know that our agency wouldn’t be able to function without donations like yours. Sincerely, the Residents and Staff of the Crisis Network”

Online Church Directory

The most up to date version of the Directory is found online. Access the Directory at any time online – <http://www.faithpresbyterianusa.org/> Click Publications. Click DIRECTORY TAB on home page – Put in password: **Faith**

Other Family Connection Opportunity--Food Bank volunteers: Calling all community-minded folks! For everyone interested in volunteering, there is a food handling class which new volunteers will be given at a later date. You may work before you receive the training. Registration is now online at signupgenius.com but I have been using the church signup sheets and registering Faith Presbyterian. If you need to get in touch, my contact information is **Hilda Giles** hjthebb@gmail.com 770-605-0040. The food bank is located just off Ada Road on Fannin Industrial (about 5 minutes from church).

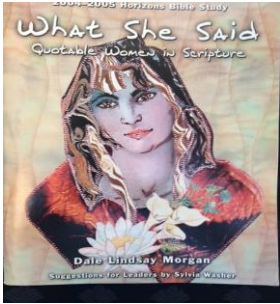


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Making Music @ Faith: we are currently rehearsing inspirational Easter music. Join us!

Anyone interested in joining the choir should email Kathy Cardwell at kathycmac@gmail.com or call her at 828-361-0007, or just show up. Need a piano teacher or voice teacher? Kathy Cardwell, our Music Director, is also able to offer **private** piano and voice lessons on Wednesday afternoons at the Church. Contact Kathy to discuss further.



Women of Faith

2017-2018 Bible Study

What She Said: Quotable Women in Scripture

When: Fourth Monday of each month through May (excluding December).

Time: 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

March meeting will be today, *March 19th*.

March Children's Church Schedule –

Please check your calendar and consider volunteering for just one day in the month ahead. It's easy and fun!! Contact Frances Young:

femyoung26@aol.com or call 407-325-3334. http://newhope-baptist.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/child_9548c.jpg

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March 25. Doris Riggs and Treva Wheatley

	<p><u>Faith Forward</u> Some highlights and ways to be involved.</p>
<p>March 19</p>	<p>6 PM FFA Meeting and Supper with Hemlock Talk</p>
<p>March 25</p>	<p>Palm Sunday Reception of New Members</p>
<p>March 29</p>	<p>Maundy Thursday Service 7 PM</p>
<p>March 30</p>	<p>Ecumenical Good Friday Service—7 PM at Faith</p>
<p>April 1</p>	<p>Easter Sunday</p>
<p>April 1 @ 12 Noon</p>	<p>Easter lunch at Harvest on Main (advance sign up requested)</p>
<p>May 19</p>	<p>10:30-12:30 CPR Training-- register for this class in gathering room</p>

****Church Newsletter:** Email articles and photos for the newsletter to faithpcblueridge@gmail.com by 10 AM on Monday for publishing in that day's Faith Happenings.



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Prayer Requests: During office hours (M-F, 9-1), please call the church office or at other times, please email or call Candy Frank at cmwfrank@aol.com (706) 632-5920. Prayer requests for immediate needs relating to persons directly connected to members and friends of Faith are circulated via email and others are included and published weekly in the Prayer List circulated via the Newsletter.

Name	Requestor	Reason	From
Karen Bell	Nancy Goodson	Please pray for Nancy Goodson's friend, Karen Bell. She has just been diagnosed with acute leukemia. She will be hospitalized in isolation for a lengthy period for treatment. Our prayers go out for strength and healing.	19-Mar-18
Doug Morris		Please pray for Doug Morris. He is having a severe diverticulitis flare up and underwent a CT scan which, thankfully, showed no further complications. Our prayers for pain relief and healing are appreciated.	10-Mar-18
Joe Silva		Please continue prayers for Joe Silva, as well as for Helga, John, Linda and all their family. Joe is at home recovering from a minor stroke. He has a heart monitor to wear and follow up on several fronts, so we pray for his strength and recovery and the patience for him to rest.	4-Mar-18
Family of Bob Kincaid (Sylvia Goodyear's brother-in-law)		Sylvia's brother-in-law, Bob Kincaid, passed away February 27. Our prayers for his wife (Phyllis) and 2 daughters, and Sylvia and Bob Goodyear are appreciated.	28-Feb-18
Fred Bettress (Judy Evans' brother-in-law)		Prayers for Judy's brother-in-law, Fred Bettress, still of working age, just diagnosed with a rare form of liver cancer. He will have further testing to determine treatment. Judy's sister passed away 4 years ago and Judy remains close to Fred.	24-Feb-18
Tim Huffstetler		Praise Update: Tim's surgery related to his carotid arteries March 1 went well and he is recovering at home. Please continue your prayers for Tim and Angela.	4-Mar-18
George Gagliardi (Patty Morris' brother-in-law)	Patty Morris	Please continue to pray for George Gagliardi as he faces a PET scan for a suspicious mass in his liver. PET scan is March 23. Prayers are greatly appreciated for both George and Patty's sister (Sandy).	10-Mar-18
Nance Huish		Please continue to pray for Nance Huish. She has serious health issues related to her neck and back and some osteoporosis. GOOD NEWS is that she will not have to have surgery. Our prayers continue to be appreciated.	15-Feb-18
Peggy Zinsli		Please pray for Peggy who has been having severe pain in her legs and back, and she has injured her hip. Prayers for pain relief and healing are appreciated.	7-Feb-17
Micky Jones		Please pray for Micky after her recent test results.	7-Feb-18
Maggie March		Please continue prayers for healing and strength.	7-Feb-18
Michael Gnann (son of Al and Diana Gnann)		Please pray for Michael Gnann, son of Al and Diana Gnann. Michael recently underwent surgery to amputate one of his feet due to complications from diabetes. Prayers for healing are appreciated.	5-Feb-18



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Lynn Gillies (Jim Simpson's cousin)	Jim Simpson	Lynn is very close to my sister, Christine and I, and was for many years a caregiver and support for our late father. Lynn has been diagnosed with lung cancer and tumors on her spine. Lynn has had a hip replacement and her lung is to be biopsied. Prayers also for her husband, John, and their sons Colin and Brian.	19-Mar-18
"Today's Challenge, Tomorrow's Legacy" Faith's Capital Building Campaign		Let us pray for the response to our Capital Campaign as we plan for our future building: Our Loving God, by your love and grace, may we run, and not be weary. May we rise up on the wings of eagles. May we know that You, our everlasting God, are always with us! Amen.	

Faith Presbyterian Church

Mission Statement:

By God's love and grace, we are Called, Committed and Led.

Vision Statement:

Called by God to be Faith Presbyterian Church of the North Georgia Mountains, we welcome all to join together to worship God.

Committed to following Jesus' example, we joyfully share God's love, grace and gifts with all in our church family and community.

Led by the Holy Spirit, we invite all to grow spiritually in this community of Faith.

Priorities for Faith Presbyterian Church for 2018:

- Increase membership and participation through connecting with and serving those who reside in our community
- Be a viable, spiritual place of worship by the sharing of our time, talent and treasure.
- Equip and encourage all to follow in Jesus' footsteps and to show God's love, grace and care.
- Develop effective church leaders
- Develop effective communication to include appropriate use of technology
- Secure congregation-approved financing and start construction of our new church facility
- Prepare for the transition to our new church facility