#### CONGREGATIONAL CARE PLANNING TEAM

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A Hearing Assistance System is available during the Worship Service. Download the free <u>Audiofetch</u> 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.

**New Building Committee** Activity continues as do our prayers for guidance and the safety of all workers. To help contact the NBC or email <a href="mailto:office@faithpresbyterianusa.org">office@faithpresbyterianusa.org</a> Thank you!

**Church Newsletter**: To request your own copy and/or to submit an item for the newsletter, email <a href="mailto:newsletter@faithpresbyterianusa.org">newsletter@faithpresbyterianusa.org</a> For items to be part of the newsletter, type "**For Newsletter**" into the email subject line. If you want something in the Bulletin, type "**For Bulletin**" in the subject line. 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
Thursday, November 28	Good Samaritans of Fannin County- Community
	Open Table
Weekly on Wednesdays 2:30 p.m.	Please volunteer – Signup sheet will be in the
Bingo at Blue Ridge Assisted Living	gathering room
Wednesdays in December 4, 11 and 18	Noon: Advent Lunch and Learns – "What Can't
	Wait"
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.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

# Faith Presbyterian Church in action, November 17-24, 2019

Today	9:00	Discovery Class
	9:30	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30	Coffee Time – time to connect and talk (until 10:10)
	10:30	
	11:45	Mission and Outreach Meeting
Monday	1:00	Fiscal Operations Team
Tuesday	5:30	Habitat Board Meeting
****	10.00	Frith Corner "One Anathorine"
Wednesday		Faith Group - "One Anothering"
	3:00	Piano Lessons
	5:30	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	10-12 and 1-3 Faith serves at Food Pantry	
		at Family Connection
	5:45	Study Group
Sunday	9:30	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30	Coffee Time – time to connect and talk (until 10:10)
	10:30	Worship Service
	4:00	Service of Ordination for Michael Gable at St Andrews Presbyterian
		Church in Macon GA

### SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT PLANNING TEAM

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Head Usher and Ushers. Please check the sign-up clipboards in the narthex or contact Janice Glascock or Patty Morris. <u>Head Usher for November is John Thompson.</u> 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 <a href="mailto:pattymorris1029@gmail.com">pattymorris1029@gmail.com</a>. Today's volunteers are: Sandy Miller & Larry Ray, November 24: 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

**Thursday Study Group** Thursdays at 5:45 p.m. Janice Simpson, facilitator. Using "Journey Through the Bible" material, we will be looking at pivotal passages in the Book of Romans. Topics include A Vision of Freedom, Christians and Jews, Discovering What is Good.

Our newest Faith Group began on October 16<sup>th</sup>, 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. <a href="mailto:grew68@gmail.com">grew68@gmail.com</a>

**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 November 25**th at 1:00 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.
- Signup to bring soup, bread or dessert for one of the Lunch and Learns
- Help decorate the Chrismon Tree on Monday November 25th at 3 p.m.
- 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!

#### MISSION & OUTREACH PLANNING TEAM

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Good Samaritan of Fannin County Thanksgiving Open Table is quickly approaching, and we need your continued support of this very important mission. Volunteer signup is open now. You can sign-up online at <a href="https://signup.com/go/CfdBQeP">https://signup.com/go/CfdBQeP</a> or sign-up sheets in the Gathering Room We also need pies! If you would like to bake a pie for the meal, please use sign-up sheet in the Gathering Room. Pies can be brought to Faith by 1:00pm on Wednesday, Nov 27 or dropped off at the Fannin County High School Cafeteria Wednesday before 3:00 or Thanksgiving morning. If you can't volunteer, come for a Thanksgiving meal Share smoked turkey and all the fixings while enjoying fellowship with old and new friends and neighbors

**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** hithebb@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. The next Discovery Class is planned for January 26, 2020.



Christmas Parades Light Up Blue Ridge and McCaysville/ Copperhill. Can you wear a costume and ride on our float or walk along side to hand out treats to the children? We need walkers and float riders to help us present the Nativity. For Blue Ridge, meet at the church Saturday, November 30, at 4:30 p.m. The Parade begins at 5:30

p.m. For the McCaysville/Copperhill Parade, on December 7, meet at the church at 12:30 to carpool to McCaysville or meet at the Steve Taylor Ball Field, West Tennessee Avenue at 1:15 p.m. Parade begins at 2:00 p.m. Sign-up Sheet in the Gathering Room

**Toys for Tots: New Toy** Collection Box is in the Gathering Room for donations Now through Monday, November 25

**News of Ordination** - Michael Gable will be ordained to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament at a Service of Ordination hosted by Flint River Presbytery on Sunday, November 24, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. This Service is open to all and will take place at 4:00 p.m. in St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, 501 Bass Rd, Macon, GA 31210. Please keep him, Shelly, Ellen Kay, and the congregation in your prayers.

## ADMINISTRATION PLANNING TEAM

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<u>Thank you to All Earth Movers</u>: 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: <a href="mailto:shcrawford52@gmail.com">shcrawford52@gmail.com</a>.

"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. This is 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,. Extra copies of this year's Stewardship materials are available today and always!