



“Beyond the Wood and Stone” If you are yet to pick up your copy of this year’s Stewardship materials check the box near the main door.
Sunday, October 27 is our 2019 Pledge and Commitment Sunday.
 During that day’s Service of Worship there will be an opportunity for everyone to come forward and place their 2020 Pledge Card, and Time & Talent Forms in the offering plates on the Communion Table. If you know you will be out of town that Sunday, please return your own commitment so that it can be included along with all the others on the day.

Church Newsletter. We are seeking to identify one or more people who might have the skills, interest and time to take on this vital responsibility, either as part of Monday office duties or separate from those and/or from home. We are grateful to Bill Young and Sylvia Goodyear for filling in until one or more permanent editors are identified. If you would like to hear more about these opportunities for service contact Jim Simpson Jim.Simpson@tds.net (706) 374-5912) or Janice Cary, Office Coordinator janicecary@etcmail.com (404) 909-2965



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.

Iconic Faith T-shirts for sale!!! Cost is \$15. Please make your check out to Faith Presbyterian Church.

New Building Committee Activity continues as do our prayers for guidance and the safety of all workers. To help 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 For 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. Bingo at Blue Ridge Assisted Living	Please volunteer – Signup sheet will be in the gathering room
Wednesdays in December 4, 11 and 18	Noon: Advent Lunch and Learns

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Faith Presbyterian Church in action, October 13-20, 2019

- Today**
 - 9:30 Choir Rehearsal
 - 9:30 Coffee Time – time to connect and talk (until 10:10)
 - 10:30 Worship Service
Arts in the Park / Rivers Alive
- Tuesday** 9:30 Session Meeting
- Wednesday**
 - 1:00 Faith Group
 - 3:00 Piano Lessons
 - 3:30 Elder’s Training
 - 5:30 Choir Rehearsal
- Thursday**
 - 10-12 and 1-3 Faith serves at Food Pantry at Family Connection
 - 1:00 Faith Group
 - 5:45 Study Group
- Friday** 5:30 Jewish Community Service
- Saturday** 9:00 Mens’ Breakfast (Pete’s Place)
- Sunday**
 - 9:00 Discovery Class
 - 9:30 Choir Rehearsal
 - 9:30 Coffee Time – time to connect and talk (until 10:10)
 - 10:30 Worship Service
New Member Reception



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 October is Randy Griggs.** Please be ready to accept an invitation to assist as an usher Sunday by Sunday.



ATTENTION ALL CHORAL SINGERS! Rehearsals for our Christmas Cantata “AND THERE WAS LIGHT” have started!. You can come at 5:30 and leave after that portion of rehearsal is over or stay and join us for the upcoming Sundays’ anthems. Contact Kathy Cardwell 828-361-0007 or kathymac@gmail.com. Kathy also offers private piano/voice lessons from 3-5pm Wednesdays at the church.

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.
October 13: Debbie Peterson & Treva Wheatley, October 20: Sandy Miller and Larry Ray

Fall 2019 Learning opportunities- open to all

****NOW UNDERWAY****

Thursday Study Group Thursdays at 5:45 p.m. Janice Simpson(facilitator) began in September. Study-"Excellence -Run With the Horses" a study of Jeremiah. At times, life is difficult. God calls us to live at our best, to pursue righteousness, to drive toward excellence.

Faith Groups:

Wednesday at 1 p.m. Chris Martinez(facilitator) "More Parables from the Backside" by J. Ellsworth Kalas. A study of several parables from different angles.

Thursday at 1 p.m. Sylvia Goodyear(facilitator)- "Unafraid" by Adam Hamilton Understanding and countering fear of contemporary issues we face today.

New Faith Group starts: Wednesday, October 16th, 10 a.m. - "ONE ANOTHERING" Elaine Whitley-facilitator. How we relate to each other as the body of Christ/discussion group. Meeting day still to be decided. There is still time to sign up. This is a great way for new members to experience a faith group. grew68@gmail.com

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 October 28th.

Seeking additional Staff: Our Session is looking to identify and appoint a Pastor or Lay person familiar with, and in sympathy with, the witness of the Presbyterian Church (USA), and our congregation, who has the balance of relevant education and background, and range of gifts, skills and experience, to partner with the congregation and our Pastor, to help our church maintain, strengthen and develop its ongoing mission and ministry.

This person will have gifts for leadership in ministry and service and bring and use their own skills and experience in certain defined aspects of the life of the congregation to which such a person would bring and offer the most experience or greatest skills.

The specific responsibilities and the title of this position, and all relevant terms and conditions, including compensation, will be negotiated with a candidate in the light of the needs and hopes of the congregation, and the person's background, experience and gifts. Please make this search a matter for your prayers and if you know anyone with the background and skills for which we are seeking, please make them aware of this opportunity.

Details on our church website at: <https://faithpresbyterianusa.org/our-church>

MISSION & OUTREACH PLANNING TEAM

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

Food Pantry: Thursdays are Faith days at the food pantry. The October signup sheet is 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. Volunteers are also needed on Friday and Saturday to help paint and set up their new facility.

Ready for membership in the congregation? Our next **Discovery Class** is scheduled for, **Sunday, October 20, 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.



Habitat for Humanity of Fannin and Gilmer Counties is sponsoring a fund raising, golf tournament on October 21st. The tournament is hosted by Old Toccoa Farm in Blue Ridge, Georgia. Our Church is hoping to recruit several 4 player teams (males and females) to represent Faith and support this worthy cause. The cost is \$100 per person and there is a deadline for registering quickly approaching, so please contact Randy or Connie Griggs (334-714-5554) to get your name registered.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE PLANNING TEAM

Doris Riggs (dorisorriggs@icloud.com) Lynn Hayes (lynnhayes18@gmail.com)

Dancing with the North Georgia Stars is being held October 26, with our own Lynn Hayes. The event is at the Union County High School Fine Arts Center at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and all proceeds support the Enotah CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates for abused and neglected children in foster care). See the poster on the bulletin board in the gathering room. ***For tickets or to make donations*** to this awesome organization, see Lynn. For more information, go to www.dancingwithnorthgeorgiastars.com

ADMINISTRATION PLANNING TEAM

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

"This Is Your Life" Faith Presbyterian Church The link to watch the video of "This Is Your Life" is now available: <https://youtu.be/P6bV8uIRKUM> Thank you Jim Crawford for making this possible. A special thanks to all who "threw their hats in the ring" for their extra effort in making a recorded phone call in order for us to have a better audio from behind the wall: Sally Crawford, Tom Barrentine, Diane Shillcutt, Amy McChesney, Bud Wheatley, Mark McLain and Janice Cary. Thanks for the production to Executive Directors Randy and Randy – Randy Griggs and Randy Borden.