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Currents

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

eight words
to pray
every day

the bridge
presbyterian church

Sunday, Oct 4, 2026

The Fourth Word: But!

I Samuel 23: 9 – 14

Psalm 31: 9 – 14

Matthew 9: 18 – 26

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>



Sunday, Oct 4th Immediately after the 10:30 Service

The purpose of the meeting

is to elect the

Nominating Committee for 2027.

Find Purpose through Service

Sunday, Oct 4, 2026

Coffee Servers

9:00 - Marcia

10:30 - Linda F

Greeters/Ushers

9:00 - Wesenbergs

10:30 - Beals

Liturgists

9:00 - Terry Hickey

10:30 - Terry Hickey

Communion Servers – Oct 4th

9:00 – Susan S. Greer B. Tom B. Gary L.

10:30 - Cathy B. Sheila D. Kathy W. Karen S.

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

	9/27/26		
Total Weekly Giving	\$3,501	9:00 AM	40
		10:30 AM	70
Total	\$3,501	Attendance (4 wk avg)	100

Pray Daily

PRAYER LIST Oct 1, 2026

Prayers for the following:

ADDITIONS

- Dennis Anderson who will be having surgery on October 8 for lung cancer treatment.
- Helen Lambert family of visitor Patricia Jeter for comfort, strength and improved health.
- For grandson of Kim Ferris for continued improved health.
- For Kim Koster, friend of Susan Stanewick whose husband Gary passed away following a short time in life care.

ONGOING

- Carey, Wanda's sister recently diagnosed with liver and bile duct cancer and will start chemo on Tuesday, Oct 6th.
- Barb Carlin who is in the hospital undergoing testing.
- Taylor, Donna Maher's daughter and Donna who need God's guidance, strength and care.
- Matt, a good friend of the Christianos who is undergoing chemo treatment for leukemia.
- George Robertson in his care in rehab and for Peggy his wife.
- Tom Rodman as he continues to improve.
- Debbie Cote who has returned home following major surgery and will now begin immunotherapy and radiation treatment.
- Rich Haggerty, friend of Jim Bath's sister Sue who begins immunotherapy next week for his esophageal cancer.
- Manny Rosenfeld for healing and ultimate restored sight following his eye surgery.
- Kayne, continued prayers in his treatment at Children's Hospital in DC. His tumor has shrunk and his lung cancer is gone.
- Robert (Bob), a relative of Donna Maher's family who has had an emergency liver transplant with critical complications.
- Marilyn Vernon for strength and God's plan in her uncharted journey ahead.
- Lynn Hale as she continues her cancer journey.

AROUND THE WORLD

- Prayers for our country and leadership.
- Prayers for the countries around the world dealing with natural disasters.
- Prayers for peace worldwide.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. Proverbs 3:5

Please send any prayer requests to Susan Stanewick at [ssstanewick@gmail.com](mailto:sstanewick@gmail.com) or call the church office at 910-769-4951

Find Purpose through Service



October Mission Partner **Hope Harbor Homes**

Our October Mission partner is Hope Harbor Home, a shelter for abused families. They need of food. Please look at the following list for food needs. They also need Halloween Candy.

Canned and Jarred Food		Grains and Dry Goods
Canned Fruits		Rice
Canned Soups		Pasta
Canned Tuna or Chicken		Oatmeal
Canned Pasta		Cereal
Peanut Butter		Granola bars
Jelly or Jam		Crackers
		Pancake Mix
Other Helpful Items		Flour
Cooking Oil		Hamburger Helper
Salt and Pepper		Baking Boxes
Sugar		Breakfast items (pop tarts)
Spices and Seasonings		Ramen
Boxed meal kits		Snacks (fruit snacks, animal crackers)
Baby Food/formula		
		Shelf – Stable Items
Non- Food Items Appreciated		Shelf – Stable Milk
Shampoo		Instant Coffee
Conditioner		Tea
Toilet Paper		Hot Chocolate
Paper Towels		
Diapers and wipes		
Curly Hair products (oils, mousse, combs)		

They also can always use clothing.

It's fall, and if you are doing a closet clean out, please consider donating to Hope Chest, by the Piggly Wiggly. Their proceeds go to Hope Harbor Home.

There will be a box by the sign up table for food items



Season 2 of The Chosen

Mondays, at 1PM

Bring your drinks and we will provide popcorn and other snacks. Come and join us for Season 2 of the popular TV series based on the Bible- The Chosen. We just recently completed 8 episodes of Season 1, and our sessions were well received.

Like before, we will have a brief discussion followed by showing the episode on our sanctuary TV's. After that, we will have some "dig deeper" discussions. Each meeting will be about 90 minutes.

Cathy Boettcher and Steve Dare will again be the facilitators. Prior to each class you will receive some information on that week's episode via email. Please sign up at the table in the hallway so we can send an email to you. We hope you will print each email and bring it along to use for discussion – and bring your Bible. No other materials are necessary.

This study is a wonderful way to see unique portrayals of key figures who were living during the time of Jesus.

Consider inviting a friend. Remember, if you miss a week or two, it is no problem because you can view these 8 episodes on YouTube, Prime or online.

Find Purpose through Service



Our next Worship Service at The Bluefields Memory Care will be **Thursday, Oct 1st 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



Our next Craft Day at The Bluefields Memory Care will be **Thursday, Oct. 29th 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



For our Craft Day at The Bluefields Memory Care, we painted trees for autumn, and enjoyed Jane's cookies!





Who can YOU bless?

Can you imagine the joy of receiving a new, warm pair of socks?

How about a t-shirt that fit and belonged to just you?

How about a snack when you are hungry or soap and shampoo when you take a bath?

These are but a few of the items that the “Women of the Bridge” (WOTB) will pack in the Blessing Bags for the homeless at Street Reach. Our Church supports Street Reach all during the year. At Christmas we like to remind the people that they are loved and cherished by our church.

SO, how can you help??????

If you would like to help, you can contribute to the Blessing Bag Ministry. It's so easy!

You can either contribute through Realm - just be sure to go to the “Blessing Bag Drop Down on the giving form or you can put a check in the collection plate marked 'Blessing Bags'. That's all!

WOTB members will purchase the items and during our meeting on Nov. 3rd, we will pack the Blessing Bags.

Share the fun of knowing your contribution improved the quality of someone else's life.....with a new t-shirt and socks!



Single Women of the Bridge

Are having a Meet and Greet
at Cathy Boettcher's home.

October 11th at 2pm

We will discuss and create our group's vision
and enjoy some time together.

All single women are welcome.

Sign up is on the table in the hallway.



Single Sisters

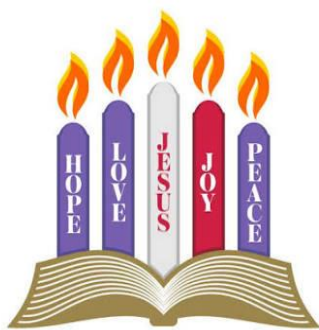
There are at least 35 single women who are attending the bridge.

On **Sunday, October 11th** these single women are invited to gather and create a new group at the bridge.

On the **11th of October at 2PM** we will hold a typical Meet and Greet at Cathy Boettcher's home, [116 Belvedere CT, Leland](#) to meet and greet, create our group's vision and enjoy some time together.

All single women are welcome.

Sign up is on the table in the hallway.



Help Us Create Our Own Bridge Church Advent Booklet!

This Advent, we want to journey together through the voices of our own church family. *We invite individuals, couples, and families from our congregation to write a short daily devotion to be included in our upcoming Advent booklet.* Sharing your personal reflections, stories, and prayers makes this season meaningful and connects us all as we prepare our hearts for Christmas.

If you are willing to write a devotion - Please sign up for a specific Advent topic and date on the sheet on the hallway table. We will send you an example and more information the following week.

FURTHER EXPLANATION

The booklet will contain a devotion for each day in Advent written by members of the congregation and based on the weekly Advent themes of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. The Liturgist's passage for that week will be used for each Sunday's devotion entry, but we need 6 authors for each of the four weeks. Six of our Covenant Partners will write, in their own words, a 150–225-word devotion. Six will write about Hope, six about Peace, six about Joy, and for the last week five will write about Love.

The person writing the December 25th devotion will have the opportunity to write a special "Christmas Day" entry that provides a transition from the "anticipation of Advent" to the "celebration of Christ's birth". It will be clearly labeled as Christmas Day rather than Advent - as Advent ends Christmas Eve. The booklet covers the period November 28 through December 25.

Each devotion page should be written in the following sequence please:

- Title: A Short, Inviting Title
- Scripture: One key verse or a short reading (3 to 8 verses) on your topic (you select)
- Reflection: A brief personal story, thought, or insight on how the Scripture applies to everyday life
- Prayer / Action: A one-sentence closing prayer or a practical prompt for the day.
- Sign-off: Your name or "Submitted by [Family Name]"

Deadline: Please submit completed devotions to thebridgepres@gmail.com by October 20th.



On Saturday, October 17th, from 10am to 2pm, The Bridge Presbyterian Church will be hosting an event called "The 'Blessed Bargains' Community Yard Sale and Flea Market". The event will be open to the public and will take place at the church, located at 1444 Lanvale Rd. in Leland, NC.

- Many of our Mission Partners will be represented at our event, to share stories about their work in the community.
- Food and beverages will be available, and appropriate "happy" music will be provided throughout the event by DJ Sunray, a local artist, who will donate all "tips" to The Bridge.
- New Hope Clinic will be bringing their "mobile clinic" and may offer some health screenings (Thanks Mary Early!), and we hope to see friends from our New Beginnings congregation as well!
- The event does NOT have a rain date.



Angelic Artists

– Creations Donated by Women of the Bridge –

I'm hosting the *Angelic Artists Table - Crafts by Women of the Bridge*.

I know we have painters, quilters, crocheters, knitters, seamstresses, and many other talented women in our congregation and I'm asking each of you to make and donate at least 1 personally created item to the cause. All proceeds from the sale of your donated craft items will go to our Mission Partners.

For more information, call **Ruth Fitzsimmons** to arrange for craft item donations.

614 588 2390

Blessed Bargains

Donations needed!

If you would like to donate items to be sold at our "Blessed Bargains" fundraising event on October 17th here at the church, please contact the appropriate person below, based on what you would like to give:

Lisa Garris; Household items, including kitchen, garden, art/ decorative items, holiday, clothes, etc... Lcng1511@yahoo.com

Ruth Fitzsimmons; Homemade craft items, original artwork and unique gift items, etc...
r.fitzsi55@gmail.com

Jim Bath; Tools of all kinds including lawn and garden, automotive, hand tools, shop tools, and handyman type items...
jtbath60@gmail.com

Please note: Donated items must be brought to the event on the morning of October 17th, between 8-9am, and each of our table coordinators will need to know in advance what you are planning to bring, so that they can make sure we have enough tables available to hold everything. THANKS!

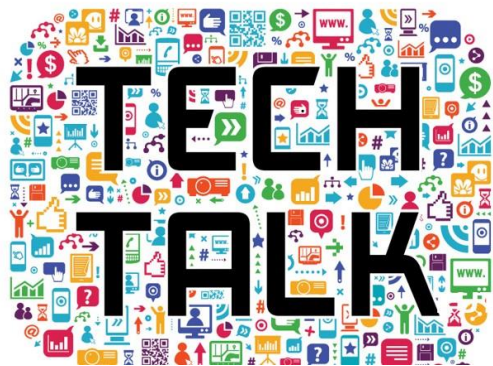
CHAT Outlook for 4th Quarter!

Breaking Bread has resumed! We have one more Breaking Bread get-together this year. October's restaurant has something to do with BBQ and authentic! Watch for info on the Sign-Up Table



An Alternative to Halloween! Don't settle for Trick-or-Treaters or costume parties this year! CHAT is hosting Christian Illusionist Don Townsend for an hour of amazing theatric illusions that reveal Christ's message and mission on earth. **October 29th** at 6:00 PM in the Sanctuary! Snacks will be provided afterward! A love offering will be taken after the show.

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 sheets will be coming out in October.



Fifth Sunday Fellowship Meal - Nov 29
Since the Men lost out to the Ladies in the Crazy Dress Up contest, the Men have agreed to do all the cooking for our November 5th Sunday fellowship. Join us after the 2nd Service if you dare!

Celebrate Life's Milestones

October

Birthdays

Sandy Sears	1
Ed Weihs	1
Jan Conn	2
Charlie Smith	4
Sharon Wingert	10
Theresa Honeycutt	12
A J Lehmann	15
Sharon Stengel	17
Joe Dutra	18
Barbara Hubbard	21
Bill Spencer	22
Viviane Grebert	26
Ed Guilmette	28
Eric Peterson	29
Dick Hubbard	30

Anniversaries

Rita and Steve Migliore	Oct 2nd
Gail and Lang Spell	Oct 3rd
Sharon and Doug Cushing	Oct 4th
Dianne and Steve Betz	Oct 27th

Upcoming Happenings

***** Eight Words to Pray – Sermon Based Small Group - Weekly on**
Wednesdays at Noon from September 16th – November 4th

October

1st - Bluefield Worship - 1:30

4th – Congregational Meeting

2nd- New Hope Mobile Clinic

13th - WOTB - Shell Crafting with Ruth

17th - Blessed Bargains - 10:00 - 2:00 pm

29th- Bluefield Craft - 2:00 pm

29th – Christian Illusionist – 6:00 pm