

CONGREGATIONAL CARE PLANNING TEAM

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Easter Lunch Sunday, April 1st Worship with us, then come and celebrate Easter at lunch with your Faith family. We have the downstairs of Harvest on Main reserved for after church Easter Sunday. They can seat 40 of us, so sign up early. The signup sheet is on the Congregational Care board in our Gathering Room.

FAITH FORWARD for 2018

- March 16** Red Cross Blood Drive - 11-4 at Faith
March 25 Palm Sunday
Reception of New Members
March 29 Maundy Thursday Service – 7 pm
March 30 Ecumenical Good Friday Service- 7 pm at Faith
April 5 Seder Meal- 6 pm @ Craddock Center, hosted by the Jewish Community Congregation. Wait List.

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, March 11-18, 2018

- Today** 9:30 Choir Rehearsal
10:30 Worship Service
Second Sunday Lunch
- Monday** 1:00 Congregational Care Planning Team
- Tuesday** 4:00 Spiritual Development Planning Team
- Wednesday** 12:00 Lenten Lunch and Learn
5:30 Choir Rehearsal
- Thursday** 10-12 & 1-3 Faith volunteers serve at Food Pantry
- Friday** 11:00 - 4:00 Blood Drive
5:30 Jewish Congregation Service
- Saturday** 9:00 Men's Breakfast – Pete's Place
- Sunday** 9:30 Choir Rehearsal
10:30 Worship Service – Service of Wholeness
11:45 Mission and Outreach Meeting

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 March is **John Thompson**. Please be ready to accept an invitation to assist as an usher Sunday by Sunday.

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

Evening Study Group *will* resume after Easter. Stay tuned.

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.

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 March 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 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.

Ready for membership? Like to know more? Our next **Discovery Class** is scheduled for Sunday, March 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.

Passover Seder – The Jewish Congregation of Blue Ridge has invited Faith Presbyterian Church to a Passover Seder which includes the traditional Seder dinner. It is on April 5 at 6 pm. There is a donation of \$5. Seating is limited and there is now a Waiting List. Please sign up on the Waiting List in the office if you would like to attend.

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

4x8 Raised Bed Gardens are Available for a rental fee of \$10 at the Feed Fannin Farm on Ada St. You plant, maintain, and enjoy! The gardens are in a sunny spot with water kept nearby thanks to the Fire Department. Kim King has the applications king1285@bellsouth.net Gardens are assigned on a first come, first serve basis, so hurry!

Blood Drive – Spring 2018 – Friday, March 16, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Please consider helping us save lives in the following ways: donating blood, providing hospitality and snacks, helping with the check-in process, assisting with setting up and/or breaking down of tables and chairs. Call June Stanford (770-365-1642) for more information.

Faith Presbyterian Church and the Men of Faith will host a dinner meeting of the Young Farmers of Fannin County Assoc. on **Monday March 19th at 6pm**. Jim and Peggy Reich will be guest speakers representing Georgia Save the Hemlocks. Volunteers are needed to help with set-up and clean-up.

Recycling Opportunity Fannin/Gilmer Habitat for Humanity will now accept your aluminum cans again for recycling. There is a receptacle outside the delivery entrance at the rear of the Habitat ReStore, near the Mesquite Grill.

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.