

CONGREGATIONAL CARE PLANNING TEAM

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A **Hearing Assistance System** is available during the Worship Service.

Download the free **Audiofetch** app from The App Store for Iphone or Google Play for Android phones. Go to Settings/Wi-Fi on your phone and connect to **Audiofetch**. That's it! You will be able to adjust the volume from the app. Also, we are trying to gather loaner devices for those who don't own a smart phone. We can use any device that has both Wi-Fi and Bluetooth. It can be an older phone, an ipod, ipad, etc. If you would like to donate, please see Harold Wills or leave in the church office with a power cord if possible.

Recycling and Care for Creation To be good stewards of our resources, we will no longer have plastic bottles of water at the church. We will continue to have water available from the refrigerator and kitchen faucet. And you are welcome to bring your reusable water bottles with you whenever you wish. Looking further ahead, when our current supply of Styrofoam "to go" boxes are gone, we are researching compostable containers.

Church Newsletter: To request your own copy and/or to submit an item for the newsletter, email newsletter@faithpresbyterianusa.org For other more general communications for the church office use the email address: office@faithpresbyterianusa.org We welcome articles and photos that directly relate to church activities and to events and people involving the charities that we actively support.

Beyond the Wood and Stone	Upcoming ways to be involved
Weekly on Wednesdays 2:30 p.m. Bingo at Blue Ridge Assisted Living	Please volunteer – Signup sheet will be in the gathering room
Wednesdays in December 11 and 18	Noon: Advent Lunch and Learns – “What Can’t Wait”
Christmas carolers needed for Friday, December 13 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. at INOLA , located on Hwy 5 before Merciers Orchard.	If you are not a choir member come sing carols. Meet at 6:45 at Blue Ridge Adventure Gear 661 East Main Street to carpool Call or text me your interest Debbie Peterson at 770-656-0237.
Sunday, December 15	10:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. The Faith Choir will present the 2019 Christmas Cantata “And there was Light”. All welcome, as always. Invite neighbors and friends.
Tuesday, December 24	5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service Prelude of Christmas music from 4:30 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Faith Presbyterian Church in action, December 8-15, 2019

Today	9:30	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30	Coffee Time – time to connect and talk (until 10:10)
	10:30	Worship Service - Second Sunday Lunch Italian Theme
Monday	3:00	Administration Planning Team
Wednesday	12:00	Advent Lunch and Learn
	3:00	Piano Lessons
	5:30	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	10-12 and 1-3	Faith Serves at Food Pantry
Saturday	9:00	Instrumentalists
	9:30	Singers - Cantata Dress Rehearsal
Sunday	9:30	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30	Coffee Time – time to connect and talk (until 10:10)
	10:30	Worship Service – Cantata
	5:00	Cantata – reprise performance – bring friends and neighbors



SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT PLANNING TEAM

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

Head Usher and Ushers. Please check the sign-up clipboards in the narthex or contact Janice Glascock or Patty Morris. Head Usher for December is Carl Riggs. Please be ready to accept an invitation to assist as an usher Sunday by Sunday.

NEXT SUNDAY IS CANTATA SUNDAY – support all the great work of our choir by planning to attend and bring your friends and neighbors. 10:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS 2019...What Can't Wait!

Ways to help and be involved....

- Pick up your copy of the 2019 Advent Devotional booklet now available, and take an extra one to share with a friend
- Take and share the Advent/Christmas Poster – see list of potential places for the poster and share the news of all that is happening at Faith
- Add your name to growing signup list for the Advent Lunch and Learns on the first three Wednesdays in December (4, 11 and 18) Noon – 1:30 p.m.
- Sign up to bring soup, bread or dessert for one of the Lunch and Learns



- Pass on and share Faith's invitation to all the Advent events. What Can't Wait – God can't wait, and we can't wait!

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's volunteers are: Patty Morris & Eric Morris



Kathy, our Musical Director is able to offer private piano/voice lessons from 3-5pm Wednesdays at the church.

Fall 2019 Learning Opportunities- open to all

Our newest Faith Group began on October 16th, Wednesdays at 10 a.m. - "ONE ANOTHERING" Elaine Whitley-facilitator. How we relate to each other as the body of Christ/discussion group. There is still time to join in. This is a great way for new members to experience a faith group. grew68@gmail.com **Resumes on January 8, 2020**

Women of Faith on the 4th Monday monthly at 1:00 p.m. Frances Young(facilitator) "For Such a Time as This-Study of the book of Esther". August through May, except December **Next meeting is January 27, at 1:00 p.m.**

JANUARY STUDY GROUP Tuesdays at 10 a.m. January 14 – February 4. Topic: Prayer. Facilitated by Martha Heffner. All welcome. This study group is planned to be a short-term opportunity beginning January and running until just before Lent. All welcome. marthaheffner2@gmail.com

MISSION & OUTREACH PLANNING TEAM

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Food Pantry: Thursdays are Faith days at the food pantry **in their new location:** just follow the signs. The November and December 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.

Ready for membership in the congregation? 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 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. Discovery Class: January 26, 2020.

The Christmas Joy Offering will be received at Faith on Sunday, December 15. By giving to the Christmas Joy Offering, you honor God's gift of Jesus Christ by providing assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need and developing our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.

Christmas Giving Opportunities

Pruitt Nursing & Rehab Center – adult personal items such as blankets, slippers, socks. Wrapped items can be placed in the Gathering Room November 25-December 8. Please mark the package, male, female or either. Thank you!

Toys for Tots. New Toy Collection Box in Gathering Room for donations till December 15

North GA Crisis Center – small ladies' personal gifts such as jewelry, perfume, scarfs, gloves for the children to give to their mothers who are staying at the center.

ADMINISTRATION PLANNING TEAM

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Thank you to All Earth Movers: The Landscape Committee was able to start planting! There is already growth on our site at Bluebird Road. Thank you to all who assisted in any way! If you have questions, please contact Sally Crawford at: shcrawford52@gmail.com.

"Beyond the Wood and Stone" Stewardship Update *Thank you* to all who have already completed and returned their 2020 Pledge Cards and Time & Talent Forms. It is important to have everyone make his or her response as soon as possible in order that the Session can finalize next year's budget. Both the **Pledge Cards and the Time and Talent Forms** provide *vital* information as we embrace the new building and as the elders and Planning Teams plan for all the mission, outreach and activities of the congregation in 2020.

New Building Committee Activity continues as do our prayers for guidance and the safety of all workers. To help contact the NBC or email office@faithpresbyterianusa.org Thank you!

New Building Gift Donation Program As we move through Advent and towards Christmas the Session and New Building Committee wish to keep the New Building Gift Donation list before our members and friends. This document lists several items that will be a great asset in our move into the new building and allow individuals or families to consider donating some or all the cost of these identified items. You can access the document online at the GIVING page on our church website: <https://faithpresbyterianusa.org/giving> Potential donors interested in donating towards a specific item are asked, in the first instance, to contact Pastor Jim Simpson, or the two co-chairs of the New Building Committee, Jim Reich and Bill Young, to be sure that item has not yet been contributed and in order to hear more about how a specific item will add to the overall usefulness of our new building. The newest version of the document showing gifts already received, items purchased and remaining giving opportunities is on the church website and is included as an insert in today's Bulletin We thank all those who have already made gifts through this program.