

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE PLANNING TEAM

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**2019 Shepherd Program.** The goal of our Faith Shepherd Program is to connect people to God in worship, fellowship, and service and to connect people to each other in the life of the congregation. We share in joys and sorrows, offer help, assistance, and comfort in the good days and in the difficult days. In 2019 some of us will be getting a new shepherd as we have made some geographical realignments to accommodate our growing church family. What a wonderful thing! We welcome Pat Barrentine, Diana Gnann, Diane MacMillan, and Sharon Brewer as new shepherds and are so grateful that Sally Crawford, Hilda Giles, Beth Huckleberry, Chris Martinez, Lou Ann Potito, Treva Wheatley and Ann Rand (Shepherd to the Shepherds) will continue as shepherds this year. We are reaching out to friends and regular visitors also to include them as they wish. Please look forward to your shepherd contacting you in the coming days.

### “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.*

### 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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Faith Presbyterian Church in action, February 10-17, 2019

<b>Today</b>	9:30	Choir Rehearsal
	10:30	Worship Service -Shepherd Commissioning Second Sunday Lunch
<b>Monday</b>	1:00	Administration Planning Team
<b>Tuesday</b>	12:00	Shepherd Meeting (bring your own lunch)
<b>Wednesday</b>	11:30	Faith at the Movies- “Family Man”
	3:00	Nomination Committee
	3:30	Piano Lessons
	4:30	A/V sub-committee
	5:30	Choir Rehearsal
<b>Thursday</b>	10-12 and 1-3	Faith Serves at Food Pantry
	2:00	Faith Group
	5:45	Study Group
<b>Friday</b>	5:30	Jewish Community Service
<b>Saturday</b>	9:00	Men’s Breakfast (P.P.) Fire and Ice Festival
<b>Sunday</b>	9:30	Choir Rehearsal
	10:30	Worship Service
	11:45	Liturgist Training – all Liturgists invited. If you would like to find out more about serving as a Liturgist, please plan to attend also!

**Next Sunday, February 17 - The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
A LIGHT TO ENLIGHTEN THE NATIONS 7. On the Plain (1)**  
Scripture Readings: Jeremiah 17:5-10 and Luke 6:17-26  
Sermon Title: “Blessed emptiness”

### SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT PLANNING TEAM

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### Fire and Ice/Chili Cook Off is this Saturday, February 16th.

Faith will have a booth again this year. You will be frying our famous 'Chili Dipper Tortillas'. Experienced folks will be there to get you going. You share these chips FREE to the public with any donations going to our wonderful Faith Garden. We need your help...please sign up in the gathering room! Short shifts, long on fun!

**Head Usher and Ushers. Please check the sign-up clipboards in the narthex or contact Frances Young or Patty Morris. Head Usher for February is Brenda Scruggs.** 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 Patty Morris [pattymorris1029@gmail.com](mailto:pattymorris1029@gmail.com)  
Feb. 10 -Debbie Peterson and Diana Gnann, Feb. 17 -Patty Morris and Jeanine Lazenby  
Feb.24 – Doris Riggs and Treva Wheatley

**Women of Faith** – The 2018/2019 study, Twelve Women of the Bible, will continue each month, normally on the 4th Monday, January through May 20, in 2019. The February meeting is the exception: **it is March 4th.** Books for the study are available for \$5 from the Frances Young or Patty Morris.

**2019 Learning Opportunities**

**Faith at the Movies** - Wednesdays at 11:30

Popcorn and drinks provided. Bring your own lunch if you like.

February 13 – Family Man

February 27 – The Theory of Everything – Lenten movie

**Thursday Faith Group, 2 pm resumed January 3.** Study: Unshakable Hope. Final session February 14<sup>th</sup>. Leader, Sylvia Goodyear.

**Thursday Evening Study Group** resumed January 17. Study “Rehearsing Scripture”.  
Leader, Janice Simpson.

**Day by Day Faithfully Forward**

February 22	1:00 – Craft Day - Tartan Angel Workshop
February 23	6:00 Bringin’ the Blues to Blue Ridge benefit Snack in a Backpack
February 27	11:30 – Faith at the Movies – our 2019 Lent Movie “The Theory of Everything”

**Making Music @ Faith:** Want to join the choir? Contact Kathy Cardwell [kathymac@gmail.com](mailto:kathymac@gmail.com) or call at 828-361-0007. Kathy also offers 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. DVD also available (\$3).

**MISSION & OUTREACH PLANNING TEAM**

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**Bringin’ the Blues to Blue Ridge**, the annual fundraiser for Snack in a Backpack, is on February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at Merciers. This is always a fun evening. For tickets or more information go to [backpackfannin@gmail.com](mailto:backpackfannin@gmail.com).

**Food Pantry:** Thank you to all who contributed to the food bank through our “Souper Bowl Sunday” collection! The February, March, and April 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](mailto:hjthebb@gmail.com) or 770-605-0040.

**Ready for membership in the congregation?** Our next **Discovery Class** is scheduled for **Sunday, February 24, 2019.** 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](mailto: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.

**ADMINISTRATION PLANNING TEAM**

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The new building committee asks for your continuing prayers for wisdom and guidance. Progress is being made on the Blue Bird property as earth moving continues. Weather permitting, underground drainage installation will be the next major step with all runoff directed to a pond location at the far end of the property.

Construction sites can be a dangerous place for spectators. A safe distance is well defined by the erosion control fencing surrounding the site. We will be supplying pictures frequently of the progress, but if you visit the site, please stay behind the black erosion control fencing to be safe. Thanks for helping us keep everyone safe. The construction began (1/9/19).

**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, [rgoodyear@mindspring.com](mailto:rgoodyear@mindspring.com)

**Church Newsletter:** To submit an item for the newsletter, email exactly what you want to include to [faithpcbblueidge@gmail.com](mailto:faithpcbblueidge@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: [faithpcbblueidge@gmail.com](mailto:faithpcbblueidge@gmail.com)