



# Faith Presbyterian Church Happenings!

June 10, 2019



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## **MONDAY, June 10**

**Church Office: Peggy Reich and Patty Hampton**

**Summer Meals**

**1:30-8:00 Jewish Meeting**

## **TUESDAY, June 11**

**Church Office: Janice Cary**

## **WEDNESDAY, June 12**

**Church Office: Sylvia Goodyear**

**5:30 Choir Rehearsal**

## **THURSDAY, June 13**

**Church Office:**

**Summer Meals**

**Food Bank: 10-12 Susie Tucker and Duke Chappuis**

**1-3 Elaine and Jim Whitley**

## **FRIDAY, June 14**

**Church Office: Marlene Nelson**

**9:00 Church Garden**

## **SATURDAY, June 15**

**9:00 Men's Breakfast at Pete's Place**

**Merry Maids: Patty Morris and Diane McMillan**

## **SUNDAY, June 16 Trinity Sunday//Father's Day**

**9:30 Choir Rehearsal**

**9:30 – 10:10 Coffee Time @ Faith Time to enjoy a cup of coffee and be in conversation with others**

**10:30 Worship Service Pastoral Assistant Michael Gable**

**2:00-6:00 Little Pink Houses Retreat Registration**

## **MONDAY, June 17**

**Church Office: Peggy Reich and Elaine Whitley**

**Summer Meals**

## **New church construction as of June 9, 2019**



**Worship Attendance June 9: 86**

**June Head Usher: Garrett Frank**

**Ushers for June 16: Rick Borden, Joe Nelson, Brenda Scruggs, Garrett Frank**



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## **Michael Gable's Sermon on June 9<sup>th</sup>:**

People like symmetry. We like order. Pentecost is the remembrance of the renewal of Jesus' Ministry, where fifty days after Passover, and forty days after Christ's ascension, Peter, the disciples, and the rest of the faithful burst out into the marketplace and preached the Gospel in a host of different languages. Now Babel is an account in Genesis, set at least 2,000 years before Pentecost, of God confusing the languages of the nations and thwarting the efforts of mankind to build a tower and single homeland. So it seems fitting that the authors of the revised common lectionary would pair the events at Babel with the at Pentecost. After all, people could hardly be astounded at the different languages being spoken, if there was only one language to speak.

God takes away, God gives. God shuts a door, God opens one.

But one of the things that always troubled me about the Babel story is how on the first reading, it seems like God is intimidated by what humanity is doing, and thus curses them to make sure that humans can't rise up to the heavens and challenge God. A God like that sounds incredibly insecure, incredibly jealous, incredibly...human.

Now there's an especially good reason why this interpretation sounds disturbing. It's because the passage doesn't actually mention curses, or God being intimidated. These concerns are a projection onto the text, a reflection of human insecurity being placed onto God as we struggle to try and understand God's motives.

About 8 months ago, I had the privilege to attend the ordination service of a fellow classmate in Charlotte, North Carolina. It's about a 4 hour drive from Atlanta, just short enough to do in one day if you're committed. As I made plans to attend, a few other classmates heard that I was going and asked if they could ride along.



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That was how I ended up in a car for an 8-hour round trip with a Baptist from Massachusetts, a Pentecostal from Nigeria and a Mennonite from India. It sounds like the beginning to a pithy joke, doesn't it? On the way there, we had a ton of lively discussions about culture, health care, social stability, family structures, and gender roles. You know, light conversation. It's kinda what we seminarians would do in our free time.

Little did we know that this 4-hour car ride would simply be the warmup to Rev. Dr. Kim Clayton's sermon...on Genesis chapter 11, verses 1-9, the passage about the people of Babel.

Now I can't tell you everything about that sermon, the illustrations she used or the specific points where the audience responded with laughter or applause, but the point that I took with me was that God confusing the people of Babel and scattering them was not a curse. Instead Dr. Clayton proposed an alternate reading. That God saw humanity consolidating in one place, becoming complacent, and failing to realize the potential of what God intended for them.

Looking up statistics on early retirement, WebMD says that: "after age 65, the early retirees have a 37% higher risk of death than counterparts that retired at 65. That's not all. People who retire at 55 are 89% more likely to die in the 10 years after retirement than those who retire at 65." Now, before you get alarmed, there's a reason for this.

In the New York Times article, *The Connection Between Retiring Early and Living Longer*, the authors make the case that it isn't retiring that affects your health, but what you DO in retirement that makes the difference. People who retire to sit around the house and lead inactive lives, shatter their health. Studies have found similar connections to jobs that require people to sit stationary for extended periods. If you find ways to keep active and engaged, then your body rises to the occasion and works to support your lifestyle. If you don't, then your health begins to spiral.

Complacency is a problem.



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But maybe not the only problem. In the Babel story, God specifically says “Look, they are one people, and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them.” and God names that as a problem. This is the part of the passage that leads you to think that God was worried about humanity’s potential. I think that’s absolutely true, but from a position of love, rather than jealousy.

People who only know success have very poor coping mechanisms for how to deal with adversity. If you always succeed on the first attempt, you have no idea what to do when what used to work suddenly doesn’t. One of the ways I’ve heard the master described is that a true master of a craft has failed more times than a novice has ever tried. Failure helps us to develop the grit needed to persevere.

But my final point strikes at the heart of the Pentecost story, and is maybe the most compelling reason God chose to confuse the languages of the people of Babel. God said: “Look, they are one people, and they have all one language.” For anyone that has ever had the joy and frustration of learning a new language, it is an experience. If you want to talk about trying and failing and trying again, learning a language is a prime example of what that looks like. But as you learn a new language and dig deep into the roots of what the words really mean, you begin to stumble upon strange turns of phrase. My favorite one in Hebrew literally translates to “God lifts my horn,” which can mean anything from God granting victory in battle to God allowing a life event that improved one’s social standing. That phrase is rich in tradition, drawing from the image of a horned animal raising its head in victory above another creature. This introduction to new ideas and ways of looking at things stretches our understanding of the world.

Language and more broadly speaking, life experience shapes how we view the world. If everyone had the same language and lived in the same space, we would miss out on so, so much.

If you google studies on diversity, on the first page of your search, you will find quite a few describing how focusing on diversity materially benefits companies that prioritize it. Likewise, scientific studies that are authored by scientists from



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diverse backgrounds are referenced far more often than papers written from people from the same background. To be clear, we're not talking about tokenism. The benefits of diversity aren't realized by just promoting a random person and considering that box checked. These studies are naming situations where people from diverse backgrounds are given the opportunity to participate in meaningful ways: to really contribute to the direction of the project or organization.

Perhaps God wisely understood that if humanity was allowed to simply remain in a single pattern, sharing the same experiences, speaking the same language, we would never push ourselves, never branch out and differentiate, never reach our full potential, never fully embody the variety that God's good creation truly represented.

Without Babel, there wouldn't have been Pentecost. There wouldn't have been the wonder at how many different languages were proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ. There wouldn't have been amazement leading to 3,000 people pledging their lives to Christ's ministry. On the way back from North Carolina, the car ride was a little quieter than on the way there. Part of it was because we already had a pretty full day. But much of it was also in response to Dr. Clayton's sermon. Throughout the ebb and flow of the conversation that we did have, the central theme focused around the differences in each other. An exploration of not only how we fit into each others' patterns of the world, but how we disrupted those patterns. And as we discussed our differences, we seemed to appreciate them a little bit more than we did just a few hours before.



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## Worship Information at Faith Presbyterian Church

### Worship Theme: Painting with Words

Wait Faith Presbyterian Church, Blue Ridge, GA June 2, 2019

J. Richard Short Luke 24:44-53 Acts 1:1-14

You are witnesses to these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my father promised; so **stay** here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high. (Luke 24:48-49)

While staying with them, Jesus ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to **wait** there for the promise of the Father....But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. (Acts 1:4, 8)

This morning is the 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Eastertide.  
Last Thursday was the day of the Ascension, the day that the resurrected Jesus, having spent 40 days with his disciples after his resurrection, said good bye to his disciples, and was lifted up to heaven, with the promise that he would come back in the form of the Holy Spirit. That Holy Spirit would clothe great power upon the disciples, so that they would be able to witness to the ends of the earth.

Indeed, when Jesus did come back in the person of the Holy Spirit ten days after the Ascension, on Pentecost, which you will celebrate next Sunday, he did clothe the disciples with such power that they were surprised that they were able to preach with conviction, heal people and bring others back to life.

But before that, Jesus said something very interesting.  
He told his disciples to wait.  
Luke 24 says, stay in the city.  
Acts 1 says not to leave Jerusalem but wait.

I imagine that the command to wait seemed strange.  
Here they had gone through a roller coaster of emotions, to seeing their friend crucified, of being ashamed for their own betrayals and denials and fleeing, to having this dead friend alive again for 40 days, and then he goes up to heaven and he says, "Wait."



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## **This Sunday, June 16, 2019... Trinity Sunday .... Painting with Words 2: Wisdom**

### **Sermon: Waiting in Stillness**

Revised Common Lectionary Readings for this Sunday of the Year: Proverbs 8:1–4, 22–31  
Psalm 8 John 16:12–15 Romans 5:1–5

Scripture Readings: Proverbs 8:1–4, 22-31 and Psalm 1

## **Next Sunday, June 23, 2019**

### **Sermon: Why, God?**

**Lectionary passages for June 23 will be 1 Kings 19:1–4, (5–7), 8–15a; Psalm 42 and 43; Luke 8:26–39; Galatians 3:23–29.**

**On Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup>**, the PCUSA Zambia mission co-workers Charles and Melissa Johnson will visit us! Faith Presbyterian Church helps to support their lifesaving work. Look out for more information and your chance to meet the Johnsons.

## **NEW HEARING ASSISTANCE SYSTEM NOW AVAILABLE DURING WORSHIP**

If you would like to try the new Hearing Assistance System during the Worship Service and if you have hearing aids that are designed to connect to an app on your phone, here is what you should do:

1. Be sure you do have hearing aids that connect to an app on your phone. If you are not sure, contact the supplier of your hearing aids.
2. Download the free [Audiofetch](#) app from The App Store for Iphone and Google Play for Android phones.
3. When you enter the Sanctuary, go to Settings/Wi-Fi on your phone and connect to [Audiofetch](#). That should be all you need to do. You will be able to adjust the volume from the app.

You can still use the system even if you don't have hearing aids. Just follow the smart phone connection instructions above and use your ear buds in place of hearing aids. You should use ear buds in both ears to block out any direct room sound.

If you have any questions or want help with any of the above, contact Harold Wills, 404-786-7330.



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Our next **Discovery Class** is scheduled for, **Sunday, July 28, 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.

### **Pastoral Care during the Scotland Trip and the Pastor's continued vacation in Scotland, June 2 – July 11, 2019**

Recognizing the need for consistency in the pulpit and the provision of pastoral care and support while Pastor Jim leads the Faith group on their Scotland trip that encompasses three Sundays, June 2, 9 and 16, and while Pastor Jim is on his well-earned vacation, the Session has secured the services of Michael Gable in support of the Faith congregation. Yes! That Michael Gable, our 2017 Pastoral Intern, and 2018 Pastoral Assistant!

He will preach on the following Sundays: June 9, 16, 23 and 30, and July 7 and will work twenty hours per week in pastoral care, assistance and organization. He will keep committed office hours on Monday - Thursday from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. He will be reachable outside of those times also, and as needed, in emergency situations.



I am sure we will all be ready to welcome Michael back to Faith Presbyterian Church, let's continue to encourage and support his growth towards becoming a Pastor. We celebrated his graduation from Columbia Theological Seminary recently and we continue our prayers as he seeks a call and as he, Shelly and Ellen Kay look forward to welcoming the new baby later in the year. We are grateful to Jim and Janice Simpson for making their home available to the Gables during their time with us this summer.

In addition to contacting Michael through the regular church telephone number, he can be reached at: (770) 656-8759 and via email at [gablemichaelm@mail.ctsnet.edu](mailto:gablemichaelm@mail.ctsnet.edu)

All members of the Session and our Shepherds look forward to continuing all the work of the church in this exciting summer. They and we all stand ready, with Michael's help, to provide care and nurture for all connected at Faith Presbyterian Church! The church office will be staffed by volunteers as normal, Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. daily. Doris Riggs, Elder serving on the Congregational Care Planning Team is also available as an emergency contact



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during the Scotland trip, she can be reached via [dorisriggs@tds.net](mailto:dorisriggs@tds.net) (706) 838-4110 or (678) 491-4891. **Frances Young, Clerk of Session**

Thank you, Michael Gable, for a wonderful sermon Sunday, June 9, 2019 – the second anniversary of the first time Michael led our worship service.



Our choir is always wonderful and we enjoyed a beautiful anthem during Sunday's worship service and an amazing solo by our dear friend and former Faith Presbyterian Music Director, Brian Barrentine.





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Come to church early and enjoy coffee and fellowship in our Gathering Room from 9:30-10:10 a.m. What a wonderful way to visit with “old” friends and make new friends! We have Coffee Time each Sunday morning, and hope you will join us. *All are always welcome at Faith.*



HUGE thank you to our Spiritual Development Planning Team AND awesome grill masters for hosting our June 9 Second Sunday hot dog cookout. It was delish!



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## **One Anothering – the formation of a whole NEW FaithGroup**

### **Day and Time TBD**

There's a NEW Faith Group studying the book, One Anothering. Please sign up in the gathering room.

One Anothering by Reverend Richard Meyer

One Anothering goes back to the building blocks of Christian fellowship. It characterizes the ways we should relate to one another within the Body of Christ. The first chapter is "Fellowship with One Another", John 13:34, love to be shared within the fellowship of Christ. This study is best suited for groups ranging from 3 to 12 people. Meeting weekly is ideal with a 3-month commitment. Following that, we will decide if we want to do another book in this series. We will start in the fall.



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On Sunday, June 9, Faith worshiped at Portlethem Parish – Pastor Jim’s former church. A Faith traveling rock was placed in the planter outside the church. The memorial to fallen soldiers is just outside the church’s front door.



## June Children’s Church

Thanks to all of our June volunteers!

June 16: Sharon Brewer and Shirley Copeland

June 23: Patty Morris and Eric Morris

June 30: Lynn Lee and Janice Glascock





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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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(706) 374-5912

HALFWAY HOME CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, JULY 14 AT 12:00 PM

LA PIZZERIA AT CUCINA RUSTICA  
76 FORGE MILL ROAD  
MORGANTON, GA 30560

**Our “Halfway Home Celebration” will be on Sunday, July 14, 2019**

**on our usual Second Sunday Lunch day that month.**

**The event will be hosted at “La Pizzeria”**

**and feature a delicious family-style Salad and Pasta lunch.**

**Sign Up is available via the evite circulated or on the Sign-Up Sheet at Church.**



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## Mission and Outreach

*Mission and Outreach Volunteer Sign-up sheet in the Gathering room*

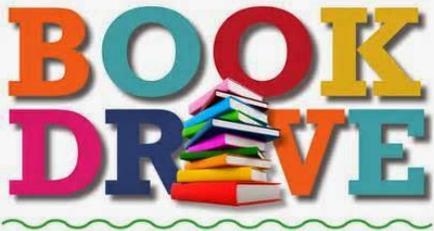
The more the merrier!

Kids' Day, an event for the many Fannin County children who do not get a real vacation in the summer, is scheduled for Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Kiwanis grounds. Volunteers are needed to help with the activities. If you are available that day, go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050C49AEAE2DABF94-volunteerto> to see where the needs are and to sign up for what you are willing to help with.



### Got Kid's Books?

Faith has traditionally given books to the children during the Summer Meal Program. If you have children's books you are willing to part with or wish to purchase new, please put them in the box under the table by the white boards in the gathering room. Thank you!



### Church Garden 2019: Terri Charron

[sweetwatergsp@gmail.com](mailto:sweetwatergsp@gmail.com) Workdays are every Friday at the Forge Mill Garden at 9:00 am. Come prepared to do weed control. A lot of our "regulars" are on the Scotland trip, so if you're able to help for an hour, your help would be appreciated. Bring hoes and gloves. Water provided.





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## **SUMMER MEALS PROGRAM**

This year our summer meal program is in collaboration with Snack in a Backpack and Fannin County Family Connection. Packing days are Mondays. Delivery days are Mondays and Thursdays beginning June 3 and ending July 25<sup>th</sup>. Contact Sylvia Goodyear, [smgoodyear@mindspring.com](mailto:smgoodyear@mindspring.com) with questions.

## **Old Timers Parade**

We are continuing our tradition of entering a float in the Blue Ridge Old Timers parade, actually being held on July 4<sup>th</sup> this year, from 12:00 pm until 3:00 pm. As in years past, our presence in this annual event gives our church the opportunity to share the many ways in which we help the community and to spread the wonderful news about our growth and new building!

Since my magic wand isn't working right now I will need some help in pulling things

together; things like float decorators, walkers to walk beside the float and hand out Faith bookmarks (which list the many ways we contribute to the community), riders on the float to toss throes to the crowd (pinwheels and American flags), a male cast member to play Uncle SAM (we provide the costume), one person to walk in



front of float and help my sister, Lynn, carry the banner and someone with a truck that can tow the float to and through the parade. Finally, if anybody is interested in co-chairing this with me, please email me: [maggiemarch21@gmail.com](mailto:maggiemarch21@gmail.com) or call: 330-350-0288.

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## 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 contractor began erecting steel on Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>!

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.



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** We planted summer bulbs and flower seeds around the existing church sign on Bluebird Road to add color and interest to the existing landscape.

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

**Harold Wills, Chair** (Jim Crawford, 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.



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- *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 Huffstetler, Danny Mellman, restaurateur, gratis 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.”

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



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Carl Riggs	Rick Borden
Barbara Schmus	Carl Riggs
Bill Young	
Catherine Branch	
Rita Oberle	
Harold Wills	
Mike Roberts	

Reverend Simpson serves, ex-officio, both committees.

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**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. Go to this page and scroll down until you find the Directory

<https://faithpresbyterianusa.org/publications-1> Password is: Faith

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)



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Interested in singing in the choir? Just call or email Kathy Cardwell at [kathycmac@gmail.com](mailto:kathycmac@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>  <b>Some highlights and ways to be involved.</b></p>
<p>Sunday, June 16</p>	<p>Trinity Sunday          Father's Day</p>
<p>Tuesday, June 25</p>	<p>5:15 monthly Habitat Board Meeting</p>
<p>Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup></p>	<p>Old Timers Parade—we'll have a float and have several opportunities to help.</p>
<p>Tuesday, July 9th</p>	<p>Save The Date" -- Tuesday, July 9th @ Dairy Queen, 4:00PM-8:00PM, Dairy Queen is doing a fundraiser for our Relay for Life team, we get 10% of the proceeds that night.</p>
<p>Sunday, July 14th</p>	<p>Halfway Home</p>

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

**"Many thanks to each of you for the cards, prayers and many kindnesses during my Mom's recent illness and passing.  
 Grace and Peace, Catherine Branch"**



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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.

Name	Requestor	Reason
Lynn Mahovsky		Please lift up Lynn in prayer as she has some surgery scheduled this week and our prayers are greatly appreciated.
Julie Radcliffe	Bruce Burn	Bruce Burn's sister, Julie, passed away Saturday morning, June 8, following a recent stay in ICU. She survived seven years following a lung transplant. Our prayers for her family are greatly appreciated.
Jane Giddens		Praise Update: Jane is feeling better and is thankful for our prayers!
Carol Smith		Please remember Carol in your prayers as she continues her chemotherapy treatments. Our prayers for strength and healing are appreciated.
Ann Rand		Please continue to lift up Ann in prayer as she prepares for surgery back in Charlottesville, VA . 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.
Nancy Goodson		Nancy's knee replacement surgery went well and she is recovering at home. Our prayers for healing are greatly appreciated.
Scott and Sheila Pickle (Tom and Pat Barrentine's nephew and his wife)		We have been praying for Scott, who recently completed his last round of chemotherapy; please add Sheila to your prayers as she is now dealing with a serious health issue, and having undergone surgery, is now hospitalized in intensive care. Our prayers for strength and healing are greatly appreciated.
Maggie March		Our continued prayers for Maggie are greatly appreciated.
Judy Evans		Judy is continuing her rehab and recovery and our prayers continue to be appreciated.
Virginia McPhee		Virginia sends her sincere thanks to everyone for our prayers on her behalf. Our prayers continue to be greatly appreciated.
Peggy Zinsli		Prayers for healing of kidney issues she now faces along with continued Dr. visits to find relief of pain.



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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.