



# Faith Presbyterian Church Happenings!

April 8, 2019



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**There is a volunteer schedule for the Church Office: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Monday through Friday**

## **MONDAY, April 8**

**Church Office:** Peggy Reich and Sue Cole

**1:00 Administration Planning Team**

## **TUESDAY, April 9**

**Church Office:** Janice Cary

## **WEDNESDAY, April 10**

**Church Office:**

**Noon: Lenten Lunch and Learn**

**2:00 Nomination Committee**

**3:30 Stewardship Committee**

**3:30 Piano Lessons**

**5:30 Choir Rehearsal**

## **THURSDAY, April 11**

**Church Office:** Lynn Hayes

**Food Bank: 10-12 Bud and Treva Wheatley**

**1-3 Sue Cole**

**2:00 AVL Subcommittee**

## **FRIDAY, April 12**

**Church Office:**

**5:30 Jewish Community Service**

## **SATURDAY, April 13**

**Merry Maids: Amy McChesney**

**9:00 Trout Unlimited**

## **SUNDAY, April 14, *Palm Sunday***

**9:30 Choir Rehearsal**

**10:30 Worship COMMUNION**

**Second Sunday Lunch**

## **MONDAY, April 15**

**Church Office:** Peggy Reich and Sue Cole





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**Worship Attendance April 7: 80**

**April Head Usher: Craig Learn**

**Ushers April 14: Patty Morris, Sally Crawford, Rick Borden, Chris Martinez, Rick Kruse**

## Worship Information at Faith Presbyterian Church



### Lent 2019 "Cultivating & Letting Go"

#### **This Wednesday .... April 10, 2019**

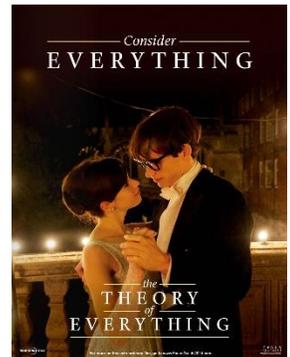
Noon: Lent Lunch and Learn

The Mystery of Everything (5) The hope beyond brokenness

Lunch menu: Pappas Pizza

Please email your reservation to [faithpcblueridge@gmail.com](mailto:faithpcblueridge@gmail.com)

Lunch & learns continue weekly till April 17.



#### **This Sunday .... April 14, 2019... Palm Sunday**

#### **Cultivating & Letting Go 6. Gentleness over Violence**

Revised Common Lectionary Readings for this Sunday of the Year: Liturgy of the Palms Luke 19:28–40 Psalm 118:1–2, 19–29. Liturgy of the Passion Isaiah 50:4–9a Psalm 31:9–16 Philippians 2:5–11 Luke 22:14—23:56

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 50:4–9a and Luke 19:28–48

Sermon Title: "Spreading our cloaks"



The Lord's Supper will be celebrated and shared

Second Sunday Lunch. Potluck, so please bring your favorite meat, main dish casserole, side dish (vegetable, fruit bowl, salad, whatever you wish) or dessert.



### Next Week – Holy Week

#### **Thursday, April 18**

**7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Communion Service at Faith**

The Eleven other disciples

#### **Friday, April 19**

**7:00 p.m. Good Friday Ecumenical Service hosted by Blue Ridge United Methodist Church**



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**The Sunday after next.... April 21, 2019... Easter Sunday**

**Cultivating & Letting Go 7. Resurrection**

Revised Common Lectionary Readings for this Sunday of the Year: Acts 10:34–43 or Isaiah 65:17–25 Psalm 118:1–2, 14–24 1 Corinthians 15:19–26 or Acts 10:34–43 John 20:1–18 or Luke 24:1–12

Scripture Readings: 1 Corinthians 15:19–26 and Luke 24:1–12

Sermon Title: “Love wins!”

Easter Lunch at Harvest on Main follows our Service – please check the sign-up in the Gathering Room to check if space is available



### **Second Sunday Lunch on April 14**

Our April Second Sunday lunch will be after worship service on April 14, hosted by the Mission and Outreach Planning Team, will be potluck. Please bring your favorite meat, main dish casserole, side dish (vegetable, fruit bowl, salad, whatever you wish) or dessert. All are always welcome!

Our next **Discovery Class** is scheduled for, **Sunday, May 19, 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](mailto: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 two people registered for this Class, so come join them!**

*From Pastor Jim Simpson: In 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!*



**Last Sunday Michael Gable preached on “Sweet Perfume.” Michael is nearing completion of his divinity studies at Columbia Seminary in Decatur.**

The story of Christ’s anointing appears in all four of the Gospels. There are several reasons that the Christian Tradition has preserved these different, and often contradictory accounts. One of them is that the Bible is not a history book



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as we understand it, an account meant to convey specific facts and precise quotes. Instead, the Bible is meant to be a guide book, a resource to teach us how God intends for us to live, a counter testimony to the narratives we frequently find in society at large.

When we come to stories that are similar, such as this one, our natural tendency is to organize things in easy-to-understand bunches. We want to rank them using criteria like how much detail they provide, or which one came first, then smash them together to say: “this is what the Bible is trying to tell us.”

Resist that urge.

Because when we stumble upon two similar stories in the Bible, if you simply transpose the moral from one passage to another, then you are missing the point of at least one, and maybe both.

With that in mind, let’s compare these two stories from Mark & John:

Both describe a woman and a whole bottle of extravagant oil being poured on Jesus. Both talk about people who take exception to her action and berate her. And both versions describe Christ stepping in to defend the woman, describing what she had done as “a good thing.” And even as “an anointing.” But the crucial part is where the two stories diverge.

In Mark, everyone but Jesus is anonymous. A woman broke open a vessel and poured an expensive oil over Jesus. Some people said she was being wasteful and scolded her. Jesus steps in and delivers his rebuke. All that is left for us is to extract a moral about the focus on money and move forward.

But in John, we have names. No longer are we analyzing behavior to see what fits into the Christian Life. Suddenly, it’s people and their histories that add context to the situation. Mary, the sister of Martha & Lazarus is anointing Jesus, wiping his feet with her hair. With her name comes the story of her sitting at Jesus’s feet, listening to him. In the background Martha continues to serve, bringing with her the other accounts of her service to Christ and the disciples. Lazarus sits at the table, reminding us that he is still not dead. And lastly... we arrive at Judas. Just in case his stories of betrayal didn’t provide enough context, the author of John explicitly tells us Judas’ motives. “He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.” Adding names to the story really adds a lot.

In Mark, where everyone was anonymous, the point seemed to be that there were times when we should focus more on the action than the cost...but the author of John seems to emphasize something different. Unlike everyone else in the story, we are given a peek inside Judas’



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motives. We don't know if Mary anointed Jesus out of awe for his teaching, or gratitude for her brother's resurrection. We don't know if Martha was joyful in her work or still frustrated at her sister. The author wants to make sure that we focus on Judas Iscariot. He is a thief, lashing out because of a lost opportunity for personal gain rather than any defensible moral reason. From that perspective, the focus of this passage ceases to be about money or the poor, but about selfishness and deceit.

Judas' actions were part of a bigger problem than just being wrong. They were an indication of a character flaw: his lack of love for his neighbors. Judas showed this in his actions toward Mary. By the author's testimony, he didn't love the poor. By his eventual decision to betray Jesus, Judas certainly didn't love Christ. It's like Judas was a living example of the Dead Sea: he poured so much into himself that nourishment became poison.

People can be dishonest about their motives. They will hide behind what seems like reasonable arguments that turn out not to bear moral weight. This can take many forms and do many harms: resistance to a new program or idea leaving a need in the community unfulfilled. Insistence on a specific new program more for personal recognition than its actual benefit. In today's story, Judas was simply trying to tear Mary down for wasting what could have profited him.

So now we have acknowledged that these people are out there, even at the beginning of the church. What do we do about it? Throughout my undergraduate studies in Psychology, there was a prevalent theme that we as people understand our own decisions to be nuanced by many factors. But when looking at someone else's choices, we stop at the first reason or sometimes second reason we observe. If I yell at someone while driving, I'm stressed by traffic conditions, the paper that's due tomorrow, the fact that my child didn't sleep well last night. All of these things come together to inform and justify my actions to myself. But if YOU yell at ME in the same situation, it must be that you're a jerk.

So people aren't always going to give us their real motives, and we're not good at guessing them. What do we do with that? Well, what did Christ do? He addressed Judas' behavior without commenting on the motives behind it. There are two important parts to this response. First, Christ addressed the behavior. He didn't sit by in embarrassment and let the behavior continue. Second, Jesus kept his comments JUST about the behavior.

Stepping into a confrontation is hard. By Christ's example, we are to engage in situations that don't directly affect us on behalf of others. But we have to do it the right way: by addressing behavior, not character. By talking about what was rather than guessing about the "why". When Christ corrected Judas, Jesus didn't comment on Judas' motivations, or personal character. Jesus simply addressed the behavior.



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So why do we have to suffer hypocrites or liars? At some point in our lives, we will find ourselves alone, terrified that what we are doing or have done has marked us as forever unworthy. Or we will think that nobody else understands a situation like we do, and that it's not worth it to explain to them. Either way, we begin to spiral, making choices that push people away and reinforce our isolation. It's at that point that we will need people who love us to help set us straight: to tell us to stop doing things that hurt others, or ourselves; people who give us the chance to be more than our worst, sometimes giving us that chance over and over.

Ultimately, it's critical to God and to ourselves to be motivated out of love. Don't let actions of others lead to feelings that poison and fester, address them directly. Don't read into the motives of others. Behaviors are far more constructively addressed than motives. And finally, do this knowing that one day, you will need the same loving correction in your own life. By modeling Christ's behavior, you may be preparing others to help you when you need it the most. Amen



## Faith Rocks on the Road

Doris and Carl Riggs recently went on a trip out west and left some of our Faith Rocks.



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## Spiritual Development

It's time for Faith Groups to start again. All are welcome. Take a look at our offerings and see what interests you:

### ***TUESDAYS***

**10:00 AM**

Tuesday Faith Group: Starts Tuesday, 10am, April 30th. Will be studying the book of Psalms. Patty Morris will be the facilitator.

### ***WEDNESDAYS***

**2:00 PM**

Our Wednesday Faith Group will be a continuation of our journey through Jesus's parables – with a twist. We explore several of the well-known parables from a new perspective and come up with new ways to apply them to our lives. We would love to have you join our group; there is no need to have been a part of the first part of the study. Each week's lesson stands alone. We will begin our study Wednesday, April 24 from 2-3:30pm. Please let Chris Martinez know if you have any questions, [ccjmii@etcmail.com](mailto:ccjmii@etcmail.com)

### ***THURSDAYS***

**1:00 PM**

Thursday Faith Group: Meets Thursdays at 1pm and their study is TBD. Sylvia Goodyear will be their facilitator.

**5:45 PM**

The Thursday study group will meet each week from 5:45pm until around 7:00pm. Beginning April 25, we will be doing a 5-week study on Philippians called "UNLOCK:the secret of being content in every situation".

Participants will receive a copy of the study guide, and will be encouraged to bring their favorite bible with them each week. We will use the inductive method of bible study - observation, interpretation and application (for ourselves, our faith community, our geographic community, our nation and God's world) of the scripture passages. We will be prompted to search the scripture to further illuminate topics encountered in Paul's letter, and will be invited to focus our prayers during the week on insights we have received while studying together. Janice Simpson facilitates.





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## **NEW: Time TBD**

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. We will determine a day/time to meet.

## **Mission and Outreach**



Get those paint brushing arms warmed up and ready to paint the interior of our habitat house! The drywall is being installed and finished this week, so beginning the week of

April 10th we will have a weekday work day to paint the walls and continue to paint on Saturday April 13. If you do not already receive our weekly Habitat Happenings update, please email Renee Lake our Volunteer Coordinator at [renee@hfhhabitat.org](mailto:renee@hfhhabitat.org)

## **Summer Meal Program**

This year our summer meal program is in collaboration with Snack in a Backpack and Fannin County Family Connection. Delivery days will be Monday and Thursday beginning June 3 and ending July 25<sup>th</sup>. Watch for more information about informational meetings for site leaders and volunteers.

## **One Great Hour of Sharing**

This annual offering will be received on **Easter Sunday**. In the coming weeks we will be sharing information about the work this fund does in the world. There are three specific areas it supports:

The Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People (SDOP) continues to work with low-income communities across the United States to overcome oppression and injustice. The SDOP supported projects focused on advocacy, youth-led initiatives, skills development, farming, worker rights, immigration/refugee issues and capacity building. Through your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing, over 5000 projects in economically poor communities in the United States and around the world have had an opportunity to develop solutions to their own challenges since SDOP's inception.



The Presbyterian Hunger Program works to alleviate hunger and eliminate its root causes. As a part of this mission, PHP gave over 125 grants totaling more than \$1.1million, impacting



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communities across the United States and 21 other countries in 2017. You make this work possible through gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing.. For more information go to [presbyterianmission.org/pda](http://presbyterianmission.org/pda).



## Fannin Cancer Crusaders Relay for Life Team Hey Crusaders,

I am excited about our Cancer Tree of Life we will have, think that is going to really help us make a difference.

**Go to [www.relayforlife.org/unionga](http://www.relayforlife.org/unionga) to donate.**

If you have any questions, as always feel free to reach out to me.

Next Team Meetings:

Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, Blue Jeans, 5:30PM

Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, Blue Jeans, 5:30PM

**Relay For Life – Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 4:00PM-10:00PM, Union County Farmer’s Market**

**Cancer’s Tree of Life fundraiser – Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, Blue Jeans Restaurant, 12:00PM-2:00PM**

**Thanks for your help and support!**

**Diane Shillcutt**

**229/288-6279**



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### April Children's Church

3rd Sunday: Patty Morris/ volunteer needed

4th Sunday: Doris Riggs/ Treva Wheatley



We need folks to serve as one time volunteers this month and especially in June. Please consider being a helper. You will not be asked to teach or prepare anything. THANK YOU!! Contact Patty Morris: [pattymorris1029@mail.com](mailto:pattymorris1029@mail.com)

**Church Facebook page and Social media outreach.** Over the past several months churches in our Presbytery have had support for their social media presence via a consultant and thanks to a grant from the Synod of the South Atlantic. The result of this project for Faith has been a strengthening of our online presence. We would like to identify and recruit 2-3 people to form a Facebook/Social media team. Most of this work of course will be done from home – if you can help with this please contact Pastor Jim [Jim.Simpson@tds.net](mailto:Jim.Simpson@tds.net)

**Wood and Stone Committee (New Building and Capital Campaign Committees)...** Ask for your continuing prayers for wisdom and guidance. Here is some recent activity at our construction site for the new church—pipes are going in the ground and **our construction company hopes to pour the concrete foundation in the next two weeks.**

**Check out the decorator boards from our hardworking interior design committee.**

The Wood and Stone (WAS) Committee (formerly New Building Committee) has hard working 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.



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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, Consult) Open to add members with this background.

- **shcrawford52@gmail.com** We are currently taking out dead trees on adjacent DOT property and removing invasive plants, with permission.

- *Audio/Visual/Stage Lighting/ Hearing Assist (AVL):*

- **Harold Wills, Chair** (Jim Crawford, Jim Simpson) Open to add members with this background.

- *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, Consult) complete but open to input and comments

“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. Thanks for helping us keep everyone safe.”



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If you want to provide input, suggestions or have questions, please feel free to reach out to anyone on the WSC.

**The New Building Committee (Wood and Stone Committee) and Capital Campaign Committee** continue their work. Members of the committees are:

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	
Catherine Branch	
Rita Oberle	
Harold Wills	

Reverend Simpson serves, ex-officio, both committees.

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## Beyond the Wood and Stone

Do you have a “**Beyond the Wood and Stone**” story? Please share.

Contact: Randy Griggs ([hrandallg@gmail.com](mailto:hrandallg@gmail.com)) Randy Borden ([randyborden@yahoo.com](mailto:randyborden@yahoo.com))



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## Easter Sunday Lunch

April 21, 2019

12 Noon

Worship with us, then come and enjoy Easter lunch with your Faith family. We have the downstairs at Harvest on Main reserved. They can seat 36 of us, so sign up early. A signup sheet is in the Gathering Room.



### Troutfest

**Date: Saturday, April 27th**

Enjoy instructional along with fun and artsy booths, great food at Trout Fest in downtown Blue Ridge. Faith will have a kids' booth where they will learn how to keep our river clean with entertaining activities including a new art idea of colored sand layering. Proceeds of the Fest go to local scholarships, river and fishery habitat restoration, and veteran, breast cancer survivor, and kids' fishing camps and activities.

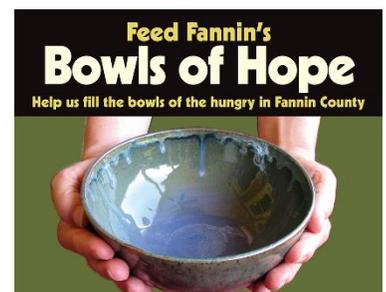
### Bowls of Hope

**Date: Saturday, April 27th**

Time: 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Location: Willow Creek Falls & Vineyard in Blue Ridge

Event Information: Our Bowls of Hope event strives to raise awareness and monies to fill the bowls of the hungry in Fannin County. Join us and take home a beautiful bowl made by a local potter. Sample delicious soups, breads, and desserts made by our wonderful local restaurants. Enjoy live music and our fantastic silent auction!





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Tickets: \$30.00 per person (Kids are free!)

- Tickets are limited so be sure to get yours early!
- Ticket sales end Friday, April 26th or earlier if we sell out. (Note: We will not be selling tickets at the event.)

Ticket Sales locations:

- United Community Bank, Blue Ridge
- Fannin County Chamber of Commerce, Blue Ridge
- [www.feedfannin.com/bowls-of-hope/](http://www.feedfannin.com/bowls-of-hope/)

If you have questions, please contact us either at [feedfannin@gmail.com](mailto:feedfannin@gmail.com) or call 706-946-1001.

### CPR/AED Training



#### **LOCATION: NEW FANNIN EMS BUILDING**

964 Windy Hill Rd., Blue Ridge

Saturday, May 18, 2019 10:30 am –12:30 pm

\$25 per person

Class size is 16 people maximum

A sign-up sheet is in the Gathering Room



#### **Family Connection Opportunity--Food Bank volunteers:**

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](http://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](mailto:hjthebb@gmail.com) 770-605-0040. The food bank is located just off Ada Road on Fannin Industrial (about 5 minutes from church).

**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



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If you have any experience using the database, Microsoft Access, we would love to hear from you, email Bob Goodyear [rrgoodyear@mindspring.com](mailto:rrgoodyear@mindspring.com)



Interested in singing in the choir? Just call or email Kathy Cardwell at [kathymac@gmail.com](mailto: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.

	<p><b><u>Day by Day, Faithfully Forward</u></b> Some highlights and ways to be involved.</p>
<p>April 10,17</p>	<p>Noon: Lenten Lunch and Learns <i>Lent IS A TIME TO GROW CLOSER TO JESUS</i></p>
<p>Sunday, April 14</p>	<p>Palm Sunday, COMMUNION Second Sunday Lunch</p>
<p>Thursday, April 18</p>	<p>7:00 Maundy Thursday Service</p>
<p>Friday, April 19</p>	<p>7:00 Good Friday Service at Blue Ridge United Methodist Church with combined choirs</p>
<p>Sunday, April 21</p>	<p>10:30 a.m. Easter Sunday Worship Noon Lunch at Harvest on Main – signup now in the Gathering Room</p>
<p>Saturday, April 27</p>	<p>Troutfest—Faith participating with kids’ tent Bowls of Hope</p>

\*\*Church Newsletter: Email articles and photos for the newsletter to [faithpcblueridge@gmail.com](mailto:faithpcblueridge@gmail.com) by 10 AM on Monday for publishing in that day’s Faith Happenings.



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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](mailto: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.

Chris Burge	Beth and Chuck Huckleberry	Our son-in-law Chris Burge was finally able to see an endocrinologist Friday. She did extensive testing to determine exactly what type of diabetes he has and how to proceed. We are so thankful that he is now under the care of a specialist.
Adrienne Crosslin	Beth and Chuck Huckleberry	My niece Adrienne Crosslin was severely injured Thursday when a drunk driver going 70mph hit her broadside on the driver's side. They had to cut the door away to get her out of the car. Her airbags did deploy and protected her left side, but her right wrist was shattered and elbow dislocated. The surgically-implanted wrist joint looks like a bionic hand. Not sure whether she will be able to resume her occupation as a dental hygienist. We are so thankful that her 3 month-old son was not with her. Please pray for her complete recovery and ability to return to her profession
Doris Tucker (Fidelia Salley's Mother)		Please lift up Doris Tucker in prayer as she goes through medical tests.
Carol Gibson (Larry Giles' sister)		Please pray for Larry's sister, Carol Gibson, and her family. After over a year of cancer treatment her lung cancer has spread further and she has been released to hospice.
Scott Pickle (The Barrentines' nephew)		PRAISE UPDATE: Scott has completed his chemo treatments; our prayers for healing are greatly appreciated.
Abby Faith	Michelle Moran	UPDATE: Abby Faith passed away April 6; our prayers continue to be appreciated.
Libby	Beth and Chuck Huckleberry	PRAISE UPDATE: Our granddaughter Libby Vickrey has been cleared to return to school this morning, but no more soccer this year. She will have to be further evaluated to determine the protocol process for returning to sports, including track & field.



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Elaine Whitley		Elaine continues to improve and appreciates our prayers. Elaine's daughter, Carol Davis (407) 325-6959 is coordinating her care. Jim Whitley remains in Clemson with his family during this time.
Carol Smith		We recently received an update on Carol. She has learned that her diagnosis was changed from stage 2 cancer to stage 3 and she begins chemotherapy 4/18. Our prayers for Carol and her husband, Harmon, continue to be appreciated.
Kathy Simmons		Kathy was involved in a road traffic accident 3/28. She was seen at the ER - has no fractures but is sore and has limited mobility. Pray for her healing and recovery.
Laura (Mark Mclain's sister)	Mark and Dorothy Mclain	Laura has been diagnosed with widespread and terminal cancer. Our prayers are greatly appreciated.
Loretta, Mark's mother (age 95)	Mark and Dorothy Mclain	Loretta has been devastated by the news of her daughter's condition and may need to move because of increasing weakness.
Family in Ellijay	Martha Heffner	This family lost their home in a fire Saturday night 3/23.
Jack & Janis Burel (Judy's sister and brother-in-law)	Judy Evans	Please lift up Janis and Jack Burel in prayer, as they both deal with health issues and Jack's chemo treatments for liver cancer have been discontinued, but he had an oblation on 3/27.
Ann Rand		Please lift Ann in prayer. She has had some recent medical tests and will be facing some more tests and future treatment. Ann values our prayers for all who have faced challenges and needs at this time, and Pastor Jim assures Ann that this still leaves us with prayers and support for her now and always. The temporary address for Ann Rand is: c/o Robin and Dirk Servine, 817 Tanglewood Rd., Charlottesville, VA 22901; 434-202-8524 home and 434-249-2588 cell.
Joan Conley, Debbi Hamm's Mother in Connecticut		Joan is in hospital in Connecticut and on high flow oxygen where she is getting Occupational Therapy, Pulmonary Therapy and assistance daily. Prayers for her strength and wisdom for the medical staff and the family are welcomed.
Judy Evans		Judy is continuing her rehab and recovery. She will be provided a "bone stimulator" in the hope that this will strengthen her leg and her recovery. Pat Barrentine (Shepherd) and others continue to reach out in support of Judy and our prayers continue to be appreciated.
Sonya Burluson		Praise Update: Sonya is home from the rehab facility. She will have family members stay with her at all times and so they, and her Shepherd, Pat Barrentine, will look to let all of us know ways we can support Sonya in the coming days. It was great to have Sonya in worship 3/24.



## Faith Presbyterian Church Happenings!

April 8, 2019

Bill Westley	Bill Westley	Please pray for strength and healing for Bill Westley, who shares: "I am undergoing a course of radiation treatment following a diagnosis of prostate cancer. At this time we don't need any practical assistance just everyone's prayers."
Tom King	Kim King	Please pray for Tom, as he has been diagnosed with pneumonia in one lung and COPD. Our prayers for his strength and healing are appreciated.
Virginia McPhee		Virginia sends her sincere thanks to everyone for our prayers on her behalf. Our prayers continue to be greatly appreciated.
Maggie March		Our continued prayers for Maggie are greatly appreciated.
Peggy Zinsli		Prayers for healing of kidney issues she now faces along with continued Dr. visits to find relief of pain.
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		<b>Join your prayers of joy and prayers for a safe and speedy construction process.</b> 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.

### 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.