



currents

what's happening at the bridge

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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



- Sun. Nov. 1 - 10:00 am - Indoor Worship (registration needed see below)**
- Fri. Nov. 6 - 11:00 am - Women of the bridge**
- Sun. Nov. 8 - 10:00 am - Indoor Worship (registration needed see below)**
- Sun. Nov. 15 - 10:00 am - Indoor Worship (registration needed see below)**
- Sun. Nov. 22 - 10:00 am - Indoor Worship (registration needed see below)**

Before the service visiting time Zoom - 9:15 - 9:55

This is link to use weekly

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81276261023?pwd=Q3dEWXpWcGEyVTBodIVFUXIDREN2Zz09>

Meeting ID: 812 7626 1023 - Password: 703335

The Wednesday lunch zoom with Doug will be discontinued at this time.

Please join the Before Worship Zoom on Sunday's at 9:15

Links to all videos posted by the bridge on YouTube:

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

Sunday, Oct. 25 - Facebook Live Service - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S->

The bridge Core Habits

What does a disciple of Jesus Christ look like at **the bridge**? Our core habits answer that question. Our core habits are:

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

Worship Weekly

Date: Nov. 1, 2020

Title: United We Stand

Text: John 14: 25-27, Rom. 16:3-16



bridge "Notes" from Patty



Hi *bridge* friends,

I don't know about you but I'm heavily protecting what I'm letting into my ears, eyes, and heart for the next two weeks. That doesn't mean I'm not staying informed or on top of the news. I'm checking in, but I'm spending more time than normal in the word of God. I'm re-reading verses of encouragement and hope. I'm remembering that no matter the outcome of this election, God is my King and the spirit of God goes ahead of us. He already knows the outcome and is already ahead of our circumstances. Romans 8:28: We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him. He appointed them to be saved in keeping with His purpose.

Dear Heavenly Father, help us keep our peace and unite us in our love for you.

I'm offering one of my favorite Chopin piano nocturnes for you and I hope it helps you stay in your peaceful zone. Enjoy Nocturne in E-flat major, Op 9, No. 2 played by Vadim Chaimovich.

God bless you and I'll see you Sunday.

<https://youtu.be/9E6b3swbnWg>

Patty

Update on Indoor Services

The first indoors worship service is scheduled for Sunday, November 1, at 10:00 a.m. The guidelines for indoors worship are attached to this email and can also be found on the bridge's website or you may contact the office at thebridgepres@gmail.com to receive a copy.

Because we have a capacity of 40 people for indoors worship, everyone wanting to attend will need to register. The list of registrants will be used to document attendance at check-in and will also serve as a contact list in the event of exposure and contact tracing is needed.

You can register for Indoor Services in any of the following three ways. Please be sure to follow the directions below. You are officially registered ONLY if you receive a confirmation email. If you think you have registered and did not receive a confirmation email or are unsure, please contact Wanda at thebridgepres@gmail.com.

If you find that you are unable to attend service after registering, please contact Wanda at thebridgepres@gmail.com.

- 1) On Realm –
 - a) Depending on your device- look for EVENTS – you may have to click the COMMUNITY tab.
 - b) Once at EVENTS – find the blue area that says “Register by a date”. Click on that link
 - c) Type your name and include all who will be attending.
 - d) Please answer the seating question to help with chair arrangement before service. For explanation of seating comfort levels see the Guidelines under Resources.
 - e) **Be sure to click on “Register” again to submit the form. You should receive a confirmation email.**
- 2) Email Wanda at thebridgepres@gmail.com
 - a) Please include names of all attending
 - b) Please include seating choice of Level 1 or Level 2
- 3) Call Wanda at 910-769-4951 – please leave a message if she does not answer
 - a) Please include names of all attending
 - b) Please include seating choice of Level 1 or Level 2



Elise's Tech Time

My tech tip for this week is a reminder.

Remember to back up your computer and your phone! There are many apps that will set a scheduled backup, but it's important to check they are running properly, and if you don't have one set up, do a manual backup now! Copy documents, photos, and projects onto an external hard drive or onto the cloud.

Save your future self a headache, because computers and phones crash or die. So keep your memories and documents safe!



CHURCH METRICS

Participation Metrics from Sunday October 25th

Maximum Live Viewers	Service Reached on FB	Total views Sunday (FB + Youtube)	% FB / % Youtube (live)
50	n/a	54	73% / 27%

* Reached on Facebook is when the service appears on someone's newsfeed

* Though the number of views is a good metric, it may not be accurate to actual people watching as there are couples and families watching together. Participation may be up to 2 times higher than views.



Pray Daily

Prayers for:

- Linda Knerr, who has a painful broken foot that has become infected; prayers for healing.
- Bob Knerr, who is recovering in the hospital from triple bypass surgery on Tuesday; prayers for healing and complete recovery.
- Pete Caillaud, recovering from knee replacement surgery on Monday; prayers for healing and successful rehabilitation.
- Gerry and Laurie Benton and family, who are experiencing some health issues; also prayers for Gerry's aunt and uncle who both have terminal cancer.
- Rick, hospitalized with stomach bleeding resulting from complications from insertion of a feeding tube in preparation for treatments for neck cancer; prayers for Rick to recover successfully (friend of Susan Stanewick).
- Maya Hight, recovering from surgery for three fractures to her foot; prayers for pain relief and healing (daughter of Virginia Hight).
- Sandy, recovering from a hard fall with bruising and pain to her face and shoulder; prayers for healing (friend of Ethel Adams).
- James Boseman, recovering from surgery to repair a heart valve; prayers for James, Brenda, and the Boseman family.
- Our friends at Leland House, where a number of residents and staff have tested positive for COVID; prayers for recovery and safety for all those affected.

Sympathy

- Family and friends of Donna Myatt, who died last week after a bad fall resulted in a brain injury while undergoing chemotherapy; Donna and Bill are covenant partners who moved out of the area.

Note: Names in parentheses indicate those who made the prayer request.



Election Season Prayers and Worship Service on Sunday, November 1

It is hard to know exactly how to pray in these challenging times. In the past the Prayer and Care Team organized an Election Day Prayer Vigil, encouraging people to sign up to pray for an hour and providing resources. In so many ways this year, our election is different. Many have already voted, and the election process may well stretch beyond Election Day itself.

To help our covenant partners uphold this entire election season in prayer, we have decided to provide one prayer each week in *Currents* which you can incorporate into your daily devotions. By entrusting into God's care our nation, the candidates, and all who vote, we believe we can emerge from this turbulent season with renewed hope and confidence in God's power and purpose.

Working together with the Worship team, these prayers will be tied into a virtual ecumenical community-wide service of prayer for the election on Sunday, November 1 at 10:00 a.m.

These prayers reflect our sincere efforts as people of faith to forge a common future. It is in the spirit of unity and Christ's love that we offer these prayers.

Prayer for All Voters and Poll Workers

O God of power and love,
We pray for your mercy as voters go to the polls.
For many, venturing forth from their homes is a fearful prospect.
In this time of Covid, the simple act of voting involves risk.
Even more, we pray for those who work at the polls,
who may be endangering their own health so that we can vote.
We are grateful that we have the precious right
to elect those who will serve in the government.
Help all to exercise care and caution on election day.
We ask this in Jesus' name.

Give Generously

This Week's giving total - \$ 1,430

As you continue to give generously during this time, you can mail you pledges to

497 Olde Waterford Way, Suite 205, Leland, NC 28451

or set up direct payment where your bank will mail a check.

It is very easy to set up and if you have any questions or need help, one of the generosity team members will be glad to talk to you. Just let Wanda know.

Generosity Team News

THANK YOU

The session of the bridge Presbyterian Church would like to thank Harry Adams for his service as our church treasurer. Harry has been invaluable in guiding and growing the assets of the bridge. Harry is stepping down after 3 years of faithful service. Thanks be to God for Harry Adams service.

New Treasurer

The session has voted to elect Gary Westphal to serve a one-year term as our new church Treasurer. We give thanks to God for Gary and his work among us.

Church Audit

We also want to thank our new covenant partner Linda DAmario for agreeing to lead our annual church audit.



Cherish Children



During this time, it is important to stay connected to each other and to God. Because we are unable to connect in person, the Children and Families Ministry team will do our best to keep up our "normal" Sunday morning routine of having a "lesson" with activities and crafts that go along with Dr. Doug's sermons. Families, please check your email for activities, lesson ideas, and other resources from Elizabeth Murray. Please email Elizabeth at efmurray1975@gmail.com if you are not getting the resources and would like to.

Serve Our Community

Because of COVID-19, there will be more people in need during this Christmas Season. Some of our Mission Partners are reaching out for additional help.

PLEASE REMEMBER, ALL MISSION PROJECTS ARE VOLUNTARY

We partner with a variety of vetted assistance organizations, and hope you will support those that touch your heart.

Brunswick County Streetreach asked for fast food gift cards for those in our community who are homeless at Thanksgiving.

Brunswick Family Assistance sponsors a Christmas Tree Program for qualified applicants to receive gifts for children age 12 and under, and seniors age 60 and over. They also can receive a food basket with everything for a traditional Christmas dinner.

We will be preparing Christmas stockings for the children attending **Kids World Academy**. This is a preschool that prepares four year olds for kindergarten, who are from low income and military families. If you would like to participate, the list of items to fill the stockings, and information will be in Currents at a later date.

Leland House Assisted Living and Memory Care Facility is having an outbreak of COVID-19. Since the residents are confined to their rooms, they are in need of items to keep them occupied. If you would like to donate game and puzzle books (large print if possible), art supplies, pens, pencils, pads, coloring books appropriate for adults (please consider fine motor skills impairments). You can get creative with dollar store items. Our collection for Leland House will be Tuesday, November 10, from 10:00a.m.-12:00p.m., in front of our Church.

Information for all of these mission opportunities and how to participate will be in Currents and on Facebook.

Church Family,
Your generosity is always amazing. Many thanks for your participation in whichever projects or project you feel The Spirit leads you to support.

Your Mission Team

Patti Pirher, Elder
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Street Reach Gift Cards for Thanksgiving



Donna Phelps from Brunswick County Streetreach contacted us about their need for food cards.

Because of COVID, they are anticipating the need for help at Thanksgiving to be greater than ever before. Streetreach will be providing food packages for families in need, but those with no means to prepare food need our help.

Most will not go to restaurants because of panic attacks. If you feel called to support this Mission Partner of The bridge, fast food cards in any amount from \$10 to \$50 for Taco Bell, Arby's, Subway, etc., or for Food Lion Grocery Stores will be greatly appreciated.

We will be collecting them weekly at our Services in November, or please mail them to The bridge Presbyterian Church, 497 Olde Waterford Way, #205, Leland, NC 28451

Thank you,
Your Mission Team



BFA Christmas

Brunswick Family Assistance's Christmas program is one of our mission opportunities.

Qualified applicants who have been vetted by BFA (household income at or below 130% of the Federal Poverty level) will receive gifts for children 12 years old and under and seniors age 60 and over, plus a food basket with everything needed for a traditional Christmas dinner.

Due to concerns about shopping during COVID-19, you may make a monetary donation to the bridge Presbyterian church and put BFA Christmas in the memo line.

The BFA Board members are prepared to do all shopping online for the gifts, so the donations are appreciated as soon as possible.

Thank you once again for your support of BFA's Christmas program for those in our community who otherwise may not have anything on Christmas. If you have any questions, please call Jeremy at BFA at 910-754-4766, ext.7.



Leland Middle School needs guitars

The music teacher at Leland Middle School needs playable guitars.

Missing strings are ok. If anyone has a guitar you are no longer using, and want to donate, please contact:
Ruth Thompson at rthompson@cisbrunswick.org or 910-253-5327, ext.1721.

Peggy Bradt at peggybradt@gmail.com or at 336-541-3232

THANK YOU

Our Hospitality Team provided a delicious home cooked meal for the families staying at Hope Harbor Home, a domestic abuse shelter.

This Mission Partner of the bridge provides a safe place for women and their children to stay while receiving counseling, support groups, and advocacy.

Many thanks to Fran Rumpf and the Hospitality Team.



Disaster Recovery Updates

Flood Insurance Rate Increase

On Oct. 1, FEMA [announced](#) key changes for the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), to begin on Apr. 1, 2021. These changes include updated rate increases to comply with the premium rate caps established by the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 and the Homeowner Flood Insurance Affordability Act of 2014 (HFIAA).

Beginning on April 1, 2021, policy renewal premiums will increase an average of 10.2%. These amounts do not include the HFIAA Surcharge, or any additional policy fees. Nearly 80% of NFIP policyholders pay a full-risk rate and will not experience this rate increase.

In addition to the rate increases, revisions to the NFIP "[Flood Insurance Manual](#)," which is updated twice a year, went into effect on Oct. 1. FEMA incorporated the NFIP program changes published in April 2020 into this edition. Visit [FEMA.gov](https://www.fema.gov) to review the NFIP Flood Insurance Manual.

HOPE Program

Governor Roy Cooper announced that applications are now being accepted for the N.C. Housing Opportunities and Prevention of Evictions (HOPE) Program. This new housing stability program will provide \$117 million to assist renters whose finances have been impacted by the pandemic. North Carolinians who need rent or utility assistance can apply online for this program or call 2-1-1 to speak with a program representative. Callers can reach 2-1-1 Monday-Friday between 7 am and 6 pm. For more information about the HOPE Program, read the press release from the Governor's office or visit nc211.org/hope.

Flu Shots

The drive thru flu shot clinic at the County complex in Bolivia is administering the high dose vaccine as long as it's available. There's a form that needs to be filled out prior to getting a flu shot (included in link below). The number to the Health Department is 253-2250 for an update on the current availability of the high dose vaccine.

<https://www.brunswickcountync.gov/alert-ticker/brunswick-county-urges-residents-to-take-proactive-measures-to-prevent-the-flu/>

Celebrating Birthdays at the bridge

October

Eric Peterson	29
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November

Patti Pirher	4
Cathy Wilson	11
Al D'Amario	13
Elizabeth Murray	13
Judy Bath	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)



The Hospitality team is resuming our Equal Exchange Coffee sales. Equal Exchange is one of The Bridge's Sustainable Partners. The sale of the products serves a dual purpose. First, we are investing in small farmers to become independent and profitable as well as sustaining their land while providing an organic product. The second purpose is to provide the coffee that we use for our Coffee Fellowship when we worship at the Bridge.

We currently are unable to physically enjoy Sunday Coffee Fellowship, but wouldn't it be wonderful to enjoy a cup of Equal Exchange coffee while connecting with each other on Zoom, prior to Sunday worship? **You can!** Below you will find a list of our products as well as the price. If you do not enjoy coffee, we are selling, tea, hot chocolate and for those with a sweet tooth we are selling chocolates

Ordering is easy as can be. Email Jane Jones at Auntiej1963@gmail.com or Sandy Sears at slsoct@yahoo.com. We will be offering delivery or pickup. Ordered items can be picked up at the Bridge on the second and fourth Thursday, between 11am-12pm. Exact payment of cash or check is requested to limit contact. If you prefer zero contact, payments can be mailed to the church office, with the word COFFEE in the memo and your purchases can be delivered to your doorstep. We are limiting deliveries to the Leland Area.

If you have any questions you may email either Jane or Sandy at the emails above.

We look forward to your support, as well as sharing a cup of Equal Exchange coffee with each other as we connect virtually and or physically.

Thank you,

Jane Jones and Sandy Sears on behalf of the Hospitality Committee

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>PRICE</u>
<u>Bags of Coffee</u>	
Decaf	\$8.50
French Roast	\$8.00
Love Buzz	\$8.00
Breakfast Blend	\$8.00
Whole Bean	\$8.00
<u>K-Cups</u>	
Decaf	\$7.00
French Roast	\$7.00
Breakfast Blend	\$7.00
<u>Chocolate Bars</u>	
Milk	\$3.00
Very Dark	\$3.00
Chocolate Mint Crunch	\$3.00
Dark Chocolate Almond	\$3.00
Dark Caramel Crunch	\$3.00
Milk Caramel Crunch	\$3.00
Coconut	\$3.00
Orange	\$3.00
<u>Mini Chocolate 16 per bag</u>	
Milk Chocolate	\$5.00
Dark Chocolate	\$5.00
Cashews	\$7.00
<u>Hot Chocolate</u>	
Regular	\$6.00
Dark Chocolate	\$6.00
<u>Tea</u>	
Green Tea	\$4.00



Bridge Community Bulletin Board