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Currents

What's Happening at the bridge

**Our *mission* at the bridge Presbyterian Church is to help people
Connect with God's people in your life - Connect with God's purpose in your life
Connect with God's passion for your life**

The bridge Core Habits

*Pray daily - Worship together weekly - Welcome & Include everyone - Belong to a small group
Give generously - Cherish children - Forgive & reconcile continually - Serve our community*

Connecting at the bridge

Upcoming Events

Sun. Nov. 20 - 10:00 am - Worship - In Person, Livestream on Facebook and YouTube

Equal Exchange Coffee and Chocolate on Sale

(See more information for December Sales below)

Thu. Nov. 24 - Happy Thanksgiving

Sun. Nov. 27 - 10:00 am - Worship - In Person, Livestream on Facebook and YouTube

Sun. Dec. 4 - 10:00 am - Worship - In Person, Livestream on Facebook and YouTube

Sun. Dec. 11 - 10:00 am - Worship - In Person, Livestream on Facebook and YouTube

Sun. Dec. 18 - 10:00 am - Worship - In Person, Livestream on Facebook and YouTube

Sat. Dec. 24 - 5:00 pm and 9:00 pm—Christmas Eve Services

Sun. Jan. 1 - 10:00 am - Worship - In Person, Livestream on Facebook and YouTube

Links to all videos posted by the bridge on YouTube:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_koqkyqdW43YbC9evcgxFQ/videos

Advent; Christmas and the Holidays @ The bridge Presbyterian Church For 2022



Can you believe it! The season of Advent is upon us. This year, Advent and Christmas takes on special meaning at the bridge as this will be the first year, we celebrate the birth of Christ in our new church home!

The theme for this year's Advent season is: "From Generation to Generation." The sermons and small groups will explore the scriptures associated with Advent and Christmas that hone in on all the humans involved in the larger story of Jesus' birth. The hope is that this series will help us see the important place we have in the larger story of the Incarnation of God at Christmas and see where our Lord is calling us to share our story with others.

Dr. Doug will be leading a four-week sermon-based small group study during Advent. **The class will begin on Wed Nov 30th at noon and/or 6:00pm. If you are interested, please sign up at the sign-up table.**

Below you will find a snapshot of what is happening at the bridge during Advent, Christmas and into the new year. Please consider inviting a friend, neighbor or co-worker with you to the bridge this Advent season.

Sunday Nov 27th – First Sunday of Advent

Join us for the first Sunday in Advent as we behold our new worship center decorated for the season. The theme in worship will be: "There's Room For Every Story," and we will look at Matthew 1: 1-17.

After worship there will be a reception to thank Dave Bohn for his service as our Interim Director of Music.

Sunday Dec 4th – Second Sunday of Advent

The second Sunday of Advent will feature our praise band under the direction of our new Director of Music, Judson Hurd. The theme for this Sunday will be: “God Meets Us In Our Fears,” and we will look at Luke 1: 26 – 38.

After worship we will be holding a Connections Class for anyone interesting in learning more about the bridge or joining our church.

Sunday Dec 11th – Third Sunday of Advent

As we move deeper into Advent, our young people will be helping lead worship by playing the handbells. The theme for worship will be: “Seventh Generation Thinking,” and our text will be from Matthew 1: 18 - 25.

After worship we will be hosting Advent Adventure for our kindergarten through 5th graders from 11:00 to 3:00pm.

On the evening of Dec 11th, we will be hosting a community-wide worship service also known as a Blue Christmas worship. Working in conjunction with the Town of Leland, we will invite families from the greater Leland community who have lost a loved, to join us for an evening candlelight service of remembrance. At 7:00pm, during the service, participants will join with people throughout the world lighting candles in memory of lost loved ones.

Sunday Dec 18th – Fourth Sunday of Advent

Our final Sunday in the season of Advent will feature our children who will help lead worship through music and liturgy. The theme for this Sunday will be: “Seeing God in Each Other” and the passage we will focus on is Luke 1: 39 – 58.

Sunday afternoon the Hospitality Team has a special event planned for the bridge that will be revealed during Advent.

Saturday Dec 24th – Christmas Eve

The bridge will offer two Christmas Eve worship services. The early, family-friendly service will begin at 5:00pm and then, at 7:00pm there will be a candlelight communion service.

Sunday Dec 25th – Christmas Day

No worship services. Enjoy time with your family!

Sunday Jan 1st – New Year’s Day

Our New Year’s Day worship service will be an informal gathering to listen to the Christmas story and sing your favorite Christmas carols. Bring extra cookies to share and enjoy the joyful celebration of the holidays with your church family.

Sunday Jan 8th – Epiphany Sunday

Epiphany Sunday will mark the end of our sermon series: “From Generation to Generation”, as we explore the role of the Magi as well as those who helped shelter and protect Jesus as he and his family fled from Herod to Egypt.



Ways To Connect by Serving

Greeters/Ushers

Nov. 20 - Dixie Bennett, Marcia and Bill Wesenberg

Nov. 27 - Bettye Weihs and Lynne Lewis



Bridge Builder Teachers

Nov. 20 - Judy Hogg, Patricia Shaffar and Linda D'Amario

Nov. 27 - Elizabeth Murray, Lisa Myers and Linda Faulk

Offering Counters

Nov. 20 - David Sink, Ed Weihs

Nov. 27 - David Sink, Ed Weihs



Coffee Servers

Nov. 20 - Gidget Karlof

Nov. 27 - Kathy Westphal

Worship Weekly

10:00 am - In Person, Facebook or YouTube



Date: Sunday, Nov. 20 , 2022

Title: Behold the Man!

Text: John 18: 28 -40 & John 19: 1 - 5



Dr. Doug will be on vacation next week (Nov. 21— Nov 26)

If you need assistance, please contact Elder Charlie Riddle at 908-675-1030 or pct917@aol.com

The Church office will be closed on Thursday and Friday (Nov.24/25)

Currents will come out on Wednesday next week

The bridge Presbyterian Church
Welcomes New Director of Music: Mr. Judson Hurd



This past Sunday, November 13th, the bridge Presbyterian Church welcomed Mr. Judson Hurd into worship as our new Director of Music. Judson Hurd is a composer/songwriter and worship leader based in Wilmington, NC. He grew up in Paraguay, South America as a missionary kid and started playing piano at the young age of 4. He has composed music for documentaries, film, and performed solo at Carnegie Hall and the Grand Ole Opry. He is a proud father to a young son and loves to read comics (especially DC!), listen to jazz on vinyl, and lead communities in a spirit of unity to Jesus through music.

Judson earned his B.A. degree in Religious Studies from the University of North Carolina – Greensboro. Additionally, Judson has studied piano and music theory at schools in Georgia and at the Franz Schubert Conservatory in Ciudad Del Este. Judson has served churches throughout North Carolina as a Director of Music; Organist and private music teacher.

Judson is excited to begin his music ministry at the bridge. We give thanks to God for Judson and want to thank the members of the search team (Steve Wingert; Dianne Betz; Dave Bohn and Elder Charlie Riddle) who helped bring Judson to the bridge .

New Covenant Partners

Please make welcome our newest Covenant Partners

Amanda and Joe Genda





**WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE BRIDGE?
JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT CONNECTIONS CLASS
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4th @11:15AM**

We will be hosting our next Connections Class at approximately 11:15 AM on Sunday, December 4th, immediately following our morning worship service.

This informal information session is a wonderful opportunity for you to connect with others who are looking for a new church home and to spend some time getting to know Pastor Doug and each other.

Doug will be talking about The Mission of the bridge Presbyterian Church, which is to help people to connect with God's People, Passion, and Purpose for their life. He will also be discussing some next steps you may take to become more involved in our mission.

I am so hoping you will consider joining us!

There is a sign-up sheet on the long table in the hall way as you come in the double doors where you can let us know that you will be coming. You can also call Wanda at the church office to register or reach out to me at jannbath@hotmail.com for more information.

I hope to see you there! I will bring some muffins to go with that extra cup of coffee or tea!
Blessings!

Judy Bath

Give Generously

This Week's giving total - \$ 3,932

Attendance 11/13/22 - 101

Monthly Financials

October 2022 is not posted yet and will not be for a few weeks.

Sorry for this inconvenience

If you would like to see our Monthly Financial Reports, they are posted on
Realm.

Here are instructions to view the reports.

- **Log in to Realm**
- **Go to Groups (you may have to go to "More" first)**
- **Click on "the bridge presbyterian Church under system groups**
- **Click on Resources (depending on your device it may say files)**
- **You should see the Financials.**

At the end of each month reports will be posted.

If you have any problems logging in to Realm or finding the files, please call Wanda at 910-769-4951



Pray Daily

Prayer and Care November 17,2022

- Continued prayers for Miles and Rory, tiny twin infant great grandsons of Judy and Jim Bath. Rory is possibly scheduled for a surgery to repair and hole in his heart. Currently he is being treated for an infection and the doctors are hoping time will repair his heart without surgery. Prayers for healing and defeat of infection.
- Continued prayers for Fred Payne who is recovering from knee surgery. Pray that his pain is reduced, and he is soon up and around.
- Continued prayers for Wanda Batten as she recovers from back surgery.
- Prayers for the family of Sharon Meyd, friend of Ed and Bettye Weihs. Sharon passed away this week from difficulties while undergoing surgery in Charleston.
- Continued prayers for Pete Caillaud. His wife, Charlyn reports that he is now in rehab and they are grateful for such an improvement.
- Continued Prayers for Greer Broadwater's' brother Richard. He will be having surgery soon in Florida. . Prayers for Greer Richard and their families.
- Continued prayers for Lydia Stevens' brother Josh. He still has not completely recovered his sight.
- Continued prayers for John and Marilyn Vernon. Reports from them are encouraging and tentative plans are to start the process to come back to North Carolina by this Saturday.
- Prayers for Josef Genda. At this writing Josef is in the hospital with intestinal difficulties. Prayers that his stay is brief and he heals quickly
- Prayers for Sharon Wingert's friend and neighbor Becky. Becky is struggling with her third bout of cancer and seeks God's healing touch. Prayers for Becky and Sharon who cares about her.
- Prayers for Jackie Santone, the 96 year old mother of Joe Santone. Jackie is 96 and is working with her family to make the right decisions about her future. God bless each of the family members as they struggle with their choices.
- Prayers for James and Mary Graham, friends of the Queens, who are both dealing with cancer.
- Prayers for Louise, long time friends of the Queens, dealing with sever lung issues.
- Prayers for all those who have problems and issues unknown to us. We pray for their comfort. We don't know them but God does....

Loneliness doesn't come from being alone, It comes from feeling that nobody cares.

To Make a Prayer Request: If you would like to place a prayer request with the Prayer and Care team, please contact Elder Mary Campbell at carlislecampbell@gmail.com or (910) 269-9696. Prayer requests will remain in Currents for two weeks, but may be extended, if requested.

Cherish Children

the bridge
Presbyterian Church

ADVENT ADVENTURE

December 11th 11:00am-3:00pm

LUNCH, BIBLE STORIES, CRAFTS, GAMES, MUSIC, AND MORE!!!

Have some Christmas shopping, wrapping, or activities you need to do without your kiddos? Register them for an afternoon of Christ-centered Christmas activities!



Kindergarten-5th
Grade
Registration Required
the bridge
Presbyterian
Church
1444 Lanvale Road
Leland
Request: \$5 Donation
and a canned food!

Limited
Space!
Registration
Link:



<https://forms.gle/X4TpzXs9xaQdQ3iy5>

More info coming soon! thebridgepres.com



Belong to a Small Group

Sermon-Based Small Groups Are Coming to the bridge This Advent



Beginning Wednesday, Nov 30th at noon and/or 6:00pm, Dr. Doug will be leading a four-week sermon-based small group study. If you are interested in joining the small group studies, please sign up at the sign-up table in the hallway after worship. Below find an introduction to the sermon series theme for Advent 2022 at the bridge.

The stories, scriptures, and traditions of the Christmas season have been passed down to us throughout the generations. Many of us enter this season with a swell of memories and emotions as vast as the cultural and religious rituals this holiday holds. Like a tapestry woven throughout time, the Christmas story weaves us in—to remember how God has shown up in the past, and to anticipate how God will act in the present and future.

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Advent 2022 at the bridge will be special, not only because it is our first Advent in our new facility, but also because Advent worship will be feature our children in worship; a service of lessons and carols and two Christmas Eve services.

Serve Our Community

November Sustainable Mission Partner



BRUNSWICK FAMILY ASSISTANCE

FOOD PANTRY HIGHEST NEEDS:

- Canned Tuna
- Canned Chicken
- Baked Beans
- 1 lb. Rice Bags
- 1 lb. Dry Bean Bags
- Cereal (Please no family sized)



ABOUT BFA

Brunswick Family Assistance (BFA) is a private, nonprofit (501) (c) (3) that has been providing essential life-sustaining and emergency assistance to people in crisis since 1981. Our Mission is to improve the lives of families and individuals in crisis in Brunswick County, who are willing to help themselves, by providing emergency assistance and educational and skills development programs.

We envision a community where all people have access to an adequate supply of food and sufficient resources to sustain themselves.

BFA provides a wide range of coordinated programs and services—food, housing assistance and emergency shelter, financial assistance for heating, utilities, and medical prescriptions—designed to have a measurable impact on people's lives.

In 2021, Brunswick Family Assistance touched approximately 21% of the lives in Brunswick County by providing various resources and assistance to those living 130% below the poverty line. Within the year of 2021, BFA provided 210,836 lbs. of food, impacting 4,733 households or 15,396 individuals, through the selfless, dedicated efforts and the generosity of our donors, such as yourself.

For food pantry or financial assistance, or to arrange to a donation to BFA, please call our location in Shallotte (910)754-4766 or our Leland location (910)408-1700

HOW CAN I HELP?

BFA is always collecting food for our emergency food pantry, providing food to hungry Brunswick County households. The increasing cost of groceries and utilities, as well as fallout from the recent pandemic have caused a dramatic increase in demand for services. You can help us feed the less fortunate by donating non-perishables, unopened food items. Please see the list provided for our pantry's highest needs.



Coffee, Chocolates and Cookbooks!!

Need something to take to the family Thanksgiving gathering?

Need a unique Christmas gift ?

The bridge Hospitality Team has perfect ideas.

Over the next few weeks - **Nov 20th and Dec 4, 11 and 18th**

Equal Exchange Coffee and Chocolates will be available as well as the Bridge Cookbook full of awesome recipes.

Below is the Price sheet/Order form

You can order individual items or have several put into a gift bag.

Support a wonderful program AND give gifts of Joy



Equal Exchange Holiday Gift Order Form

2022 the bridge Presbyterian Church

Name _____

Phone # or Email _____

Please use a Separate Order form for each Gift Bag needed.

***Payment Due with Order, Cash & Checks are appreciated**

***Make Checks payable to the bridge Presbyterian Church**

Indicate "Coffee Sales"

***Questions? Contact Sandra Sears @ 910-228-5828, or ssoct@yahoo.com**

Item Description	Price	Quantity	Total Price
Chocolate Bars (2.8 oz)			
Organic Very Dark Chocolate	\$3.00		
Organic Dark Chocolate Mint Crunch	\$3.00		
Organic Dark Chocolate Almond	\$3.00		
Organic Dark Choc. Carmel Crunch w/Sea Salt	\$3.00		
Organic Milk Choc. Carmel Crunch w/Sea Salt	\$3.00		
Chocolate Minis (16 per bag)			
Organic Dark Chocolate Minis	\$5.00		
Organic Milk Chocolate Minis	\$5.00		
Coffee (Drip Grind)			
Organic Decaffeinated Coffee	\$9.00		
Organic Love Buzz Coffee	\$8.50		
Organic Breakfast Blend	\$8.50		
Organic French Roast	\$8.50		
Coffee (Single Serve K-cups, 12 per box)			
Organic Breakfast Blend Coffee	\$7.50		
Organic French Roast Coffee	\$7.50		
Organic Unwind Decaf Coffee	\$7.50		
Hot Chocolate			
Organic Dark Hot Chocolate Mix	\$6.00		
Organic Hot Cocoa Mix	\$6.00		
Grand Total			\$



Chrismon Workshop

Prior to Covid a group of women at the bridge had started to create Crismons for our Christmas tree in the Sanctuary.

On **December 1st at 1PM**, Lynne Lewis is going to be doing a Workshop on how to create a Chrismon so we can add to our collection.

If you have any interest in learning how to create these ornaments for the bridge tree, join us in the Warnock Hall on the 1st of December. Sign up sheet is on the hallway table.

And if you love to decorate for Christmas, join us at **10AM on November 21st** to start decorating the exterior and interior of the church.

Does anyone have a collection of artificial wreaths for our 11 windows?

Interior theme is silver and blue and we would love it if you were downsizing and looking for a home for your greens, blue and silver decorations.

Email Cathy Boettcher (cboettcher116@gmail.com) and send the team pictures of things that you would like for us to consider.

Matthew's Ministry

Food Changes Lives



Food bags to be delivered to schools in North Brunswick County are stored at GoStoreIt Self Storage, 9820 Blackwell Rd., Belville.

Food Bag Packing - **Nov. 27** Sunday after church, 11:30 am

Food Bag Deliveries to Town Creek Elementary and Middle Schools and Classical Charter School before noon: **Nov ,17, 22 Dec. 1,8,15** (103 bags each week)

Food Truck Unloading: **Nov. 22** Unload truck at GoStoreIt at 10:15 am (20 lb. cases of food)

If you would like to volunteer for any of these activities, please email Gary or Lynne Lewis at glewis5169@gmail.com or text/phone 407.497.8646

Celebrating Birthdays at the bridge

November



Patti Pirher	4
Al D'Amario	13
Elizabeth Murray	13
Judy Bath	17
Dianne Betz	17
Del Shaffar	17
Peter Barrett	22
Sharon Cushing	22
Donna Maher	22
Jack Stevens	27
Lynne Lewis	29
Steve Wingert	29

Remember to login into REALM and put your birthday. You can also email Wanda - just remember to put the year (it doesn't show but is needed in system)

THANK YOU

I would like to send my appreciation to all the church members and staff for your prayers before, during, and after my surgery. It means a lot to know all of you were with me throughout. Thanks again.

Fred Payne