the bridge presbyterian church

Currents

Letting God's currents carry us through Life

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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 22, 2026

Celebration of Generosity

A unique service of Worship, Gratitude and Music

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

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



It's Time to Adorn the church for Advent.

Help us with adorning the church for the season on
Monday November 23 at 10:00

The Chrismon Tree, the Nativity, the Angel Tree (honoring those we have lost) and many more items will need to be placed around the sanctuary and church facilities.

We would love for you to be involved.
If you are available, please come help with this special time of adorning and preparing the bridge and our hearts for the coming of this most wonderful time of the year when we celebrate our Savior's birth.

There is a sign-up sheet in the Hall

TODAY at 2:00 – There is still Room in the class



Give Gratefully

If you haven't turned in your Estimate of Giving card, you can put it in the box in the hallway or in the offering plate.

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.

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

November Mission Partner

Brunswick Family Assistance

Our November sustainable mission partner is Brunswick Family Assistance Christmas Program.

BFA has served Brunswick County families in need for over 40 years

Ways that you can support the Christmas Program

1.) Donate unwrapped gifts for children (under 16) or adults (60+) to the "Fill the Sleigh" box in the hallway. Gifts need to be here by November 29th.

2.) Donate money through the offering by making checks to the bridge with BFA Christmas in the Memo line or online scroll down to BFA on the fund list. BFA provides a food basket and a frozen turkey to eligible clients in need even if they have no one in the age groups mentioned above.



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THE BLUEFIELDS
MEMORY CARE



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

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



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UPRECO Says Thank You

For years the Bridge Presbyterian Church has partnered with the Shepherd and Lapsley College also known as UPRECO in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Together, we have helped with basic needs of people and educators at the school. Against nearly insurmountable odds, Rev Dr Simon Kabue leads his congregation and school walking in the light of Christ's love. Because of our generosity, these young ladies are receiving a first rate Christian education. Thank you for your ongoing support and prayers.

The Mission Team

Below, you will find photos of the women who are beneficiaries of the funds you sent—shown from left to right. There is also a video with a message of thanks. The woman speaking, Lucienne, is a widow; her husband was a pastor and passed away two years ago. She is currently studying theology to become a pastor herself. Thank you very much for this gift from your church.

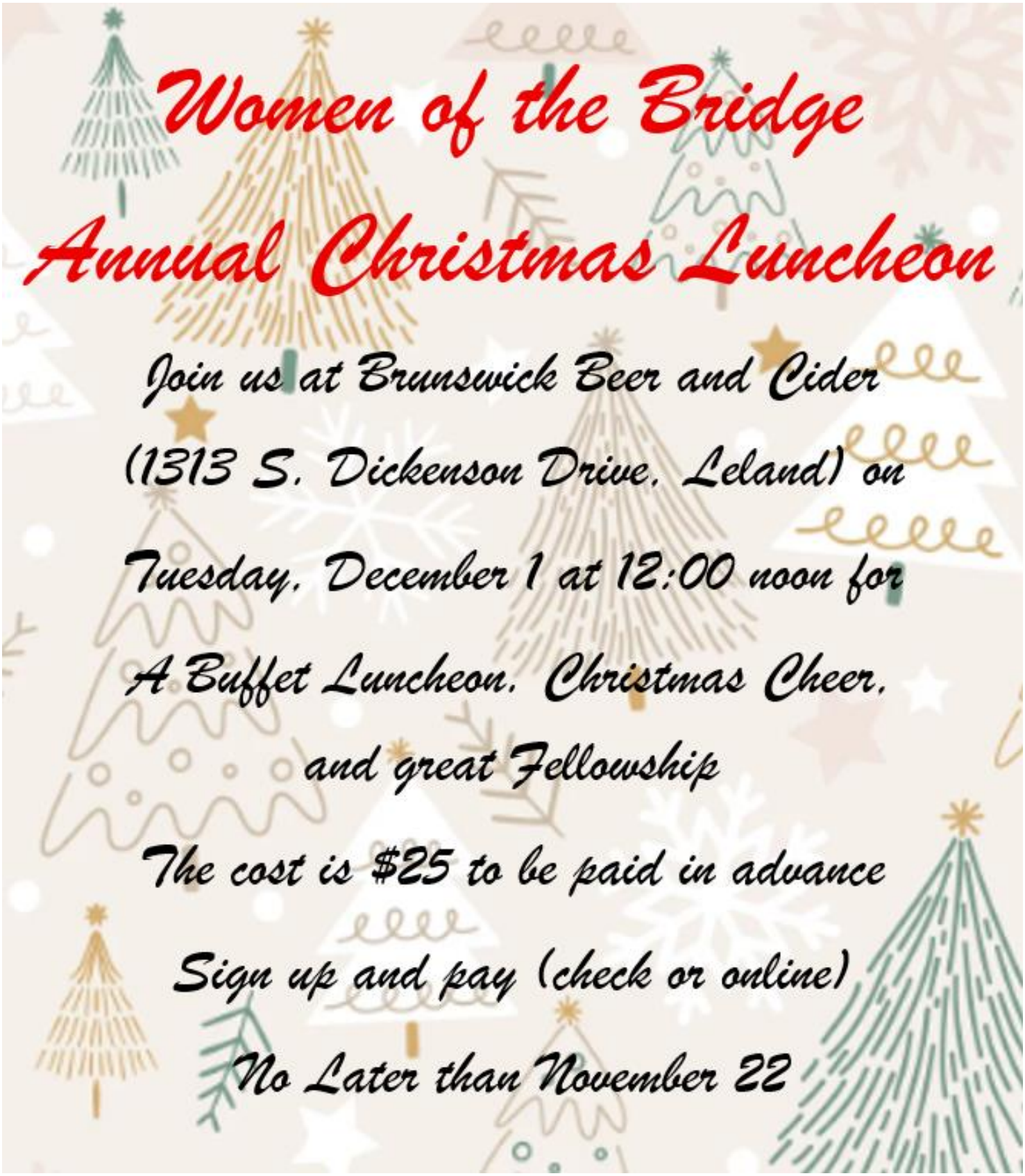
Simon KABUE MBALA
Professeur des Universités , Recteur à l'UPRECO, Kananga, RD. Congo







Practice a Christ-Centered Active Lifestyle



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Having polled our last Breaking Bread participants, the majority of us have indicated just too much is going on in November and December!

Our next Breaking Bread Luncheon will be on January 29th, 2027 and Ed Hoeft has graciously volunteered to be our January Coordinator!

Thanks, Ed!



Leader for Women of the Bridge

Women of the Bridge (WOTB) is part of the Christian Hospitality & Activities Team (CHAT). For the past two years, we've met on a near-monthly basis. Our motto is Fun, Faith, & Friendship (Some would add Food to that). 😊
There is no formal program or guidelines.

WOTB Leader Responsibilities

- Plan/Collaborate with Co-Leads
- Determine Meeting Frequency/Activities
- Manage communications and dates
- Minimal Reporting
- Attend monthly CHAT meetings
- Estimated Time Commitment: 6-10 hrs per month (including meetings)

AS WOTB Leader, you would have a great deal of freedom in leading this group, but at the same time, you'll also have all the support you might need from the Elder and Co-Leads.

I encourage our women to pray earnestly about this opportunity, and if it's something God might be calling you to do, please reach out to Ruth Fitzsimmons at 614 588 2390.

CHAT and COMMUNITY OUTREACH

(with the help of The Bridge Family)

are planning a

Drive-Thru Christmas Cookie Give Away

on December 13 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!

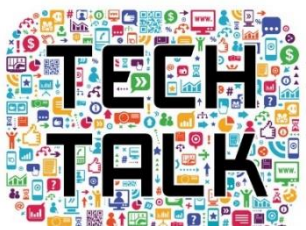
Men, there's a place for you in this, too! We need folks to direct traffic, hand out cookies, and so forth!

Please sign up in the hallway as:

____A Cookie Baker

____A Drive-Thru Attendant

____Both



Tech Talk is returning in November! For those who may have missed it last year, we're offering our beginner computer training every Tuesday at 10:00 AM in November. Program Information will be available at the Sign-Up table. Sign up for individual classes or the whole series. Sign up sheet is in the hall or sign up on Realm. **Must have a minimum of 5 to hold each class.**

Module Four - Learning Objectives: Microsoft Office (Word)11-24-26

At the end of this module, participants will be able to:

- Recognize similarities across the MS Office programs
- Change font formatting within a document
- Copy and Paste graphics and text
- Use the Format Painter to copy formatting from one block of text to another
- Apply bullets and numbering
- Indent and outdent text
- Apply shading and borders
- Apply Styles to format text
- Insert a page break
- Understand the difference between a hard return and a page break
- Adjust text to left, right, centered, or justified
- Find specific text within a document
- Replace text already in a document with new text
- Create tables, modify, and use tables
- Insert graphics into a Word document
- Create shapes and drawings in a document
- Capture a screen shot and place it in a document
- Create text boxes to position and hold text and graphics

SAVE THE DATE!
DEC 20TH – AFTERNOON

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

DETAILS TO FOLLOW!

Celebrate Life's Milestones

November

Birthdays

Ruth Fitzsimmons	15
Judy Bath	17
Dianne Betz	17
Del Shaffar	17
Peter Barrett	22
Sharon Cushing	22
Donna Maher	22
Sheila Davis	24
Jim Manaro	28
Lynne Lewis	29
Steve Wingert	29

If you have a Nov. Anniversary – Please let Wanda know at thebridgepres@gmail.com

Upcoming Happenings

November

19th – Advent Centerpiece Making Class 2:00

22nd - Stewardship Celebration Sunday

23rd – Adorn the building for Advent – 10:00

26 and 27th - Office Closed - Thanksgiving

29th - 5th Sunday - One Service at 10:30 - First Sunday of Advent