



Currents

What is happening at *the bridge*.

Connecting at the bridge

Upcoming Events

Sunday April 21st

9:00 am - Early Worship Service

10:30 am - Second Service

Dr. Doug's sermon title is:

“ Why I believe in the resurrection.”

Romans 16

Links to all videos posted by the bridge on YouTube:

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



Roses, Roses, Roses

Dr. Bob Knerr will give a talk on roses and their care on

May 11th. at 10AM at the Warnock Hall.

Everyone is then invited to his home at

1005 Beaumont Ct. in Magnolia Greens

to tour his rose garden. It is currently on the

Rose Garden Tour again this year. What a wonderful

opportunity to learn and enjoy beauty at the same time!



ANGEL TREE CAMP



Going to Camp can be one of the most life-changing experiences that children of incarcerated parents can have. Camp gives the child an opportunity to have fun, fellowship with their peers, build relationships with caring camp counselors, and to experience the great outdoors. Thanks to our Mission Partner – Brunswick County Street Reach--incarcerated adults can apply to have their child sponsored at Angel Tree camps. We will be collecting supplies for campers - beach towels, sunscreen, and flip flops in MAY, so they will be ready for the campers at the beginning of summer. In addition to the items we are collecting, financial contributions will help to send children to camp. The cost to sponsor one child for camp is \$50. You can donate via check with "**Angel Tree Camp**" noted in the memo field, or you can give online, indicating the gift is for "Angel Camp". For more information about Angel Tree Camps, look up Angel Tree Camps or for the Prison Fellowship ministry check out their website at Prisonfellowship.org



News From LELAND MIDDLE SCHOOL

We are looking for proctors for our End of Grade Testing at Leland Middle School. The dates are May 16, 21, and 23, from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. **NO BACKGROUND CHECK IS REQUIRED** this year. If you would be able to help one day, please let me know. Please spread the word among your friends and neighbors and feel free to give them my phone number and/or email.

Thank you so much for considering this!



Ruth Thompson
Success Coach
Leland Middle School
910..371.3030 ext 17021
<https://cisbrunswick.org>

NEWS FROM LINCOLN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Mrs. Caddell, Media Specialist is looking for volunteers to help with the Book Fair. Dates are : April 22-267, 8:30-3:30. If you can provide any time, please contact Michelle Herrmann with the date and time block at : mherrmann@bcswan.net.

Interim Office Administrator

Diane Betz has volunteered to cover *the bridge* office on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 10am to 2pm. She will perform general office duties such as phone answering, responding to voicemails and emails, routing account payables/receivables to appropriate people, buying office supplies, room scheduling, and tracking down answers to questions. She will also be working with the HR Team to review resumes and interview candidates for the Office Manager position. Please be patient and give her your full support during this transitional period.



Ceramic Vase Painting Class

9:00 am until noon

Saturday April 27th



Wanda Batten will share her expertise

in the Warnock Fellowship Hall!

The cost is \$30.00 in advance to cover materials.

Signup and select your vase style & color.

Undue Medical Debt

The Presbytery of Coastal Carolina, East Steering Team is asking all churches in the East Community to participate in this outreach project to help eliminate the medical debt of those in need throughout the counties of the East Community of Presbytery of Coastal Carolina. The goal is to raise \$20,000 to eliminate \$2,000,000 in medical debt. Formerly called RIP, Undue has already purchased the debt at greatly reduced rates so that **for every \$1.00 donated, \$100 of medical debt is erased**. The goal of raising \$20,000 is very doable with the generosity of **48** East Community Presbyterian Churches. The Session approved the bridge's participation in this program during the March Session meeting. The campaign is already half way to the goal and will run through **April 30. 2024**.

How can you participate? We will have a love offering jar (labeled Undue Medical Debt) on the back table across from the bulletin board, where you can place your donations for this cause (cash or check). In addition, you can donate via cash or check in the offering plate each week until Sunday, April 28th, just be sure to include "Undue Medical Debt" in the memo on your check or in a marked envelope for cash donations.

Finally, if you prefer, you can donate directly to the campaign website, found at this link: <https://ripmedicaldebt.org/campaign/east-community-of-presbytery-of-coastal-carolina/>

Thank you in advance for your donations to help those in need in the East Community!

Fort Caswell Tour

Oak Island, NC

10:30AM Tuesday, April 30th

Tour \$10, Lunch after \$12

Have you ever driven up to the gate house at Fort Caswell to be told you can no longer drive around the fort? Well, on April 30th you will get a chance to take a tractor pulled trailer tour around the entire campus of what is now the NC Baptist Assembly.

The tour guide will fill you in on Fort Caswell's role during the Civil War, the Spanish American War, WWI, WWII, the Persian Gulf War, and the Haitian War. As you listen, you will be able to see one of the most beautiful spots on the coast. There is limited walking, but most of the tour is on a trailer bed with wooden benches. There is a limit of 30 people on the wagon.

Deadline for full payment is **April 21st**. Checks are made out to ***the bridge* Presbyterian Church**. Note on memo line Fort Caswell Tour Small white envelopes on the signup table can be used for cash. Just put your name and the amount on the outside of the envelope. Drop all payments in the collection box.

At this time there are 8 spots left. Come and enjoy an outing with your bridge family.



Our April Mission Partner is **Hope Harbor Home**. They are a shelter for people in abusive situations. They have been blessed to be able to have an expansion of facilities coming soon and are in need of the following items for the new space:

Dish Cloths	Dish Soap	Pots/Pans
Cooking Utensils	Scrub Daddy(s)	Drying Rack
Paper Plates	Mop	Oven Mitts
Plastic Silverware	Bucket	Measuring Cups
Paper Towels	Broom	Can Opener
Plastic Cups	Dust pan	

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There will be bins available in the hallway for collection.

Thanks for your support.



Pray Daily

Prayer list April 18, 2024

To make a 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. Prayer requests remain in Currents for two weeks unless an extension is requested.

Our Covenant Partners: Please offer your prayers...

For Peggy Fulton, who had successful hip surgery this week. Prayers were there for her, and she is home and doing well. Thanks be to God. Peggy recently agreed to accept the job of Treasurer of the Bridge. A job that will need two good hips! Thank you, Peggy.

Of thanksgiving for Joyce Rodman who was accepted into the arms of our **bridge** family last weekend.

Of healing for Mike Spradley, and for Carol as she worries over him.

For James Bozeman who is still having dizzy spells. Get well and return to us James. The backrow is missing you.

For Amanda. God knows you are suffering.

For Norm Spain who recently had cancer surgery on his mouth. The prognosis is excellent, and Norm is recovering nicely.

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Our Families & Friends: Please offer your prayers...

For Tom Betz, Steve's younger Downs Syndrome brother, who is in ICU in Bellevue, NE with pneumonia

For Scottish singer/songwriter Kirsty Heggie who corresponds with Mary Ellen Cole and is dealing with mental health issues related to domestic abuse.

For Jane Jones' brother David Van Ness, David is critically ill with blood issues. He was to have the lower part of his right leg removed this morning. Prayers for this family as they have been through so much loss and pain.

For Josh, Lydia Stevens' brother who still struggles with his limited vision,

For Mary Campbell's friend Rhonda who is patiently waiting for a kidney transplant.

For Dr. Doug's Dad, Mr. Cushing. He had been in the hospital but is now home recovering comfortably, to the relief of his wife and fine sons.

For Wayne Myer's brother who is ill with sepsis. Prayers for quick recovery.

Of thanks for the successful surgery of Mike Noll. He is resting comfortably.

Prayers for Mary Ellen Cole's cousin Pam Pitner. She had a fall on her tricycle recently and was hurt worse than she thought.

“God, send me anywhere. Only go with me.

Lay any burden on me, only sustain me.”

Dr. David Livingston



CALL FOR ARTISTS

Heavenly Skies and Seas Art Exhibit

Registration April 15 - 24, 2024

Art Exhibit May 1 - June 16

The bridge Presbyterian Church Community Art Wall

www.bridgepres.org

Church World Services



Church World Service is asking for our help in preparing for the April 24 arrival of 5 siblings from the DRC (4 men, 1 woman, all 25-35 years old). While we are not asked to provide for all of the family's needs, any support we can pull together will be greatly appreciated. If you have any of the items listed below that you would care to donate or would be willing to purchase, contact Mark Hammer 336-402-3845 or Peggy Bradt 336-541-3232.

5 twin beds with new or like-new mattresses, with sheets, blanket and pillow

3 dressers (plastic drawers or the kind of hanging shelves for the closet)

Living room seating for 5, could be sofa, love seat, chairs. End table, lamps.

Kitchen table and 5 chairs (don't all have to match)

Kitchen supplies: dishes, glasses, tableware, pots, pans, utensils, 2 trash cans.

Cleaning supplies: dish soap, all purpose cleaner, mop, broom, sponges, trash bags, paper towels.

Bathroom: shower curtain, shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, toilet paper, feminine hygiene, deodorant razors and shaving cream, hand soap, wash cloths, towels.

We would like to assist in providing 2 weeks worth of groceries to get them started.

Anything you can spare will be greatly appreciated!



There are many pairs of glasses in the lost & found bin which is located on the bottom shelf of the table opposite the door to the conference room.

Give Generously

Monthly Financials

If you would like to see our Monthly Financial Reports, they are posted on Realm.

Here are instructions to view the reports.

- **Log in to Realm**
- **Go to Groups (you may have to go to “More” first)**
- **Click on “the bridge presbyterian Church under system groups**
- **Click on Resources (depending on your device it may say files)**
- **You should see the Financials.**

Monthly Session Minutes

If you would like to see our Monthly Session Minutes, they will be posted on Realm.

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- **Click on Resources (depending on your device it may say files)**
- **You should see the Minutes.**

