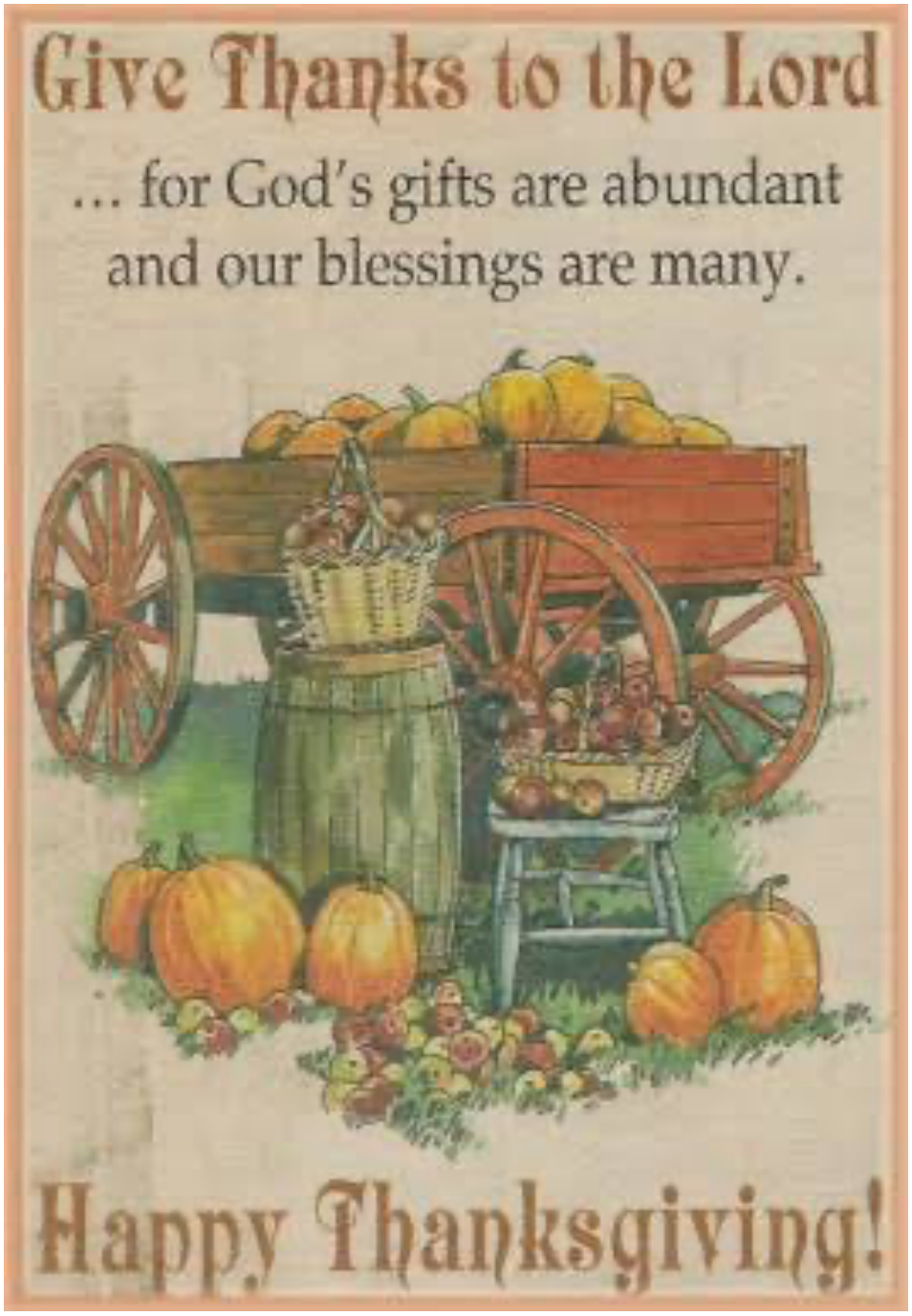

Happy Thanksgiving
from the Session and the Staff

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Letting God's currents carry us through Life

The Mission of the bridge Presbyterian Church is to help active adults connect with God's people, discover God's presence, learn God's promises, and embrace their unique God-given purpose for their lives.

Worship Together Weekly



Sunday, Nov 29, 2026

It's A Wonderful Life: Wait For It
Isaiah 2:1-5 and Matt. 24:36-44

One Service
10:30 am - Second Service

Second services in person and livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube

Links to all videos posted by the bridge on YouTube:

https://www.youtube.com/@thebridgepresbyterianchurc4433/streams

ADVENT 2026



The holidays are typically a time when we reflect on the blessings of our life. However, many of us, like George Bailey, don't feel our life is going the way we hoped. Maybe it's a dream deferred; a relationship torn or a health challenge that makes us feel discouraged about life. Maybe we are little like George Bailey in the holiday classic: It's A Wonderful Life? Beginning November 29th and running through the Advent and Christmas season, the Bridge Presbyterian Church will explore the life of George Bailey to find where and how God was blessing him and showing him what a wonderful and blessed life, he was living. Each Sunday we will show a clip from It's A Wonderful Life along with a visit from a character in the movie. As we explore Scripture, we will see how God is at work in our life and in the world with the hope that by Christmas Eve, we will be able to see how the gift of the Christ child, gives us "a wonderful life."

2026 Advent at the Bridge

November 29 – ONE SERVICE AT 10:30 - ***It's*** *A Wonderful Life:* ***Wait For It****:* Isaiah 2:1-5 and Matt. 24:36-44

Sundays in December at 9:00 and 10:30

December 6- *It's A Wonderful Life:* ***Hope In It****:* Isaiah 11:1-10 and Matt. 3:1-12

December 13- *It's A Wonderful Life****: Believe In It****:* Isaiah 35:1-10 and Luke 1:47-55

December 13 – **Blue Christmas** – 6:30 pm

The Bridge Presbyterian Church will host a Blue Christmas worship service, along with a workshop on dealing with holiday grief on Sunday December 13th. A Blue Christmas service is a reflective service creating sacred space for people dealing with the loss of a loved one. **The grief workshop** - hosted by therapist Bruce Garris, will begin at 5:00pm with a brief meal provided at 6:00pm followed by the service at 6:30. All are invited.

December 20 - *It's A Wonderful Life:* ***Trust In It***: Isaiah 7:10-16 and Matthew 1:18-25

December 24 at 6:00 pm Candlelight Christmas Eve Service - *It's A Wonderful Life:* ***Treasure It:*** Luke 1:1-20

If you haven't turned in your Estimate of Giving card, you can put it in the offering plate or on Wanda's Desk.

Year End Giving At The Bridge Presbyterian Church

Did you know that there is a win/win opportunity waiting for many of us at the Bridge? Many of us are faced with making year-end decisions about the required minimum distribution (RMD) from our portfolio's.

The RMD is the minimum amount of money that you must legally withdraw each year from certain tax-deferred retirement accounts once you reach a specific age. There are wonderful tax advantages available when one gives all or part of their RMD as a charitable contribution.

Some at the Bridge will use their RMD to pre-pay their 2027 pledge to the Bridge. Others have asked if they can give part of the RMD to the Bridge's building fund as an 'over and above' gift that is in addition to their 2027 pledge.

If you are interested in learning more about how your RMD can bless God's mission at the Bridge and provide tax advantages, please call the church office.



We wanted to **let the** church family know of the passing

of a previous Covenant Partner.

Ruth Hepner passed away this past week at her home in Charlotte.

We will share details of a memorial service when they are available.

Practice a Christ-Centered Active Lifestyle



CHAT and COMMUNITY OUTREACH
(with the help of The Bridge Family)
are planning a

Drive-Thru Christmas Cookie Give Away

on December 13 from noon to 2:00 PM with the purpose of sharing Holiday Cheer and letting our Leland neighbors know that we love them. We can only make this happen with everyone's help! We need cookies…and lots of them! Men, there's a place for you in this, too! We need volunteers to make cookies, package them, greet folks, direct traffic, and hand out cookies!

Please sign up in the hallway as:

___Cookie Baker (Drop Dec 12; Noon – 2:00 PM)
___Cookie Packager (Dec 12; Noon – 2:00 PM)
___A Drive-Thru Attendant
___All of the above!

Connections Classs

WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE BRIDGE?

Save The Date for our next Connections Classes

THURSDAY, DEC. 10TH AND THURSDAY DEC. 17TH @1:00PM

Please join us for two informal information sessions to be held THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10TH AND THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17TH from 1:00-2:00PM in the Warnock Building.

This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know more about The Bridge and to spend some time getting to know our Pastor, Dr. Doug Cushing, and others who are new to our church family.

Doug will discuss God's mission for The Bridge and will give an overview of our 10 core habits and how these core habits connect with the ministry teams. He will answer any questions you may have about the Presbyterian faith, and he will also discuss how you can join our mission by becoming a Covenant Partner whenever you are ready to do so.

You can sign up using the Sign-Up sheet located in the church hallway, by calling Wanda in the church office at 910-769-4951 or by contacting me at jannbath@hotmail.com.

I hope you will be able to join us!

May God Bless,

Judy Bath, Connections Team Leader/Worship Team

Find Purpose through Service



December Mission Partner

Hope Harbor Homes

It's almost time for the Christmas stockings project for Hope Harbor Homes.

Because Thanksgiving is late this year, we will be on a tight schedule. We will have the stockings available on Sunday, Dec 6 with all of the instructions.

BUT... they MUST be back on Sunday Dec 13. No exceptions.

More details to come.

For questions call Bettye Weihs at 443-831-2256

Find Purpose through Service

THE BLUEFIELDS
MEMORY CARE

Our next Worship Service at The Bluefields Memory Care will be **Thursday, Dec 3rd at 1:30p.m**. in the Activities Room. Volunteers are needed to help the residents with songbooks, purchase/serve cookies, sing along, and enjoy worshiping God with our Bluefields friends.



If you would like to join us in this ministry, please wear your bridge tee shirt, if you have one, and arrive by 1:20p.m.For more information or if you are bringing cookies for the residents, contact Susan Stanewick at sstanewick@gmail.com



Our next Craft Day at The Bluefields Memory Care will be **Thursday, Nov 19th at 2:00 p.m.** in the Activities Room.

If you would like to join the fun in helping our friends, please arrive by 1:45 and wear your bridge tee shirt, if you have one.

Any questions please email

Patti Pirher at

ppirher@gmail.com

Find Purpose through Service

THE BLUEFIELDS
MEMORY CARE

There was much to be thankful for on Craft Day at The Bluefields Memory Care. We enjoyed our friends' smiles as we helped them make crosses and had Jane's turkey cookies.













SAVE THE DATE!
DEC 20TH – AFTERNOON

CHAT and Cathy Boetcher
are cooking up a
Holiday Meet & Greet

DETAILS TO FOLLOW!

Celebrate Life's Milestones

Upcoming Happenings

November

26 and 27th - Office Closed - Thanksgiving
29th - 5th Sunday - One Service at 10:30 - First Sunday of Advent

December

1st - WOTB - Christmas Luncheon
3rd - Bluefield Worship - 1:30
4th - New Hope Mobile Clinic
9th - Session - 3:00
10th - Connection Class - 1:00
13th - Christmas Cookie Give Away - 12:00 - 2:00
13th - Grief Workshop - 5:00
13th - Blue Christmas - 6:30
17th - Coffee with Friends - 9:30
17th - Connection Class - 1:00
17th - Bluefield Crafts - 2:00
24th - Christmas Eve Service- 6:00
24th - Office closes at noon
25th and 28th - Office Closed for Christmas