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Currents

Letting God's currents carry us through Life

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

Worship Together Weekly



Sunday April 19, 2026

John 20:24-31
Jesus Encounters a Doubter

9:00 am - Early Worship 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>

PLEASE JOIN US!

**Congregation
Meeting**



Sunday, April 26, 2026

Immediately after the 10:30 service

The nominating team will present a recommendation
for

Gary Westphal to become the Elder of Finance and Stewardship
to complete the unexpired term.



From Gary Westphal:

I was born and raised in the Presbyterian Church, and I am still here. This is the fourth church I have been an active member of, serving as an Elder in three of them. While trained as an engineer, my avocation has been finance and stewardship. I joined the finance team soon after becoming a Covenant Partner at the bridge and have enjoyed working with them.

Find Purpose through Service

Sunday, April 19, 2026

Coffee Servers

9:00 - Marcia
10:30 - Pat

Greeters/Ushers

9:00 – Tom and Marge Hall
10:30 – Bettye W and Lynne L

Liturgist

9:00 – Terry H
10:30 - Lynn H

Are you ready to be Connected by Serving?

*Help with Coffee * Greet People * Usher*

Let Wanda in the office know and she will get you connected.

Give Gratefully

Counters for April – Dianne B and Gary L

	4/12/26		
Total Weekly Giving	\$7,527	9:00 am Service	40
		10:30 am Service	57
Weekly Offering (4 wk avg)	\$5,198	Total Attendance	97
		Attendance (4 wk avg)	104

Pray Daily

PRAYER LIST April 16, 2026

Please remember that this prayer list can also be seen on the Bridge Website within Currents. Avoid including private information in your requests unless you plan it to be public knowledge.

Health and Healing

- Prayers for Ed Weihs for successful treatment for newly diagnosed illness
- Prayers for Peggy Fulton as they await news from the Cleveland Clinic.
- Anne Graham: For continued healing at home.
- Marilyn Vernon: For strength and comfort during her cancer journey.
- Church Owens: Friend of Mary and Ken Campbell, desperately awaiting a liver transplant.
- Lynn Hale: For comfort and strength following a diagnosis of Mesothelioma, a cancer of her abdomen and small intestine.
- Manny Rosenfeld: Recovering from having second retina surgery.
- Carol Guilmette: For strength as she continues to manage her illness.
- Sandy Barrett: For peace and successful treatment following the return of her cancer.
- Carol Nelson: For a painless recovery following knee replacement surgery.
- Rita Migliore: For successful surgery and treatment for thyroid cancer at Duke.
- Prayers of healing for Jim and Judy Baths' son Nathan who is recovering at home.
- The Sick and Burdened: For all those facing private struggles or illness.
- For Sara Noll's husband, Mike, who is home recovering.
- For the family of Sheila Davis on the loss of her nephew's wife from a lengthy illness
- For Angela Starling who is in the hospital having tests.
- For Mary Early's sister undergoing a serious operation.
- Prayers for Lauren, friend of Susan S., who is awaiting results of a biopsy to determine treatment options.
- For Elena Tribuna, friend of Mary Ellen Cole, a Russian refugee, battling advanced cancer after a misdiagnosis.

Celebrations and Thanksgiving

- Ruth Fitzsimmons had successful cataract surgery.
- Anne Dutra: For recovery following knee surgery.
- The Bridge: Gratitude to volunteers providing essential transportation to church.
- Beth Hurd: Gratitude for a successful surgery and cancer was fully removed.
- John Vernon had successful surgery following the placement of a defibrillator.
- Billy Davis is at home after having cataract surgery last week.

Our Community and World

- Street Reach: For their ongoing mission to serve the homeless.
- The Vulnerable: For those who are homeless or forgotten.
- Global Concerns: For peace within our country and throughout the world.

LIVE IN SUCH A WAY THAT THOSE WHO DON'T KNOW GOD, WILL COME TO KNOW HIM BECAUSE THEY KNOW YOU

To make a prayer request, contact Elder Mary Campbell at carlislecampbell@gmail.com or (910)269-9696 text or phone. There are also yellow request cards available in the church hallway across from the coffee bar. You can also send a request through our website. Prayer requests remain in Currents for two weeks unless an extension is requested.

Find Purpose through Service



April Mission Partner

Hope Harbor Homes

Hope Harbor Home is a Brunswick County shelter for those in abusive situations.

We will be collecting the following items for them, and bins will be in the hallway.

Items Needed:

- Gas cards,
- Grocery cards,
- Items for their summer care packages for clients: sunscreen, sunglasses, beach towels, bubbles, beach toys, etc.

You can help financially as well just put Hope Harbor in the Memo line of your check or give online by using the drop down to Hope Harbor

Thanks for all you do for this wonderful group! You are all such a blessing!

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LINCOLN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEEDS TESTING PROCTORS

End of grade testing is coming up. A testing proctor is an adult who assists the classroom teacher in monitoring the students while testing. It is from 8:45am-12PM on May 15, 19 for grades 3-5, and May 21 for grade 5 science. If you have time to volunteer for this, it would be greatly appreciated.

Please contact Michele Herrmann at: mherrmann@bcswan.net.

No background check is needed.

Thank you in advance for your assistance!

LELAND MIDDLE SCHOOL NEEDS TESTING PROCTORS

Leland Middle School is looking for people to help proctor the End of Grade testing.

Days for testing are May 15, May 19 and May 21.

Hours will be roughly 8-12.

If you are able to help - even just for one day – please let Ruth Thompson know at rthompson@bcswan.net.

Thank you in advance for helping out!

Find Purpose through Service



THE BLUEFIELDS
MEMORY CARE



Our next Craft Day at The Bluefields Memory Care will be **Thursday, April 30, 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

Our next Worship Service at The Bluefields Memory Care will be **Thursday, May 7th at 1:30p.m.** in the Activities Room. Volunteers are needed to help the residents with songbooks, purchase/serve cookies, sing along, and enjoy worshipping 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 ssanewick@gmail.com



Find Purpose through Service



THE BLUEFIELDS
MEMORY CARE

The theme of our April Worship Service at The Bluefields Memory Care was “Prayer”.

Dr. Doug and Cathy’s homily reminded us that God wants to have a personal relationship with every one of His children. If we start the conversation through prayer, and listen for His response, He is always there to love, guide, and reassure us.

Our Bluefields Praise Band played lively hymns for the residents, and Karen led them in “I’ll Fly Away”!



Find Meaningful Relationships in Small Groups

APRIL BREAKING BREAD FELLOWSHIP



Breaking Bread Fellowship Group

Our April Luncheon will be
Friday, April 24th at 12 Noon

Yummy House
1616 n. Howe Street
Southport, NC 28461

Hosts: Bill and Marcia Wesenberg

Please RSVP by April 19th

on REALM or sign up in the hallway or directly
to the Wesenbergs at 910-399-2573 or
foxhill46@outlook.com



Active Adults on the Go!
Invites you to join in for a couple hours of mini-golf at

The Golf Barn
7 Bell Swamp Connection NE Winnabow

April 28, 2:00 PM

\$10 per person, payable at the door (Just let them know you're with the bridge church)

OPTIONAL: Their food service might not yet be open, so feel free to bring snacks and drinks.



Church Grounds Beautification Team Members Wanted

The Building and Grounds team is looking for people who can help occasionally with beautification around church buildings.

If you have a green thumb or would like to beautify our church grounds (weed, plant, water, prune, etc.), please let Gary Lewis (B&G Team elder) know at text/phone 407 497 8646 or email glewis5169@gmail.com



DR. KEVIN AYESH

Classical Piano Recital

Wednesday, April 29 • 6:00 PM

The Bridge Church

1444 Lanvale Road

Leland, NC

Free Admission

Donations Accepted



Come join us for a day of **FUN WITH THE SON!**

(And...help tell the community about THE BRIDGE!)



Saturday May 2nd from 10-3pm

**Belville Riverwalk Park
Founder's Day Festival!**

**Come spend time at our booth handing out fun gifts to
kids and sharing the story of our church!**

Signup sheet in the hallway- just pick your time!



Adult Vacation Bible School. June 9 - 11
The bridge Presbyterian Church

Hope Dies Last:
The Story of Ruth and
Naomi

Vacation Bible School

June 9th – 11th from 6:00 – 8:00 pm

SAVE THE DATES

Information coming soon for you to sign up.

Mark your calendars and begin inviting friends
and neighbors to attend with you.

Introducing Active Adults on the Go!

Beginning in April, the Activities Team will offer a monthly activity to help keep the **ACTIVE** in our active adult church! It may be a well-being class, learning a line dance, or taking a field trip!

Keep an eye on Currents and the Bulletin Board for more info!

Month	Event	Date
Apr	Mini Golf Outing at the Golf Barn • 7 Bell Swamp Connection NE Winnabow, NC (right off Hwy 17, south of 140) • \$10 per person, payable at the door OPTIONAL: Their food service might not yet be open, so feel free to bring snacks and drinks	April 28, 2:00 PM
May	How Not to End Up in Physical Therapy with Dr Whiteside DPT, CSCS, of FYZICAL Therapy and Balance Center of Wilmington	
Jun	Line Dancing with Linda – so we can show off our stuff at July’s Beach Concert Linda teaches line dancing at several venues in/around Leland No Cost for participants	June 18 2:00- 3:00 PM
Jul	Beach Concert – Holden Beach We’ll carpool to the beach and enjoy an evening of Beach Music and Dancing	July 12
Aug	Karen Beasley Turtle Rehab - Carpool to Surf City and learn about the gentle and amazing Sea Turtles! (Who knows, we might even run across the children’ book, <i>Bravery – A Baby Sea Turtles First Adventure</i> , illustrated by our own Lisa T. Myers!)	
Sep	Ministry Fair – more to come on this!	
Oct	Christian Illusionist – an Alternative to a traditional Halloween!	
Nov	Tech Talk – Yes, we’re going to offer it again for the folks who missed it the first time!	
Dec	Mike’s Farm – A Christmas variety show, a buffet dinner, and a hayride through the Farm’s spectacular light show! (<i>Depending on transportation arrangements</i>)	

SIP, SAVOR & SUPPORT



Wine Tasting & Silent Auction

Thursday, April 23

5 - 7:30 PM

Leland Cultural Arts Center

Proceeds benefit the North Brunswick High School College Scholarship and the Weekend Meal Program At Lincoln Elementary (115 students receive food every Friday for their weekend meals)

Rotary
Leland Area Rotary Club



Federal ID #:32-4799946

Leland Area Rotary's Annual Fund Raiser
A Global Wine Tasting Experience
Unearth the World's Hidden Wine Gems

April 23rd, 2026 5:00pm - 7:30 pm Leland Cultural Arts Center



← Scan to buy tickets

Great wine. Great company. A great local cause. Raise a glass, find a gem, and help make a difference.



Contact David Sink for Tickets or more information at davidsinkjr47@gmail.com

Celebrate Life's Milestones

April

Birthdays

Linda Wells	21
Desmond Fitzsimmons	25
Bill Harwell	26
Fatima Beals	28
Robert Knerr	28

Anniversaries	
April and Jake Lehmann	April 1
Louise and Manny Rosenfeld	April 3
Eddie and Patti Pirher	April 17
Jim and Judy Bath	April 30

Upcoming Happenings

April

28th – Golf Barn Mini Golf – 2:00

29th – Concert with Dr. Ayesh – Classical Pianist

30th - Bluefield Craft - 2:00

May

1st - New Hope Mobile Clinic

2nd - Founder's Day Festival

6th - Session - 3:00

7th - Bluefield Worship - 1:30

9th - Women of the bridge - 10:00 - Mother's Day Brunch

25th - *Office Closed for Memorial Day*

28th - Bluefield Craft - 2:00

31st - 5th Sunday - ONE SERVICE 10:30 - Invite a Friend Sunday