

Faith Presbyterian Church
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Donation of Gifts: Time, Talent and Treasure (May – July 2020)
(In preparation for Faith's move to 1349 Blue Bird Road, Mineral Bluff GA 30559)

Our congregation's Mission Statement states the following:

“By God's love and grace, we are Called, Committed and Led.”

Over the past two months our shared life as a church has been stretched between challenge and hope. The challenge is our necessary and ongoing response to the covid19 pandemic adjusting as we go. The hope is the ongoing construction at our new building on Bluebird Road. In responding to both this challenge and hope our congregation continues to live out our Mission Statement.

Our General Contractor currently predicts a completion date for the building in June. In early May the Session approved and reported how the gifts given in the initial phase of the “Donation of Gifts” Program are being used and everyone can be very encouraged by what has been achieved.

As we get closer to the completion of the building the Session asked the New Building Committee and its sub-committees, to refresh the list of needs for equipment, furniture, and enhancements that are not included in our contract with our builder. That list is provided on the second page of this document.

Several factors influenced the nature, content and detail of this refreshed list in some portions:

- Committee members and others have not been able to meet in person due to our need to maintain social distancing
- Vendors and other providers have also been facing their own challenges
- It is becoming obvious that our move into and earliest use of the new building will likely be in stages
- The affirmation of the Session that online access to the weekly Service of Worship will continue even when in-person worship is possible, requires additional unanticipated resources
- The arrival of our Pastoral Associate, requiring a space for her to be able to meet and counsel with members and friends, has now been taken into our thinking and planning.

These factors mean that this new list of needs and items is, in some areas, completely new and in other areas less specific than in the initial list. As we start to see the actual size and layout of various spaces in the building and how they will now be used we have the advantage of time to consider what is needed and best fits in each area.

If you would be interested in donating all or part of the cost of any specific items you are invited to confer initially with our Pastor, Jim Simpson, or Jim Reich or Bill Young, co-chairs of the New Building Committee. If you wish to simply make an additional gift to be used for the items most immediately needed, there is no need to confer with anyone but submit your gift in whichever way is suitable to you attaching a completed donation form (see the back page of this document).

The church's Gift Acceptance policy found on the church website (Publications page) reminds us of the following **“Priority in Giving”**. “Generosity is encouraged among the congregation. However, the Session urges all members to make their priority in giving the continuation and fulfillment of the annual operating and missions budget and fulfillment of remaining building fund pledges. Importance should also be directed to reduction of the building mortgage to enhance the operating and missions funding for the church in future years.”

Thank you for all you are and do and for your consideration.

The Session and New Building Committee.

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In gratitude to God, in anticipation of the future mission of Faith Presbyterian Church, and as we come to the completion of the new building, I/We would like to make the following gift(s).

Item	Description	Costs/Estimated costs	My / Our gift(s)
Chancel chairs	Two-four chairs for worship leaders (tbd) based on space use and chair size	\$400 per chair	
Side chairs	Chairs for small meetings, pastoral consultations etc. (6-8 chairs)	\$200-250 per chair	
Lectern	Lectern (moveable reading podium) for use on chancel and other locations	\$300	
Specimen Trees for garden	One Dogwood, one Japanese Maple and one Red Maple	\$150 per tree	
Video recording system with streaming capability	Camera(s), equipment, controls, editing/streaming system etc. (various options being currently researched)	\$4,000 - \$5,000	
Time and Talent	Help will be needed in moving, landscaping and other tasks	Share your time to help our move	
Classroom equipment	Room divider, whiteboards, filing cabinets	\$7,500	
Office furniture	Chairs, desk, cabinets, clocks(5), window treatments, shelving for closets etc.	\$3,000	
Sanctuary storage for hymnals etc.	Size, style and location (under review)	\$1,200	
Narthex items	Artwork, Name tag display, seating (best options under review)	\$1,500	
Pantry shelving	NSF wire shelving for the pantry	\$600	
Enhanced Chancel lighting	Lights that would enhance video recording/streaming capability	\$6,000	
Memorial Garden landscaping	To create appropriate site within church grounds for interment of cremains.	\$5,000 received, gifts welcome	
Wherever my gift is most needed	In gratitude to God and in support of what is most needed under the direction of the Session and New Building Cttee.	Any amount	

Gifts may be offered for all or part of an item(s) or combination of items. Any donations exceeding the necessary amount for any item will be redirected at the discretion of the Session.

NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____
 PHONE: _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

Completed Form and funds (checks to Faith Presbyterian Church (Building Fund in memo line) may be , brought to the church office or mailed to:

Bob Goodyear, Financial Secretary, Faith Presbyterian Church PO Box 2668 Blue Ridge GA 30513

(Version of May 13, 2020)