



Faith Presbyterian Church Happenings!

November 18, 2019

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Physical Address: 56 Mountain Street, Blue Ridge, Georgia 30513

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Due to problems with gmail we are transitioning to a new email system and today and moving forward you will receive the Newsletter for this address: office@faithpresbyterianusa.org

<p>Monday, November 18 Church Office: Judy Evans Newsletter: Chris Chambers 1:00 Fiscal Operations Team Meeting</p>	<p>Tuesday, November 19 Church Office: Janice Cary 5:30 Habitat Board Meeting</p>
<p>Wednesday, November 20 Church Office: Suzanne McWay 10-12 p.m. “One Anothering” Faith Group 3-5 p.m. Piano Lessons 5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>Thursday, November 21 JDS Study Leave Church Office: Lynn Hayes Connie Griggs Food Pantry: 10-12 p.m. Treva and Bud Wheatley 1-3 p.m. Sandee Gorham and Hilda Giles</p>
<p>Friday, November 22 JDS Study Leave Church Office: Treva Wheatley 5:30 p.m. Jewish Community Service</p>	<p>Saturday, November 23 JDS Study Leave</p>
<p>Sunday, November 24 JDS Study Leave 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Worship 4:00 Service of Ordination for Michael Gable at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, 501 Bass Rd, Macon, GA 31210.</p>	<p>Monday, November 25 JDS Study Leave Church Office: Sylvia Goodyear Receptionist: Sue Cole Newsletter: Chris Chambers 1:00 Women of Faith 3:00 Chrismon Tree Decorated</p>

November 17th. Worship Attendance: 112

November Head Usher: John Thompson

Carl Riggs will be serving as Head Usher on 11/24

Ushers for November 24, 2019

Betty and Ray Benedict and Barbara and Dick Schmus

Worship Information at Faith Presbyterian Church

This Sunday November 24, 2019... The Reign of Christ Sunday / Christ the King Sunday

Revised Common Lectionary Readings for this Sunday of the Year: Jeremiah 23:1-6 Luke 1:68-79 Colossians 1:11-20 Luke 23:33-43

Scripture Readings: Psalm 46 and Luke 23:33-43

Sermon Title: "The Mystery of Christ's Reign"

We will again welcome the Rev. Dr. J. Richard Short as our guest preacher. Richard worships with the Northminster Church in Roswell GA – he served churches in Louisiana and Georgia before becoming the General Presbyter of the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia. He and his wife, Dianne, have been married for 50 years, have three children, and four granddaughters.

4:00 p.m. Service of Ordination of Michael Gable to the ministry of Word and Sacrament by Flint River Presbytery, St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, 501 Bass Rd, Macon, GA 31210



The Sunday after next.... December 1, 2019

The First Sunday of Advent

WHAT CAN'T WAIT 1. God's Promised Day Can't Wait (Hope)

Revised Common Lectionary Readings for this Sunday of the Year: Isaiah 2:1-5 Psalm 122 Romans 13:11-14 Matthew 24:36-44

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 1: 21 - 2:5 and Matthew 24:36-44

Sermon Title: "A marginal and vulnerable operation"

The Lord's Supper will be celebrated and shared.

Wednesday, December 4

Noon: Advent Lunch and Learn



Come enjoy delicious soup, bread and dessert, and an Advent Reflection from Pastor Jim Simpson. Bring friends and neighbors. It is a great help if you are planning to attend to add your name to the signup list in the Gathering Room or call in your “reservation” to the church office volunteer or send your “reservation” via email to: office@faithpresbyterianusa.org

From Pastor Jim Simpson’s November 17 sermon: “Covenant!”

“...A way of marking, a distinctive way of marking that does not involve a tattoo is expressed in our final text in our series, Jeremiah’s Journey, in Chapter 31:33, *“But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.”*”

This one verse is a very helpful summary of the message from God through Jeremiah, maybe especially in this section of the Book which scholars call The Book of Consolation. The story of Israel and Israel’s God, as we have shared Jeremiah’s Journey is all about the **six verbs** we have encountered over and over again. Yahweh has been constantly active with, to and for Israel to “**pluck up** and **pull down**, to **destroy** and to **overthrow**, to **build** and to **plant**.” At all times and in every way, Yahweh’s purpose has been to remain in loving, faithful, hopeful relationship with Israel, such that Israel and every nation will know and experience and come to share most fully in Yahweh’s covenant love.

There has been no escaping or excusing Israel’s culpability. By ignoring their God, they ended up defeated by the Babylonians and their leaders in exile. Israel went from gaining land, to governing the land, to kissing the land goodbye as they entered Exile, because:

- of their stubbornness towards God,
- of their fickleness with respect to their faith,
- of their failure to flee from faltering gods,
- of their turning away from the widow and the orphan and the alien in their midst.

Exiled, Israel mourns its lot and mourns its loss.

But now, into this actual, terrible, miserable, devastating exile, something new, something unique, and something altogether wonderful, is to come to pass - they are to be reconstituted as a people by God’s actions, they are to be formed into a community by God’s actions, they are to be released from their captivity by God’s actions, they are to be welcomed home by God’s actions, they are to be formed into a community of hope by God’s actions, they are to be deemed beneficiaries of a new covenant by God’s actions, they are to have the law

of God written on their hearts by God's actions, they are to be described and identified, marked and branded – tattooed - as God's very own peculiar people, by God's actions!

Israel is to be again marked as the people and community of Yahweh! This is God's promise, God is bringing the exiles home!

God is bringing the people home.... Despite all their faults, their prior indiscretions, their failure to live as Yahweh's people, their stubbornness, their lack of concern for the weak and the poor, their deliberate turning away from the God of their ancestors, their fear, their lack of trust, God is bringing the people home, bring the exiles out of captivity and back home...

The God who is bringing the people home

is not about....

But is about....

Exile

Liberation

Banishment

Welcome

Expulsion

Liberty

Deportation

Deliverance (save the banjo music!)

Dismissal

Welcome

Elimination

Addition

Eviction

Reception

Rejection

Inclusion

Scattering

Gathering

Babylon

Jerusalem

In bringing the exiles home God acts out God's stubborn, steadfast love. The end of exile is God's choice, not the people's reward. God makes a new, unyielding, unending covenant. The action of God in bringing the exiles home is an act of steadfast love and faithfulness.

God's action is

NOT

BUT

Grudging

Gracious

Reluctant

Riotous

Contained

Uncontrolled

Limited

Sweeping

Restricted

Radical

Partial

Complete

Routine

Thorough

Narrow

Wide

Decently and in order

Uninhibited

Tinkering

Comprehensive

Faltering

Far Out

Stunted

Stunning

Measured

Copious.....”

Our first Discovery Class of 2020 is scheduled for, Sunday, January 26, 2020. 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.

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 this coming 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. Michael has asked our Pastor, Dr. Simpson, to preach the sermon at this Service and the Faith Session are purchasing a gift that will be given to Michael that day in celebration of his ordination. Michael's ordination follows on from the call extended to him to be Pastor of First Presbyterian church 130 S. Arcola Angleton, TX 77515, and will follow his examination by New Covenant Presbytery. Michael's new email address is: angprespastor@gmail.com Please keep him, Shelly, Ellen Kay, and the congregation in your prayers.

New Building Gift Donation Program

As we move into the Season of Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas the Session and New Building Committee has shared the current New Building Gift Donation list. 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 of 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. After Thanksgiving, the current document will be updated to show gifts received and items donated.

The Church email system..... new email addresses are here!

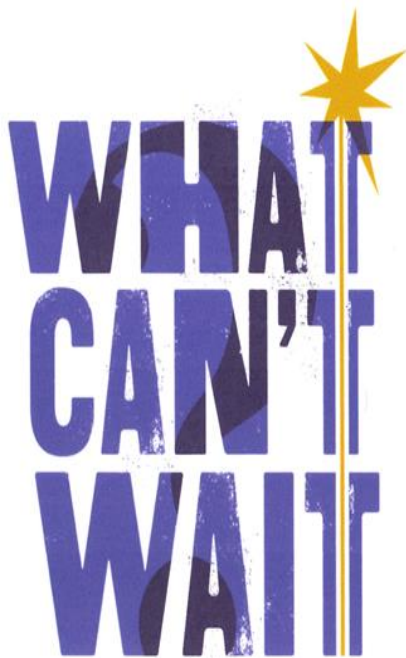
To stop our dependence on "Gmail" and thereby avoid the problems which have now returned and seem likely to persist preventing us from being able send all church emails from the "Gmail" account, we are moving our church and office email to our own domain name. This domain name is the same as the church website www.faithpresbyterianusa.org This means we will all have to get used to seeing new email addresses using the church address: "@faithpresbyterianusa.org" (This email address is available to us because this is our church website "domain name" over which we have exclusive rights!) In the transition time both current and new email addresses will be in use to help keep everyone in contact and avoid any break in communication. New addresses now in use include:

office@faithpresbyterianusa.org For the general church office

newsletter@faithpresbyterianusa.org For items for the newsletter

In due course other new email addresses will be created and communicated.

We appreciate everyone's patience and understanding as this technology switch is underway. If you or anyone has a concern regarding if your email has been received, please ask or double check.



**FAITH
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

Invites everyone to celebrate the season of Advent and Christmas with a number of events that are always open to everyone!

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**FAITH
Presbyterian
Church
Advent and
Christmas
2019**

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

Weekly at 10:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY LUNCH & LEARNS

December 4, 11, 18

Noon – 1:30 p.m.

*Enjoy hot soup, bread and delicious
desserts.*

“And There Was Light”

Christmas Cantata

Sunday, December 15

At 10:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

**CHRISTMAS EVE
CANDLELIGHT SERVICE**

Tuesday, December 24 at 5:00 p.m.

Prelude of Carols from 4:30 p.m.

“All are ALWAYS WELCOME!”

Advent is very much on our immediate horizon, with Christmas just beyond.

Our 2019 Advent theme is:

“What Can’t Wait”

In our weekly Services of Worship, Advent Lunch and Learns and other special events we will be seeking to identify those things that really matter to God and are “What Can’t Wait”.

Things you can be doing....

Look for your copy of the Advent Devotional guide;

Sign up for the Advent Lunch and Learns;

Take and share copies of our 2019 flyer/poster in places in the community;

Plan to be part of as much of Advent 2019 at Faith as you can!



Welcome Jim and Karen Bunnelle were raised in Wadsworth, OH. Jim was raised in the Lutheran faith and Karen in the Methodist. They have known each other since kindergarten, had their first date in 9th grade and have been married for 43 years.

Jim's career in Optical sales has taken them around the states and the world. Karen worked in computers and data entry. They have two sons, one in San Diego and one in Woodstock. Jim and Karen have been in the area for 15 years but made the mountains their home 8 years ago.

Jim is a member of Young Farmers and is currently raising a pig at the FCHS Ag center in partnership with a high school student. This delightful couple are already active at Faith volunteering and ushering.

Volunteers are needed. Please check your calendar and consider serving one Sunday or as needed.

November/December Children's Church Teachers

November 24: Patty Morris/Eric Morris

December 1: Frances Young/ Elaine Whitley

December 8: Debbie Peterson/ Diana Gnann

December 15: Shirley Copeland/ Sharon Brewer

December 22: Doris Riggs/ Treva Wheatley

Ministry-To-Children



Make a Joyful Noise!



If you are interested in singing in the choir, call or email Kathy Cardwell at kathymac@gmail.com or at 828-361-0007 for more details. Kathy Cardwell, our Music Director, is also able to offer **private** piano and voice lessons on Wednesday afternoons at the Church. Contact Kathy to discuss further.

Choir info continues . . .

We were very *excited recently* to reveal our Cantata for this Advent Season, **“AND THERE WAS LIGHT”**, newly composed by Joseph Martin. This work uses scripture, song, and narration to share the story of Jesus' birth. The Cantata is scheduled for Sunday, December 15th at the 10:30 a.m. worship service and later that day at a 5:00 p.m. community service.

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. Go to this page and scroll down until you find the Directory <https://faithpresbyterianusa.org/publications-1> **Password is: Faith**

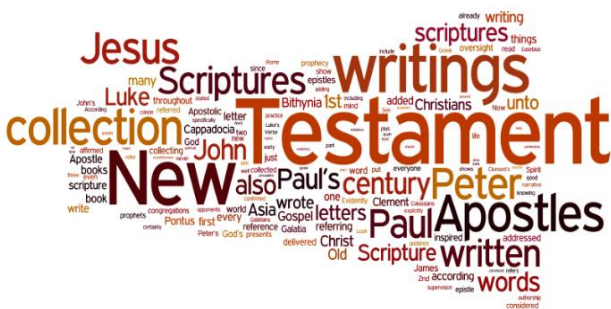
THANK YOU'S

“Open Arms Home for Children” sent a personal note o thank you for our donation. Our generous donation helps them accomplish their goal of providing girls a safe haven from child abuse and neglect.

“Snack in a Backpack” thanks Faith for our generous contribution. Their program continues to make a difference in the lives of hungry children and their families. It is with the donations from supporters that they can continue to see improvements in the lives of these children, one backpack at a time.

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

FAITH GROUPS



Women of Faith "For Such a Time as This-Study of the book of Esther". Frances Young-Facilitator-1 PM 4th Monday of the month The WOF offer a study each year and support a chosen mission. This study is August through May, except December and begins August 26th.

“Unafraid” An Adam Hamilton Understanding and Countering Fear of Contemporary Issues We Face Today. Sylvia Goodyear-Facilitator-Tuesday at 1 PM discussion group.

“ONE ANOTHERING Faith Group” - Elaine Whitley-Facilitator-Wednesday’s 10-12 PM How we relate to each other as the body of Christ/discussion group. "One Anothering" has started and is on Wednesdays 10-12 PM, we will be meeting 4 more weeks before break. This is a great way for new members to experience a faith group.

Mission and Outreach

We are grateful to all who have come out to work on Kristen Haley's house. We are making steady progress but will need help in the coming weeks to try to get this house completed and dedicated before Christmas so that she and her children can be Home for the Holidays! SOOO, we will be needing much touch up painting and caulking and cleaning in the coming weeks. We usually work on Saturdays and one day a week. If you would like to help us get this job done please email renee@hfhfanningilmer.org to get your name on the regular email list and the Weekday Warrior email list. This week we will work on Thursday, November 21st at 9:00 till about 2. thank you to all of you who have worked so diligently on the house to make a young mother's dream come true to have a house of her own. Questions? Debbie Peterson 770-656-0237

Make a Joyful Noise Christmas carolers needed for Friday, December 13.

The Lake Blue Ridge Civic Association requested that our church choir sing for a party that they are having at the new INOLA event center located on Hwy 5 before Merciers' Orchard. However, since it is the weekend of the cantata, the choir members will not be able to participate. They have asked for singers for about an hour to sing at the party and to sing carols to those from the public who will be enjoying the Skating Rink on the property. Since the choir is not available, they have said that they would take others who enjoyed singing carols who aren't in the choir.



I have gotten a commitment from several people and I'm looking for anyone else who might like to join us for some Christmas carol singing! It will be a good chance for us to see this newly renovated property while spreading some good cheer. Please let me know if you will be able to volunteer for this. We will be making copies of Carols. Guitars and tambourines also welcome! Any little (big) drummer boys out there??

Mission and Outreach—Opportunities to Serve

The Good Samaritans of Fannin County Thanksgiving Open Table is quickly approaching, and we need your continued support of this very important mission.

Volunteer sign-up is open now. You can sign-up online at



<https://signup.com/go/CfdBQeP>

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*



**New Toy Collection Box
in Gathering Room for donations
Now through Monday, November 25**

CHRISTMAS PARADES

Volunteers Needed



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 float riders and walkers to help us present the Nativity

Saturday, November 30 for the Blue Ridge Parade Meet at the church at 4:30

Parade begins at 5:30

Saturday, December 7 for the McCaysville/Copperhill Parade Meet

at the church at 12:30 to carpool to McCaysville

or meet at Steve Taylor Ball Field, West Tennessee Avenue at

Parade begins at 2:00

**Sign-up Sheet in the Gathering Room
or Contact Candy Frank or Sylvia Goodyear**

Family Connection Opportunity--Food Bank volunteers are needed for all community-minded folks! For

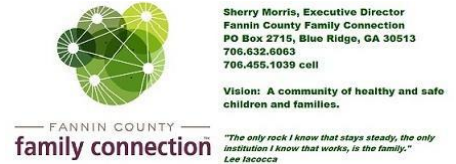


everyone interested in volunteering, there is a food handling class which new volunteers will be given later on. You may work before you receive the training. Registration is now online at signupgenius.com but I have been using the church signup sheets and registering Faith Presbyterian. If you need to get in touch, my contact information is **Hilda Giles** hjthebb@gmail.com

770-605-0040. The food bank is now located on Industrial Park Road.

The Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening of the new Family Connection building has been changed to **Tuesday, November 19** at

10am when we will have an Open House, a flag raising ceremony by the Marine Corps League Detachment #1458 and a special presentation from the Kiwanis Club of Blue Ridge.



Light Up Blue Ridge will once again be filled with lots of holiday festivities the Thursday and Friday following Thanksgiving. Here is a list of activities that will offered:

- **Blue Friday** day will include downtown merchants store discounts,
- Christmas holiday cheer, food vendors and strolling entertainment.
- **Blue Friday** evening you are encouraged to join us for town wide caroling starting at 6 p.m. Please meet at the corner of Depot and E. Main no later than 5:45 pm
- **Light Up Blue Ridge** day will be full of Christmas cheer, strolling Christmas entertainment, food vendors, entertainment and Santa in the park.
- **Light Up Blue Ridge** evening parade will start at 5:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to be part of the parade and we are hoping you will add lights to your float.
- **Light Up Blue Ridge** evening the **Great Tree lighting** is at 7 p.m.

Please consider volunteering at Blue Ridge Assisted Living

Faith has volunteers calling Bingo on Wednesday afternoon. There is a signup sheet in the gathering room.

Click to get to the Faith Facebook page If a story or post or photograph receives 5 or more likes, shares or comments hundreds more people will see that item on their Facebook feed, so please be encouraged to react to the posts you see on the church Facebook page.

DECEMBER CRAFTY DAYS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	A NEW PROJECT !!! Faith personalized seed packets to be used in our visitor welcome bags and for special church events
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Rock painting – Celtic crosses

Join us in December as we come together for fun and fellowship in the Gathering Room. On Thursday, December 5, we'll have a new project – making seed packets for our welcome bags and special events. And on Friday, December 6, we'll be painting Celtic crosses on more rocks. You do NOT have to be crafty to come. We have plenty for everyone to do. If you can cut, paste, tie bows, and just enjoy the fellowship, please come. All are always welcome at Faith!



****Church Newsletter and Bulletin: Please** - Email articles and photos for the newsletter to newsletter@faithpresbyterianusa.org by 10 AM on Monday for publishing in that day's Faith Happenings. 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.

Atlanta Christkindl Market – Let yourself be enchanted by the special outdoor atmosphere at the ATLANTA CHRISTKINDL MARKET – the city’s first and largest winter holiday festival at Centennial Olympic Park presented by the German American Cultural Foundation.

Join us for a fun day trip to the Market where you’ll find authentic German food and beverages in a festive atmosphere, along with unique holiday gifts from a huge variety of traditional German, Austrian and Swiss products and craftsmanship. Tentative trip dates are December 5 or December 11, depending on interest.



Contact Connie Griggs (email griggs.connie@gmail.com and mobile 334-790-0876) by Tuesday, November 26, if you are interested in going.

	<h2><u>Beyond the Wood and Stone</u></h2>	
<p>Thursday Nov. 28</p>		<p>Some highlights and upcoming ways to be involved.</p> <p>Good Samaritans of Fannin County Community Thanksgiving Open Table-- Another great opportunity to volunteer and serve the community.</p>
<p>Saturday, Nov 30</p>	<p>Light Up Blue Ridge</p>	
<p>December 4-11-18</p>	<p>3 Wednesdays in December: Noon-Advent Lunch and Learn</p>	

New Hearing Assist Program Needs Assistance



Our new Hearing Assist System uses smart phones to receive and transmit improved sound to those who are using it. It can be used with hearing aids or ear buds connected to smart phones or to ANY device that has Bluetooth and Wi-Fi capabilities. *This means that if anyone wants to donate an older smart phone or other device currently sitting in a drawer at home, it can be used for visitors or others who may not have a smart phone.* We are obligated to have a

few extra devices available so donations will also save some money. We can use any device that has both Wi-Fi and Bluetooth. It can be an older phone, and ipod, ipad, etc. If you would like to donate, please see Harold Wills or any member of the AVLH committee, or you may place the devices in Kathy Cardwell’s mail slot in the church office.

Recycling and Care for Creation

1. 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.
2. Looking further ahead, when our current supply of Styrofoam “to go” boxes are gone, we are Researching compostable containers. Contact Doris Riggs, on behalf of the Congregational Care Planning Team.



They're working on the portico trusses and camera wiring.



Wood and Stone Committee (New Building and Capital Campaign Committees) . . .

- **Ask for your continuing prayers for wisdom and guidance.**
- **Check out our plan drawings, decorator boards, and monument (main sign) drawing in the gathering room.**

The Wood and Stone (WAS) Committee (formerly New Building Committee)

has hardworking sub committees focused on specific needs of our new facility. The following is a list of those subcommittees and their members. Several are looking to add members so please review these and see where you could contribute. Contact the subcommittee chairperson to join open subcommittees. The remaining subcommittees are much farther down the road having been working for months – and while they do not need more members are always open to input.



Open Sub Committees:

- **Landscaping: Sally Crawford, Chair** (Peggy Reich, Terri Charron, Jane Giddens, Owen Reich, horticulturist, gratis consult) Open to add members with this background. **shcrawford52@gmail.com** They will be planting the parking islands first.
- **Audio/Visual/Stage Lighting/ Hearing Assist (AVL): Harold Wills, Chair** (Jim Crawford, Garrett Frank, Jim Simpson) Open to add members with this background. The Building Committee approved hiring a company to design and install sound equipment for the new church.
- **Security Jim Reich, Chair** (Harold Wills, John Silva) Open to add members with this background.
- **Church Signage Catherine Branch, Chair** (Bill Young) Open to add members with this background.
- **Office Furnishing/Storage – Janice Cary, Chair** (Peggy Reich, Brenda Scruggs, Nancy Goodson) Open to add members with this background.
- **Cabinetry Bill Young, Chair** Open to add members with this background.

Existing Sub Committees:

- **Interior/Exterior Design: Barbara Schmus, Chair** (Debbie Peterson, Denise Burn, Randy Borden) complete but open to input and comments
- **Kitchen: Peggy Reich, Chair** (Barbara Schmus, Tim Huffstettler, Danny Mellman, restaurateur, gratis consult) complete but open to input and comments.

New Building Committee (NBC)	Capital Campaign Committee (CCC)
Bruce Burn	Janeese Glascock
Candy Frank	Bill Green
Tim Huffstetler	Tom Barrentine
Jim Reich	Grace Thomas
Carl Riggs	Rick Borden
Barbara Schmus	Carl Riggs
Bill Young	Lynda Ray
Catherine Branch	Catherine Branch
Rita Oberle	
Harold Wills	
Mike Roberts	Reverend Simpson serves, Ex-officio, both committees.



Prayer Requests

During office hours (M-F, 9-1), please call the church office or at other times, please email or call Candy Frank at cmwfrank@aol.com (706) 632-5920. Prayer requests for immediate needs relating to persons directly connected to members and friends of Faith are circulated via email and others are included and published weekly in the Prayer List circulated via the Newsletter

Name	Requestor	Reason
Bill Green		Please lift up Bill Green in prayer as he undergoes upper back surgery on Thursday, Nov. 21. We pray for Bill that he may have strength and healing, guidance for his medical team, and for Jamielee and family as they support Bill in his recovery.
The Family of Alex Byrne	Leslie Solt	Alex died Thursday, 11/14. We pray for Leslie, his daughter, and all who mourn his death.
Juanita Hecker	Karen Hecker	Juanita Hecker, Bill Hecker's mother. Prayers are working. She has stabilized and was transferred out of the ICU. She remains very weak. It took three people to sit her up on the side of the bed. Hospice care has been discharged and she will go to a rehab center on Monday. One day at a time. Bills sister is there. We are heading down Monday after Bills doctor appointment.
Dick Mather	Joe Oberle	Please pray for Dick Mather, a close friend of Joe Oberle, as he is at Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville awaiting a double lung transplant.
Suzanne McWay	Beth Huckleberry	Suzanne fell at home on October 23, breaking her left wrist and spraining the right. Her right wrist has healed well enough for her to function and she has a "modern" cast on her left. Pray for a complete and speedy recovery.

Terri Charron		Please continue your prayers for Terri Charron at home recovering from cardiac bypass surgery. She has been facing some additional challenges and we support her with our love and our continued prayers for her complete recovery and for Dan are greatly appreciated.
Jack Burel	Judy Evans	Please pray for Jack Burel, Judy Evans' brother-in-law, for new untreatable cancer with severed lymph node incident.
Janis Burel	Judy Evans	Please lift up Janis Burel, Judy's sister, in prayer as she deals with COPD, heart issues, and taking care of Jack.
Fred Bettress	Judy Evans	Please pray for Fred Bettress, Judy Evans' brother-in-law, as he undergoes radiation treatments for his second cancer diagnosis.
Maggie March		Please pray for healing for Maggie March. Continued prayers are appreciated.
Judy Evans		Please pray for relief and healing for Judy Evans as she is treated for painful venous insufficiency in her lower legs.
Gerrie Jones		Please keep Gerrie in your prayers as she works with her doctors to maintain her health; she truly appreciates our continuing prayers
Richie Smith		Please lift up Richie Smith in prayer as he continues to deal with numerous health issues. Our prayers are greatly appreciated.
Allie Willis		Please pray for Allie as she faces ongoing health challenges.
Virginia McPhee		Virginia continues to greatly appreciate our prayers.
Peggy Zinsli		Prayers for patience and peace of mind in anticipation of possible knee surgery
Nance Huish		Please keep Nance lifted up in your prayers as she continues to face her physical challenges.

"Today's Challenge, Tomorrow's Legacy" Faith's Capital Building Campaign:

Join your prayers of joy and prayers for a safe and speedy construction process. Let us pray for the response to our Capital Campaign as we plan for our future building: Our Loving God, by your love and grace, may we run, and not be weary. May we rise up on the wings of eagles. May we know that You, our everlasting God, are always with us! Amen.

Please pray for the process to identify an additional staff person to strengthen response to new people, and all the future opportunities to serve. 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 (U.S.A.), and our congregation, who has the balance of relevant education and background, and range of gifts, skills and expertise, to partner with the congregation and our Pastor, to help our church maintain, strengthen and develop its ongoing mission and ministry. Pray that God prompts and/or leads us to the right person. Those elected by the Session to assist in this search are Chuck Huckleberry, Frances Young, Candy Frank and Lynn Hayes,

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 2020 (adopted by the Session at the Session Retreat, November 2019):

- 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.
- Expand effective communication to include appropriate use of technology.
- Transition to our new church facility.
- Prepare and launch our mortgage reduction campaign. Growing in Faith Together (GIFT) in support of our ongoing life and witness.
- Recruit additional staff member to aid our pastor in pastoral care/program duties.