

CONGREGATIONAL CARE PLANNING TEAM

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Blue Ridge Assisted Living would like to know if anyone in our congregation would like to volunteer in the Memory Care Unit to handle Bingo or other activities. Please call Elaine Whitley at 407-712-4847 to help.

Easter Sunday Lunch at Harvest on Main. We have the downstairs at Harvest on Main. We are limited to 36 people. Sign up in the gathering room today.

Day by Day Faithfully Forward	
Thursday, April 18	Maundy Thursday Service, FPC – 7:00 p.m.
Friday, April 19	Ecumenical Good Friday Service, BRUMC – 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 21 (Easter)	Make sure to invite friends and neighbors.
Saturday, April 27	Bowls of Hope (Feed Fannin) and Troutfest (Trout Unlimited) Two opportunities for service on the same day

“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, April 14-21, 2019

Today 9:30 Choir Rehearsal
 10:30 Worship Service – The Lord’s Supper
 Second Sunday Lunch

Tuesday 9:30 Session Meeting
 1:00 Clean Up Day at 56 Mountain St.

Wednesday 12:00 Lenten Lunch and Learn
 3:30 Piano Lessons
 5:30 Choir Rehearsal

Thursday 10-12 and 1-3 Faith Serves at Food Pantry
 7:00 Maundy Thursday Communion Service

Friday 7:00 Ecumenical Good Friday Service at BRUMC

Saturday 9:00 Men’s Breakfast – Pete’s Place

Sunday **EASTER SUNDAY**
 9:30 Choir Rehearsal
 10:30 Worship Service
 Noon Easter Lunch at Harvest on Main

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT PLANNING TEAM

Patty Morris (pattymorris1029@gmail.com) Janice Glascock (jcglascock@gmail.com)



Lent 2019 continues this week. “Cultivating & Letting Go” is our theme...
Weekly Lunch and Learns based on the movie, “The Theory of Everything” conclude this coming Wednesday, April 17. (Sign Up NOW for lunch)
Holy Week Services.
 Thursday, April 18 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Communion Service at Faith “The Eleven other disciples”
 Friday, April 19 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Ecumenical Service, Blue Ridge United Methodist Church Please extend the Faith invitation to all “Beyond the wood and stone.”

Head Usher and Ushers. Please check the sign-up clipboards in the narthex or contact Frances Young or Patty Morris. Head Usher for April is Craig Learn. 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 Today is the fifth Sunday, no children's church today!

Women of Faith – The 2018/2019 study, Twelve Women of the Bible, will continue each month, on the 4th Monday of the month until May 20, 2019. Next meeting: April 22.

Making Music @ Faith: Want to join the choir? Contact Kathy Cardwell kathymac@gmail.com or call at 828-361-0007. Kathy also offers private piano or voice lessons on Wednesdays at the church.

MISSION & OUTREACH PLANNING TEAM

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

Food Pantry: The April and May signup sheets are on the mission board. Please consider giving two hours a month to help feed the hungry. Contact **Hilda Giles** hjthebb@gmail.com or 770-605-0040.

One Great Hour of Sharing – This annual offering will be taken on Easter Sunday. It supports Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA), Hunter Program (PHP), and Self Development of People (SDOP) funds. See the insert in today's bulletin.

Ready for membership in the congregation? Our next Discovery Class is scheduled for **Sunday, May 19, 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 and plan to attend one Sunday introduction and welcome to Faith Presbyterian Church, including a welcome to the congregation during the 10:30 a.m. Service of Worship. We already have two people registered for this class so come join them!

Bowls of Hope Volunteers needed for this Feed Fannin's major fundraiser of the year, Saturday, April 27. Contact Chris Martinez ccjmii@etcmail.com

Troutfest Volunteers are needed April 27th to help children with an easy activity and share information about Rivers Alive. See the signup sheet in the gathering room.

ADMINISTRATION PLANNING TEAM

Bruce Burn (bburn4757@gmail.com) Rick Borden (rgborden450@yahoo.com)

Recent activity at our construction site for the new church—pipes are going in the ground and our construction company hopes to pour the concrete foundation in the next two weeks!

New in the gathering room are decorator boards from our hardworking interior design committee.

The New Building Committee has several sub-committees that are looking to recruit and involve members and friends of the congregation who have skills, interest or experience in certain aspects of the new building.

These sub-committees are:

Landscaping	Audio/Visual/Lighting/ Hearing Assist (AVL)
Security	Church Signage
Cabinetry	Office Furnishing/Storage

If you would like to get plugged into to some of this work, contact any member of the NBC or email faithpcbueridge@gmail.com Thank you!

Church and Yard clean-up day Tuesday April 16th at 1 PM, here at the church. We will wash windows/doors, clip bushes, dig up weeds, blow off and wash the sidewalks, spray weed killer, weed wack, etc. Bring buckets, squeegees, rags, weed-wacker, blower, high pressure washer, leaf rakes, long handle loppers, bush clippers, gloves etc. Coordinate equipment with Carl Riggs so we don't have too much equipment or too little. Let's get this place prettied up for Easter!

From Pastor Jim Simpson: In case you hear about this and wondered what people were talking about... my sermon on March 3, I suggested that we all set a daily alarm at 10:30 a.m. on our cell phones, smart phones, I-Pads, or computers. This alarm will be a daily reminder for us to pray for the new building as it progresses and when other people hear our alarm go off and ask what it is for, we can tell them about our church and invite them to come share in its life!

Church Facebook page and Social media outreach. Over the past several months churches in our Presbytery have had support for their social media presence via a consultant and thanks to a grant from the Synod of the South Atlantic. The result of this project for Faith has been a strengthening of our online presence. We would like to identify and recruit 2-3 people to form a Facebook/Social media team. If you use Facebook you can do this and most of this work of course can be done from home - please contact Pastor Jim Jim.Simpson@tds.net

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

Church Newsletter: To request your own copy and to submit an item for the newsletter, email faithpcbueridge@gmail.com We love receiving photographs of church events. Deadline **10 AM on Mondays** or leave written submissions on the desk in the church office.