



Wanda is out of the office

Wed thru Friday - March 11 - 13th

**Wanda will be back in the office on Monday,
March 16th**

THANK YOU!

As some know, I received good news recently about my cancer treatment that was administered by the talented and dedicated team at Novant Cancer Institute.

My lung nodule has shrunk and is starting to break apart due to the radiation treatment. It was mentioned that this result was extremely quicker than normal. I believe it is due to the praying, caring and loving response from our Bridge Family.

Regina and I than you very much for the tremendous support we have received, and we are so grateful to have found this blessed community in Christ.

Thank you,

John Larkin



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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 Mar 15, 2026

John 11:
Jesus Encounters Grieving Sisters

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>

Find Purpose through Service

Sunday, Mar. 15, 2026

Coffee Servers

9:00 - Susan

10:30 - Charlynne

Greeters/Ushers

9:00 - Christianos

10:30 - Bettye W / Lynne L.

Liturgist

9:00 - Susan S.

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

	3/8/26		
Total Local Deposits	\$4,571	9:00 am Service	42
Online Donations	\$1,327	10:30 am Service	60
Total Weekly Offering	\$5,898	Total Attendance	102
Pledge Fulfillment		Attendance (4 wk avg)	106
Total Deposit	\$5,898	Weekly Offering (4 wk	\$5,478

Pray Daily

PRAYER LIST Mar 12, 2026

Please see the prayer list and community concerns below. We invite you to keep these individuals and missions in your thoughts and prayers.

Health and Healing

- John Larkin: For strength and recovery during illness.
- Anne Graham: For continued healing at home.
- Marilyn Vernon: For strength and comfort during her cancer journey.
- Mary Ellen Cole: Gratitude for her recovery from a recent fall.
- Noel Teichman (friend of Susan Stanwick): For strength while battling a persistent foot infection following additional surgery and continued hospitalization.
- Elissa Haley: For healing from a mastectomy and prayers for a cure.
- Lynn Hale: For comfort and strength following a diagnosis of a difficult cancer illness.
- Ann Dutra: For recovery following knee surgery.
- Tom Betts (brother of Steve Betts): Prayers for his recovery following a serious medication error; his family is grateful for his progress.
- Manny Rosenfeld: For recovery following retina surgery this week.
- Carol Guilmette: For strength as she continues to struggle with illness.
- Sandy Barrett: For peace and success with her new treatment following the return of her cancer.
- Prayers for Ronnie Mar chand friend Lauren , who will be having a mastectomy this week
- The Sick and Burdened: For all those facing private struggles or illness.

Celebrations and Thanks

- The Bridge: Gratitude for the volunteers providing essential transportation to church.
- Ruth Fitzsimmons: Thanksgiving for a clean bill of health following recent concerns.
- Beth Hurd: Gratitude for a successful surgery and the news that the cancer was fully removed.
- Joyce Rodman: A celebration of community; Joyce invites everyone to reach out and get to know her.

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.

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



March Mission Partner

*Come meet or get reacquainted with
Kiza Masanga*

Sunday, March 15th

(between services and after second service)

Kiza is a covenant partner who is from the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Many young boys in the Congo are kidnapped by militia and forced to become "boy soldiers." To protect them from this evil, these boys flee to other countries and may wait for decades to be granted US asylum and refugee status. Kiza received refugee status and is a legal immigrant in the US.

Kiza has sacrificed much to come to the US. He had to leave his home in the Congo, his partners, and he spent years in a refugee camp in Zimbabwe. To find work, he moved to South Africa. Although work was sparse, he found a wife and started a family.

His refugee application was finally approved, so he moved back to Zimbabwe, leaving his wife, children, and siblings in South Africa. Two years ago Kiza arrived in Wilmington, NC, sponsored by CWS and the bridge.

On March 15th we will honor Kiza and reintroduce him to the congregation.

He still needs help with school, to get a GED, and learning to drive, to get a better job, among other activities.

Helping Kiza and other refugees is a rewarding experience and helps us draw closer to God.

Please come to learn about the courageous young man, I'm proud to call my God son.

Mark Hammer



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Sign up for our Meal Train



Do You like to Cook?

Would you be willing to join the bridge Meal Train to deliver food to our church family after surgeries, injuries or other events?

Please contact Elder Mary Campbell at carlislecampbell@gmail.com or Wanda at thebridgepres@gmail.com to be added to the list

Sharing the love, one meal at a time.



Meal Train®



Have you been looking for a unique volunteer opportunity that benefits adults and children in Brunswick County?

I am looking for a volunteer to help me with my work for Street Reach. Street Reach helps the homeless in Brunswick County.

I need help delivering collected items to Street Reach periodically. In addition, every summer the bridge sponsors Angel Tree Camps via Street Reach.

We gather donations of camp supplies and money that supports sending children, with incarcerated parents, to Christian camps who otherwise would not be able to attend. I will need help picking up the donations at church and delivering them to Street Reach in the months of May/June.

If you're interested in assisting with Street Reach, please contact Mary Ellen Cole at 703-618-6196.

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THE BLUEFIELDS
MEMORY CARE

The Bluefields is located at
1935 Lincoln Rd. NE in Leland.



Our next Craft Day at The Bluefields Memory Care will be **Thursday, March 26th, 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, Apr. 2 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 sstanewick@gmail.com



Find Meaningful Relationships in Small Groups

WANTED!

If you are this person, or you know who is, please turn yourself (or the one you know) in!

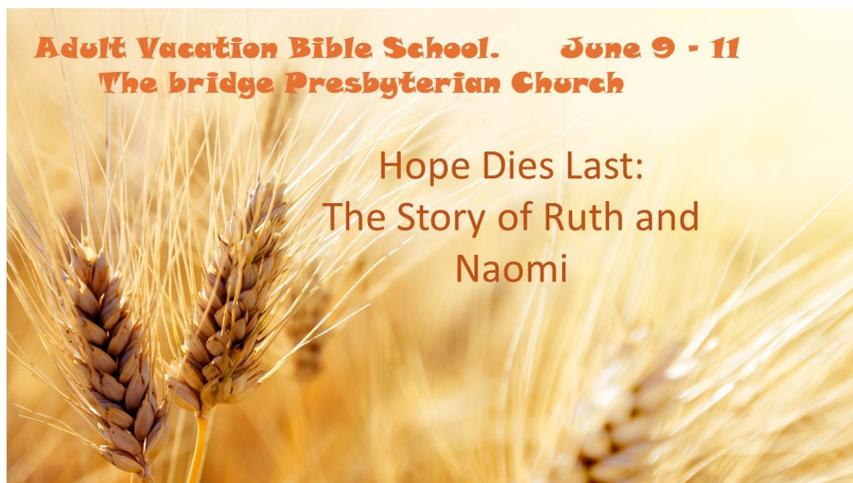
Attributes: Kind, friendly, enjoys helping others & organized

We are looking for this person to fill a very important position for our Adult VBS - as VBS Director.

This person will be responsible for “coordinating the coordinators” of crafts, food & recreation (these coordinators are already in place); registration; monitoring rotation of events; publicity; decorations; set up & clean up; and photography/videography.

(Sharon Wingert has volunteered to serve as Co-Director and is willing and able to assist you!) I

If this touches your heart and you are willing to serve, or if you have any questions, please reach out to Sheila Davis at 910-264-3142 or sjedavis@gmail.com.



Find Meaningful Relationships in Small Groups



Breaking Bread Fellowship Group

Our March Luncheon will be

Friday, March 27th at 12 Noon

Ports of Call, 116 N. Howe St, Southport,

Please RSVP on REALM or sign up in the hallway
Deadline to RSVP is Wednesday 3/25 for reservation count



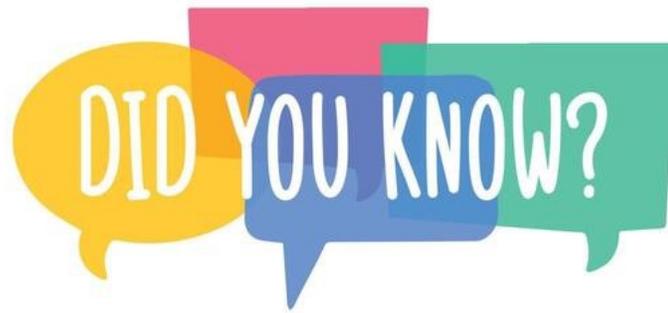
**65 handmade
Kits made by our Friday
Morning team made it to
Uganda!!**



**There are 3 ways you can help
if you are interested**

- 1) - The group meets every Friday at 9:30 and has a job for everyone - whether you can sew or not!!
- 2) Financial help for supply purchases. Put DFG in Memo or there is a drop down online
- 3) if you would like to shop for supplies - Contact Wanda for a list of supplies needed

**This group is making a difference by helping One
Girl at a time!!!**



Research has demonstrated
that reflecting on the past is a
healthy activity for
the elderly

Did you love Marge Hall's First Place Chili ?

Many have asked for her recipe and she shared her secret!!

Best Ever Chili Recipe

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- 4 strips bacon, sliced ½-inch thick
- 1 ½ pounds ground beef
- 1 medium yellow onion, diced
- 1 green bell pepper, diced
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 tablespoons [chili powder](#)
- 1 tablespoon [ground cumin](#)
- 2 teaspoons [paprika](#), or smoked paprika
- 1 teaspoon [dried oregano](#)
- 1 teaspoon [salt](#)
- 2 tablespoons [tomato paste](#)
- 1 (28-ounce can) [fire-roasted diced tomatoes](#), you can use diced or crushed tomatoes
- 1 (15-ounce can) [black beans](#), drained and rinsed
- 1 (15-ounce can) [red kidney beans](#), drained and rinsed
- 2 cups [beef broth](#)
- 1 [bay leaf](#)

Cook the bacon. Heat a large pot on medium heat, add the sliced bacon and cook until crispy, stirring occasionally and scraping any browned bits from the bottom of the pan, about 10 minutes. Reduce heat if bacon is browning too quickly. **Cook the veggies.** Add the onion and bell pepper to the pot, stirring frequently. Cook for 4 to 5 minutes or until vegetables have softened. Add the garlic and stir for another 30 seconds. **Cook the beef.** Add the ground beef, breaking into small pieces with a spatula, until cooked through. Strain off any accumulated liquid and fat from the pot. **Add the aromatics.** Reduce the heat to medium-low. Stir in the tomato paste, and dried spices, and cook until they are fragrant, about 2 minutes. **Add the rest and simmer.** Add the canned tomatoes with juices, drained beans, beef broth, and bay leaf, and give it a stir. Increase the heat to high until the chili comes to a boil. Reduce heat to medium-low and simmer for 30 minutes uncovered, stirring occasionally. **Serve.** To serve, remove bay leaf and ladle servings into individual bowls. Garnish with avocado, red onion, cheese, cilantro or other toppings

Upcoming Happenings

March

26th - Bluefield Craft - 2:00

29th - Palm Sunday

ONE SERVICE 10:30

Invite a Friend Sunday

Pot luck after service

April

1st - Session - 3:00

*2nd - Bluefield Worship - 1:30

2nd - Maundy Thursday Service - 4:00

*3rd - New Hope Mobile Clinic

3rd - Good Friday Service - 12:00 Noon

5th - **Easter Sunrise Service - 6:30 am**

5th - Easter Service - **one service** 10:30

6th - Office Closed for Easter Monday

11th - Women of the bridge - 1:00

23rd - Bluefield Craft - 2:00

March Birthdays

Cindy Rupprecht	14
Lora Rissmiller	15
James Bozeman	23
Carol Nelson	28
Wayne Myers	30
Susan Stanewick	31