

ADMINISTRATION PLANNING TEAM

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New Building Committee See the recent activity as steel erection gets going. If you would like to get plugged into to some of this work, contact the NBC or email faithpcblueridge@gmail.com Thank you!

Church Newsletter: To request your own copy and to submit an item for the newsletter, email faithpcblueridge@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.

"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.

Faithfully Forward

Wednesdays in August from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
2019 Summer Learning Series

"Day by Day"

New Testament Connections. Helping all to make better sense of the scriptures of the New Testament that give sense and purpose to our life and faith and shape the mission of the church.

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 worshiping 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, June 2-9, 2019

Today	9:30	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30	Coffee Time – time to connect and talk (till 10:10)
	10:30	Worship Service -The Lord's Supper

Monday

Summer Meals Begin

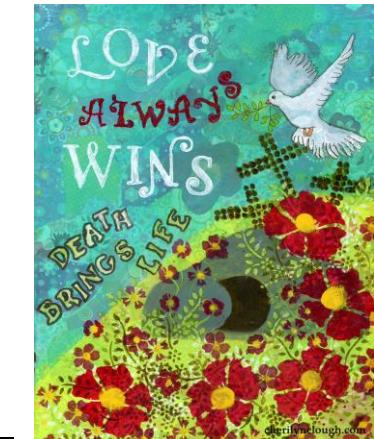
Michael Gable (706) 374-5912 or (770) 656-8759 and gablemichaelm@mail.ctsnet.edu

Wednesday	1:30	CCC Conference Call
	3:30	Capital Campaign Committee
	5:30	Choir Rehearsal

Thursday 10-12 and 1-3 Faith Serves at Food Pantry

Friday 9:00 Church Garden

Sunday	9:30	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30	Coffee Time – time to connect and talk (till 10:10)
	10:30	Worship Service -Pentecost - Wear Red Second Sunday Lunch



Halfway Home Celebration! SIGN UP NOW!

On Sunday, July 14, 2019 our Congregation will celebrate the halfway point of the New Building Campaign with a special luncheon event at **La Pizzeria**.

Delicious family-style salad and pasta lunch and all the news on progress toward our new building as we mark the halfway point of our three-year Building Campaign.

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT PLANNING TEAM

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

Head Usher and Ushers. Please check the sign-up clipboards in the narthex or contact **Frances Young or Patty Morris.** **Head Usher for June is Garrett Frank.** 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

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.

NEW FaithGroup being formed

NEW GROUP: Day and Time to suit those ready to participate

We want to start a NEW Faith Group studying the book, "One Anothering". Please sign up in the gathering room or discuss your interest with Elaine Whitley. grew68@gmail.com

CONGREGATIONAL CARE PLANNING TEAM

Doris Riggs (dorisriggs@tds.net) Lynn Hayes (lynnhayes18@gmail.com)

Pastoral Care during the Scotland Trip and the Pastor's continued vacation, June 2 – July 11, 2019

Valuing the need for consistency in the pulpit and the provision of pastoral care and support while Pastor Jim leads the Faith group on their Scotland trip that encompasses three Sundays, June 2, 9 and 16, and while Pastor Jim is on his well-earned vacation, the Session has secured the services of Michael Gable in support of the Faith congregation. Yes! That Michael Gable, our 2017 Pastoral Intern, and 2018 Pastoral Assistant!

Michael will arrive in Blue Ridge on June 3. He will preach on the following Sundays June 9, 16, 23 and 30, and July 7 and will work twenty hours per week in pastoral care, assistance and organization. He will keep committed office hours on Monday - Thursday from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. He will be reachable outside of those times also, and as needed, in emergency situations.

I am sure we will all be ready to welcome Michael back to Faith Presbyterian Church. We celebrated his graduation from Columbia Theological Seminary recently and we continue our prayers as he seeks a call and as he, Shelly and Ellen Kay look forward to welcoming the new baby later in the year. We are grateful to Jim and Janice Simpson for making their home available to the Gables during their time with us this summer.

In addition to contacting Michael through the regular church telephone number he can be reached at: (770) 656-8759 and via email at gablemichaelm@mail.ctsnet.edu

All members of the Session and our Shepherds look forward to continuing all the work of the church in this exciting summer. They and we all stand ready, with Michael's help, to provide care and nurture for all connected at Faith Presbyterian Church!

The church office will be staffed by volunteers as normal, Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. daily. Doris Riggs, Elder serving on the Congregational Care Planning Team is also available as an emergency contact during the Scotland trip, she can be reached via dorisriggs@tds.net (706) 838-4110 or (678) 491-4891. **Frances Young, Clerk of Session**

MISSION & OUTREACH PLANNING TEAM

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

Food Pantry: With the Summer Meal Program running on Thursday in June and July there is a **critical need** for morning volunteers for the food pantry. Please help us meet our commitment to staff the pantry on Thursdays by helping out this summer. The June and July 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? Our next **Discovery Class** is scheduled for **Sunday, July 28**. 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 a one Sunday introduction and welcome to Faith Presbyterian Church, including a welcome during the 10:30 a.m. Service of Worship.

Faith's Children's activity at Spring Arts-in the Park – Thank you to all our volunteers.

Fannin Cancer Crusaders Relay for Life Team participated in the Relay for Life on Friday, May 31, at Union County Farmer's Market. Diane Shillcutt will let us know how much was raised through our efforts.

Summer Meal Program 2019: In collaboration with Snack in a Backpack and Fannin County Family Connection. Delivery days: Mondays and Thursdays beginning June 3 - July 25th. Contact Sylvia Goodyear, smgoodyear@mindspring.com if you want to volunteer. Volunteers are also needed to pack the bags every Monday in June and July through the 22nd. Contact Angela Huffstetler to sign up for packing at backpackfannin@gmail.com



Visit of Charles and Melissa Johnson The PC(USA) mission co-workers serving in Zambia supported by Faith Presbyterian Church will visit with us on **Sunday, June 30**. Look out for more information and your chance to meet the Johnsons!

Pentecost Offering, Sunday June 9th. Since 1998, Presbyterians have raised more than \$15 million for ministries that benefit younger members of God's family. 40% of this offering stays with our church.



Coffee Time. Join us every Sunday before service for coffee time! Enjoy coffee and fellowship in our Gathering Room from 9:30-10:10 a.m. What a wonderful way to visit with "old" friends and make new friends! We'll have Coffee Time each Sunday morning, and hope you will join us. ***All are always welcome at Faith!***