

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.

Church Priorities for 2019 (as adopted by the Session at the Session Retreat, November 2018):

- Increase membership and participation through connecting with and serving those who reside in our community
- Continue as a spiritual community worshipping God 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
- Construct our new church facility.
- Prepare for the transition to our new church facility.
- Recognize the challenge of the expense of the new building, while maintaining and developing our ongoing life and witness.

“At Faith, ALL are ALWAYS WELCOME”

Want to know more about the life and witness of Faith Presbyterian Church?

Want to hear about upcoming events, programs and service opportunities?

Want to get involved in the future life and growth of this church?

Please provide us your email address to receive our weekly e-newsletter.

Church Newsletter: To submit an item for the newsletter, email exactly what you want to include to faithpcblueridge@gmail.com We love receiving photographs of church-related events. The deadline for the newsletter is **10 AM on Mondays** or leave written submissions and on the secretary's desk in the church office. To receive the newsletter send your email address to: faithpcblueridge@gmail.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Faith Presbyterian Church in action, January 13 -20, 2019

Today	9:30	Choir Rehearsal
	10:30	Worship Service – Installation of Elders
	11:45	Second Sunday Lunch
Monday	1:00	Congregational Care Planning Team
	2:30	Shepherds' Meeting
Wednesday	11:30	Faith @ the Movies – The Curious Case of Benjamin Button
	5:30	Choir rehearsal
Thursday	10-12 and 1-3	Faith Serves at Food Pantry
	2:00	Faith Group
	5:45	Study Group
Friday	5:30	Jewish Community Service
Saturday	9:00	Men's Breakfast – Pete's Place
Sunday	9:30	Choir Rehearsal
	10:30	Worship Service
	11:45	Mission and Outreach Planning Team
	3:00	Chartering of Ebenezer Ghanaian Church

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT PLANNING TEAM

Patty Morris pattymorris1029@gmail.com

Frances Young femyoung26@aol.com

Head Usher and Ushers. Please check the sign-up clipboards in the narthex or contact Frances Young or Patty Morris. Head Usher for January is **Bill Young. Please be ready to accept an invitation to assist as an usher Sunday by Sunday.**

Children's Church Schedule Come join the fun!!! Please check your calendar and consider volunteering for just one day, please contact Frances Young femyoung26@aol.com or call 407-325-3334.
January 13 Debbie Peterson, Ann Rand
January 20 Jeannine Lazenby, Diana Gnann
January 27 Doris Riggs, Treva Wheatley

Women of Faith – The 2018/2019 study, Twelve Women of the Bible, will continue each month on the 4th Monday, January through May 20, in 2019. Next meeting is January 28. Books for the study are available for \$5 from the church office, Frances Young, or Patty Morris.

January 2019 Learning Opportunities

Faith at the Movies Wednesdays at 11:30, starting January 16. Popcorn and drinks provided. Bring your own lunch if you like.
 January 16 – The Curious Case of Benjamin Button
 February 13 – Family Man
 January 30 – Groundhog Day
 February 27 – The Theory of Everything – Lenten movie

Thursday Faith Group, 2 pm resumed January 3. Study: Unshakable Hope. This is a six-week study with each session independent of the others. Leader, Sylvia Goodyear.

Thursday Evening Study Group resumes January 17. Study to be determined. Leader, Janice Simpson.

Day by Day Faithfully Forward	
January 21	MLK Holiday
January 16 & 30	11:30 - Faith at the Movies
January 25	Burns Night Supper for all the congregation

Making Music @ Faith: Want to join the choir? Contact Kathy Cardwell kathymac@gmail.com or call at 828-361-0007. Also, contact Kathy if you are interested in private piano or voice lessons on Wednesdays at the church. **Christmas Cantata is on YouTube.** Search for Faith Presbyterian Glory of Christmas will get you to it.

MISSION & OUTREACH PLANNING TEAM

Sylvia Goodyear (smgoodyear@tds.net) Candy Frank (cmwfrank@aol.com)

Food Pantry: The January, and February signup sheets are on the mission board. Please consider giving two hours a month to help feed the hungry. A training session for food handlers is required but you may volunteer before taking the training. Contact **Hilda Giles** hjthebb@gmail.com or 770-605-0040.

Souper Bowl of Caring: On Super Bowl Sunday, February 3, 2019, we will collect for the Food Pantry. In the past we have focused on canned goods but have learned that \$1 given to Family Connection has the buying power of \$8. Please consider giving either canned goods or a cash donation for Souper Bowl of Caring. Checks should be made out to Fannin Family Connection.

ADMINISTRATION PLANNING TEAM



Jim Reich (jimreich72@gmail.com)
 Bruce Burn (bburn4757@gmail.com)

New Building Committee... Exciting news. The loan has closed (12/21) and the *construction has begun (1/9/19).*

The video of the Groundbreaking Ceremony is now available either from the church’s Facebook page or online at: <https://youtube/xjsRwulq-8o>. If you open up YouTube and then search for: Faith Presbyterian Church Blue Ridge GA, you will get to the video quite easily. Thank you, Jim and Sally Crawford, for producing this meaningful record of a great occasion.

Online Church Directory The new system is now in use and we are continually correcting typos and errors in our data. If you see any edits, please let us know. The latest Directory is available on the church website at <https://faithpresbyterianusa.org/church-directory> Password is: Faith If you have any experience using the database, Microsoft Access, Bob Goodyear would love to hear from you, rrgoodyear@mindspring.com

CONGREGATIONAL CARE PLANNING TEAM

Ann Rand (nedrandr@yahoo.com) Doris Riggs (dorisriggs@tds.net)

Burns Supper: On January 25, Congregational Care is hosting a Burns Supper from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. This is a traditional Scottish celebration of the birthday of Scotland’s National Poet, Robert Burns. In addition to the Burns meal, there will be music, singing, reading of a poem or two, and even a little easy dancing. We need volunteers who are interested in reading a Burns poem or singing a Burns song. We also need folks to help with a little dancing. Help plan and participate by contacting Lynn Hayes (404-702-0643), lynnhayes18@gmail.com or Doris Riggs dorisriggs@tds.net. Sign up now for a fun-filled evening.