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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**

We welcome Rev. Bill Young for the Summer

Sunday, July 19th

**“Shine Like the Sun (Son)”**

ROMANS 8: 12-25

MATTHEW 13: 24-30, 36-43

**10:00 am – Worship Service**

livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube

**Links to all videos posted by the bridge on YouTube:**

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

# Information for the Summer

**Week of 7/19 - 7/25/26**

**Elder on Call**

**Bruce Garris – 910-297-3551**

**(Bruce is doing two weeks in a row)**

You can reach Rev. Young  
at [revbillyoung@yahoo.com](mailto:revbillyoung@yahoo.com) or 910-876-2289

## **Office Hours for Rev. Young**

**He will have office hours on Thursday from 9:00 – 12:00**

You can contact Rev. Young or contact Wanda to set up an appointment.

## **Church office Hours will be normal hours**

Mon – Thursday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Friday 8:00 am to Noon

910-769-4951 or thebridgepres@gmail.com

**Please remember to reach out to the Elder on Call, Rev  
Young or Wanda. Please do not call, text or email Dr.  
Doug.**

# ***Find Purpose through Service***

**Sunday, July 19, 2026**

**Coffee Servers** - 10:00 – Susan and Kerrie

**Greeters/Ushers** - 10: 00 – Bettye W & Lynne L.

**Liturgists**

10:00 – Ann Tydings

**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***

|                     | <b>7/12/26</b> |                       |    |
|---------------------|----------------|-----------------------|----|
| Total Weekly Giving | \$6,262        | 10:00 am Service      | 79 |
| Pledge Fulfillment  |                |                       |    |
|                     |                | Attendance (4 wk avg) | 85 |

# Pray Daily

## PRAYER LIST July 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 George for his recovery. George is improving daily.
- Marilyn Vernon: has been approved for the new pancreatic cancer drug trial. Although the side effects are uncomfortable, we pray for success in arresting the spread of her cancer.
- Lynn Hale: For good news.
- John Larkin on his health journey.
- For Sandy Barrett, who has returned home from the hospital and possibly facing additional Chemo.
- Mark Paisley is still in the hospital in intensive care. He is in a medical coma with some progress.
- Prayers for Dr. Doug as he continues his sabbatical.
- Prayers for the comfort of Mary Ellen Coles' friend Debbie who has yet another cancer developing.
- Prayers for Diane and Steve Betz staying with Steve's brother who is terminally ill in Nebraska. Pray for peace.
- Prayers for Sheila Davis whose sister died this past week.
- Prayers for those in our congregation who are sick and struggling with their own issues.

### Global concerns

- Prayers for the leaders of all countries
- Prayers for the USA

HOW WONDERFUL IT IS THAT NOONE NEEDS TO WAIT A SINGLE MOMENT BEFORE STARTING TO IMPROVE THE WORLD - Anne Frank

To make a prayer request, contact Elder Mary Campbell at [carlislecampbell@gmail.com](mailto: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*



## **July Mission Partners** **Sheppard & Lapsley** **Presbyterian University of the** **Congo (U.PRE.CO.)**

### **UPRECO**

Thank you for your generous donations over the last years to UPRECO!

In these trying times as students are having difficulty paying for exams. The process is quite different than in the US. In DR Congo you can take any class during the semester but at the semester's end a fee is paid to the instructor for grading the exam. If the funds cannot be paid the exam is not graded and no credit for the class is received.

Our scholarship fund helps these students pay for exams.  
Your donations help student achieve a degree. It helps them the rest of their life.

Please continue the generous giving to the UPRECO. students. You can give online at the UPRECO drop down or put UPRECO in the memo line of your check





## 2026 Church Wide Food Drive

The Mission Team has approved joining a church wide food drive sponsored by Brunswick Family Assistance to help them with the growing demand for food assistance in our community.

The need in Brunswick County is significant and continues to grow. In the first quarter of last year BFA distributed 85,093 pounds of food. In the first quarter of this year, that number increased to 140,255 pounds distributed to Brunswick County residents. These numbers reflect the growing demand for food assistance in our community.

# THANK YOU!

**THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING DONATING TO THE  
BRUNSWICK FAMILY ASSISTANCE FOOD DRIVE.**

Below is a list of items we especially need.

*Please know, any & all donations are much appreciated.*

- PEANUT BUTTER
- SPAGHETTI SAUCE
- CANNED TUNA
- BAKED BEANS
- GRITS/OATMEAL
- CANNED FRUIT
- MAYO/MUSTARO
- MUFFIN/BREAD MIXES
- BOTTLED WATER
- RICE (small bags)
- SHELF MILK
- CANNED CHICKEN
- PORK n' BEANS
- SUGAR/FLOUR
- BAKING MIXES
- KETCHUP/BBQ SAUCE
- COOKIES/CRACKERS
- PASTA NOCOLES (any style)
- CANNED VEGETABLES
- MEAL HELPERS
- CEREAL
- COFFEE/TEA/ JUICE
- SALT/PEPPER/SPICES
- CANNED POTATOES
- CHIPS

**AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME,  
CONSIDERATION & GENEROUS HEART.**



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**Copies of this list are on the sign up table in the hallway**

**Items can be left in the tub in the hallway**

# Find Purpose through Service



Our next Craft Day at The Bluefields Memory Care will be **Thursday, July 23rd 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](mailto:ppirher@gmail.com)

Our next Worship Service at The Bluefields Memory Care will be **Thursday, August 6th 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](mailto:ssanewick@gmail.com)



# *Practice a Christ-Centered Active Lifestyle*



## Ice Cream Social

Please Join the

*Women of the Bridge*

August 4 at 1:00 PM in Warnock Hall

Sign-up sheets in the hallway

*For more info about this event, contact: Louise Rosenfeld @ 248-982-2712*

# *Invitation to an afternoon at Gregory Farms*

Gregory Farms and Vineyard is a family-owned blueberry farm, vineyard, event destination offering wine, live music, and charm in Wilmington.

Join your bridge family for an afternoon of music and fellowship from noon to 5:00 PM on August 15th

Food by Eat at Eastside Subs  
Live Music by Randy O  
NEW THIS YEAR: Farmer's Market!

2576 Montague Rd; Currie NC

Bring chairs – No Coolers Allowed



**Sign up by August 9! Sign-up sheet or on  
Realm**

## *See ya at the farm on August 15!*

*Active Adults on the Go! will  
be visiting the Karen Beasley  
Sea Turtle Rescue and  
Rehabilitation Hospital on  
August 15.*



### *SEA TURTLE ADVENTURE*

*Meet at church at 9:00 am*

*Car pool to Surf City*

*Learn about the gentle and  
amazing Sea Turtles!*

*Tickets are \$7.00 per participant and  
must be purchased by Aug 9.*

*You can register (and pay) online through Realm or on the  
sign-up sheet in the hallway (if paying by check, write  
Turtle on the memo line).*



*Lunch afterwards at  
Shuckin' Shack in Surf City*

*3460 NC 50 #101  
Surf City, NC*

# Active Adults on the Go!

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

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**AUGUST 15**

### **GREGORY FARMS**

Join together for an afternoon of music  
& fellowship from noon - 5:00 pm

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-NO COOLERS-

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**AUGUST 25**

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**TBD**

**SEPTEMBER**

### **CHRIST CRUISE**

- Opportunities to connect with others in the community
- Encouraging worship/fellowship
- Beautiful scenery and peaceful time on the water

**SEE THE SIGN UP SHEET**

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**OCTOBER**

### **CHRSTIAN ILLUSIONIST**

Here's an alternative to Trick-or-Treating! Come be DAZZZLED &

AMAZED by Don Townsend

6:00 - 8:00 PM in the sanctuary

Snacks provided

**Love offering will be taken**

All  
Month

**November**

### **TECH TALK**

Yes, for those who missed it last year, Ruth will be offering a 4-week series on computer, internet, and Windows-based products (**Microsoft Office**)

**TBD**

**DECEMBER**

### **MIKE'S FARM**

This Sell-Out Event includes the "Ho-Ho-Ho Christmas Variety Show", All You -Can Eat Buffett, and a hayride through a spectacular light show!

**We'll have to buy tickets early!!!**

**Pricing forthcoming**

# Celebrate Life's Milestones

## July

### Birthdays

|                    |    |
|--------------------|----|
| Debbie Borgia      | 2  |
| Dave Williams      | 6  |
| Gail Spell         | 10 |
| Steve Migliore     | 11 |
| Louise Rosenfeld   | 12 |
| Barbara Harwell    | 13 |
| Chris Mattiace     | 15 |
| Sharon Wilt        | 15 |
| David Billingslea  | 16 |
| Steven Billingslea | 26 |
| Debby Correa       | 26 |
| Ronnie Marchand    | 28 |
| Marcia Wesenberg   | 28 |
| Carol Guilmette    | 31 |

### Anniversaries

|                          |           |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| Clyde and Luana Queen    | July 3rd  |
| Dave Sallie Bohn         | July 8th  |
| Barbara and Dick Hubbard | July 11th |

## Upcoming Happenings

The Chosen - Movie and small group discussion – every Wednesday at 1:30

## July

23rd - Bluefield Craft - 2:00