

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

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

Blessing of Prayer Shawls - On Sunday, Mar. 24, Pastor Jim will ask God’s blessings on new Faith prayer shawls. If you have been making prayer shawls, please bring them to the church office before March 24.

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.

“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, March 17-24, 2019

Today	9:30	Choir Rehearsal
	10:30	Worship Service
	11:45	Mission and Outreach Planning Team
Monday	1:00	Jewish Congregation Small Group Meeting
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
Friday	5:30	Jewish Community Service
Sunday	9:30	Choir Rehearsal
	10:30	Worship Service – Service of Wholeness and Healing
	12:00	Scotland Trip Meeting

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...
 The **2019 Devotional Guide** and Coloring Calendar – **Pick up your copy TODAY!**
Weekly Lunch and Learns based on the movie, “The Theory of Everything” (starting March 13) (Sign Up NOW for lunch and to bring dessert) and **special Holy Week Services.**
 This season, offering a focus for our own spiritual encouragement and growth and opportunities for us to encourage and invite people to connect with the life of our congregation. 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 March is Randy Griggs. 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
 March 17: Patty Morris & Jeannine Lazenby, March 24: Maggie March & Treva Wheatley

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. The March meeting is on March 25. Books for the study are available for \$5 from the Frances Young or Patty Morris.

“**Our Daily Bread**” Bible Reading guide for March- May now available – see display tables.

Day by Day Faithfully Forward	
Friday, March 29	11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Red Cross Blood Drive. To register to donate blood go to redcrossblood.org (Sponsor code: faithpresb) or call 1-800-RED-CROSS. Photo ID required.
Sunday, April 21 (Easter)	Look for news on possibility of reserving for lunch at Harvest on Main after Easter Sunday Service of Worship
Saturday, April 27	Bowls of Hope (Feed Fannin) and Troutfest (Trout Unlimited) Two opportunities for service on the same day

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. **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

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

Food Pantry: The 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 or 770-605-0040.

Ready for membership in the congregation? Our next **Discovery Class** is scheduled for **Sunday, March 31, 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 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. We already have four people registered for this Discovery Class so if you are ready for membership, come join them! (Please also note that due to scheduling there will not be a Discovery Class in April or June, the next two planned are May 19 and July 28.)

Relay for Life – Faith member, Diane Shillcutt, is part of an effort to gather a **Fannin County Team** to participate in the 2019 Relay for Life in Blairsville. At a meeting on Friday, March 8 a team was organized. Contact Diane eshillcutt@yahoo.com if you would like to be

involved. Relay For Life, an organization that benefits, will be held in Blairsville, Friday, May 31, 2019, 4:00 -10:00 p.m.

ADMINISTRATION PLANNING TEAM

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



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 and thanks for helping us keep everyone safe.



Capital Campaign Committee update:

It was reported that, do to the generous support of the congregation, we had raised \$937,236.00 in pledges for the new Building Capital Campaign (2018-2020).

Here we are in March 2019, just 15 months into the 36 month commitment, and we have received 63.4% of the money pledged. In addition, we received the Walton grant of \$50,000.00 and unpledged

donations of \$30,000.00. Thanks to each and every one of you for your support of Faith. Commitment Cards for new friends and members of the church are always available in the Sunday Registration pads and upon request.

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!

AUDIO, VIDEO, LIGHTING SUB-COMMITTEE Needs your help. Do you have Audio, Video or Lighting operating, selection or installation experience? Would you like to be part of the exciting work in planning and recommending AVL equipment and systems for our new church building? To volunteer or for more information, contact: Harold Wills. 404-786-7330. haroldwills@hotmail.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