

Faith FORWARD FOR 2017

- Now** Harvesting of Faith Presbyterian Church Garden begins Friday, August 18th
- August** **VBS for All.** Wednesdays - 1:00 until 3:00 August 16, and 23
- August 21** View the **Solar Eclipse** from the church's BlueBird Road property. Plans are being made to host an event on our new church property. Bring friends and neighbors. There is a great view of the afternoon sun from the property assuming there are no clouds!
- August 28** **Women of Faith Bible Study, 1-3PM**
- Labor Day weekend**
Good Samaritan BBQ preparation and event. Details to come

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.

Priorities for Faith Presbyterian Church in 2017:

- Increase membership and participation through connecting with and serving those in our community. Be a viable, spiritual place of worship by the sharing of our time, talent and treasure.
- Equip members to follow in Jesus' footsteps and to show God's love, grace and care.
- Ensure the development of effective leadership skills
- Ensure the development of effective internal and external communication, including appropriate use of technology
- Develop a plan for the new church site and facility as well as the funding for it.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Faith Presbyterian Church in action this Week,
August 13-20, 2017**



- Today** 9:30 Choir Rehearsal
10:30 Worship Service
11:45 Second Sunday Lunch
- Tuesday** 9:30 Session Meeting
- Wednesday** 1:00 VBS for All – Lent and Easter
3:15 Capital Campaign Committee Meeting
5:30 Choir Rehearsal
- Thursday** 10-12 & 1-3 Faith volunteers serve at Fannin Food Pantry
- Friday** 8:30 Harvest Work Day at Faith Garden
5:00 Jewish Community Service
- Saturday** 9:00 Men's Breakfast – Pete's Place
9:00 Toccoa Water Association HOA
- Sunday** 9:30 Choir Rehearsal
10:30 Worship Service
Service of Wholeness and Healing

Our Pastoral Assistant, Michael Gable can be reached at: (770) 656-8759
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SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT PLANNING TEAM

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

Head Usher and Ushers

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

Thank you for silencing your cell phone during worship!

Women of Faith. Meetings will be the 4th Monday of the Month starting with August 28th. Pick up books from box in Gathering Room.

Fall Faith Group sign-ups –available in the Gathering Room. Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.; Wednesdays 1:00 p.m. and Thursdays 2:00 p.m. beginning mid-September.

Children’s Church Schedule

Come join the fun!!! Please check your calendar to help just one day this month. **We need a volunteer on August 20!** Contact Frances Young femyoung26@aol.com to let her know you can help.

VBS FOR ALL. Four Wednesdays in August.... Green and Red and White and Purple.... Colors for the seasons... Living the Faith in different seasons and moods. Two Wednesdays in August remaining (16 and 23), from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Refreshments will be provided.

MISSION & OUTREACH PLANNING TEAM

Dick Schmus (smoose@tds.net) and Sylvia Goodyear (smgoodyear@tds.net)

Food Bank volunteers: The August signup sheet is on the mission board. Hilda Giles is the food bank coordinator: hjthebb@gmail.com 770-605-0040. If you were not able to attend the mandatory “Civil Rights & Food Safety” training on June 22, there will be an additional training in August or September for the next fiscal year.

Faith Church Garden 2017 –Work Days are Fridays at 8:30 a.m. We made a decision to delay the harvesting of potatoes until this Friday, August 18th. Bring a shovel and bucket, rags for wiping the potatoes clean and plastic bags for transporting potatoes to the food pantry. Questions? Contact Terri Charron (706) 258-2747 sweetwatergsp@gmail.com

Get off the Grid Festival is at the Blairsville **Arena, Nottely Dam Road, August 19th to 21st**. Faith is helping with the children’s activity tent to assure a safe environment. Volunteers are needed to work Saturday (10-7) and Sunday (12:30-3:30). The signup sheet is on the mission board. Volunteers will receive festival tickets (\$30) and a t-shirt. A volunteer kickoff party is scheduled at Odom Springs Vineyard on Thursday, August 17th. Details will be provided to volunteers. Festival events <https://getoffthegrident.wordpress.com>.



Faith designated a Hunger Action Congregation

From the Presbyterian Mission Agency:
Congratulations and thank you for responding to the biblical call to alleviate hunger! You have joined the ranks of churches around the country that respond with compassionate action to end hunger in a world that has the potential to feed everyone.

ADMINISTRATION PLANNING TEAM

John Thompson jkenthompson@yahoo.com/Jim Reich (jimreich72@gmail.com)

Church Newsletter: To submit an item for the newsletter, email exactly what you want to put in it to faithpcbueridge@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.

Memories Scrapbook – We would like to put together a Faith scrapbook filled with pictures, special bulletins or flyers, and anything you would like to contribute. It will be a historical record of our Faith journey as we move on to our next phase. Please label them “Faith Scrapbook” and leave them at the front office. (I will make copies and return items if you would like them back. Please make a note of that when you turn your items in.) Thank you! Chris Martinez

CONGREGATIONAL CARE PLANNING TEAM

Doris Riggs (dorisriggs@tds.net) / Ann Rand (nedrandr@yahoo.com)

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. Prayer requests for immediate needs relating to persons directly connected to members and friends of Faith are circulated via email, others appear in the Newsletter Prayer List on Mondays.

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.