

CONGREGATIONAL CARE PLANNING TEAM

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Prayer Requests: During office hours (M-F, 9-1), please call the church office or at other times, please email or call either Candy Frank at cmwfrank@aol.com (706) 632-5920 or Janice May at Janice.susan.may@gmail.com or (706) 449-6448.

Faith FORWARD for 2018

Lent 2018 "God Is In The Midst"

February 17 Faith Booth at 'Fire and Ice'

Festival downtown – signup sheet available on Bulletin Board in Gathering Room

February 21 Noon: Lenten Lunch and Learn weekly program "The King's Speech" begins

February 24 Bringin' the Blues to Blue Ridge

February 25 9:00 am - Discovery Class

March 10 Bowls of Hope – Feed Fannin fundraiser at Willow Creek Falls. Tickets from Kim King



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 2018:

- Increase membership and participation through connecting with and serving those who reside in our community
- Be a viable, spiritual place of worship 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
- Secure congregation-approved financing and start construction of our new church facility
- Prepare for the transition to our new church facility

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Faith Presbyterian Church in action, February 11-18, 2018

Today	9:30	Choir Rehearsal
	10:30	Worship Service – Commission Shepherds Annual Meeting of Congregation Second Sunday Lunch - sit by Shepherd Groups
Monday	5:00	Administration Planning Team Meeting
Tuesday	10:00	P.E.O.
Wednesday	12:00	Ash Wednesday Service
	5:30	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	10-12 & 1-3	Faith volunteers serve at Food Pantry
	5:45	Evening Study Group "The Covenant"
Saturday	9:00	Men's Breakfast – Pete's Place
	11:00-5:00	Fire and Ice Festival
Sunday	9:30	Choir Rehearsal
	10:30	Worship Service



The Session has called the Annual Meeting of the Congregation for Sunday, February 11, 2018 following the Morning Service. The Annual Report is scheduled to be published on February 4. The business for the Annual Meeting is to: 1. Receive the Annual Report. 2. Elect corporate officers. 3. Adjust the Pastor's Terms of Call. 4. Elect the Congregational Nominating Committee for 2018.

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT PLANNING TEAM

Patty Morris (pattymorris1029@gmail.com) Frances Young (femyoung26@aol.com)

Head Usher and Ushers

Please check the sign-up clipboards in the narthex or contact Frances Young or Patty Morris. Head Usher for February is **Nancy Goodson**. Please be ready to accept an invitation to assist as an usher Sunday by Sunday.

LENT 2018 – God Is In The Midst

Receive your copy of the 2018 Lenten Devotional book today
Posters/Flyers for distribution around the community – please assist in sharing our invitation to all and distribute this publicity.

Women of Faith 2017-2018 Bible Study meets the 4th Monday of each month. *What She Said: Quotable Women in Scripture*. **Next meeting February 26, 1:00pm -3:00 pm.**

Evening Study Group has resumed on Thursdays at 5:45pm. Janice Simpson leads, studying Covenant through the scope of Scripture. There is no book, but feel free to bring your favorite Bible.

Fire and Ice Chili Cook Off - Saturday, February 17 Volunteers are needed downtown for the Faith booth from 11-1, 1-3, and 3-5. We will be setting up, making and serving fried tortilla strips in 3 flavors, and breaking down at end of day. Sign up in the gathering room.

Children's Church Schedule Come join the fun!!! Please check your calendar and consider volunteering for just one day, please contact Frances Young femyoung26@aol.com or call 407-325-3334.
Feb 18 Doris Riggs/ Treva Whitley Feb 25 Patty Morris/Jeanine Lazenby

Making Music @ Faith: Are you interested in joining the choir? Email Kathy Cardwell at kathymac@gmail.com or call at 828-361-0007. Also, contact Kathy if you are interested in private piano or voice lessons on Wednesdays at the church.

MISSION & OUTREACH PLANNING TEAM

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

Food Bank volunteers needed: The February signup sheet is on the mission board. A training session for food handlers is now required but you may volunteer before taking the training. Contact **Hilda Giles** hjthebb@gmail.com or call 770-605-0040.

Check out the new program at Family Connection! Ambassadors! Family Connection has opened a Clothes Closet and needs volunteers to keep it neat and organized. Also, help is needed with clients who have difficulty completing the forms necessary for each visit. When it's busy, children under 5 years of age could miss signing up for monthly free books from the Ferst Foundation. If you are interested in this new program, please contact Greg Gelp or Sherry Morris at Fannin Connection, 706-632-6063.

Poverty Simulation –A Day in Their Shoes Residents, policy makers and concerned citizens of Fannin County will have an opportunity to discover what it means to live in poverty through a “Poverty

Simulation” administered by the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension and hosted by Fannin County Family Connection on Tuesday, February 27 10 AM Volunteers, 1 PM Participants) at the Kiwanis Fairgrounds on Jones Street in Blue Ridge. We hope you join us in this exciting, interactive event. To volunteer or participate, sign up on the sheet in the gathering room. For further questions, the community contact is Sherry706-632-6063 sherrymorris@etcmail.com

Building Campaign information regarding our new church building plan is available online at: [Faith Presbyterian Church Capital Campaign Information here.](#)

Ready for membership? Like to know more? Our next **Discovery Class** is scheduled for Sunday, February 25, 2018. If you would like to discover more about the life of Faith, or are ready to be welcomed as a member, contact 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.

Snack in a Backpack's 7th Annual Bringin' the Blues to Blue Ridge will be on Saturday, February 24th at Willow Creek Falls from 5-9 pm. Mardi Gras theme, New Orleans style Buffet, Live band and Silent / Live Auction, there's something for everyone, and it will continue to support the Snack programs to feed the children of Fannin County on weekends and supplement the Seamless Summer Program. Contact Angela Huffstetler 706-851-8190. Tickets \$50 each or \$90 couple.

Faith Church Garden 2018 – Garden coordinator Terri Charron is gathering names of returning and new volunteers. If you like to “play in the dirt” and help feed needy members of our community, let Terri know to include you as part of the Team. sweetwatergsp@gmail.com

ADMINISTRATION PLANNING TEAM

Jim Reich (jimreich72@gmail.com) Bruce Burn (bburn4757@gmail.com)

Church Newsletter: To submit an item for the newsletter, email exactly what you want to put in it to faithpcblueridge@gmail.com. We love receiving photographs of church-related events. The deadline for the newsletter is **10 AM on Mondays**. If it is not possible to email it, please write out your entry and leave it on the secretary's desk in the church office. Thanks for your help.